

**QUEENSLAND WORKING SHEEP DOG
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1. The name of the Association is "The Queensland Working Sheep Dog Association Incorporated."
2. The objects of the Association are:-
 - (a) To promote amongst the sheep breeders and the general public a wide human interest in the working sheep dog and its work.
 - (b) To encourage and to develop the standard of our working sheep dogs.
 - (c) To promote, encourage and to assist working sheep dog trials.
 - (d) To establish and maintain a Sheep Dog Register.
 - (e) To take any action it thinks necessary to further promote the interests of sheep people and their working sheep dogs.
 - (f) To purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal estate which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Association.
 - (g) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
 - (h) To invest any monies of the Association, not immediately required for any of its objects, in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
 - (i) To establish relations and encourage exchanges with other societies having similar objects, especially of all kindred organisations in the States and Territories of the Commonwealth and also throughout the World.
 - (j) To establish a panel of Judges for working sheep dogs and sheep dog trials.
 - (k) To produce and publish and to distribute, gratuitously or otherwise, such books, newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals and other literature as may seem calculated to promote the objects of the Association.
 - (l) To receive and accept donations, subscriptions and endowments consisting of money or of any form of property and whether subject to any special trusts [being in Conformity with the objects of the Association] or not so subject and to administer and execute any such trusts as aforesaid.
 - (m) To improve, manage, develop, sell, exchange, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with or turn to account {but subject to any such consent or approval as may by law be required} all or any of the property of the Association.
 - (n) To grant and pay such salaries, pensions, gratuities or other sums in recognition of service to any person as may from time to time be approved by the Management Committee.
 - (o) To appoint a Trustee or Trustees, personal or corporate, to hold any property on behalf of the Association and to allow any such property to remain outstanding in such Trustee or Trustees.

- (p) To do all such other acts and things as are or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment or furtherance of any of the objects or the exercise of any of the powers of the Association.

THE ASSOCIATION

- 3 The property, assets and income of the Association, whencesoever derived, shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Association. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or other persons in return for any services actually rendered to the Association nor prevent the payment of interest on money borrowed from any member of the Association.
4. The number of members of the Association is declared to be unlimited.
5. The Association is established for reasons expressed in the objects of the Association.
6. The following shall be the Principal Officers of the Association and shall be declared at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- . President can hold office maximum three consecutive years only.
- (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Secretary, and if necessary an assistant secretary
 - (d) Honorary Treasurer
 - (e) Registrar
 - (f) Auditor
 - (g) Patron who shall be elected by the members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting annually.

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Patron to be supplied with badges to be returned on termination of office.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

7. (a) There shall be a Management Committee of the Association consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Five Committee members .
- (b) The executive of the Association shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar.
- (c) The members of the Management Committee shall be entitled to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.
- (d) Questions arising at any meeting of the Association or Management Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes of those present at such a meeting. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

- (e) The business and affairs of the Association shall be under the management and control of the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall have power from time to time to make, amend or revoke such by-laws, register rules and trial rules as they deem necessary for effectively carrying out the objects of the Association or any of them. The Management Committee shall have power to appoint and remove Trustees. Management Committee decisions to be ratified at a General Meeting.
- (f) Meetings of the Management Committee shall be held as often as may be necessary for properly conducting the business and operations of the Incorporated Association, but shall be held at least once in every two calendar months.
- (g) The quorum for all Management Committee meetings shall be a simple majority of number of members elected to Management Committee.
As at 10.08.08. Quorum equals 6.
- (h) In the event of no quorum being available for notified Management Committee meeting, Management Committee members present discuss new membership only.
- (i) Any Management Committee member failing to attend three consecutive meetings be asked to substantiate their absence.
- (j) Election of the Management Committee shall be by postal vote.
- (k) Nominations for Management Committee shall be on a Nomination Form to be received by Secretary. Nominees on Nomination Form be defined with the nominee's compulsory signature.
- (l) Ballot Paper consisting of all Nominees listed on Nomination Forms received for Management Committee, be forwarded to every financial member of the Association (if required).
- (m) The Management Committee shall provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Management Committee and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the Management Committee and shall be counter-signed by the Secretary or by a second member of the Management Committee or by some other person appointed by the Management Committee for the purpose.
- (n) The Yard Dog Sub-Committee of 7 persons {Chairman and 6 members} to be elected annually with nominations being called for, and to be included under their separate heading on the Association nomination form and to be voted for on the Association Ballot Paper.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

9. Any eligible person may become a member of the Association by signing an application on the form approved by the Management Committee and by paying the first year's subscription. The application shall be submitted to the Management Committee for approval or otherwise and the Management Committee may refuse any application for membership without assigning any reason therefore.

All candidates for membership must be nominated and seconded by other financial members.

The receipt given for the amount of the subscription shall not ipso facto entitle the applicant to membership.

MEMBERSHIP

10. Membership is available in the following classes and fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as the members from time to time, at any General Meeting, so determine.
- (a) WORKING MEMBERSHIP Worker, Breeder, Judge, Prefix Holder
 - (b) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
 - (c) NON WORKING MEMBERSHIP
 - (d) INTERSTATE MEMBERSHIP
 - (e) CATTLE DOG MEMBERSHIP
 - (f) Family membership (including children under 18) entitled to two votes per membership unless full membership is paid. Children under 18 on family membership are entitled to receive an Association badge provided they work in advertised trials.
 - (e) When membership has been approved by Management Committee, new member shall receive a Membership Badge.
 - (e1) Each new member will be supplied with a copy of the Q.W.S.D.A.I. Constitution, Registration and Trial Rules.
 - (f) Annual subscriptions shall be due on the first day of July each year and payable by the first day of October after each AGM sets the fee.
 - (g) The Management Committee may grant Life Membership to any members of the Association who have rendered outstanding or special service. Full residential status shall be given to Life Members living interstate.
 - (h) Though the Association shall admit members at a nominated annual subscription aforementioned, it shall place strictest censor over membership, thereby preventing the Association's affairs being controlled by any other Association.
 - (l) any members unfinancial for 6 months shall cease to be a member of the Association.
 - (j) Prospective members are allowed to work two different trials before being requested to become financial members of the Association. Trial worker, resident in the State of Queensland, must become a financial member of the Association.
 - (k) All members pay for Constitution and Rule Book at a determined cost.
 - (l) Any non-member may purchase an Association badge for a collector's item at a determined cost.
11. (a) The Management Committee may expel from the Association or otherwise punish or penalise any member whose conduct in the opinion of the Management Committee is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the Association or is such as renders him unfit to associate with members of the Association or who fails to comply with any direction or request of the Management Committee within a reasonable time or who fails to observe any direction or decision of any official or judge.
- (b) Before any member is expelled or otherwise punished or penalised, their conduct shall be inquired into by the Management Committee and they shall be given an opportunity to defend themselves and to justify or explain their conduct. If a majority of the Management Committee present when the matter is inquired into are of the opinion that the member has been guilty of such conduct or action as aforesaid then the Management Committee may expel or suspend them from membership or disqualify, fine or otherwise punish or penalise them. In the event of the member being expelled from membership or in the event of any member not

obeying or not complying with any other penalty imposed by the Management Committee then their name shall be removed from the List of Members and they shall thereupon cease to be a member. The appellant shall not be entitled as of right, to be represented before the Management Committee by a Solicitor or Barrister or other Agent on their behalf.

- (c) All complaints against any member must be submitted in writing to Secretary before the complaint is discussed by Management Committee, and member is called upon to attend, to reply to said complaint, before the Management Committee.

APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (d) Person rejected or expelled from Association, May within one month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with Secretary written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision of the Management Committee. Within three months a General Meeting shall be held to determine appeal. The applicant has opportunity to present their case, also the Management Committee. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- A member shall not inflict verbal or physical abuse on any person.
- A member shall not inflict pain nor cause wilful distress to any animal.
- A member shall not engage in actions or dialogue which result in sexual harassment or discrimination.
- A member shall not engage in unsportsman like conduct.
- A member must wear appropriate clothing and footwear when competing.
- A member must always present themselves for competition and or official business in a state of sobriety.

VACANCIES

12. Any office, or place on the Management Committee, becoming vacant during the year may be filled by the Management Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

13. The Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Management Committee.
14. Fourteen days notice of every General Meeting setting forth the purposes for which it is convened and the time and place at which it is held shall be forwarded to every member.
15. The President, or in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall take the chair at every meeting. If neither the President nor the Vice President shall be present within ten minutes after the time appointed for such meeting the members present shall choose of their number to take the chair.
16. Every question submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present. Every member present shall be entitled to one vote and in the case of any equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Every member who was a financial member for the year immediately preceding the Annual Meeting shall be entitled to vote at such Annual Meeting. Member shall not be entitled to vote at General Meeting if the annual subscription is more than one month in arrears at the date of the meeting.
17. Voting shall be by show of hands unless not less than one-fifth of members present demand a ballot, in which event there shall be a secret ballot. The chairman shall appoint two members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as they shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the Chairman shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded.

A member may vote in person or by proxy or by attorney and on a show of hands every person present who is a member or a representative of a member shall have one vote and in a secret ballot every member present in person or by proxy or by attorney or other duly authorised representative shall have one vote.

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, in the common or usual form, under the hand of the appointer or of their attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointer is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of any officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy may but need not be a member of the Association. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot.

18. The Chairman of the meeting may with the consent of the meeting adjourn it from time to time and from place to place and it shall not be necessary to send any notice of any adjourned meeting to any member.
19. The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting when directed to do so by the Management Committee or on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members presently on the Management Committee or not less than the number of ordinary members of the Association which equals double the number of members presently on the Management Committee plus one. Such requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.
Being given notice in writing of an intention to appeal against the decision of the Management Committee {See 11 d}.
20. At any General Meeting the quorum shall be double the number of members presently on the Management Committee plus one. As at 1.8.08, quorum equals 21.
21. All notices of motion must be in writing and must reach the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) clear days before the meeting is to be held.
22. The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
 - (a) Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General meeting.
 - (b) Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report.
 - (c) Receiving of Management Committee's report and the presentation of Auditor's report on the Balance Sheet and Financial Statements for preceding financial year Consideration and adoption thereof.
 - (d) Reading of correspondence inward and outward.
 - (e) Election of office bearers.
 - (f) Appointment of Auditor.
 - (g) Election of Patron
 - (h) Determination of amounts payable for membership fee, annual subscription and other costs applicable to Constitution, Registration and Rule Book.
 - (I) The transaction of any general business that may be brought forward in accordance with the Rules of the Association. The order of the business shall be set, unless in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting, exceptional circumstances warrant a change in the order. The inadvertent omission to give notice of a meeting to a particular member shall not invalidate the meeting.

DUTIES

23. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Management Committee. He/She shall attend to the carrying out of the decisions of the Association or Management Committee and generally see the members are properly accommodated and the Rules of the Association are fully adhered to by all.

VICE PRESIDENT: To assist the President to see that all matters requiring attention are properly carried out. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will carry out the duties normally allocated to the President.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every Management Committee meeting and General Meeting to be entered in a book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the Secretary for that inspection. For the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every Management Committee meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Management Committee meeting verifying their accuracy.

Similarly, the minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding General Meeting: provided that the minutes of any Annual General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

Shall issue notices of all meetings connected with the Association and keep a list of members and their addresses, and of Trustees or Debenture holders with their addresses.

Shall receive all correspondence and reply thereto as the Management Committee may direct.

Should the Secretary be absent or ill, or should he/she neglect or refuse to do anything required by the rules, the Management Committee shall have the power to invite and appoint any other member of the Association to act in their stead.

Ensure all relevant forms are forwarded to Department of Consumer Affairs by required date.

The Secretary is granted an honorarium, amount to be decided annually.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in all of the duties as required, and act in their stead when necessary.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive all monies and forthwith issue official receipts therefore. Bank all monies received without deduction there from into Association's bank account as soon as practicable. Keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association and the particulars usually shown in the books of account and like nature, and shall report the financial position of the Association at each ordinary meeting of the Management Committee. Treasurer shall also submit to the Annual General Meeting a statement of account for the preceding year, which accounts are to be audited by a person duly appointed for that purpose. Should the Treasurer be absent or ill, or should they neglect or refuse to do anything required by the Rules, the Management Committee shall have the power to invite and appoint any other member of the Association to act in their stead.

INDEMNITY CLAUSE

- 24 In the event of any proceedings being taken against a member or members of the Association in respect of any matter or thing done by them in the due performance of the duties or by the direction or with the authority of the Association or the Management Committee, The Association shall indemnify such member or members of the association so proceeded against in respect of their costs of such proceedings and in respect of all costs and damages and other sums which they may be compelled to pay in the course of or as a result of such proceedings.

JUDGES

25. (A) Judges must be nominated and seconded by financial members of the Association and such nominations shall be submitted to the Management Committee, who have the sole Right to except or reject any such nomination.
- (b) Complete Judges List to be reviewed annually.
- (c) New Judges' eligible to judge Novice Trials must judge at least three trials before being considered for "Open" status.
- (d) All Judges to receive judge's badge.
- (e) Judge's fee to be such sum as determined annually.

FINANCES

26. (a) The Association's financial year shall commence on the first day of in July each year and shall end on the thirtieth day of June in each year, to which latter date the Accounts of the Association shall be balanced.
- (b) All monies shall be banked where the Management Committee directs as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.
- (c) All amounts \$100 or more, shall be paid by cheque.
- (d) All cheques shall be signed by any two of the President, Secretary, Treasurer or other member authorised from time to time by the Management Committee.
- (e) All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a Management Committee meeting; such approvals shall be recorded in the Minute Book.

LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

27. A Secretary, member of Management Committee or member of the Association is not personally liable, except as provided in the rules of the incorporated association, to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association, beyond the property of the Association in their hands.

DISSOLUTION

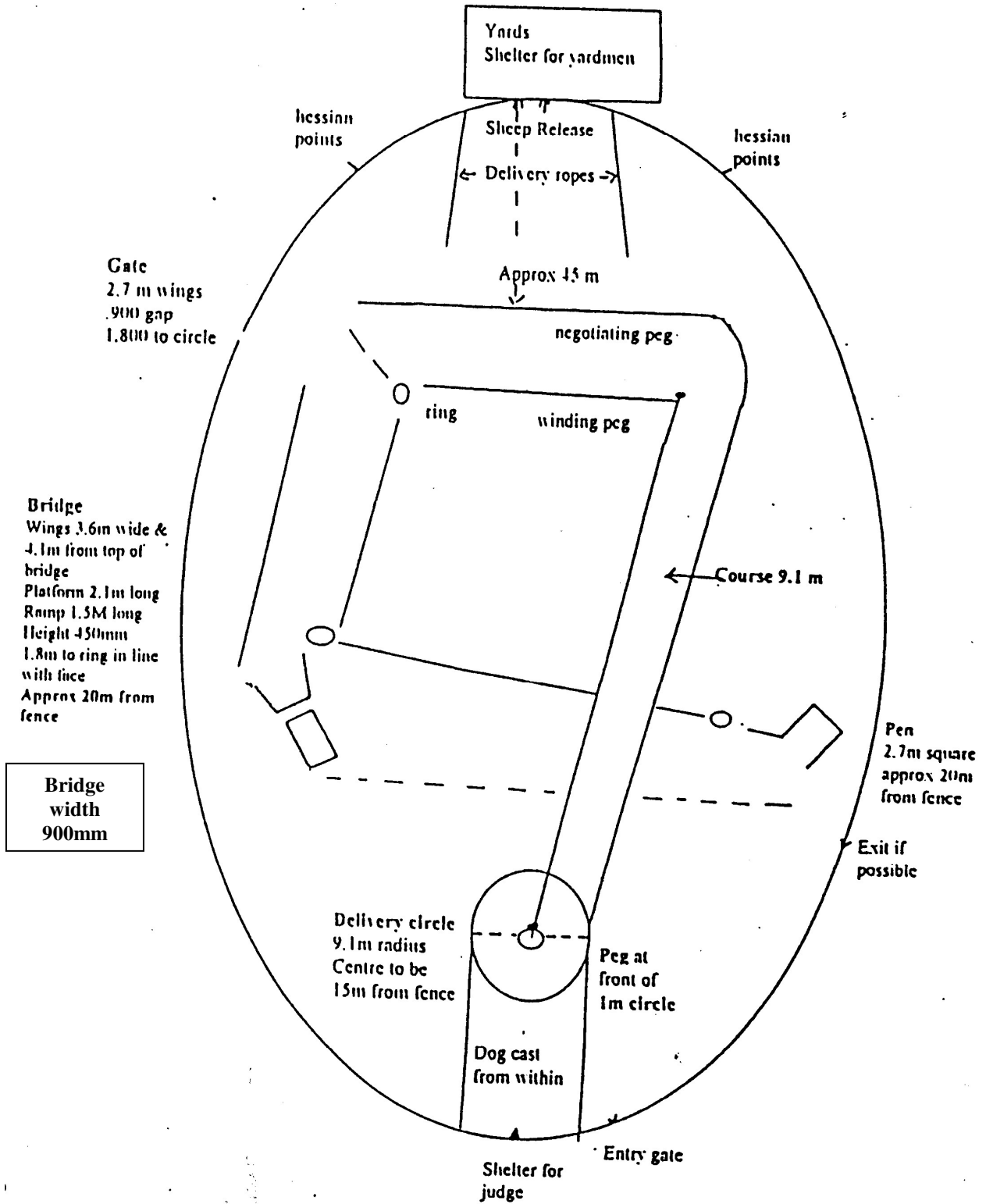
28. The Association shall be dissolved in the event of the membership being less than three persons, or upon the vote of at least three-fourths majority of the members present, at a Special Meeting convened to consider the question.
29. If the Association is wound up in accordance with provisions of Association's Incorporation Act 1981 and there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of rule 28 (10) such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association.

ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

30. Subject to the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, these Rules may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any general meeting: Provided that no such amendment, rescission or addition shall be valid unless the same has been submitted to the Director-General, Department of Consumer Affairs, and Brisbane.
31. The Association may deal with any question not provided for by these rules and may appoint a sub-committee for any purpose, but the Rules and Management Committee regulations must not be altered save at a General Meeting of members, of which due notice has been given.
32. These Rules may be amended by a three-fourths majority of members present at a special meeting of members convened for the purpose provided that not less than fourteen days notice in writing of the proposed amendment or amendments has been given to all financial members of the Association.

33. These Rules shall come into force herewith and shall be the only Rules of the Association and no Rules shall be repealed, added to or amended save as in accordance with these rule

Q.W.S.D.A.I. SHEEP DOG TRIAL COURSE



REGISTER RULES

1. The Register shall be known as the "Queensland Working Sheep Dog Register", and shall be kept by the Registrar of the Association.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER DOGS

2. No person shall be entitled to make application for registration of any particulars in the Register who is not a financial member of the Association.

DOGS ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION

3. Any sheep dog which, in the opinion of the Management Committee, is of sufficient merit to justify its registration, may be registered. In deciding an application for registration, the Management Committee shall have regard to:
 - a. the dog's working qualities
 - b. its breeding qualities as shown by its progeny
 - c. its pedigree
 - d. any other information which may be furnished along with the application or otherwise acquired by the committee.
4. Dogs registered with respective State Sheep Dog Associations are recognised as registered, provided proof of registration is supplied.
4. (a) Pedigrees of dogs registered with a recognised Working Stock Dog Association will be accepted and noted on their registration forms, providing proof of registration is supplied.

NAMING OF DOGS

5. Each breeder must register a separate stud prefix for use exclusively in connection with the names of animals bred by them. Fee to be decided annually.

Each animal submitted for individual registration must be named and such name must not exceed two words, in addition to the breeder's stud prefix, which must be used. Names once used for dogs registered cannot be used again and cannot be changed.

The owner of a dog included in a notified litter may subsequently name and register the dog, provided that the breeder's stud prefix is used.

The name and address of the breeder of each animal must be given. The breeder of an animal is the owner of its dam at the date of its birth.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

7. The following individual registration of dogs for three sheep and yard dogs is available: Fees to be decided annually.
 - (a) From a notified litter
 - (b) Not from a notified litter but by a registered sire and from a registered dam.
 - (c) Other than specified.
 - (d) Yard Dog registrations to be included in the register and defined with a "Y".

TRANSFERS

8. The vendor must officially transfer every registered animal sold, also every animal sold out of notified litter. Such transfers must be made within two calendar months from date of sale. Registration Card to be returned to Registrar with transfer form. Fee to be decided annually.
9. Members who register a litter and want to register and transfer pups, must register in their name and then transfer to new owner.
10. Non-members may transfer a registered dog to a member provided transfer cost is paid.
11. Non-members may transfer a registered dog to another non-member provided the transfer cost is paid.

FORMS

12. All transfers, and individual registrations must be made on official forms, obtainable on application from Registrar or Secretary. Cost to be decided annually.

PEDIGREE FORMS

13. Pedigree Forms are available on request

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

14. On registration of any application, the Registrar shall issue to the applicant a Certificate of Registration. No certificate shall be issued by the Registrar until appropriate forms are duly completed and the fees paid.

PENALTIES

15. Any applicant for registration who makes a false statement or fails or unreasonably delays to give any information or make any notification or return required by the Register Rules may be refused registration and shall also be liable to be suspended or expelled from the Association and to have the registration of any dogs then owned by them cancelled.

ALTERATION OF REGISTER RULES

16. These register rules shall not be altered or added to unless notice of the proposed alteration or addition shall have been given to the Secretary and then to each member of the Management Committee in writing (14) days prior to the Management Meeting at which the motion is to be considered and the motion is carried by a majority of the Management Committee members present at the meeting.

TRIAL RULES

1. All trials under the Association rules to take place on such course as similar to Queensland Course set out in this book unless specific permission is given by the Management Committee for alteration. All courses shall be marked.
2. A circle with a 9.2 metre [30 foot] radius from the centre be marked as delivery area for drawing sheep into.
3. A winding peg is standard in Queensland Course and put in such a position to facilitate the working of the sheep, not in a direct line to the let-out area, prior to the first obstacle.
4. All trials be run over maximum fifteen minutes wherever possible. Two reliable stopwatches per timekeeper be used. Only official timekeeper's time shall be recognised.
5. The collection of entry fees should be at the discretion of the trial committee. Competitors who enter and are not able to attend must advise prior to commencement of trial or entry fees must be paid.
6. A bell shall be sounded to signify both the commencement and the termination of a trial.
7. The trials will be carried out in the order drawn for under the direction of the committee conducting the trial. The person in charge will have a draw for the order of running. Copies of the draw **MUST** be available to competitors prior to the commencement of the trial. Competitors must take their place at the starting peg by direction and any competitor absent when called upon to compete may be disqualified at the discretion of the organising committee. Once a competitor has arrived at a trial, they must take their correct place in the draw or forfeit the run unless a "miss" is caused by the '2 ring' situation. Draws must be adhered to where possible. Missed runs go to the end of round or draw. Persons deliberately or continuously missing runs may be reported, in writing, and this complaint will be dealt with by the Management Committee.
8. Draws shall be conducted as follows: Every competitor should have a run in the first round. Competitors with a bigger number of entries then go twice in subsequent rounds so they don't accumulate at the end, but still have dogs in the final rounds.

1, 2 and 3 Dog Workers can be accommodated by the Organising Committee by ticking the box on the nomination form stating that you are unable to be available for the First Two Rounds. This entitles the worker to miss the first two rounds.
9. All dogs unable to compete must be scratched before the commencement of the trial.
10. When the first trial has been run and subsequent trial commenced, no more dogs may compete in the previous trial.
11. A Worker or Dogs status shall remain as is until the completion of the Trial.
12. Should there be a final contested by qualified dogs, the Judge will give the awards on the aggregate number of points scored.
13. There shall be a minimum of 6 dogs in a final of any sheep dog trial worked under the Association rules. Each of the 6 dogs to receive an award [i.e. cash, and/or trophy, and/or ribbon} The order of finalists shall be as they qualify.
14. An Advertised Trial is a trial run by a Show Society, Committee or similar body, open for competition to financial members, who are to be advised.
15. Unofficial trial days be called "Benefit Days". The winner/s do not receive any prize money and the trial does not break a dog's status.

16. A Novice Dog is a dog which has not won an Advertised Novice Trial or better. A Novice Dog winning a special prize in any trial, where no entry fee has been charged for prize, does not break its Novice Status. Where the Novice is run in conjunction with an Improvers or Open trial, such trial shall be deemed as a Novice Trial and the winning dog shall break its status.
17. A Novice Dog is not eligible to compete in a Genuine Improvers Trial until first having won a Novice Trial, and in the event of winning a Novice Trial presently in progress can enter Improver Trial. Such dog to go at the bottom the Official Improvers Draw.
18. A Genuine Improver Dog is a dog which has won a Novice trial, but not won an Improver, Special or better trial.
19. Any dog having divided a first prize at any advertised trial shall not lose its status.
20. All dogs nominated in trials must be nominated under their official registered name, with prefix.
21. An unregistered dog may compete twice before being registered. A Management Committee member must be advised.
22. All dogs working in trials {except for those covered in 21} must be registered with this Association or official Association of other States.
23. An owner may appoint a nominee to work their dog or dogs in the Trials, and such nominee will co-jointly assume responsibility with the owner during the trials.
24. Any person or persons bringing dogs onto the ground and allowing them to run loose, either by mistake or otherwise, except when directed by the trial committee may be fined. Amount to be reviewed annually.
25. Any competitor allowing a bitch in oestrus [standing heat] to enter a trial course at any time, shall be debarred from working any further dogs for the duration of such trial, including final.
26. All trial committees to include Prefix Titles in trial results forwarded to Secretary. Six placings in all sections held must be forwarded to Secretary.
27. Encourage worker is a worker who has not won an Encourage or better trial. Encourage workers are allowed to win three Encourage trials before breaking their status but not with the same dog. Three crosses may be allowed before disqualification with a twenty point penalty per cross.
28. No dog will be allowed to enter the ring with a muzzle. However, if the dog bites someone while in the ring, the owner will be responsible and dog will be disqualified.
29. Any person found using any device electronic or otherwise to distract or assist a dog while working in the ring will be suspended.
30. Demonstrations may be given with the permission of at least 3 members of the Management Committee.

31. **GUIDELINES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN QUEENSLAND**

All Championship Trials must be approved by the Association.

There must be a minimum of six (6) dogs. Each of the 6 dogs to receive an award [i.e. cash, and/or trophy, and/or ribbon]

All placegetters must receive cash and ribbons which are suitably inscribed.

Minimum prize money of \$400.00 with first prize minimum of \$150.00 plus sash and trophy.

Championship must be judged by an approved Open Judge.

32. **QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In the Queensland Championships the top 10-15 dogs will go into a second round with the top six aggregate scorers from this round to go into a final round. Exact number to be decided when the number of entries are known.

33. Any dog led into the arena on a chain or lead, or held to cast may be penalised.

34. Three sheep shall be allotted to each dog in the first instance.

35. The competitor shall stand in a one metre circle in the middle of the marked delivery area. Dog to be released from behind centre line of delivery area, within confines of circle back to the fence. {See diagram of Queensland Sheep Dog Trial Course in this book}.

They shall release their dog at their own discretion after the starting bell. Time shall commence upon the ringing of the starting bell by the judge. A dog leaving the start before the bell must be recalled before making contact with the sheep and failure to do so will result in disqualification. Excessive delay by a competitor to cast or release his dog may incur a penalty.

36. A competitor is obliged to inspect and accept or reject the sheep, before leaving the starting point.

37. Should a Judge deem fit, fresh sheep may be ordered at any time during the trial.

38. Any dog crossing the cast or passing between competitor and sheep at any time during the trial will be disqualified, except, that the Judge, at their discretion, need not disqualify a dog should all or any of the sheep cross a dog in the confines of the bridge. In the event that the competitor's dog is anywhere within the confines of the pen after the gate has been closed then it will be disqualified.

38 (a) In Encourage trials, three crosses will be allowed but will incur a penalty of 20 points for each cross.

39. Winding peg to be negotiated by competitor and sheep as a right-hand course. Sheep must be unwound if they pass on left of peg, once only. One point deduction if competitor stops at peg.

40. All sheep must be completely through an obstacle before the worker or handler may leave the ring. Should all the sheep negotiate an obstacle before the competitor reaches the ring, they are obliged to stop with both feet in the ring before continuing to the next obstacle. Should the sheep negotiate any obstacle from the wrong side, the competitor must make sure that such sheep are fully clear of the entrance before negotiating obstacle.

41. All sheep must be completely past the front line of the pen or yard before the competitor may leave the ring to close the gate. If, however, all or any of the sheep should escape by any other means, the competitor may continue to close the gate, and the sheep shall be considered penned.

42. If any sheep escape from the pen over the line of the gate after the worker has left the circle and is in the act of shutting the gate, they may re pen the sheep but not stop walking. Trial is completed only after the gate is shut. If all sheep are not then penned, the trial terminates and the worker forfeits the points for the pen.

The dog must hold the sheep in the pen while the competitor shuts the gate. Should the dog leave this position (eg going behind the worker or behind the pen) there will be a loss of points.

43. Judge to sign and hand in judge's card on completion of run. Card to be supplied by Committee running trial.
 Competitor > Name
 Dog > Name
 Score > Total
 Judge > Signs Off
 Committee > Ratifies
44. A ring one (1) metre in diameter shall be placed 1.8 metres [6 feet] from obstacle and level with the face of such obstacle. The competitor must remain in this ring while directing the dog.
45. The competitor will not be allowed to assist or touch the dog in any way except by signal, whistle or word of mouth. Any competitor who by action, sound or unfair manoeuvre, stops or turns the sheep at any obstacle shall have points deducted and, if an obstacle is negotiated by such action, may lose all points for that obstacle.
46. When the competitor has to move from one given point to another, they must do so in a direct line at an even pace and not stop. Infringement of this rule will entail a deduction of points.
47. If the competitor, in the opinion of the Judge, excessively works his dog, points may be deducted.
48. Scale of Points: Cast - 12 Approach - 5 Bring - 8
 Gate - 7 Bridge - 8 Pen - 10
 General Work - 50 **Total = 100**
49. If the work of any dog is of inferior merit, the Judge has the power to terminate the trial before the expiration of the time allowed.
50. If a dog should bite or in any way injure a sheep, such dog may be disqualified.
51. The competitor may use a cane without a flapper to direct the dog. Length of cane is not to exceed 460mm (18 inches). This cane must not be thrown in ring. Throwing of cane could incur disqualification or fine.
52. At the conclusion of each trial, the competitor must take the sheep to the enclosed yard as expeditiously as possible.
53. Any re-run at any trial shall be taken at the discretion of the judge or organising committee, either: straight away: at the end of the round in progress: in the next available space, e.g. a scratching.
 A re-run may be granted if any dog comes into the competition area and interferes with the trial.
 A judge may order a rerun at any time during the trial.
 A rerun will not be granted if the competitor has lost more points than will allow qualification for the final, or any other prize.
54. The organising committee will invite the Judge to inspect the sheep to be used in the trials and the Judge may reject any sheep which he deems unfit. Otherwise the selection of the sheep shall be left to the discretion of the organising committee. No sheep shall be used more than once where possible.
55. The Judge's decision is final.
- 55a Anyone who wishes to become a judge be allowed to accompany an experienced judge provided they have no more dogs to run in that trial - with the exception of the Queensland Championships.

56. If, in the opinion of the Judge, Committee, or anyone - any person ill-treating a dog will be subject to a fine [to be decided annually] and may be debarred from competing again at any trial conducted under these rules. Any complaint of this nature must be lodged in writing to the Management Committee, who have the power to investigate the complaint.
57. Any protest must be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Show or Trial Committee within the specified time of that body, and be accompanied by a fee [to be decided annually] which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Such protest will be dealt with by Disputes Committee.
58. Any dog showing obvious signs of injury, or any bitch in advanced stage of pregnancy shall not be worked in any trial until referred to Disputes Committee by the Judge. Dog in question to go to end of draw.
59. Disputes Committee to comprise of three (3) Management Committee members or if they are unavailable, three (3) financial members.
60. Any person or persons refusing to conform with these rules may be expelled from the ground, and may be disqualified from competing at any future trials conducted under these rules.
61. Any action taken under Rule 57 hereof shall be reported to the Association within fourteen days, and the Management Committee, if it deems fit, make any alteration to cover such contingency in the future.
62. In the event of any question or situation arising not provided for in these Rules, the matter in question shall be dealt with by three (3) representatives of this Association, and their decision shall be final.
63. Organising committees have the right to charge a stock levy on competitors if they deem fit. Amount of levy must be advised on entry form.

GENERAL RULES

TROPHIES

A points system be used - all advertised sheep dog trials in Queensland on basis of:

1st - 6	2nd - 5	3rd - 4
4th - 3	5th - 2	6th - 1

In event of a tie, points are added together and then halved.

Trophy year from 1st June to 31 May annually. All trials must be completed by 31st May to be included in points.

Points only awarded to dogs owned and worked by handler. Should a dog be sold during the season, points do not go with the dog. To accrue points in the annual trophies the dog must be registered in the handler's name.

Perpetual trophies, together with a replica trophy for recipient to keep, are awarded yearly.

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Don Smith Memorial Open Dog of the Year

Six highest scoring dogs in each Open Trial will qualify for points.

If Novice Dog wins an Open trial, dog receives 6 points in Open Dog of the Year

Winner of Trophy highest points scorer for the season.

Brisbane Show Trial - If the draw is done by ballot the trial is deemed an "Invitation Trial Only" and does not become a point scoring trial. Further to this only 4 finalists are run which does not allow the 5th and 6th places to contest a final and once again only becomes "Invitation Only Trial"

Colykade Improver Dog of the Year

Genuine Improver dogs, accrue points for placings gained in Improver trials. Once a dog wins an Improver Trial, they gain six points and then become an Open Dog.

Friskies Pet Care Novice Dog of the Year Trophy

Novice dogs accrue points for placings or winning in Novice, Special, Improver and Open Trials for the whole of the points year.

Parr Family Handler of the Year Trophy

Points to be awarded on all Advertised three sheep dog trials in Queensland, including Encourage, Novice, Improver, Special and Open Trials.

Ken & Natalie White Novice Handler of the Year Trophy

Points awarded on all approved sheep dog trials including Novice, Improver, Special and Open Trials, Yard Dog Trials included.

Handler must not have won a Novice trial or better at the start of the points year, and Will accrue points to the end of that year in all categories except Encourage.

Ian Skea Encourage Handler of the Year Trophy

Handler must start the points year as an Encourage Worker and will accrue points Throughout the year in Encourage, Novice, Improver, Special and Open approved Three Sheep Trials.

REPRESENTATION

Three sheep trials

Representatives are chosen from Don Smith Memorial Open Dog of the Year placings.

The six top dogs (points total), which are available to represent Queensland at the next Supreme, at the end of the points year and their handlers compete over 3 runs at the first trial after the end of the points year for the right to represent Queensland at the Interstate competition at the next Supreme championships.

At least 2 of those runs are to be over the "Trans-Tasman" course which will be used at the Interstate challenge. The total of the aggregate score from the run-off plus the points earned by that dog in the relevant year to be used to determine the two dogs and handlers to represent Queensland. No competitor to have more than 2 dogs. Competitors to run in a block as the organising committee deems.

One representative - one dog.

Dogs chosen from highest scoring available dogs.

Handler who earned points must be handler when representing

Representative must be Association member and resident of Queensland. Life Members of Queensland are granted residential status.

To be chosen as a representative of Queensland, competitor must be prepared to represent Queensland at any official function, meeting, etc which may occur during their representation.

Once chosen, a handler, if they wish, may withdraw an eligible dog to make another of their dogs, which has a lesser score, eligible for selection. The lesser scoring dog only becomes eligible if it has a score greater than all other available dogs that have not already been selected.

Should any representative dog not be able to participate for any reason, the handler must advise the Management Committee in writing and supply veterinary certificate stating reason. Dog may be substituted at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Competitors representing Queensland be supplied with State Blazer and pocket with badge and appropriate writing.

THE QUEENSLAND WORKING SHEEP DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL COSTS.

MEMBERSHIP:	Single - Worker	\$65.00
	Breeder	
	Prefix Holder	
	Judge	
	Family	\$75.00
	Interstate	\$35.00
	Non-worker	\$35.00
	Cattle Dog Assoc. member	\$35.00
	3 month late fee	\$10

	Constitution and Rule Book	\$3.50
Badges	Replacement to Members	\$4.00
	Non - Members	\$6.50
Ties	Members	\$25.00
	Non - Members	\$30.00
Secretary's Honorarium		\$1000.00
	Assistant Printer	\$ 600.00
	Assistant Newsletter editor	\$ 400.00
Judges fee	per run (including finals)	\$1.00
	(Qld Championship + \$50 from QWSDAI)	
Prefix Registration		\$10.00
From a Notified Litter		\$5.00
Not Notified Litter but Registered Parents		\$5.00
Other than Specified		\$10.00
Transfers		\$5.00
(24) Fine for loose dogs		\$20. 00
(56) Fine for ill use of dog		\$35.00
(57) Fee for protest		\$20.00
Pedigree Forms		Nil
Registration, Transfer, Notified Litter forms		Nil
Queensland Association Trophy		tba
Insurance Levy		tba