

POLICY STATEMENTS

OBEDIENCE TRIALS, TRACKING TRIALS AND ENDURANCE TESTS

OBEDIENCE AND TRACKING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

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SECTION 1

CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATING TRIAL DATES

1. General

All dates are subject to approval by the Obedience and Tracking Committee.

Generally, requests that do not meet the guidelines will not be approved. The Committee may make exceptions under some circumstances, such as

- special events, e.g. City of Smithtown's Centenary celebration;
- clubs in remote areas (greater than 400km by road from Sydney by the most direct route)
- "Metropolitan" region clubs which hold trials on days other than weekends or Friday evenings

Existing trial dates have priority.

All dates when granted must be held for a minimum of 3 years, except under extenuating circumstances, e.g. trials held in conjunction with an agricultural show.

It is the responsibility of a club seeking a date that clashes with an existing date to obtain written permission from the club(s) currently using the date. Permission from the other club(s) must be on club letterhead, and must accompany the application.

2. Number of trials

Multiple trials held on the same day count as one date.

Trials on consecutive weekend days, i.e. Saturday and Sunday, may be approved, and will count as one weekend.

Three-trial weekends, eg Saturday, Saturday evening and Sunday, may be approved, and will count as one weekend.

Friday evening may be included as part of the adjoining weekend.

Where a public holiday falls on a Friday or a Monday, it may be included as part of the adjoining weekend.

Clubs in the County of Cumberland

- may have a maximum of three dates.

- a maximum of one of the dates may be a weekend.

Clubs outside the County of Cumberland

- may have a maximum of three dates;
- a maximum of two of the dates may be weekends.

Clubs in remote areas (greater than 400km by road from Sydney by the most direct route)

- may have a maximum of four dates;
- any or all of the dates may be weekends.

3. In the "Metropolitan" region i.e. the County of Cumberland, County of Northumberland and the City of Greater Wollongong:

- No All Breeds Trials are to be held concurrently when another All Breeds Trial is being held in the Metropolitan Region without the written agreement of the other club. Permission from the other club must be on club letterhead, and must accompany the application.
- Breed/Group trials may clash with an existing All Breeds Trial as long as the trial involved is not expected to significantly affect the existing trial. This will usually mean that the breed involved is not a major trialling breed, such as Border Collies, German Shepherd Dogs or Golden Retrievers, and the trial is not open to an entire major trialling group. If a significant clash is probable, then the written agreement of the other Club, on Club letterhead, is required, and must accompany the application.
- Breed/Group trials may clash with a different Breed/Group trial.

4. For trials outside the Metropolitan region:

- No All Breeds Trials are to be held concurrently when another All Breeds Trial is being held with 300km by road (by the most direct route) without the written agreement of the other club. Permission from the other club must be on club letterhead, and must accompany the application.
- Breed/Group trials may clash with an existing All Breeds Trial as long as the trial involved is not expected to significantly affect the existing trial. This will usually mean that the breed involved is not a major trialling breed, such as Border Collies, German Shepherd Dogs or Golden Retrievers, and the trial is not open to an entire major trialling group. If a significant clash is probable, then the written agreement of the other Club, on Club letterhead, is required, and must accompany the application.
- Breed/Group trials may clash with a different Breed/Group trial.

5. No trials will be allocated on the weekend of the State Obedience Titles.

6. Tracking Trials

Tracking trials may only clash with existing tracking dates as long as the trial involved is not expected to significantly affect the existing trial. If a significant clash is probable, then the written agreement of the other Club, on Club letterhead, is required, and must accompany the application.

Tracking trials may clash with existing obedience trials.

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SECTION 2 CANCELLATION OF TRIALS

If a Club does not conduct an Obedience Trial on its allocated date for 2 (two) consecutive years, the Club must show cause why it should be allowed to retain the date. Failure to comply with this resolution will mean that the date will become available for re-allocation.

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SECTION 3 ENDURANCE TESTS

Affiliates wishing to conduct a Endurance Test must have a Member of the RNSWCC Obedience & Tracking Committee, or a person approved by the Obedience & Tracking Committee, to act as a RNSWCC Representative.

The RNSWCC is required to meet the expense for the RNSWCC Representative to Officiate at each initial Endurance Test conducted in each Region.

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SECTION 4 ELECTION OF THE OBEDIENCE AND TRACKING COMMITTEE

The format and timetable for the election of the Obedience and Tracking Committee are:

1. The election of the Obedience & Tracking Committee members will be held in conjunction with the Board of Directors elections annually.
2. The Obedience & Tracking Committee will consist of ten (10) elected members of the RNSWCC.
3. The Chairman of the Obedience & Tracking Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors annually.
4. The nomination for the Obedience & Tracking Committee members shall be received from all NSW Obedience Clubs, Tracking Clubs and Specialists Clubs currently offering training in obedience and/or tracking.
5. Members nominated to serve on the Obedience & Tracking Committee must be over 18 years old.
6. To be eligible to vote at this election it is necessary for a person to be:
 - a. a financial member of the RNSWCC and
 - b. a resident of NSW
7. The elected Members of the Obedience & Tracking Committee will hold office for three years.
8. The number of Members to be elected to the Obedience & Tracking Committee in successive years will be:
 - 3 people
 - 3 people
 - 4 people
9. The completed ballot papers are to be sent to the Official Returning Officer and be counted under his supervision on the same date as the Board of Directors ballot is counted.
10. All nominations will be published in The Canine Journal along with the nominations of the Board of Directors with photos and C.V.'s in 200 words or less.
11. The final results of the Obedience & Tracking election will be published in The Canine Journal.
12. Removal of elected members of the Obedience & Tracking Committee will be 75% of the elected Obedience & Tracking Committee votes for the removal of a member.

13. The Board of Directors resolved that if any elected Committee is short a nomination in the future that the Board appoint the relevant person.
14. Election timetable - as set by the Board to correspond with Board elections.
15. New Committee members take office at the November meeting of the Obedience & Tracking Committee.

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