

**Tasmanian Canine Association Inc.**  
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- 1 These Regulations shall apply to all activities held under the Regulations of the Tasmanian Canine Association Incorporated (TCA Inc.) and all bodies affiliated with the TCA Inc. shall be deemed to have expressly agreed to enforce, submit to and be bound by the Regulations of the TCA Inc. Any person who takes part in any matter coming within the Regulations of the TCA Inc. shall be bound by them and shall not be entitled to appeal in any court because of anything done by the TCA Inc. Council in the administration of the affairs of the TCA Inc. The decisions of the TCA Inc. Council on all matters shall be final and binding.
- 2 For the purpose of these Regulations, the terms "Constitution" and/or "Rules" shall, in the case of the body applying for affiliation or an affiliate body either of which is or becomes a Corporate Body, be deemed to include the Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association and any Rules, Regulations or By-laws of such body.
- 3 All rules, regulations, definitions or instructions in the nature of regulations printed in the prize schedule shall be deemed the Regulations of the exhibition and shall have the same effect as if they formed part of these Regulations provided they are not inconsistent with these Regulations.
- 4 Should an occasion arise where the rules of an affiliated body are inconsistent with the Regulations of the TCA Inc. on any matter, those of the TCA Inc. shall prevail.
- 5 An affiliated body shall not hold or conduct any exhibition, which will include a Show or Parade or a Field, Retrieving, Obedience, Agility, Herding or Tracking Trial, Earthdog, Endurance, Water Test or any other exhibition recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC), without prior permission being granted by the TCA Inc. Council.

**Definitions**

- 6 A Championship Show is an exhibition of registered dogs at which Challenge Certificates are offered.
- 7 An Open Show is an exhibition at which no Challenge Certificates are offered and at which dogs with the title Champion and all other dogs eligible to compete at Parades may compete.
- 8 A Parade is an exhibition of registered dogs at which wins do not count at subsequent shows. Champions may compete in a separate class.
- 9 A Members Parade is an exhibition of registered dogs at which no prize money is awarded and at which only financial members of the body holding the exhibition are eligible to compete. No dog which has gained sufficient points to qualify for the title of Champion, or dogs imported into Australia with the title Champion as recognised by the ANKC, shall be eligible to compete at any Parade or competition, sanctioned fixtures excluded.
- 10 Members competitions may be conducted with the permission of the TCA Inc. Council provided the judges' names are advised. Only entries from the Affiliate's members may be accepted. The Regulations of the TCA Inc., including those dealing with an ineligible person or dog, shall be observed.
- 11 A Canine Match is an exhibition of two (2) or more breeds competing as a team against each other and in which the winning team is assessed by points allocated or elimination of the losers.
- 12 A Sanctioned Exhibition is any competition run by an Affiliate with the permission of the TCA Inc. and for which the rules have been lodged and approved by the TCA Inc. Council.

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- 13** An Unrecognised Exhibition is an exhibition or competition which has not been granted approval by the TCA Inc. Council, which shall include Schutzhund training, protection work and man work.
- 14** A Breeder is the registered owner of the dam at the time of whelping or the person to whom the dam is leased prior to the whelping.
- 15** An Exhibitor/Owner is the person whose name appears on a Certificate of Registration/Pedigree.
- 16** A Handler is the person who is in control of the exhibit at any TCA Inc. official exhibition.
- 17** Any child seven (7) to eighteen (18) years of age and whose parent is a financial member of the TCA Inc. shall be permitted to handle a dog at any exhibition providing the child is a member of the TCA Inc. or an affiliated body and capable of controlling the exhibit.
- 18** The age of an exhibit shall be computed from the date of birth to the first day of an exhibition.
- 19** A prize is a reward of any description offered for competition in a class for which an entry fee is charged.
- 20** All special prizes shall be confined to exhibits which have competed in the class or classes of the same description as special prizes, provided that if there is no class offered for a breed or variety of breed that shall debar exhibits of that breed or variety of breed competing for the special prize.
- 20B** Proprietary interest is defined as having owned, part owned, leased, part leased or bred the exhibit.
- 20C** Aggressive dog means any dog which, without provocation, attacks, bites or displays excessive tendency to attack or bite a person or another animal shall be deemed to be a savage dog.

**Regulations pertaining to Exhibitors**

- 21** A dog entered for official exhibition must be either solely and unconditionally the property of the exhibitor or leased.
- 22** An entry for an official exhibition may not be accepted unless it includes the TCA Inc. membership number of the owner of the exhibit or the membership number issued by the relevant controlling body for an exhibitor not normally resident in Tasmania. The exhibitor or his agent entering a dog must complete and sign the entry form in ink, giving all details required for publication in the catalogue. The exhibitor or his agent shall be responsible for the correctness of the particulars on the entry form and shall be liable for the fees payable.
- 23** The entry fee for each dog, as stated in the schedule, must be forwarded with the entry form for each dog entered. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of the this Regulation.
- 24** Each exhibitor making an entry for a Championship Show, shall supply a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of number discs and a list of breed numbers entered at the exhibition. Each exhibitor making an entry for any other exhibition, shall supply a stamped self-addressed envelope in accordance with the schedule.

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- 25** Every person entering a dog in an exhibition conducted under these Regulations shall be deemed to have certified that the dog entered is owned or leased by the person named as the exhibitor on the entry form and the exhibitor agrees to be bound by the Regulations and the decisions of the TCA Inc. Council and accepts its decisions as final. Every person entering a dog in an exhibition conducted under these Regulations shall be deemed to have certified that the dog is entered at the exhibitor's own risk and the dog, to his/her knowledge, has not been exposed to the risk of an infectious disease, since that date which is seven (7) weeks prior to the exhibition, or been initially inoculated since that date which is four (4) weeks prior to the exhibition. A Committee of an Affiliate may suspend or disqualify such person and/or his dogs and shall send to the TCA Inc. Council within 48 hours, a full written report of such suspension or disqualification.
- 26** The owner of a dog entered for an exhibition held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc. may be called upon at any time by the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. to make a statutory declaration, and if required support it with a Certificate from a qualified Veterinarian, declaring that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the dog exhibited, or to be exhibited is in good health and is not suffering from any contagious disease, and has not been within seven (7) weeks immediately preceding the exhibition exposed to infection from, or has been on the same premises as, any dog which has been infected with distemper or any other contagious disease. Failure to comply with this regulation may disqualify the dog concerned and prevent it from taking part in the exhibition and shall render the owner liable to disqualification or such punishment and for such term as the TCA Inc. Council may decide.
- 27** Any person resident in the state of Tasmania and handling an exhibit in any TCA Inc. exhibition must be a financial member of the TCA Inc.
- 28** Deleted
- 29** The precinct of an exhibition, including a Championship Show, Open Show or Parade or any other sanctioned event, unless stated specifically otherwise, is a 50 metre radius from any judging ring and any benching pavilion or structure and the area between that structure and the judging or event rings.
- 30** It shall be an offence for an exhibitor to wilfully allow his/her dog/s to be off-lead at any time during an exhibition or whilst within the precincts of such exhibition except when required to do so for competition or exercising in a designated area. All exhibits within the precincts of an exhibition shall be under the control of a competent handler. All dogs on benches must be securely crated or restrained with a conventional collar and metal chain. No dog shall enter the judging ring wearing a harness or collar on which the name of the dog or owner appears. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of this regulation.
- 31** An area for exercising dogs off-lead may be designated at the discretion of the organising Committee of an Affiliate conducting an exhibition where competing dogs are required to be off-lead.
- 32** At any exhibition all dogs entered and present in the assembly area must be exhibited in the classes for which they have been entered unless excused by the officiating judge.
- 33** All awards and prizes won shall be forfeited, if a dog is not shown in all other classes for which it subsequently becomes eligible, unless required to withdraw. The Affiliate shall retain all awards and prizes forfeited and forward them to the office of the TCA Inc.

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- 34** At all times the exhibitor shall be responsible for the cleaning up and disposal of personal litter and the removal of stripping from any exhibit he/she is grooming. All faeces must be picked up by the exhibitor/handler except whilst in the judging ring. This regulation designates cigarette butts as personal litter and any person who does not place cigarette butts in the rubbish tin provided will be deemed to be in breach of this regulation. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of the this Regulation.
- 35** At the time of judging no person shall be permitted in the judging ring save the judge and the properly appointed steward or stewards and the handler/s with the exhibit/s eligible to compete in the class or other competition.
- 36** Undue interference in any way with other exhibits or their handlers whilst in the judging ring by any person shall not be permitted. In the event of interference from within the ring, the steward in charge of the judging ring shall be empowered to suspend judging and order the removal of the person, and/or the dog, causing the interference. In the event of interference from outside the ring the steward in charge of the judging ring must first warn the offender, then shall be empowered to suspend judging and order the removal of the person, and/or the dog, causing the interference. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of the this Regulation.
- 37** A judge's decision on the merit of an exhibit shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the Regulations of the TCA Inc. Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any prize or special prize or Challenge Certificate to any exhibit which they consider is not of sufficient merit. It shall be the duty of a judge to convey such decision to the handler of the exhibit. An exhibit may be withdrawn during judging with the consent of the judge.
- 38** A judge may at any time require an exhibit being judged to be measured.
- 39** At exhibitions held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc. exhibitors may, at the discretion of the Affiliate conducting the exhibition, be permitted to display advertising material. Advertising material at shows shall take a space not exceeding 600 mm wide and 75 mm deep at the front of the bench and 600 mm wide by 200 mm deep at the back of the bench and at other exhibitions such space as is allocated. The advertising may include the name, address and telephone number of the kennel or exhibitor or both, the name of the exhibit, a stud card stating the name of the exhibit, Pedigree and stud fee, suitable words offering dogs and/or puppies for sale but not naming a dog or puppy which is not exhibited and not quoting prices, a photograph of the dog exhibited or any general decorative material other than announcements. The display must be executed attractively and shall be removed promptly if deemed by the Secretary or other person authorised by the Committee of the Affiliate to be misleading, contrary to the Regulations of the TCA Inc. or otherwise undesirable. A statement of wins at other fixtures, or prize cards or ribbons won at other fixtures shall not be permitted. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of the this Regulation.
- 40** It is the obligation of each owner, exhibitor and handler at a TCA Inc approved activity to take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under that person's care or control or for which that person is responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.

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- 41** A judge officiating at any exhibition shall have the sole prerogative to decline to judge, or to desist from judging further, any exhibit which displays any aggressive or savage disposition or tendency and upon the judge's direction the handler of such exhibit shall immediately leave the judging area.
- 42** Deleted
- 43** It is the obligation of any person at an activity who observes a dog behaving in an aggressive manner to report the incident either orally or in writing to a member of the Committee as soon as possible after the incident.
- 43.1** Upon receipt of a report of an alleged incident involving aggressive behaviour by a dog, the Committee (which should be comprised at least three members including the President, Secretary, Show Manager) shall meet as soon as practicable on that day to consider the matter. The TCA Inc Official Representative shall be present at the meeting.
- 43.2** If the Committee is satisfied that the incident comprised or included the dog attacking, or attempting to attack, any person, the Committee may declare the dog to be an aggressive dog. Provided the Committee conducting the investigation believes that no justified provocation occurred then it must report the dog aggressive if it is satisfied the attack occurred.
- 43.3** If the Committee is satisfied that the incident comprised an attack on another dog, or other sufficiently serious aggressive behaviour, the Committee may declare the dog to be an aggressive dog. Provided the Committee conducting the investigation believes that no justified provocation occurred then it must report the dog aggressive if it is satisfied the attack occurred.
- 43.4** Immediately following its declaration the Committee shall advise in writing the person who appears to be responsible for the care and control of an aggressive dog of its declaration as such.
- 43.5** Forthwith upon the Committee declaring a dog to be an aggressive dog the owner, exhibitor or handler responsible for the dog shall forthwith remove the dog from the grounds. The dog shall ipso facto be disqualified from further involvement at the activity in question or at any other activity. During the period of such disqualification the dog shall not be allowed to enter or remain upon any ground where TCA Inc approved activity takes place.
- 43.6** In the event that the Committee declares a dog to be an aggressive dog, then no later than within the next 5 working days after the incident the affiliate shall provide the office of the TCA Inc with a written report of the incident and the Committee's decision and shall include with that report a copy of all statements in writing concerning the incident, the Minutes of the Committee Meeting, the advice referred to in 43.4, relevant catalogue pages and any other relevant documents.
- 43.7** Within 2 calendar months of receipt of the report referred to in 43.6 the TCA Inc Council shall consider the report and if satisfied that the dog is likely to constitute danger to persons, other dogs or property at any event, may suspend or disqualify or otherwise debar that dog from being involved in any TCA Inc approved activity, or may impose such conditions in relation to that dog, and in either event for such period as the Council considers appropriate.

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- 43.8** If for any reason the TCA Inc Council has not finally dealt with the matter within the 2 month period referred to in 43.7, the owner of the dog may make written application to the Council for the removal of the disqualification. Upon receipt of such application, the Council shall forthwith either:
- a) grant the application, or
  - b) reach a decision in relation to the matter but if such decision is not reached within a period of one month from the date of such application, the application shall be deemed to have been granted.
- 43.9** No person shall have any claim upon or recourse against any member of the Committee or any other person as consequence of any action taken pursuant to these Regulations.
- 43.10** It shall be the responsibility of the affiliate concerned to ensure that the Committee complies with the requirements of these Regulations. If the Committee fails in any respect to comply with the procedures and requirements of these regulations, the TCA Inc Council may impose on the affiliate a fine of no less than 25 penalty units (but not exceeding 50 penalty units), and/or withhold approval for the next activity conducted by that affiliate.
- 43.11** These Regulations shall have effect commencing 1 hour prior to the commencement of an activity and continuing until 1 hour after the conclusion of the activity.
- 43.12** Where the Committee decides not to declare a dog to be an aggressive dog, then no later than within the next 5 working days after the incident the affiliate shall provide the TCA Inc with a written report of the incident and the Committee's decision and shall include with that report a copy of all statements in writing concerning the incident, the minutes of the Committee meeting, relevant catalogue pages and any other relevant documents.
- 43.13** If any member of the Committee is interested in any way, personally, or through family, or ownership of animals involved, in any matter before the Committee, that member must stand down and be replaced by a different person from the affiliate or Agricultural Society, as appropriate.
- 44** Deleted
- 45** An application for the re-registration of a dog imported into the state of Tasmania from an overseas country must be evidenced by a Certified Export Pedigree issued by the canine body in that country which is recognised by the ANKC and by such other verification as the TCA Inc. Council shall require. Such dogs shall retain their registered name and number and shall evidence the country of original after the registered name, e.g. (Imp. UK), (Imp. NZ).
- 46** On application and payment of the fee set out in the current "Scale of Charges" and on confirmation by the TCA Inc. office, any dog which has attained a title in accordance with rules of the ANKC, shall be granted that title. Prior to the granting of such title the dog must be transferred or leased to the member/s making the application.
- 47** No title to a dog's name shall be used unless by permission of the TCA Inc. Council.
- 48** The owner of an imported dog may apply to TCA Inc. Council for recognition of any verified title, which was gained in the country of origin.
- 49** Only breeds recognised by the ANKC will be accepted for Registration on the TCA Inc. Main and Limited register.

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- 50** A dog, ineligible for registration on the main or limited register, may be registered on the Associate Register. The owner must be a financial member of the TCA Inc and complete an application form supplied by the TCA Inc. A Certificate from a qualified Veterinarian stating that the dog has been de-sexed, microchipped and or tattooed must also be submitted with the appropriate fee as set out in the current "Scale of Charges".
- 51** Unless the special permission of the TCA Inc. Council is obtained all dogs must be registered with an ANKC member body prior to entering an exhibition held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 52** No dog shall be referred to by a name different to that of its registered name. It must not be entered for exhibition, be advertised or otherwise referred to by only part of the registered name. This includes the prefix, any recognised title and any suffix such as (Imp.) or (AI).
- 53** The TCA Inc. Council may refuse any application for entry in its records and may cancel any entry or may strike from its records for any period any entry already effected and shall not be bound to assign a reason for so doing or give notice to any person or persons.
- 54** An entire dog is six (6) months of age and over, which has both testicles descended and in the scrotum. A dog which is not entire shall not be used as a stud dog and any litter sired by such dog will not be accepted for Registration on the Main or Limited Register. Notwithstanding the above where a veterinarian certificate is provided which states that a testicle was removed due to a medical condition and that such condition is not genetic a dog may be used at stud and its progeny registered.
- 55** All dogs which have been de-sexed or are not entire may be downgraded to the Limited Register. Such dogs may not compete in a conformation Show or Parade (excluding those entered in a property class). All dogs which have been de-sexed and registered as a "Neuter" on the Main Register shall be eligible to compete in a "Neuter Class" offered at a conformation Show or Parade.
- 56** It shall be the duty of all owners to notify the TCA Inc. of all registered dogs both male and female which have been de-sexed for any reason whatsoever.
- 57** It shall be the duty of all owners to notify the TCA Inc. of the death of any registered dog.
- 58** Any breeder/owner/agent (hereafter referred to as the supplier) selling or supplying a dog must ensure that the dog, if born after the 1 October 2005, is microchipped in accordance with Regulation 109B.
- 58.1** The supplier must provide to the purchaser within fourteen (14) days of the date of supply, a three (3) generation pedigree/registration document, authorising transfer of the animal in the records of the TCA Inc
- 58.2** Where the dog has been placed or is to be placed on the Limited Register in the records of the TCA Inc the supplier must obtain the signature of the new owner on a Limited Register Agreement. Such agreement is to be lodged with the office of the TCA Inc within fourteen (14) days of sale/supply.
- 58.3** Where the dog is sold/supplied and breeding rights are withheld by the supplier, the supplier must obtain the signature of the new owner on a Non-Breeding Agreement. Such agreement is to be lodged with the office of the TCA Inc within fourteen (14) days of sale/supply.

- 58.4** Where the pedigree/registration document is withheld the supplier must obtain the signature of the new owner on a statement signifying that the new owner clearly understands the terms of the sale/supply and acknowledging that the registration document will not be issued. Such statement must be lodged with the office of the TCA Inc within fourteen (14) days of the sale/supply.
- 59** Any owner or agent who sells any dog which is not registered as a registered dog, or who uses in connection with the sale or disposal of a dog, TCA Inc. Registration forms and documents, and which are calculated to cause the purchaser to believe the dog being sold is registered with the TCA Inc., may have a penalty imposed by the TCA Inc. Council at its discretion.
- 60** Where the ownership of a dog has changed since the dog was registered, or a lease has been arranged, the transfer or lease must be effected on the reverse side of the Certificate of Registration and Pedigree by the new owner or lessee. Application for transfer shall accompany the fee as set out in the current "Scale of Charges".
- 61** The TCA Inc. will allow the transfer of a dog within its records to a non-member for the fee set down in the current "Scale of Charges". Should the owner of the dog wish to become a member of the TCA Inc. within the current financial year he/she may do so on payment of the difference between non-member and member rates.
- 62** Application for transfer or lease shall be accepted only if the Registration Certificate/Certified Pedigree is signed by the registered owner and the purchaser/lessee or a statutory declaration and receipt are produced and the fees as set out in the current "Scale of Charges" are included, or when the TCA Inc. Council so directs. The transfer of an interstate dog must be effected with the controlling body of the state or territory in which the new owner is resident.
- 63** At the discretion of the TCA Inc. an Export Certificate and Pedigree may be issued for a dog which is sold to a person not resident in an Australian state or territory. An application must be completed by the vendor on the prescribed form and be accompanied by the fee as set out in the current "Scale of Charges". In the case of a male dog further certification is required to be lodged with the TCA Inc., either a Certificate from a qualified Veterinarian stating that he has examined the dog identified to him by the vendor as the dog to be exported and such dog has both testicles descended and in the scrotum, or a Certificate from the vendor that the prospective owner of the dog has been informed that both testicles are not fully descended and in the scrotum and the prospective buyer still requires the dog to be forwarded. In the event of a dog not having both testicles fully descended and in the scrotum the Export Pedigree will be so endorsed.
- 64A** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition and/or the exhibitor from retaining any prizes awarded in connection with it, by the TCA Inc. Council or on objection by the Committee of the Affiliate. Such action shall be reported to the TCA Inc. Council in writing within forty eight (48) hours by the Affiliate conducting the exhibition and will be subject to appeal to the TCA Inc. Council.
- 64B** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition if found to have had the natural colour or shade of natural colour or the natural markings altered or changed.
- 64C** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition if found to have had a substance, preparation, powder or fluid applied to and remaining on the dog during exhibition to such an extent **as to deceive or to be likely to deceive a Judge**

- 64D** It shall be a condition of entry that every exhibitor shall permit a sample of the exhibit's coat or urine to be taken by the TCA appointed person upon request.
- 64E** Where Council directs that coat testing be carried out, Council shall determine liability for the costs incurred.
- 65** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition if exhibited at an exhibition or activity previously declared 'unrecognised' by the TCA Inc. Council or an exhibition conducted by a club or body not affiliated with or sanctioned by the TCA Inc. Council.
- 66** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition if suspended or registered in the name of and/or owned or exhibited or handled by a person under a term of suspension or disqualification or by an otherwise ineligible person.
- 67A** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition if in the opinion of the TCA Inc. Council has been given a tranquilliser, stimulant or any drug which could affect its performance or is incorrectly exhibited or entered for exhibition not in accordance with the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 67B** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition if found to have been physically altered by means of cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act of a like kind, which alters the natural formation and/or appearance of the dog, except as provided for in the Breed Standard.
- 68** A dog shall be disqualified from championship exhibition if owned or part-owned or leased or part-leased by any judge officiating at the exhibition.
- 69** Any person supporting or associated with, any Club, Association, Body or Group of people, or any person promoting, entering, exhibiting, judging or officiating in any way, at an exhibition or activity previously declared 'unrecognised' by the TCA Inc. Council, may be disqualified from exhibition. The TCA Inc. Council may cancel such person's membership or the Registration of any dog/s owned by such person or may debar from judging, competing, making an objection or taking part in any recognised exhibition and/or debar from being associated with any affiliated body. The penalties set out under this regulation shall not limit the powers of the TCA Inc. Council under any other Regulations.
- 70** A protest may be lodged by any financial member of the TCA Inc. (except one who is under suspension or disqualification or is otherwise ineligible to take part in activities under the Regulations of the TCA Inc.) at any exhibition conducted under the Regulations of the TCA Inc. Any person lodging a protest shall be provided with a copy of the TCA Inc. Regulations to peruse.
- 71** A protest may be lodged against any other exhibitor and/or any other exhibit or a decision of a judge where a competitor considers that he/she has been disadvantaged. The protest must be in writing and be delivered to the Secretary/Show Manager or his/her deputy at the office of the exhibition. If a protest is made by a person other than a member of the Committee or an Official of the body holding the exhibition a deposit of 8 penalty units (as per the current 'Scale of Charges') must be made at the same time. This amount shall be returned unless the Committee of the Affiliate holding the exhibition deems the objection to be frivolous in which case it shall be forfeited.

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- 72** Where a protest is correctly lodged at any exhibition and the decision of such protest may be deemed to have possible effect on the further judging of such exhibition, judging shall be immediately suspended. The Committee of the exhibition shall hear such protest and all persons considered by the Committee to be concerned shall be called individually before the hearing, for the taking of evidence. The hearing of the protest must be accurately recorded in writing and signed by the president or his delegate and made available to the TCA Inc. on request. The exhibitor against whom the protest has been lodged, shall be advised of the decision of the Committee immediately such decision has been reached and must be advised of the right of appeal to the TCA Inc. Council against the decision.
- 73** When any objection is upheld a notice of the decision shall be sent to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. within seven (7) days of the enquiry.
- 74** For a protest to be heard on any other ground it must be made within seven (7) days of the last day of the exhibition. A protest shall be dealt with at a meeting convened by the Committee of the Affiliate concerned and within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the objection. A copy of the objection shall be despatched by the Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours to the exhibitor against whom the protest has been lodged. A member of the TCA Inc. shall have the right to appear before an Affiliate where the Committee of such Affiliate is considering any matter which may have effect on such members' continued participation in TCA Inc. activities. Forty-eight (48) hours notice of the meeting dealing with the matter shall be sent to all persons considered by the Committee of the Affiliate to be concerned and who shall be entitled to appear for the purpose of giving evidence. Should any person fail to appear in answer to the notice of meeting at which the objection is to be considered, the Committee of the Affiliate concerned may proceed to enquire into and deal with the objection notwithstanding his/her absence. The hearing of the protest must be accurately recorded in writing and signed by the President or his delegate and made available to the TCA Inc. within seven (7) days. The decision of the Affiliate together with the notice of the right of appeal shall be communicated to the parties concerned within forty-eight (48) hours.
- 75** Any person affected by a decision of an Affiliate may appeal to the TCA Inc. Council by giving notice of appeal in writing to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. and within fourteen (14) days of the decision stating the grounds of the appeal and enclosing a deposit of 8 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges"). Upon receipt of such notice of appeal the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. shall notify the Secretary of the Affiliate concerned who shall forthwith send to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc the notes of evidence given at the enquiry.
- 75A** Where a possible breach/possible breaches of the TCA Inc Regulations occur/s but is/are not dealt with correctly by the hosting club at a TCA Inc sanctioned event, the TCA Inc Council has the right to have the alleged breach/es investigated and to take appropriate action.
- 76** The TCA Inc. Appeals Committee shall hear every appeal as soon as possible and it may in its discretion allow further evidence to be brought forward and may remit the matter for re-hearing by the Affiliate concerned or uphold or dismiss the appeal or impose a greater or lesser penalty and make such order as to the disposal of the deposit or deposits lodged with the TCA Inc. and/or the Affiliate as it deems fit.

- 77** If no notice of appeal is given or an appeal is dismissed after the hearing, the TCA Inc. Council will affirm the decision of the Affiliate concerned. Whether the penalty is varied or not, the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. shall register such decision and thereupon it shall be final and binding on the party or parties concerned and shall be given effect by all bodies affiliated with the TCA Inc. and all exhibitions held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 78** At an exhibition of Agricultural Societies (and all societies and bodies to which the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Appeal constituted by the societies and bodies under the authority of the Minister for Agriculture apply) the Board of Appeal for exhibitions, as far as dogs are concerned, under the Regulations of the TCA Inc. shall be submitted to the TCA Inc. as the body by which appeals shall be heard and determined. The Rules and Regulations of the Board of Appeal shall be allowed and enforced in respect of any appeal as if they were the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 79** Any member of the TCA Inc. who is convicted in any court of law for cruelty, mistreatment or neglect of their animals may have his/her membership of the TCA Inc. automatically terminated subject to the right of appeal.
- 80** Members shall comply with the letter and spirit of the Constitution, Code of Ethics, Regulations and any other rules or by-laws made or prescribed by the TCA Inc. Council. Any breach of these shall conclusively be deemed to be conduct injurious or discreditable to those interested in canine affairs. Any matter that requires an investigation or is an appeal against a decision imposed by an Affiliate affecting a member or an exhibitor and/or his/her dog/s may be referred to the Discipline and Disputes Committee.
- 81** If the TCA Inc. Council finds a person guilty of a charge, the TCA Inc. Council shall have the power to suspend or disqualify or make otherwise ineligible from taking part in exhibitions held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc. The TCA Inc. Council shall have the power to suspend or disqualify from competition or strike from its records the Registration of all or any dog/s owned or part-owned and/or leased or part-leased by and/or registered in the name of the guilty person at the date the charge was laid or to impose any other penalty as the TCA Inc. Council deems fit.
- 82** No less than seven (7) days notice shall be given to those considered by the TCA Inc. Council to be concerned with a charge to be answered. Should any person fail to appear in answer to a charge the TCA Inc. Council may proceed to enquire into and deal with the charge notwithstanding his/her absence. Any person or body found guilty of breaching the Regulations of the TCA Inc. shall be notified by correspondence and advised of their right of appeal.
- 83** Any person or any affiliated body found guilty of a charge may within fourteen (14) days of the imposition of a penalty give notice of appeal against the decision, such notice shall be accompanied by a deposit of 8 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges"). Within 60 days of receiving proper notice, the TCA Inc. Council shall hear the appeal, either upon the evidence previously before it or upon affidavits or statutory declarations or viva voce evidence or in any way it may think fit, either in the presence or absence of the person or persons considered by the said TCA Inc. Council to be concerned. The TCA Inc. Council may then quash, set aside, decrease or add to the penalty awarded by it or confirm its previous decision.

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- 84** The notice of appeal may be that only part of the decision is objected to or sought to be reviewed, varied or otherwise dealt with. Such powers may also be exercised against all or any other person or persons who may be considered by the said TCA Inc. Council to be implicated even though he/she/they may not have appealed from such decision or may not have been dealt with by the said TCA Inc. Council.
- 85** Whenever the TCA Inc. Council has occasion to come to a decision whether by enquiry or direct action or in consideration of an appeal, the TCA Inc. Council shall have the power to draw inferences or to reply on affidavits, statutory declarations or viva voce evidence or in any way it may think fit, either in the presence or absence of the person or persons considered by the TCA Inc. Council to be concerned and to give judgement or decision and to make such order as in its opinion the justice of the case requires.
- 86** The TCA Inc. Council shall have power to require any person to make an affidavit or statutory declaration of the facts of any matter.
- 87** The penalties provided may be for life, or a shorter period as the TCA Inc. Council shall fix, and the TCA Inc. Council shall have power from time to time to remove, modify or vary in any way any suspension, disqualification or any other ineligibility.
- 88** Any person suspended or disqualified by the TCA Inc. Council or otherwise ineligible to take part in exhibitions held under the rules of the TCA Inc., shall not during the period of suspension, disqualification or ineligibility, be eligible to become or remain a member or be in any way associated with a body affiliated with the TCA Inc. If any such person shall attend any exhibition held under the rules of the TCA Inc. the TCA Inc. Council shall have power to increase the period of suspension, disqualification or ineligibility.
- 89** Any person or body who shall employ in any capacity in connection with dogs, a person that is known to be suspended or disqualified or is otherwise ineligible to take part in any exhibition held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc., will be liable to be dealt with as an offender. Any affiliate who accepts an entry for a dog known to be suspended, disqualified or ineligible shall be liable to be dealt with as an offender.
- 90** Any member of the TCA Inc. suspended or disqualified by the TCA Inc. Council or any person who becomes ineligible in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations shall not be entitled to the return of any portion of his/her annual subscription or any other fees.
- 91** The TCA Inc. Council shall have the power to impose a fine on any person or any affiliated body found guilty of a charge. Any person or any affiliated body who has been found guilty and is in default of a fine being paid within the period specified may have the fine increased or may be suspended, disqualified or otherwise made ineligible from taking part in exhibitions held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 92** The TCA Inc. Council may make such order as it deems fit with reference to the sum of any deposit lodged with an appeal.
- 93** Any person causing annoyance by unsportsmanlike, abusive or threatening behaviour or loud comments, whilst within the precincts of a sanctioned event may be reported by a judge, steward, member of the TCA Inc or a member of the public. Said complaint is to be detailed on the incident report form by the complainant and lodged with either the TCA Inc Representative on the day or forwarded by mail to arrive within seven (7) days of the fixture at the office of the TCA Inc

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- 94** No person shall, at any exhibition or within the precincts of that exhibition, use any technique harshly or with undue harsh force to reprimand any dog. Undue force shall include the harsh use of slip-collar correction and the practice of "dominance down correction".
- 95** Any case which is not or which is alleged not to be provided for in these Regulations shall be determined by the TCA Inc. Council in such manner as it deems fit and its decision shall be final, subject to the right of appeal.
- 96** A complaint may be lodged against any member of the TCA Inc for breaches of these Regulations and its Code of Ethics, by members of the TCA Inc or another Controlling Body or a member of the general public as follows:-
1. In respect of an alleged breach which occurs at a sanctioned event the complainant must:  
  
Lodge the complaint in writing with the Show/Trial Secretary or their nominee on the day of the event and include all details of the alleged breach, names and addresses of witnesses and any other supporting documentation;  
  
The complaint must be accompanied by a fee of 2 penalty units on the day and 13 penalty units must be paid to the TCA Inc Office within seven (7) days (if the complainant does not forward the 13 penalty units within seven (7) days then the 2 penalty units will be forfeited).
  2. In respect of an alleged breach which does not occur at a sanctioned event the complainant must:  
  
Lodge the complaint in writing to the office of the TCA Inc within seven (7) days of the alleged breach, names and addresses of witnesses and any supporting documentation;  
  
The complaint must be accompanied by a fee of 15 penalty units.
  3. Where a valid complaint is lodged under this Regulation, the TCA Inc shall investigate the complaint and determine the complaint in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the TCA Inc. No complaint will be investigated unless the appropriate fee is paid.
  4. The fee paid to lodge the complaint will be refunded to the complainant only if the complaint is upheld.
- 97** Fines imposed by the TCA Inc. Council shall be retained by the TCA Inc.
- 98** The TCA Inc. Council may from time to time levy or charge such fees as seem fit for the carrying out of any of the objects of the TCA Inc.
- 99** Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Affiliates shall be made to all members and the TCA Inc. a minimum of forty-two (42) days prior to the date specified for such meeting and informing the member of the date by which nominations and agenda items must be received and such date shall be a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of such AGM. Nominations and agenda items must be advised to members a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the AGM.
- 100** Where an Affiliate and/or members representing an Affiliate convenes a General Meeting twenty-one (21) days notice of such meeting shall be given to the TCA Inc. Council which may if it considers the interests of all members are likely to be affected appoint one (1) or more representatives to attend such meeting and who shall be entitled to address such meeting and take part in the proceedings.

- 101** Exhibitors and officials are to ensure that they do not enter a judging area of a sanctioned event with a mobile phone switched on to receive calls.
- 102** A first-aid kit must be available at all exhibitions.

**Regulations pertaining to Breeders**

- 103** On application and payment of the fee set out in the current "Scale of Charges", a prefix consisting of not more than twelve (12) letters may be registered at the discretion of the TCA Inc. Council. Such approved prefix must be maintained annually at the prefix maintenance fee set out in the current "Scale of Charges".
- 104** As far as practicable any prefix registered with another recognised canine body shall not be permitted to be used by other than the person to whom such prefix has been granted.
- 105** The purchaser of a breeding kennel shall not have the right to the previous owner's prefix except with the written consent of the previous owners and the special permission of the TCA Inc. Council.
- 106** No dog shall be registered unless the breeder has registered a prefix and this prefix is the only prefix permitted in the name of a dog. The TCA Inc. Council shall have the power to refuse to register any litter bred from any dog or bitch owned and/or part-owned and/or leased or part-leased by any person who is suspended or disqualified or otherwise ineligible to take part in exhibitions held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 107** Litters must be registered with the controlling body in the state or territory in which the registered owner of the dam is resident.
- 108** A dog may not be registered as of a breed different to that stated on the litter Registration form.
- 109A** A breeder shall register all progeny of a litter on the initial Registration application. Registration of litters shall be made within ninety (90) days from the date of birth. Litters registered after ninety days (90) days from the date of birth shall incur the late Registration fee as set out in the current "Scale of Charges". Litters over the age of eighteen (18) months will not be registered.
- 109B** All puppies registered on the Main or Limited Register in the records of the TCA Inc must be microchipped. It is the responsibility of the breeders to ensure that puppies bred by them are microchipped with the details recorded on a recognised national animal registry database prior to supply/sale and the microchip number is recorded in the records of the TCA Inc. A Certificate of Registration and Pedigree will not be issued for puppies born after 01 October 2005 unless:
- (i) the puppy is microchipped
  - (ii) the Sire and Dam are microchipped. Exception may be given where the Sire is not microchipped and is registered by another member body or body recognised by the ANKC where microchipping is not compulsory.
- 109C** Microchipping may be undertaken by a registered veterinarian or TCA Inc approved implanter.

- 110** Application for Registration on the Main and Limited Registers must be submitted on the form supplied by the TCA Inc. for such purpose. All particulars must be completed legibly and in ink and have the service declaration signed by the owner of the stud dog. Where a bitch has been artificially inseminated the qualified Veterinarian undertaking the insemination shall be required to complete and sign the declaration and the breeder's declaration must be completed and signed by the owner of the dam. If any declaration on the application is proven to be false it shall be deemed to be a breach of the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 111** In the case of puppies born of the same parturition but on different dates the birth-date of the whole litter shall be taken as the date on which the first puppy was whelped.
- 112** Names of dogs submitted for Registration shall contain not more than twenty-four (24) digits which includes spaces and the breeder's prefix, excluding recognised titles. The use of numbers whether in words or numerals, the use of any apostrophe s ('s) or the use of hyphens shall not be permitted.
- 113** No word which is in the nature of a prefix and no prefix except the breeder's may be used in the name of a dog provided that in the case of a dog registered in another country the new owner's prefix may form part of the registered name as an affix.
- 114** The name of a dog once registered shall not again be allocated.
- 115** Where a name submitted is unsuitable and the breeder omits to submit a second choice when requested to do so the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. may rename the dog.
- 116** Once a name has been accepted and registered it shall not be altered or added to without the express authorisation of the TCA Inc. Council.
- 117** Notice of errors in any application for entry in the records of the TCA Inc. must be given in writing to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. immediately it has been discovered and the error shall be rectified.
- 118** A member of the TCA Inc. who accepts a deposit with an order for a puppy must on request refund such deposit in full if the contract of sale cannot be fulfilled by the vendor within a period which is eight (8) weeks after the whelping of the litter for which the deposit for the puppy is paid.

#### **Regulations pertaining to Conformation**

- 119** There shall not be more than one (1) Championship Show conducted on any one (1) day without the permission of the TCA Inc. Council.
- 120** Any All Breeds Championship Show that exceeds eight (8) hours in any one (1) day, including meal times, shall be fined 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for each 15 minutes and 5 penalty units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for any subsequent 15 minutes, or part thereof, exceeding the time limit if in the opinion of the Council of the TCA Inc there were unnecessary delays.
- 121** No Affiliate shall offer Challenge points unless its classification is open to all dogs of the breeds defined in the group or groups (specialist shows excepted). Group 1-Toys; Group 2-Terriers; Group 3-Gundogs; Group 4-Hounds; Group 5 - Working Dogs; Group 6-Utility Dogs; and Group 7-Non-Sporting Dogs. The groups are subject to additions without notice as new breeds are approved and recognised by the ANKC. Each group shall be judged in strict alphabetical order, unless permission to do otherwise has been given by the TCA Inc. Council.

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GROUP 1 - TOYS: Affenpinscher, Australian Silky Terrier, Bichon Frise, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Chihuahua (Long Coat), Chihuahua (Smooth Coat), Chinese Crested Dog, English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan), Griffon Bruxellois, Havanese, Italian Greyhound, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniel, Lowchen, Maltese, Miniature Pinscher, Papillon, Pekingese, Pomeranian, Pug, Tibetan Spaniel, Yorkshire Terrier.

GROUP 2 - TERRIERS: Airedale Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Australian Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, Border Terrier, Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier (Miniature), Cairn Terrier, Cesky Terrier, Dandie Dinmont Terrier, Fox Terrier (Smooth), Fox Terrier (Wire), Glen of Imaal Terrier, Irish Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Manchester Terrier, Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terrier, Parson Russell Terrier, Scottish Terrier, Sealyham Terrier, Skye Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier, Welsh Terrier, West Highland White Terrier.

GROUP 3 - GUNDOGS: Brittany, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Clumber Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel (American), Curly Coated Retriever, English Setter, English Springer Spaniel, Field Spaniel, Flat Coated Retriever, German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Golden Retriever, Gordon Setter, Hungarian Vizsla, Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla, Irish Red & White Setter, Irish Setter, Irish Water Spaniel, Italian Spinone, Labrador Retriever, Lagotto Romagnolo, Large Munsterlander, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Pointer, Sussex Spaniel, Weimaraner, Weimaraner (Longhair), Welsh Springer Spaniel.

GROUP 4 - HOUNDS: Afghan Hound, Australian Dingo, Basenji, Basset Fauve de Bretagne, Basset Hound, Beagle, Bloodhound, Bluetick Coonhound, Borzoi, Dachshund (Long), Dachshund (Min Long) , Dachshund (Smooth), Dachshund (Min Smooth), Dachshund (Wire), Dachshund (Min Wire), Deerhound, Finnish Spitz, Foxhound, Greyhound, Hamiltonstovare, Harrier, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Norwegian Elkhound, Otterhound, Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen, Pharaoh Hound, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Sloughi, Whippet.

GROUP 5 - WORKING DOGS: Australian Cattle Dog, Australian Kelpie, Australian Shepherd, Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog, Bearded Collie, Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael), Belgian Shepherd Dog (Lakenois), Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois), Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren), Bergamasco Shepherd Dog, Border Collie, Bouvier des Flandres, Briard, Collie (Rough), Collie (Smooth), Finnish Lapphund, German Shepherd Dog, Komondor, Kuvasz, Maremma Sheepdog, Norwegian Buhund, Old English Sheepdog, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Puli, Pumi, Shetland Sheepdog, Swedish Lapphund, Swedish Vallhund, Welsh Corgi (Cardigan), Welsh Corgi (Pembroke).

GROUP 6 - UTILITY DOGS: Akita, Alaskan Malamute, Anatolian Shepherd Dog, Bernese Mountain Dog, Black Russian Terrier, Boxer, Bullmastiff, Canadian Eskimo Dog, Central Asian Shepherd Dog, Dobermann, Dogue de Bordeaux, German Pinscher, Italian Corso Dog, Kangal Dog, Leonberger, Mastiff, Neapolitan Mastiff, Newfoundland, Portuguese Water Dog, Pyrenean Mastiff, Pyrenean Mountain Dog, Rottweiler, Samoyed, Schnauzer, Schnauzer (Miniature), Schnauzer (Giant), Shiba Inu, Siberian Husky, St. Bernard, Tibetan Mastiff.

GROUP 7 - NON-SPORTING DOGS: Boston Terrier, British Bulldog, Canaan Dog, Chow Chow, Dalmatian, Eurasian, French Bulldog, German Spitz (Mittel), German Spitz (Klein), Great Dane, Japanese Spitz, Keeshond, Lhasa Apso, Peruvian Hairless Dog, Poodle (Standard), Poodle (Miniature), Poodle (Toy), Schipperke, Shar Pei, Shih Tzu, Tibetan Terrier.

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**122** No classes other than the following shall be offered at Shows without the special permission of the TCA Inc. Council. The total number of classes offered for any one (1) breed or variety of breeds shall not exceed the maximum laid down by the TCA Inc. Council from time to time. Classes shall be offered for breeds or varieties of a breed recognised by the ANKC. If confined to a breed or variety, for all dogs of that breed or variety. The word variety shall be taken as referring to pure-bred varieties for which a register is kept by the TCA Inc. at date of the exhibition at which the class is offered. Class numbers 1, 1a, 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 5, 5a, 9, 9a, 11, 11a and either 2, 2a or 10, 10a or both must be offered.

1 Dog 1a Bitch BABY PUPPY - for dogs of three (3) and under six (6) months of age.

2 Dog 2a Bitch MINOR PUPPY - for dogs of six (6) and under nine (9) months of age.

3 Dog 3a Bitch PUPPY - for dogs of six (6) and under twelve (12) months of age.

4 Dog 4a Bitch JUNIOR - for dogs nine (9) and under eighteen (18) months of age.

5 Dog 5a Bitch INTERMEDIATE - for dogs of eighteen (18) and under thirty-six (36) months of age.

6 Dog 6a Bitch NOVICE - for dogs of six (6) months of age and over which have not won a first prize at any Parade or Championship/Open Show (up to and including the closing date of entries), Baby Puppy and Local Classes excepted.

7 Dog 7a Bitch GRADUATE - for dog's six (6) months of age and over which have not won a Challenge Certificate.

8 Dog 8a Bitch LIMIT - for dogs over twelve (12) months of age, which are not Champions and have not gained sufficient points to qualify as a Champion.

9 Dog 9a Bitch STATE BRED - for dog's six (6) months of age and over, whelped in the state in which it is exhibited.

10 Dog 10a Bitch AUSTRALIAN BRED - for dogs of six (6) months of age and over whelped in Australia.

11 Dog 11a Bitch OPEN - for all dogs six (6) months of age and over.

Neuter class exhibits shall be ineligible to compete for Challenge or Best of Breed awards and must be registered as a "neuter" on the Main Register.

15 Dog 15a Bitch PUPPY NEUTER – for neutered dogs of six (6) and under twelve (12) months of age

16 Dog 16a Bitch JUNIOR NEUTER - for neutered dogs nine (9) and under eighteen (18) months of age.

17 Dog 17a Bitch INTERMEDIATE NEUTER – for neutered dogs of eighteen (18) and under thirty-six (36) months of age.

18 Dog 18a Bitch OPEN NEUTER - for neutered dogs six (6) months of age and over.

VETERANS – separate classes may be offered for dogs seven (7) years and under ten (10) years and/or ten (10) years and over. Entire dogs entered in the Veteran class at Shows, other than All Breeds or Group Club Shows, are approved to compete for a Challenge Certificate at that Show.

**123** Parades may also offer the following classes.

BRACE – for two dogs six (6) months of age and over and of the same breed each of which has competed in at least one ordinary class at the same exhibition and the property of the same owner and handled in the judging ring by one person.

TEAM - for three dogs six (6) months of age and over and of the same breed each of which has competed in at least one ordinary class at the same exhibition and the property of the same owner and handled in the judging ring by one person.

CHAMPION - judged as a special class within each group with the winner from each group going through to Champion of Parade.

- 124** A dog may be entered in one (1) only breed class at a Championship Show - Veterans class excepted.
- 125** If an exhibitor reports before judging of an ordinary class or classes that he/she has entered a dog into a class for which it is ineligible the Show Secretary/Show Manager shall transfer such dog into the correct age class or Open class only.
- 126** Exhibits may be removed from an exhibition at the completion of Group Judging unless a time has been specified in the schedule. Contravention of this Regulation may cause the forfeiture of all awards, prizes, trophies or prize money which may have been won by the exhibit and the matter shall be reported to the TCA Inc. Council which may impose such penalty as it deems appropriate.
- 127** A steward shall call all exhibits for the class to be judged prior to the commencement of such class and not more than three (3) calls shall be given after which the dog shall be marked absent. A dog may only be marked absent when the preceding class has been placed.
- 128** After the judge's steward has given the word to the judge to proceed with judging of a competition no other exhibit shall be permitted to enter the ring until such competition has been judged.
- 129A** Handling dogs. An Exhibitor may not handle more than one (1) dog during the judging of a class which shall include breed, in group and in show without the express permission of the judge. Such permission must be obtained through the ring steward prior to the commencement of judging the class. At no time shall an exhibitor seek permission from the judge direct.
- 129B** In the event of an exhibitor being/becoming incapacitated they may request through the Ring Steward a runner/change of handler. Said runner/change of handler cannot be drawn from those handling within that class.
- 130** Double-handling at German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania shows and National German Shepherd Dog Shows will be permitted during the judging of a class.
- 131** Where a German Shepherd Dog breed specialist is contracted to officiate for that breed only at an All Breeds Championship Show, double handling will be permitted at the discretion of the officiating judge provided that the Specialist Ring is at least 50m from any other judging ring.

- 132** Challenge Certificates are certificates offered by the TCA Inc. at certain select shows for outstanding merit. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations they shall be for the best of each sex in the breed. Those eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate shall be exhibits six (6) months of age and over which have competed in at least one (1) ordinary class at the show and which are unbeaten by dogs of their own breed or sex. A judge shall not award a Challenge Certificate to any exhibit which he/she considers is not of such outstanding merit as to be worthy of the title Champion. Challenge points awarded as follows shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed twenty-five (25) points at any one Show. A Challenge Certificate Dog will be awarded five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog of the breed exhibited at the fixture. A Challenge Certificate Bitch will be awarded five (5) points plus one (1) point for each bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture. Best of Breed Certificate winner will be awarded five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture. Each of the seven (7) Best In Group winners will be awarded five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in their Group at the fixture. Best In Show winner will be awarded five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Show. Using this points system an animal that accumulates 1000 points is eligible for the title of Grand Champion.
- 133** Reserve Challenge Certificates may be awarded to the Runner-Up to the Challenge winner entitling the exhibit to the Challenge Certificate should the winner become ineligible except where the Challenge is withheld.
- 134** Challenge/Reserve Challenge Certificates may not be awarded to any breed/variety of a breed for which there is not offered a class or classes open to all exhibits of that breed or variety.
- 135** Challenge/Reserve Challenge Certificates may not be awarded to any breed/variety of a breed where the show in question is affected by ANKC Regulation for the conduct of National Breed Shows.
- 136** Under no circumstances may a judge sign a Challenge Certificate on which the name of the Affiliate, the date of the exhibition, the breed and show for which the Certificate is being offered are not stated.
- 137** A Secretary may not sign a Reserve Challenge Certificate unless it bears the name of the club and the date of the show and the breed and sex for which the Certificate is being offered. He/she shall be held responsible for destroying any such Certificate being withheld.
- 138** If a prize winner be disqualified the dogs next in order of merit within that breed class only but not lower than the Reserve Challenge award shall be moved into higher places in the prize list except where a Challenge Certificate is withheld. Persons claiming such upgrade must do so within 60 days of notification of the disqualification in the Association's Gazette.
- 139** Where Challenge and Reserve Challenges are not being awarded at a show notification to that effect shall be printed in the schedule and the catalogue.
- 140** A judge shall not be permitted to award Challenge Certificates to the same sex of the breed within a period which is twelve (12) months prior to the date of the show. The TCA Inc. Council may grant an exemption under exceptional circumstances.
- 141** Challenge Certificates awarded by any ANKC recognised body shall be considered with an application for the title "Champion" provided they shall be valued in accordance with the number of points on the Certificate.

- 142** Where in the opinion of the judge an exhibit is of sufficient merit to be awarded a Reserve Challenge Certificate the judge may make such award and it may be announced however the award shall carry no points towards the title of Champion nor may it be recognised except by the issue of a Reserve Challenge Certificate except where otherwise provided in the Regulations. An otherwise unbeaten dog which is awarded a second placing in the breed class to the exhibit which is awarded the Challenge shall be brought back into the ring for the judging of Reserve Challenge.
- 143** Where a Challenge Certificate has been lost or destroyed and is required to confirm an application for title, the exhibitor may apply to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc for a duplicate, subject to the payment of the fee as per the current "Scale of Charges".
- 144** The order of judging a breed class shall be to judge all dog classes in breed. At Championship Shows the dog Challenge is judged from the exhibits placed first in each of the classes, excluding Baby Puppy and Neuter Classes. Judge the Reserve Challenge by bringing together the balance of the class winners and the second placegetter from the class in which the Challenge dog was entered. The procedure is repeated for the bitch classes in breed. At Open Shows & Parades the best dog is judged from the exhibits placed first in each of the classes, excluding the Baby Puppy, Neuter or Champion classes. Judge the Reserve dog by bringing together the balance of the class winners and the second placegetter from the class in which the best dog was entered. The procedure is repeated for the bitch classes in breed.
- 145** The order of judging Best of Breed, Runner-Up and Breed Elimination shall be to judge the Best of Breed by bringing together the Challenge Dog and Challenge Bitch. The "Best of Breed" shall be automatically declared the winner of the "Class in Breed" for which it is entered. Judge the "Runner-Up Best of Breed" by bringing together the unsuccessful Challenge winner in the "Best of Breed" competition and the exhibit awarded Reserve Challenge to the "Best of Breed" winner. The "Runner-Up Best of Breed" shall be automatically declared the winner of the "Class in Breed" for which it is entered provided that the "Best of Breed" was not entered in the same class. Except for the awards already mentioned, immediately following the "Runner-Up Best of Breed" judging, the "Best of Class" in breed shall be judged from the class winners of each sex within that breed. Only the exhibits awarded "Best of Class in Breed" shall be eligible to compete for "Best of Class in Group". Repeat this procedure for each breed within each group.
- 146** The order of judging Group Specials shall be to judge "Best in Group" from the "Best of Breed" winning exhibits eligible and present. The "Best in Group" shall be automatically declared the winner of the "Class in Group" for which it is entered. Then judge "Runner-Up Best in Group" from the balance of the "Best of Breed" winners and the exhibit awarded "Runner-Up to the Best of Breed" awarded "Best in Group". The "Runner-Up Best in Group" shall be automatically declared the winner of the "Class in Group" for which it is entered provided that the "Best in Group" was not entered in the same class. Except for the awards already mentioned, the "Best of Class in Group" shall be judged from the respective best of breed class winners.

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- 147** The order of judging General Specials shall be to judge the “Best in Show” from the exhibits awarded “Best in Group” eligible and present. The “Best in Show” shall be automatically declared the winner of the “Class in Show” for which it is entered. Then judge “Runner-Up Best in Show” from the balance of the exhibits awarded “Best in Group” and the exhibit awarded “Runner-Up to the Best in Group” awarded “Best in Show”. The “Runner-Up Best in Show” shall be automatically declared the winner of the “Class in Show” for which it is entered provided that the “Best in Show” was not entered in the same class. Except for the awards already mentioned, the “Best of Class in Show” shall be judged from the respective “Best in Group” class winners.
- 148** An Affiliate may take up the option to conduct Consolation to Best in Show or Consolation to Runner-Up Best in Show. The class is for dogs eliminated from the class in which the Best in Show and Runner-Up Best in Show are exhibited and not more than six (6) dogs shall be eligible for each class. The dogs awarded Best in Show and Runner-Up Best in Show are not eligible to compete. The ribbon for the class shall be in club colours.
- 149** At all Shows and Parades a judge or judges to act conjointly shall be appointed especially to judge all special prizes which involve an adjudication on breeds of dogs which are scheduled be judged by more than one (1) judge. Save as aforesaid no judge shall award a special prize which involves an adjudication on breeds of dogs which are scheduled to be judged by more than one (1) judge.
- 150** At any Championship Shows held on one (1) day, a judge shall not adjudicate on an entry of more than 250 dogs entered in breed classes.
- 151** Where a judge has an entry in excess of 250 dogs on one (1) day the Affiliate conducting the show shall transfer the entry in excess of 250 to another judge.
- 152** At Championship Shows held over more than one (1) day the TCA Inc. Council may, on application by the Affiliate, approve a judge to officiate on an entry in excess of 250 dogs on any day on which General Specials are not being judged.
- 153** A conformation judge shall report to the Secretary of the Affiliate details of any dog over six (6) months of age (excluding those entered in a property or neutered class) which in his opinion is not entire. Such dog may be sent from the ring by the officiating judge.
- 154** Where the judging is adjudicating on an exhibit for the first time at an exhibition the judge must physically examine such exhibit in the conventional manner by physically handling and moving the exhibit to check its conformation and temperament. If a judge defaults in complying with the regulation it shall be the responsibility of the ring steward to inform the judge of this regulation. If a judge again refuses to comply with this regulation then the steward must call for judging to cease and bring the matter to the attention of the committee who are to resolve the matter with the judge. The committee has the power to substitute the judge and must report the matter to the TCA Inc. Council if the judge completely refuses to comply with this regulation.
- 155** The number of Championship Shows, Open Shows and Parades allocated to Clubs/Associations shall be determined by the TCA Inc. Council each year.

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- 156** The Secretary of a conformation Show or Parade shall within seven (7) days of the event furnish to the TCA Inc. Council in writing the full particulars of any dog over the age of six (6) months considered by a judge to be not entire (excluding those entered in a property or neutered class). The Registration of any dog rejected for this reason be placed on the Limited Register unless it can be proven to the satisfaction of the TCA Inc. Council that it is physically entire. An application for the review of the Registration may be made, until the dog attains twelve (12) months of age, provided the application is supported by a declaration from two (2) independent qualified Veterinarians indicating that the dog is entire and there has been no surgical or artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving either a judge or a spectator.
- 157** The Classic Dog Show and Southern Classic Dog Show shall be allocated one Championship Show each year, and a second Championship Show in each alternate year.
- 158** The TCA Inc. Council may allocate to any affiliated club one (1) only charity fixture in each calendar year.
- 159** Clubs based south of latitude 42 degrees south with the exception of Brighton Kennel Club Inc and Huon and Channel Kennel Club Inc shall conduct their Shows, Open Shows and Parades at the Royal Showgrounds, Glenorchy except with permission of the TCA Inc Council.
- 160** Clubs based north of latitude 42 degrees south shall conduct their shows, Open Shows or Parades at such grounds as may be provided, subject to approval of the TCA Inc. Council.
- 161** Exhibitors' gate passes shall be issued on the basis of one (1) gate pass for the first dog entered and thereafter one (1) gate pass for each additional two (2) dogs entered at an Agricultural Show.
- 162** All rings are to be clearly numbered for identification. Signs must be double-sided and a minimum of 1500 mm above ground level. The numbers are to be a minimum of 230 mm in height and of an appropriate width. Ring 1 shall be a minimum of 225 square metres with a minimum width of 10 metres. Ring 2 shall be a minimum of 115 square metres with a minimum width of 10 metres.
- 163** A standard judging table shall be minimum of 900 mm long, 600 mm wide and 700 mm high and with a non-slip surface.
- 164** Trolleys, crates and baskets will be permitted in the assembly area with the permission of the stewards, however, such trolleys, crates and baskets must be removed at the conclusion of the judging of each breed.

- 165** Ribbons for Championship Shows shall be suitably inscribed with the name of the affiliate, the date and the special for which it is awarded, except for Neuter and Class in Group where the date is not required, subject to approved classifications. The colours shall be either club colours or “Best In Show” red, white and blue; “Runner-Up In Show” green/white; “Baby Puppy In Show” mauve/white; “Minor Puppy In Show” sky blue/white; “Puppy In Show” orange/white; “Junior In Show” purple/white; “Intermediate In Show” maroon/white; “State Bred In Show” red/white; “Australian Bred In Show” grey/white; “Open In Show” lemon/white; “Best In Group” black; “Runner-Up In Group” brown; “Baby Puppy In Group” mauve; “Minor Puppy In Group” sky blue; “Puppy In Group” orange; “Junior In Group” purple; “Intermediate In Group” maroon; “State Bred In Group” red; “Australian Bred In Group” grey; “Open In Group” lemon. The colours of ribbons for neuter classes shall be “Neuter Puppy in Group” apricot “Neuter Junior in Group” lavender “Neuter Intermediate in Group” petunia “Neuter Open in Group” sunshine “Best Neuter in Group” rose “Neuter Puppy in Show” apricot/white “Neuter Junior in Show” lavender/white “Neuter Intermediate in Show” petunia/white “Neuter Open in Show” sunshine/white “Best Neuter in Show” rose/white or rose/white/light blue (this is optional however when a club chooses to provide a tricolour ribbon for this award they must be as prescribed). “In-Group” class ribbons are optional and Affiliates may award ribbons or trophies but not both. The minimum size shall be 900 mm X 144 mm. Approval to award rosettes is granted only to the Classic Shows.
- 166** Any variation to the size of any ribbons must be approved by the TCA Inc. Council prior to the publication of the schedule for the exhibition.
- 167** “Best of Breed” ribbons shall be a minimum of 400 mm x 70 mm, royal blue or club colours and suitably inscribed with the name of the Affiliate, Championship Show and Best of Breed.
- 168** Special breed ribbons for Best of Breed and Runner-Up may be awarded where specially donated and they must show the name of the Affiliate, the breed and the name of the donor and must be away from the colours listed.
- 169** Place ribbons may be issued to indicate the placings in any class or competition. The ribbons shall be a minimum size of 250 mm X 40 mm and have printed thereon the name of the Affiliate with the year of the activity being optional.
- 170** Challenge ribbons may not be awarded at ordinary all-breeds Championship Shows. They may be awarded at the Royal Hobart and Royal Launceston Shows. Colours for such ribbons shall be gold and green. Specialist breed and group Clubs may award Challenge and Reserve Challenge ribbons at their Championship Show. The minimum size will be 400 mm X 70 mm and the colours shall be purple for Challenge and lilac for Reserve Challenge.
- 171** Ribbons may be awarded for Open Show and/or Parade specials and for Best and Runner-Up In Group. In lieu of trophies breed and group clubs may award ribbons in club colours and all-breeds clubs may award ribbons in club colours or colours not laid down for Championship Shows.
- 172** A TCA spoon shall be awarded to Best in Show and Runner-Up Best in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows only.
- 173** At members competitions where Conformation classes are conducted the classes permitted shall be Baby Puppy, Puppy, Junior, State Bred, Open and Property Classes. A judge appointed for General Specials at an all-breeds members competition must hold a Championship licence for at least one (1) group. Conformation competitions shall not be held within a fifty (50) km radius of an all-breeds club conducting a Parade.

- 174** Deleted Refer Regulations 159 and 160.
- 175** Judges at Parades and Open Shows must have been granted licences by the TCA Inc. for the relevant Parade/Open Show groups. Specials may be judged by a judge holding two (2) or more Championship Show licences.
- 176** Any exhibit owned or handled by a judge may be exhibited at an Open Show or Parade in a group other than that on which such judge is officiating and provided such judge is not judging Open Show or Parade specials. The judge may not exhibit/handle such exhibits themselves nor handle for any other person. At Open Shows or Parades and provided the judge has completed his/her judging assignment he/she may be permitted to steward if he/she so desires.

**Regulations pertaining to Judges**

- 177** ANKC Judges contacts shall be issued for Judges of exhibitions in Tasmania. Judges must complete all the information requested on the "Judges Contract". A copy must be lodged with the TCA Inc. office by the Affiliate when submitting a Schedule. Judges accepting appointments outside Australia and New Zealand must comply with the ANKC Regulations.
- 178** Application for approval to judge must be made on such form and in such manner as may be prescribed by the TCA Inc. Council
- 179** No person shall judge at a Championship Show which is held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc. unless, if resident in Tasmania, is granted approval to judge by the TCA Inc. Council and he/she is a financial member of the TCA Inc. or if resident in another state or territory of holds similar qualifications approved by the controlling body in the state/territory of residence or if an overseas resident with the necessary qualifications is approved by the TCA Inc. Council for each appointment. Judges granted an approval to judge for a breed or breeds by the TCA Inc. Council may judge that breed or those breeds at Championship Shows in Tasmania and elsewhere but may not judge that breed or those breeds at any exhibition other than a Championship Show (excepting members' puppy competitions and sanctioned Agricultural Society Shows) provided that with the permission of the TCA Inc. Council an approved judge may judge at an exhibition other than a Championship Show the breed or breeds for which he/she is not approved. Notwithstanding the aforesaid TCA Inc. Council may permit an approved judge to officiate at a canine match or other such exhibition. No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be permitted to judge under the Regulations of the TCA Inc. and ANKC unless approved by the TCA Inc. Council or a member body of the ANKC.
- 180A** No person shall enter or exhibit a dog in any sanctioned conformation exhibition at which a judge who is a member of the competitor's immediate family or who resides at the same address or who has had a proprietary interest in such dog whether solely or in partnership is scheduled to officiate.
- 180B** A Judge must not adjudicate on any dog that they have handled in competition at a sanctioned conformation exhibition within a period of 6 months prior to the date of any exhibition.
- 180C** At obedience/agility/tracking/endurance/field/retrieving/water test/earthdog/herding trials a judge may not adjudicate over any member of their immediate family, or anyone who resides at the same address, or any dog in which they have a proprietary interest.
- 181** The TCA Inc. Council shall compile and make available to Affiliates and kindred bodies a list of all approved judges specifying the breed/breeds/classes or stakes each judge is eligible to judge.

- 182** The TCA Inc. Council may refuse an application for approval to judge and may cancel any approval or may suspend for any period or vary in any way any approval already granted or may grant in part only any application for approval.
- 183** The TCA Inc. Council shall have power in the case of a qualified person not normally resident in the state of Tasmania to grant approval to judge a particular Championship Show or Retrieving/Field/Obedience trial or water test.
- 184** No person shall either for himself or any other person solicit any appointment to judge at any exhibition. The application and effect of this regulation is not intended to and shall not in any way limit the proper selection of judges by committees or members of Affiliates.
- 185** Members of a "Judges Training Scheme" shall maintain a record of all appointments, and the number of dogs judged at each in a TCA Inc. Judges Record Book.
- 186** The onus of proving eligibility for examination for a judging approval shall rest with the aspirant.
- 187** Licences to Judge are granted following an examination or upgrading pass and expire on 31st December each year. Applications for renewals must be made on or before 1st September each year.

**Regulations pertaining to Obedience and Agility**

- 188** Affiliates conducting obedience disciplines shall be allocated three (3) dates equidistant through the year and may make application to run further obedience, agility or tracking trials.
- 189** The precinct of an Obedience or Agility Trial is all trial sites and includes the area where cars are parked to unload dogs and the area between the parked cars and the trial sites provided that area is not less than 50 metres radius from the trial site, otherwise it shall be a radius 50 metres.
- 190** Where at an Obedience trial the judge considers that a person outside the ring is aiding, assisting or interfering with a dog working in a trial whether intentional or otherwise the judge may direct the person to move to a position suitable to such judge. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of this regulation.
- 191** At an Obedience Trial the highest-scoring qualifying dog in each class will go through to a run-off to decide the "Winner of Winners" where the affiliate undertakes to have this competition. The judge for "Winner of Winners" should be the senior judge officiating at the trial (ie Utility Judge). If this judge is ineligible to judge then the next most senior judge should officiate. This is to be determined by the Trial Secretary on the day. Where an Obedience dog qualifies for "Winner of Winners", such dog must be withdrawn if "Winner of Winners" is to be judged by a member of the competitor's immediate family or by a judge who has a proprietary interest in the dog whether solely or in partnership. The exercises for the "Winner of Winners" run-off shall be Heel Free and Recall for all dogs.
- 192** Obedience Trial ribbons shall be for Winner of Winners red/white/blue and for Classes: 1st - blue; 2nd - red; 3rd. – white.
- 193** Only wins up to and including the closing date of entries shall count but shall not prevent any exhibit from scoring for any special prize for which more than one (1) win is required except for trials where ANKC rules apply.

**Regulations pertaining to Retrieving And Field Trials**

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- 194** Affiliates conducting Field or Retrieving trials may run those trials over more than one (1) day.
- 195** The precinct of a Field or Retrieving Trial is the area defined by the Trial Committee conducting the exhibition.
- 196** No visitor's dog shall be permitted to be removed from a vehicle on a trial site until a club official is available to check for bitches in oestrus.
- 197** At Retrieving trials, dogs retained in the hide must be tethered by a conventional collar (not choker) attached to a metal chain and to a metal tie-down peg. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of the this regulation.
- 198** At a Retrieving Trial a competent Gun Steward shall act on behalf of a person who is not legally allowed to use a gun. A person who is incapacitated for not more than three (3) months may have a competent Gun Steward act on their behalf but it must be requested on or with their entry form. A person who is permanently incapacitated and does not hold a gun licence must apply to the TCA Inc for an exemption, and such exemption shall be noted on the entry form and produced at check-in.
- 199** At a Field Trial a person who does not hold an appropriate gun licence shall have a competent Gun Steward act on their behalf but it must be requested on or with their entry form.

**Regulations pertaining to Affiliate Secretaries**

- 200** The number of exhibitions allocated to affiliates shall be determined by the TCA Inc. Council each year in accordance with the affiliates Constitution.
- 201** An Affiliate will be permitted to request an exhibition date where an overseas judge is to be contracted and such request is to be lodged twenty-four (24) months prior to the nominated date. Upon application Council may vary this requirement in exceptional circumstances.
- 202** The format of the standard schedule shall be used, copies of which are available from the TCA Inc. office. Affiliates will be fined 5 units plus 1 unit (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for each day the schedule is received after the required date (as shown in the TCA Inc. Gazette).
- 203** Schedules for exhibitions shall be submitted to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. at least three (3) months prior to the first day of the fixture, except for Parade schedules, which shall be submitted at least two (2) months prior to the date of the fixture.
- 204** The schedule for each exhibition shall include the entry fee for exhibits, admission charges if any for exhibitions and/or car parking and shall not be increased without the written permission of the TCA Inc. Council.
- 205** An Affiliate conducting an exhibition shall state in the schedule if exhibits are to be examined by a qualified Veterinarian prior to the commencement of judging.
- 206** The approved schedule and the catalogue shall have the name of the judge for each breed of dog and/or class or event. In the event of a substitute judge being appointed the official catalogues only shall be required to be altered.

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- 207** Where an Affiliate decides that it shall require exhibits, number discs, gun licences to be presented at a check-point for the purpose of checking in entries, the check-in time shall be advertised in the schedule and must be strictly adhered to. No exhibit shall be admitted after the check-point has been closed. Where an Affiliate decides that it shall require exhibits, number discs, gun licences to be presented at a check-point for the purpose of checking in entries, the check-in time shall be advertised in the schedule and must be strictly adhered to. No exhibit shall be admitted after the check-point has been closed.
- 208** In all schedules and catalogues there shall be published all details of special prizes offered and any Challenge Certificate not available in accordance with ANKC Regulations.
- 209** Entries for show and trials shall close at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the opening date of the exhibition as published in the schedule. Entries for Parades shall be accepted on the day. Entries for Field and Retrieving Trials shall close a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the event as published in the schedule. Entries received after the closing date may be refused.
- 210** Entries may be accepted up until the closing date of an exhibition, or up until entries are numbered by the Show/Trial Secretary.
- 211** The conditions and particulars set out in the schedule must be strictly adhered to and shall not be altered except when a substitute judge is used, in which case exhibitors shall be given the option of withdrawing their exhibits but shall not be entitled to a refund of entry fees.
- 212** The catalogue for each exhibition shall have printed therein: the name of the registered owner; the registered name of the exhibit; the Registration number; the date of birth; the sire and dam; the breeder; and in the case of Retrieving and Field trials, the nominated handler and their gun licence number.
- 213** The catalogue shall state that the Club is affiliated with the TCA Inc., the type of exhibition, and that the exhibition is held under the Regulations of the TCA Inc., a copy of which may be perused at the office of the exhibition.
- 214** A number of catalogues shall be made available for sale on the day of an exhibition calculated to represent not less than 5% of exhibitors entered and shall not include those pre-ordered.
- 215** Within fourteen (14) days of an exhibition the Secretary of the Affiliate shall forward to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. one (1) catalogue with all awards and absentees fully marked therein, a typed and fully completed result sheet and details of the total amount of entry fees received.
- 216** At a Members Competition no catalogue shall be printed and no ribbons, trophies or cards will be issued. Affiliated bodies must not supply results to the press, but they may publish them in their own newsletter.
- 217** An exhibition may not be postponed for more than one (1) month unless with the special permission of the TCA Inc. Council. If after the closing date of entries, an exhibition is postponed for not more than one (1) month, the age of the dogs entered shall be computed to the original date of the exhibition as advertised in the schedule.
- 218** Where information on an entry form differs from that on the Registration Certificate the latter shall be regarded as correct for the purpose of the exhibition.

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- 219** The Committee of an Affiliate conducting an exhibition shall have the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason to the intending exhibitor. Such decision must be made at a properly convened meeting of Committee and the decision must be communicated to the intending exhibitor and the TCA Inc. in writing and within seven (7) days. The period of refusal must be determined in calendar months and the Committee of the Affiliate may at any time be called upon by the TCA Inc. Council to give reason for refusal. If an appeal against the decision is lodged, with the TCA Inc. Council, the Appeals Committee may consider the appeal and make a determination which shall be binding on both parties.
- 220** An exhibitor is required to pay such fees and charges incurred by a dishonoured cheque within seven (7) days of request from the Affiliate. If such request is not met, the Committee of the Affiliate shall immediately refer the matter to the TCA Inc. who shall make all entries from the exhibitor concerned ineligible until such fees or charges are paid.
- 221** All entry forms and judges slips or cards must be retained for at least two (2) months from the last date of the exhibition and delivered to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. on request.
- 222** After the closing date of entry for an exhibition an Affiliate shall on request by the TCA Inc. Council forthwith deliver to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc. all entry forms received for such exhibition.
- 223** It shall be deemed an serious offence for any official of an Affiliate to disclose information as to the entries or entrants for any exhibition which may be deemed by the TCA Inc. Council as giving advantage to a third person.
- 224** Each dog entered for exhibition shall be allocated an exhibit number which shall be forwarded to the exhibitor at least seven (7) days prior to the first day of the exhibition (subject to Regulation 24). The numerals shall be not less than 25mm high and clearly legible from a distance with the date of the exhibition stamped on each. All number discs shall be of the same type. Not more than one (1) exhibit number shall be displayed by a handler at any one time and under no circumstances shall an exhibit be judged without the handler clearly displaying its correct exhibit number.
- 225** Any Affiliate conducting an exhibition under the Regulations of the TCA Inc shall not under any circumstances hold itself responsible for any damage to an exhibit and shall not be responsible for any accident that may caused any exhibit, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the body blameless and indemnify it against legal proceedings arising from any such accident.
- 226** Where an Affiliate has appointed a qualified Veterinarian or two (2) officials to conduct a check-in, he/she shall refuse to allow any dog to enter the exhibition or shall order any dog to be removed from the exhibition if in his/her opinion it is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or has external parasites. The decision of the qualified Veterinarian shall be final.
- 227** No dogs shall be transferred from one judge to another prior to the exhibition unless the entry is excessive or the scheduled judge is unable to meet the judging commitment. An Affiliate shall notify, where possible in writing seven (7) days prior to the exhibition, all exhibitors affected by a change of judge. Where the judge announced in the schedule is altered, an exhibitor may withdraw from exhibition before commencement of judging by the substitute judge but shall not be entitled to a refund of entry fees.

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- 228** Where a scheduled judge is perceived to be unable to complete his/her allocated judging, because of illness or for any other reason, the Committee conducting the exhibition may direct that a substitute judge be used. A Committee is required to report to the TCA Inc. Official Representative any instance where a breed or number of breeds are transferred to another judge in order to complete judging within the scheduled time. A report must also be submitted to the TCA Inc. Council in writing within seven (7) days of the exhibition, and must include the number of dogs transferred, the reason for the transfer, the time the decision was made and the time the actual exhibition finished.
- 229** Where a first place is not awarded in a class or event there shall be no other awards made in the class or event.
- 230** A judge shall not place two (2) or more exhibits equal for any award.
- 231** Subject to the ANKC rules a judge shall not re-judge any class, stake, competition or event.
- 232** A properly compiled and separate judges sheet/card must be provided for each judge. Each sheet or card must be endorsed by the judge, who must also endorse any alterations. The Affiliate shall retain all sheets or cards for a period of not less than two (2) months.
- 233** Where any competition with a weight limitation takes place at least one properly tested weighing machine shall be provided. No exhibit may take part in any competition which is specified to exhibits of a minimum or maximum weight until properly weighed and certified to comply with the weight requirement. When weighed it shall be regarded as the certified weight for the duration of the exhibition.
- 234** Any competition that considers a height or weight shall have approved measuring instruments available.
- 235** Conformation Clubs are required to allocate the value of 20% of the total entry fees received towards trophies. If sponsors product is to be given as trophies/prizes this must be stated in the schedule. Where a ribbon is not provided for In Group classes at Championship Shows the value of the trophies shall not be less than the entry fee charged. The value of trophies for any other discipline shall not be less than the entry fee charged for first place and not less than 50% of the entry fee for second and third places.
- 236** Ribbons for exhibitions shall be restricted to the ribbons as may from time to time be approved by TCA Inc. Council.
- 237** The awarding of prize money shall be optional. Prize money and special prizes must be presented on or before the last day of the exhibition.
- 238** An Affiliate shall be held responsible for all prizes or the monetary value of the prizes offered for competition at its exhibitions.
- 239** No class prize or special prize for all dogs at any exhibition shall be confined to dogs owned by any particular class or description of person (classes prizes or special prizes for local exhibits excepted) unless a corresponding class prize or special prize is open to all dogs owned by all persons is offered, provided that when the classification for one (1) breed only are offered this shall apply to the award "Best Dog", "Best Bitch" and "Best Dog or Bitch".
- 240** No class prize or special prize may be inaugurated for dogs from a specific kennel or kennels or for descendants of a specific dog or dogs (produce stakes excepted) and no prize of a free service by any dog shall be permitted.

- 241** No new prize for which more than one (1) win is required shall be accepted by any Affiliate without the sanction of the TCA Inc. Council.
- 242** Affiliates shall only be permitted to have two (2) perpetual trophies, if they so desire, and the Affiliate shall be solely responsible for such trophies.
- 243** In the case of an objection, prizes must be withheld until the objection is determined.
- 244** Duplicate award cards if available, may be issued only if the identifiable remains of the original are produced, or a statutory declaration certifying that they have been destroyed, lost or not received, is lodged with and approved by the Committee of the Affiliate conducting the exhibition. Prize cards for first, second and third placings, if issued by the Affiliate, shall include the name of the Affiliate, the name of the exhibit and the date of the exhibition.
- 245** Stewards for Conformation and Obedience shall be persons approved by the TCA Inc. Council for listing on the official Stewards Panel. A contract shall be issued for each steward officiating. Such contract shall be completed, signed and returned by the steward in the stamped self- addressed envelope provided prior to the exhibition. An Affiliate is required to advise the TCA Inc. of any steward who does not fulfil his/her contract. Stewards may not handle an exhibit in the group/s for which they are stewarding.
- 246** Judges fees must be paid prior to the conclusion of the exhibition.
- 247** All penalties imposed and/or endorsed by the TCA Inc. Council shall be observed by bodies affiliated with the TCA Inc.
- 248** An Affiliate may incur a fine as determined by the TCA Inc. Council for any breach of these Regulations.
- 249** The setting up of exhibitors' tents, marquees, umbrellas, crates and trolleys will not be permitted within 2 metres of any outdoor judging ring, except as provided by Rule 164.

**Regulations pertaining to Herding**

- 250** No visitor's dog shall be permitted to be removed from a vehicle at a trial site without permission of the trial secretary.
- 251** All visitor's dogs shall be retained on lead at all times.
- 252** No dog other than the competing dog or the designated stock pick-up dog is to be within 20 metres of the trial/test area or stock holding area.
- 253** Any dog other than the competing dog that gives voice or barks during a test/trial run is to be removed from the trial site. An affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 penalty units (as per the current "Scale of Charges") for breaches of this regulation.