

The Tracking Dog Club of SA Inc. Rules

1. The Committee may take disciplinary action against any Club member for unseemly conduct by the member or his/her dog, considered harmful to the Club.
2. Eligibility for the dog, handler and/or assistant (tracklayer) to attend training fixtures shall come under the standards approved by the Committee.
3. Bitches in season are not permitted in any official training area unless special permission has been obtained from the supervising instructor prior to attending a Club training fixture.
4. No dog which is suspected of being infected with a contagious disease, or has come in contact with same within the previous four weeks, will be permitted in the training area. A dog which is diagnosed with a contagious disease will require written clearance from a veterinarian before participating in Club training or social events.
5. A dog which is not happy and cannot concentrate because of ill health or an injury is not permitted to participate in training classes.
6. The supervising instructor has the authority to refuse participation by a dog or handler at Club training events, where it is considered that the activity poses a significant health or safety risk to the dog or handler.
7. Use of the club's official training areas, where that area resides on private property and of the trialling areas by Club members is not permitted without the Committee's approval.
 - a) Any member trespassing on land whilst directly or indirectly engaged in tracking may be subjected to disciplinary action by the Committee
 - b) Members' dogs are not permitted to chase or harass livestock or local fauna whilst visiting tracking areas.
 - c) Members should ensure that all property, fixtures and stock shall be respected so that no criticism can be levelled at the Club by landowners.
 - d) If a member observes any vandalism or damage done or being done, he/she should report it as soon as possible to a member of the Committee.
 - e) No dog shall be taken off the leash or left unattended in the training area except by permission of the supervising instructor.
8. The supervising instructor has the authority to request that an uncontrolled dog be removed from a Club training event.
9. Unauthorized members may not use Club equipment, lay unauthorized tracks or generally disrupt training fixtures.

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- a) All tracking training lessons shall be by appointment. Contact the secretary or relevant supervising instructor for a booking.
 - b) Members are expected to be present at Club training events at the arranged time. If you cannot attend, please notify your instructor.
 - c) You should not expect to come, work your dog and go again. It is not the Club's duty to provide tracklayers; you should feel obliged to help by offering your services as a tracklayer for someone else's dog. Do not wait to be asked – offer.
10. Tracking equipment, i.e. harness, leash, flags, etc, used by a member or his agent or by his dog at training fixtures will come under the standards approved by the Club.
11. Members are reminded of their duty of care by law towards others when attending Club events.
- a) Members who are negligent in their duty of care, so as to pose a significant health or safety risk to others, may be subjected to disciplinary action by the Committee.
 - b) When driving past parked vehicles or pedestrians adjacent to trialling or training events, a maximum speed of 25 kmph shall be observed.
 - c) Members shall not park their vehicles at trialling or training events in such a manner as to create a hazard for other road users.
12. It is necessary for the protection of your dog, yourself and other members, that a close watch be kept on your dog at all times. It should be kept away from other dogs, especially in the initial stages of training and at all trials.
13. Care shall be taken in the tracking training areas that members do not use areas that are not allocated for their particular use.
14. Eligibility for a dog, handler and assistant, i.e. tracklayer, to attend training fixtures shall come under the standards approved by the Committee.
- a) Equipment for use at tracking training lessons will be supplied by the member.
 - b) Exceptions to this rule shall be by prior arrangement with the instructor.
 - c) Equipment required: leashes (hand leash and tracking leash 10-15 metres) harness, flags or markers and a person to act as tracklayer.

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15. Remember that it takes many hours to plot and mark a trial track for just one dog.
 - a) If a dog is withdrawn from a Trial after close of entries, the entry fee will be forfeited.
 - b) On a trial day you must not exercise or train your dog within or adjacent to the trial areas without the judge's approval.
 - c) Once your Test is finished, it is highly desirable that you stay for presentations. If you are unable to do so, please advise your judge or steward.
 - d) Entrants are required to submit a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope with trial entries to facilitate the judge's return of information.
16. Should the Club have to ballot the following will apply.
 - a) If a dog has failed on two consecutive occasions in the current year it will be suspended from competing at the Trial if a ballot is required for the tests available.
 - b) It is the responsibility of the Handler to advise the Club of the two consecutive fails.
17. Cancellation of Trials.
 - a) Should a Trial be cancelled prior to the tracks being plotted, the entry fee will be refunded
 - b) Should a Trial be cancelled after the tracks have been plotted, the entry fee will not be refunded.