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SPRINTDOG™ LURE OPERATOR COMPETENCY STANDARDS

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These standards have been designed to assist the standardized development of SprintDog™ across Australia by giving guidance as to the lure operation standard each State is required to be working towards. It is acknowledged that deviation from these standards in early development stages may be necessary in some States. Such deviations will continue to be acceptable until such time the ANKC Ltd SprintDog™ Working Party agree that these standards can be reasonably adhered to by all States.

Recognised SprintDog™ Lure Operators recognised by an ANKC Ltd. Member Body, may be approved to drive the lure at any SprintDog™ Trial and must be members in good standing with their ANKC Ltd. Member Body.

A registry of Recognised SprintDog™ Lure Operators will be kept and maintained by ANKC Ltd. Member Bodies.

SPRINTDOG™ JUDGES TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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Section 1 How to Become a Recognised SprintDog™ Lure Operator

- 1.1.1 Application Procedure. All applications for entry into the SprintDog™ Lure Operator Training & Assessment Program must be on the nominated form and be received before the nominated date. To be eligible to enter the Program the applicant must:
- [a] have been a member of the ANKC Ltd. Member Body for a total period of not less than three [3] years, but dispensation may be given for persons with sufficient experience in this discipline.
 - [b] be over 18 years of age;
 - [c] be approved by the ANKC Ltd. Member Body.

Section 2 Competencies for SprintDog™ Lure Operator

- 1.2.1 Criteria satisfied according to Member Body SprintDog™ Lure Operator Training Program.
- 1.2.2 Knowledge of Dogs Australia rules for SprintDog™ accurately demonstrated.
- 1.2.3 Practical application of Dogs Australia rules for SprintDog™ accurately demonstrated.
- 1.2.4 Ability to perform and understand the roles of Sprint Marshall, Gate Steward and Catching Pen Steward.
- 1.2.5 Ability to setup the SprintDog™ track in accordance with the Dogs Australia rules for SprintDog™.
- 1.2.6 Demonstrate ability to perform basic trouble shooting on equipment used in a SprintDog™ Trial.
- 1.2.7 Satisfactorily and safely run the lure for all dogs in the SprintDog™ Trial.
- 1.2.8 Keep a safe distance between each dog and the lure.
- 1.2.9 Stop the lure in a position that allows the dog to cross the finish line at speed, whilst giving the dog adequate time to stop safely.
- 1.2.10 Communicate effectively with other Trial Officials.
- 1.2.11 Advise the Judge immediately if their operation of the lure, affected a dog's performance.

Section 3 Procedure for SprintDog™ Lure Operator Assessment

1.3.1 The following instructions are provided for the information of Trainee SprintDog™ Lure Operators and Testing Panel members. It is intended that all officials and candidates be provided with a copy of these instructions prior to the day of the test.

The successful conduct and outcome of this assessment is largely dependent on compliance with the following:

- [a] Three (3) Panel members will be chosen from the list of current Recognised SprintDog™ Lure Operators / SprintDog™ Judges / SprintDog™ Sub Committee / SprintDog™ Working Party.
- [b] Panel Members are to observe the Trainee SprintDog™ Lure Operator.
- [c] The Trainee SprintDog™ Lure Operator will not have a Recognised SprintDog™ Lure Operator to act as mentor during the assessment.
- [d] While the necessity of brief discussion between the panel members for the purpose of clarification is understood, there must be no collaboration or unnecessary discussion between the panel members prior to their decision is recorded.
- [e] Each panel member will individually make a recommendation as to whether the candidate has passed or failed and placed into an envelope and sealed.
- [f] Candidates may be advised of the outcome of the assessment on the day if time permits.
- [g] The SprintDog™ Sub Committee/Working Party is responsible to notify the ANKC Ltd. Member Body of the results and any recommendations for the Trainee SprintDog™ Lure Operator.
- [g] Results must remain confidential until such time as the Trainee SprintDog™ Lure Operator has been notified.

Unsuccessful SprintDog™ Lure Operators may request to complete another practical test, after completing more training with licenced SprintDog™ Lure Operators.