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**Tasmanian
Canine Association**

Inc

REGULATIONS

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- 1** These Regulations and the Association's Code of Behaviour and Ethics 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.
- 1 A** All parts of the TCA Inc Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the ANKC Regulations which take precedence where applicable.
- 1B** All members of the Tasmanian Canine Association must adhere to the Guide for Employers and Workers from Worksafe Tasmania and the TCA Inc Anti-Discrimination Policy.
- 1C** A Member shall permit any person authorised in writing by the Dogs Tasmania Executive Officer to enter and inspect any premises owned or occupied by the member for the purpose of investigating compliance with Clause 5 of this Association's Code of Behaviour and Ethics. During the conduct of the inspection:
- a. all registered members of the Kennel prefix shall be notified of the proposed inspection;
 - b. a link to all relevant publications shall either be included in the notice or attached to the hard copy advice;
 - c. each Member shall also be allowed a support person for the duration of the inspection;
 - d. the Member will permit the authorised person to record any necessary details by photographs; and
 - e. should the Member give permission for the authorised person to record any necessary details by tape or video, that Member shall also be allowed to record by tape or video for that same duration.

Where a dog is kept at premises other than the address nominated for the prefix and where the consent of another person or entity is required for a kennel inspection to be undertaken, pursuant to Clause 2 of this Code, the member must obtain consent for such kennel inspection from the person or entity in possession or control of the premises at which the dogs being used for breeding pursuant to the Members prefix are kept.

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Non-compliance with the above Regulations is deemed to be misconduct. The membership of any Member/s who fail to facilitate an inspection being carried out under this clause, may be suspended until the inspection is completed.

- 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** Exhibitor means a member of a Controlling Body who has submitted the appropriate entry form/s, together with fee/s, seeking approval to compete at a fixture.
- 15a** Owner is the person/s who is registered by the TCA Inc or another Controlling Body as the owner of a particular dog.
- 16** Handler is the person who is in control of the exhibit at any TCA Inc. official exhibition and is over the age of seven (7) years.
- 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.
- 17a** Agent is a person authorised by the owner/s to sign entry forms on their behalf, such authorisation must be lodged in writing with the office of the TCA Inc.
- 17b** Double Handling means the action of any person outside the ring whilst exhibits are being judged who attracts or attempts the attraction of the exhibits by verbalising or making signals or using any device.
- 17C** **MISCONDUCT** – means any act or behaviour which is deemed to be unsportsmanlike or of a nature which is contrary to the Regulations, Code of Ethics and/or Social Media Policy of the Tasmanian Canine Association Inc or the Australian National Kennel Council.
- 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** Canine Aggression: An act of canine aggression occurs if a dog attacks or attempts to attack any person or dog or has demonstrated any other serious aggressive behaviour at a fixture. The only justifiable provocation in the case of canine aggression is if the dog is defending itself or its owner/handler against an attack by another person or dog.

Provocation: The only justifiable provocation is the defence of itself or its owner/handler. Unless the dog or its owner/handler is attacked by another person or animal at the time of the aggression there is no justified provocation defence allowable

20D Registrations

Main Register (Blue Certificate of Registration and Pedigree)

A dog shall be eligible for registration in the Main Register only if it is entire and

- (a) its sire and dam are each of the same breed and registered in the Main Register
- (b) is the progeny of a sire owned by a person not resident in the state
- (c) is registered with an affiliate of the ANKC in the state/territory in which the person resides
- (d) its dam is registered in the ANKC's Main Register
- (e) that the application for registration is lodged on the appropriate form
- (f) is got by artificial insemination
- (g) has been imported in dam or whelped:
 - (i) after its dam left the country from which it was imported and before arrival of its dam in the state
 - (ii) after arrival of its dam in the state
 - (iii) is the progeny of a sire and dam registered in the register of a canine controlling body recognised by the Council.
 - (iv) its dam has been registered in the Main Register or an application for registration of such dam has been lodged with the secretary
 - (v) is got by artificial insemination
 - (vi) its breeder is or the owner of a dog imported as aforesaid is a member and such breeder or owner has a prefix registered in their name on which the annual maintenance fee has been paid.
 - (vii) there is submitted a duly completed application for registration in such form as the Council may from time to time require.
 - (viii) such application is accompanied by a completed service certificate in such form as the Council may from time to time require.

Limited Register

A dog shall be eligible for registration in the Limited Register only if:

- (a) its sire and dam are each of the same breed and registered in the Main Register.
- (b) It is ineligible for exhibition at a conformation show i.e. a championship show,

- open show, parade or sanctioned exhibition.
- (c) For any reason is not to be used for breeding purposes.
- (d) Is not entire or has been desexed
- (e) Is not registered in the Main Register
- (f) There is submitted a duly completed application for registration in such form as the Council may from time to time require.

Sporting Register

- A dog shall only be eligible for registration in the sporting register if:
- (a) it is ineligible for registration in the main register or the limited register.
 - (b) it is registered with one of the following sporting dog associations:-
 - (i) Tasmanian Working Sheepdog Assn
 - (ii) Working Kelpie Council
 - (iii) Koolie Club of Australia and
 - (c) there is submitted:
 - (i) evidence acceptable to the Executive Officer of the TCA Inc of the dog's registration with a sporting dog association and
 - (ii) a duly completed application for registration of the dog in the sporting register in such form accompanied by such fee as the TCA Inc Council may from time to time require.
 - (iii) a dog may be registered in the Sporting Register at any age
 - (iv) registering a dog on the Sporting Register only enables a dog to take part in TCA Inc activities other than conformation and retrieving.

20E: Complaint: Relates to a Breach of TCA Inc Regulations/Code of Ethics/ANKC Rules.

20F: Protest: Affects the outcome of the fixture on the day.

Regulations pertaining to Exhibitors

- 21** A dog entered for official exhibition must be either solely and unconditionally the property of the exhibitor or leased and such exhibitor or leasee must be a current financial member of the TCA Inc or another ANKC Member Body.
- 22A** Entry for an exhibition shall be in the such form as prescribed by the Council of the TCA Inc.

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- 22B** 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. An entry submitted on-line may be accepted by a club, however the Exhibitor's Declaration must be acknowledged by the person entering a dog on-line as a condition of the entry being processed. Clubs must provide exhibitors with the option of entering Conformation Shows via a recognised online entry facility ie Show Manager, Ozentries etc as well as paper entries.'
- 22c** When entering in multiple fixtures for the same club on the same or consecutive days clubs may allow exhibitors to provide the one entry form for each dog that is entered in the same class for each of the fixtures. Notification that the club requires multiple or singular entry forms for each dog to be included in the schedule.
- 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.
- 24.1** In the case of a Championship show a breed list for each event shall be prepared with the total number of dogs in each group shown on the list.
- 24.2** Clubs may require exhibitors to send a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of number discs, any other relevant information and in the case of Championship Shows a list of breeds/numbers entered at the exhibition. This requirement must be stated on the schedule.
- 24.3** Where a club does not require a stamped self-addressed envelope, numbers should be collected from the show office prior to commencement of judging for that breed, class or stake.
- 24A** Where a club is using the same catalogue for more than one (1) event the breed list for each event must be tallied at the end of each Group.

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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** Any dog entered or exhibited by an unfinancial member of the TCA Inc may forfeit any award/s gained and/or the exhibitor/handler may incur such fine as decided by the Council of the TCA Inc.
- 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 ring and any benching pavilion or structure and the area between that structure and the judging or event rings.
- 30.1** 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.
- 30.2** All exhibits within the precincts of an exhibition shall be under the control of a Competent handler *who is capable of physically controlling such exhibit.*
- 30.3** 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, collar or *head 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.

- 30B** No dog may be within the precincts of any sanctioned event unless they have been initially vaccinated at least two (2) weeks prior to the event and are at least eight (8) weeks of age.
- 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. The TCA Inc may upon receipt of the Event Manager's report suspend an exhibit from Competition for a breach of this Regulation.
- 33a** (a) The winner of a Best of Breed award is required to be exhibited in the judging of Best Exhibit in Group unless excused by the officiating judge. All cases in which, pursuant to this Regulation, an award or prize is cancelled, must be reported by the Show Committee to the TCA Inc within fourteen (14) working days of the conclusion of the show.
- Exhibits are not required by the Regulations to be exhibited in the judging of Class in Group but may do so at the option of the exhibitor. Similarly, Runner Up Best of Breed winners are not required by the Regulations to be exhibited for Runner Up Best in Group but may also do so at the option of the exhibitor.
- (b) The winners of a Best Exhibit in Group award or a Class in Group award are required to be exhibited in the judging of Best in Show or respective Class in Show, and if such exhibit is not so exhibited all awards and prizes won by such dog in other classes at such Show shall be automatically cancelled. All cases in which, pursuant to this Regulation, an award or prize is cancelled, must be reported by the Event Manager to the TCA Inc within three working days of the conclusion of the show. The winner of a Runner-Up in Group award which is not a Class in Group winner is not required by the Regulations to be exhibited in the judging of Runner-Up in Show but may do so at the option of the exhibitor.
- 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.

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- 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 this Regulation.
- 37 A judge's decision on the merit of an exhibit shall be final. 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 this Regulation.
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41. **Duty to Report.** It shall be the duty of any Judge, Steward, Club or Show Official officiating at any TCA Inc sanctioned fixture, or any other witness to report to the Event Manager or other person responsible for the organisation of the fixture any incident which comes to his/her attention where any exhibit displays canine aggression towards any person or any other animal to such an extent as to constitute a danger to any person or any other dog or the efficient conduct of the fixture. Such report shall be made within one hour of the alleged canine aggression taking place unless the complainant is physically unable to make the complaint. A report under this Regulation is not considered to be a complaint in accordance with Regulation 96.
- 41.1 It is the obligation of each owner, exhibitor and handler at a fixture 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.

- 41.2** It is the obligation of any person at a fixture who observes a dog behaving in an aggressive manner to report the incident in writing to the Event Manager or a member of the Committee as soon as possible after the incident.
- 41.3.1** Upon receipt of a report of an incident involving aggressive behaviour by a dog, the Committee shall meet to consider the matter as soon as possible on that day after all available relevant statements have been obtained in writing from the complainant, the owner, handler or person having the care and control of the dog complained of at the event and any witnesses. Such meeting must be conducted by the Committee notwithstanding the non-availability of any party to the inquiry.
- 41.3.2** The owner, handler or person having the care and control of the dog at the event shall identify that dog to the Committee. For the purposes of this clause “identify” means provide appropriate information including the Dogs Tasmania registered name and number.
- 41.3.3** The complainant and the owner or handler of the dog complained of must be permitted to be in attendance throughout the inquiry excepting when the Committee are deliberating their decision.
- 41.3.4** During the conduct of the inquiry, the dog complained of must be held in a secure situation such that any aggressive behaviour would not interfere with any other person or dog.
- 41.4** In reaching their decision, if the Committee is satisfied that the incident comprised or included the dog attacking, or attempting to attack, any person or dog at the fixture or has demonstrated any other serious aggressive behaviour, the Committee shall declare the dog to be an aggressive dog, provided the Committee conducting the investigation believes that no justified provocation for the incident occurred.
- 41.5** As soon as possible after reaching its decision, the Committee shall, advise the person who appears to be responsible for the care and control of the dog, either that the dog has been declared aggressive or that it has not been declared aggressive and provide them with a copy of the Aggressive Dog Incident Report form after it is signed by that person.
- 41.6** Forthwith upon the Committee declaring a dog to be an aggressive dog:
- 41.6.1** The owner, exhibitor or handler responsible for the dog, shall ensure that the dog is retained in the same secure situation in which it was placed for the duration of the inquiry and until such time as it is ultimately removed from the ground.
- 41.6.2** The dog shall ipso facto be suspended for a period of three (3) months and for

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such further period until the TCA Inc Council have made their decision in accordance with 41.8. During that period the dog shall not be allowed to enter or remain upon any ground where a TCA Inc sanctioned fixture is taking place.

41.7 Following completion of an aggressive dog inquiry, the Committee shall within 5 working days provide Dogs Tasmania with a full written report of the incident and of the Committee's decision. Such report shall include a copy of all written statements concerning the incident, the Minutes of the Committee Meeting, the Incident Report form referred to in 41.5 above, relevant catalogue pages and any other related documents.

41.8 Within 3 calendar months of receipt of the report referred to in 41.7 the TCA Inc Council shall consider the report and if satisfied that the dog is likely to constitute a danger to persons, other dogs or property at any fixture, may for such period as the TCA Inc Council consider appropriate:

41.8.1 suspend or disqualify or otherwise debar the dog from being an exhibit,

41.8.2 impose conditions in relation to the exhibition of that dog at a Fixture,

41.8.3 direct that the dog is not to be bred with,

41.8.4 transfer the dog within the register, or

41.8.5 cancel the registration of the dog.

41.8.6 impose a requirement that the dog undertake a temperament test and impose any such conditions relating thereto. Should the TCA Inc Council make a determination that the dog is not likely to constitute a danger as described above, the TCA Inc Council may resolve to immediately end any suspension that was imposed in accordance with 41.6.2.

41.9 If for any reason the TCA Inc Council has not finally dealt with the matter within the 3 month period referred to in 41.8 the owner of the dog may make written application to the TCA Inc Council for the removal of the suspension referred to in 41.6.2.

Upon receipt of such application, the TCA Inc Council shall either:

41.9.1 grant the application, or

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41.9.2 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.

41.10 Subject to 41.11, no person shall have any claim upon or recourse against any member of the Committee or any other person as a consequence of any action taken purportedly pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this regulation.

41.11 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's 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.

41.12 For the purpose of this Regulation 'fixture' includes any TCA Inc sanctioned event or other activity in which a member participates with a registered dog. The Committee for the purposes of this regulation shall comprise the most appropriate three persons from amongst the organisers.

41.13 This Regulation shall have effect commencing 1 hour prior to the commencement of a fixture and continue for 30 minutes after the conclusion of the fixture.

41.14 The Dogs Tasmania Representative shall attend and observe any inquiry held at a recognised fixture in relation to an Aggressive Dog Incident for the purposes of reporting only. The Representative should not be asked for advice by any party to the inquiry.

42 Should the TCA Inc Council be notified in writing of an incident of dog aggression at a sanctioned fixture it has the power to have the matter investigated and, if necessary, refer the matter to the Association's Discipline & Disputes Committee for consideration.

Regulations 43 – 44 are deleted.

45 An application for the re-registration of a dog or semen imported into the state of Tasmania from an overseas country or the Re-Registration of a stud dog 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 origin 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 Executive Officer.

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- 48** The owner of an imported dog may apply to the TCA Inc Executive Officer 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.
- 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** Exhibits imported into Australia that are registered with a recognised overseas canine controlling body are eligible to be exhibited and used for breeding in Australia for up to 3 months while registered in the name of the overseas owner (who must be a member of the member body of the state in which the dog initially resides (and the dog re-registered as per ANKC Regulations). After 3 months the imported exhibit must be transferred to a resident of Australia who is a financial member of the ANKC member.
- 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.

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- 58.1** A TCA Inc member selling a dog must provide to the purchaser a three (3) generation pedigree/registration document, authorising transfer of the animal in the records of the TCA Inc.
- 58.1.1** The pedigree/registration document must be supplied to the purchaser within Twenty eight (28) days from the date of sale or from the issue date shown on the pedigree/registration document issued by the TCA Inc, whichever date occurs first.
- 58.1.2** Any TCA Inc member who does not comply with Regulation 58.1. and 58.1.1 shall be liable for a fine in accordance with the TCA penalty guidelines.
- 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.
- 58.5** No member shall make any misrepresentations in any paperwork or in relation to any matter submitted to the TCA Inc., including on TCA Inc. forms.
By the submission of any forms or paperwork for processing all members declare that the signatures on them are all of the persons so named and that all information is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 64 Official Representatives are appointed by the office of the TCA Inc to attend sanctioned events and report back to the Council of the TCA Inc on the conduct of the event. Official Representatives are to act as observers only and must not make decisions on the conduct of the event. They may however offer advice if required and must attend any hearing as an observer. Reporting an incident to an Official Representative does not alleviate the requirement for members and affiliates to follow the correct procedure in making complaints.
- 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.
- 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 substance which could affect its performance.

- 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.
- 67C** A dog may be disqualified from exhibition if in the opinion of the TCA Inc it is incorrectly exhibited or entered for exhibition not in accordance with the Regulations of the TCA Inc.
- 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, excluding Sweepstakes where the Judge adjudicating is not from the Championship fixture panel.
- 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.
- 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 Protest 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.

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75a The TCA Inc Council may have alleged breach/es of the Regulations investigated by a member of the Investigations Panel, any member or affiliate which fails to comply with the Regulations may be fined and/or suspended.

75b Where it is found that an affiliate has failed to correctly deal with a report of an aggressive dog or the lodgement of a protest the TCA Inc may impose a fine of a maximum of 50 penalty units.

76 The TCA Inc. Appeals Committee shall hear every appeal as soon as possible and it may at its discretion allow further evidence to be brought forward and may

- remit the matter for re-hearing by the Affiliate concerned;
- uphold or dismiss the appeal;
- impose a greater or lesser penalty; or
- dispose of the matter as out lined in Regulation 76.1

and shall 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.

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- i. Where it is determined by the Council or the Appeals Committee that the proper procedures have not been followed in dealing with an alleged breach of TCA Inc. Regulation the original proceedings shall be declared void and the alleged breach shall be referred to the Disciplinary and Disputes Committee to be reheard.
- ii. If at the original hearing a dog was suspended for aggressive behaviour the suspension will remain in force until the matter is reheard.
- iii. Where it is found that an affiliate has failed to correctly deal with the lodgement of a protest/complaint the TCA Inc. may impose a fine of a maximum of 50 penalty units.

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.

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- 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. Decisions of the D & D Committee may be listed in the Gazette of the TCA Inc naming the exhibitor/s and or dog/s and the outcome of the hearing.
- 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 or breach of a TCA Inc Regulation or Code of Behaviour and Ethics or TCA Inc policy may within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the written notification of the 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"). 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.

- 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.
- 91A** Where a penalty has been applied to a member or affiliate following any disciplinary action the details will be published in the TCA Inc Gazette after the appeal period has expired.
- 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.

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- 93 Any person causing annoyance by unsportsmanlike, threatening or abusive behaviour, whether verbal or physical and or loud comments, whilst within the precincts of a sanctioned event may be reported for misconduct by a judge, steward, member of the TCA Inc or a member of the public. Said complaint is to be lodged in accordance with TCA Inc Regulation 96.
- 94 No person shall, at any sanctioned fixture or within the precincts of that sanctioned fixture, 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. The use of electronic or spiked/pronged collars is not permitted in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act.
- 94.1 Any person witnessing an act which may endanger an animal's wellbeing, including but not limited to exhibiting a bitch thirty (30) days prior to whelping **and eight weeks post whelping**, whelping a bitch at an event or lifting an exhibit from the ground to the table by means of throat and tail, is deemed to be physical abuse and as such, is strictly prohibited. An exhibitor observed doing this should be dismissed from the ring and the matter reported to the Event Manager, who shall further report the matter to Dogs Tasmania within 7 (seven) days.
- 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:-
In respect of an alleged breach which occurs at a sanctioned event the complainant must either:
- 1 Lodge the complaint in writing with the Event Manager on the day of the event including all details of the alleged breach, names and addresses of witnesses and any other supporting documentation.
 - 2 If the complaint is lodged on the day with the Event Manager it must be
 - 3 accompanied by a fee of 1 penalty unit on the day and 4 penalty units must be paid to the TCA Inc Office within seven (7) days (if the complainant does not forward the 4 penalty units within seven (7) days then the 1 penalty unit will be forfeited).
 - 4 Or if the complaint is not lodged on the day of the fixture it must be in writing and received at the TCA Inc Office within seven (7) days of the alleged breach and accompanied by a fee of 5 penalty units.
 5. When a complaint is lodged by a Club Official, Judge, Steward in the course of their official duties or Non-Member of the TCA Inc or another Member Body a fee is not required.

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6. 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. A copy of the complaint will be sent to the member against who the complaint has been made to enable them to provide a response to the allegations. No complaint will be investigated unless the appropriate fee is paid.
 7. The fee paid to lodge the complaint will be refunded to the complainant only if the complaint is upheld.
 8. On receipt of a complaint the person/s against whom the complaint has been laid will be advised in writing within twenty eight (28) days by the Executive Officer that a complaint has been received at the TCA Inc Office.
- 96A** 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 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 5 penalty units.
 2. When a complaint is lodged by a Club Official, Judge, Steward in the course of their official duties or Non-Member of the TCA Inc or a member of another Member Body a fee is not required.
 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. A copy of the complaint will be sent to the member against who the complaint has been made to enable them to provide a response to the allegations. 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.
 5. On receipt of a complaint the person/s against whom the complaint has been laid will be advised in writing within twenty eight (28) days by the Executive Officer that a complaint has been received at the TCA Inc Office.
- 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** In accordance with the Club's Constitution Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Affiliates shall be made to all members and the TCA Inc. The Audited Financial Statements and Minutes of the Club's Annual General Meeting, together with the names of the office bearers and Committee elected for the ensuing twelve months, will be submitted to the TCA Inc office no later than twenty eight (28) days after the

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date of the Annual General Meeting of the Affiliate. Failure to comply with this Regulation will result in a fine of five penalty units being levied on the club per month.

- 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.
- 107A** A TCA Inc registered breeder must register all litters/progeny that they breed. Litters/progeny must be registered with the controlling body in the state or territory in which the registered owner of the dam is resident. Failure to register all litters/progeny may result in disqualification or suspension of the breeder/s.
- 107 B** The TCA Inc will not register the progeny of father/daughter, mother/son, brother/sister matings on the Main register except where ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 Register and Registrations Section 8, Breeding applies.
- 107Ci**A TCA Inc registered breeder must not mate registered dogs of a different breed (except where permitted under ANKC Regulations).
- 107Cii** A dog may not be registered as a breed different to that stated on the litter Registration form

- 107D** All bitches eight (8) years of age and over at the time of a mating must have a current veterinary certificate stating that the bitch is in good health at the time of breeding . This certificate must be presented at the time of registration of the litter resulting from this mating. A current veterinary certificate is defined as being within three (3) months prior to the mating.
- 108** A dog may not be registered as of a breed different to that stated on the litter Registration form.
- 108** A Member is permitted to inseminate a bitch owned or co-owned by himself;
(a) using semen from his own dog or from a dog hired by him for such purpose, or(b) using frozen semen which is registered on the ANKC database.
- 108A** Other than as provided in Regulation108 artificial insemination of a bitch may only be carried out by a member of the veterinary profession, an employee of a business which includes the provision of insemination services or by another Member of Dogs Tasmania or of another ANKC Member Body, who is proficient in providing such services.
- 108B** Any conditions or fees for the use of the semen of the sire are to be agreed in writing prior to the insemination.
- 108C** A dog used for the supply of semen for artificial insemination shall be registered on the Main Register of the ANKC Ltd National Registration Database and, if the semen is imported, the dog shall be registered with an Overseas Controlling Body recognised by ANKC Ltd, the necessary documentation provided and re-registered on the Main Register of the ANKC Ltd National Registration Database.
- 108D** The service certificate on the Application for Registration, as required by Regulation 110 is to be signed by the owner of the sire or semen immediately on completion of the mating/insemination, and the Litter Registration application form is to be held by the registered owner of the bitch pending registration of the litter.
- 108E** In any case of insemination using Frozen Semen, the “ANKC Certificate of Use” form is to be completed immediately after insemination and in any case where insemination was carried out using chilled or fresh semen, the Artificial Insemination declaration on the Application for Registration shall be completed by the inseminator.
- 108F** The TCA Inc Council at its sole discretion may withhold its approval of any artificial insemination centre, licensed owner, veterinary surgeon, private practitioner or other person. The decision of the TCA Inc Council shall be final and binding in every such instance upon all persons affected thereby.
- 108G** To signify that an animal was got by artificial insemination, the notation “(AI)” shall be printed on the Dogs Tasmania Registration Certificate following the dog’s registered name.
- 108H** If any circumstances occur in relation to artificial insemination which are not, or which are alleged not to be provided for by these Regulations, the TCA Inc Council may deal with the matter and make such decisions as it deems fit and its decision shall be final and binding upon all persons affected thereby.
- 109A** A breeder shall register all progeny of a litter on the initial Registration application.

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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** Dogs eligible for registration on the Main Register are those dogs which the Breeder considers are suitable for breeding and exhibition at TCA Inc recognised shows.
- 109C** Dogs eligible for placement on the Limited Register are those which are:-
- (a) ineligible for exhibition at conformation shows
 - (b) for any reason may not be used for breeding purposes
 - (c) is not entire or has been desexed
 - (d) not registered in the Main Register
 - (e) dogs placed on Limited Register may compete in any TCA Inc Sanctioned Event other than Conformation Shows.
- 109D**
- (a) a dog shall only be placed on the register with the approval of the TCA Inc.
 - (b) a person entered in the register as the owner of a dog shall for all purposes be deemed the owner of such dog
 - (c) a dog entered into the register shall for all purposes be deemed to be registered with the Tasmanian Canine Association Inc
 - (d) a person shall be entitled to register a dog if that person is:
 - i. the breeder of such dog;
 - ii. the legal owner of such dog;
 - iii a resident of the state of Tasmania;
 - iv a member of the Association and;
 - v is the owner of a prefix approved by the Association
- 109E** A dog may be transferred from Limited Register to the Main Register as follows:-
- (a) an application for such transfer is lodged with the Executive Officer
 - (b) both the breeder and registered owner of the dog make written application for the transfer in such form as Council may from time to time require.
 - (c) That the transfer fee accompanies the application as per the current scale of charges.
- 109F** A dog may be transferred from Main to Limited Register on application by the breeder and the owner and on one (1) occasion only.

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- 109G** All puppies registered on the Main or Limited Register in the records of the TCA Inc must be microchipped. It is the responsibility of 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 and the microchip subscription transferred to the new Owner of the puppy with the transfer recorded on a recognised national animal registry database. A Certificate of Registration and Pedigree will not be issued for puppies born after 01 October 2005 unless 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.
- 109H** Microchipping may be undertaken by a registered veterinarian or TCA Inc approved implanter.
- 109I** All dogs must be registered in the Main Register or the Limited Register or the Associate Register or the Sporting Register of the TCA Inc prior to entry into any TCA Inc Sanctioned Event subject to Regulation 22B.
- 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, who must be a current financial member of the Controlling Body of the state where they reside. Where a bitch has been artificially inseminated the qualified Veterinarian or TCA Inc approved person undertaking the insemination shall be required to complete and sign the declaration. 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.
- 111A** Any breeder who has either intentionally or unintentionally used multiple sires over a bitch must, when applying to register the resultant litter, submit the following documents together with the appropriate Service Certificates and Application for Registration:
DNA Test certificate in respect of each of the multiple sires used;
DNA Test certificate in respect of the Dam of the litter;
DNA Test certificates in respect of each puppy in the litter which are all required to be tested at the same time;
A certificate given by a Veterinary Surgeon providing an interpretation of the results of the DNA Tests as to the correct parentage of the litter.
Registration of the litter concerned will be processed based on the results provided in the Veterinary Certificate.
All costs associated with obtaining the certificates required are to be borne by the breeder of the litter.

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- 112** Names of dogs submitted for Registration shall contain not more than thirty (30) letters which includes spaces and the breeders prefix, excluding recognised titles. The use of the word 'imp' hyphens, apostrophes or roman numerals will not be permitted. However, numbers written as a word are permissible provided it is clear that it does not represent a numerical sequence.
- 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 registered on the ANKC database it shall not be altered or added to without the express authorisation of the TCA Inc. Council.
The breeder must make application to the TCA Inc Council stating their reason(s) for requesting the change. Application must be made prior to the dog turning 3 months of age and prior to being entered in an ANKC recognized fixture. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out in the TCA Inc Scale of Fees.
- 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:-
- 1) if the contract of sale cannot be fulfilled by the Breeder within a period which is eight (8) weeks after the whelping of the litter for which the deposit for the puppy is paid or:
 - 2) After six (6) months from when the deposit was paid..

Regulations pertaining to Conformation

- 119** Deleted.
- 120** Any **single** 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 the first 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. **An additional four hours is permitted for each extra show.**
- 120A** Deleted

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- 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) Groups and or Breeds will be as per the ANKC Breed List shown on the ANKC Website and published from time to time. Judging shall be in accordance with the published schedule as approved by the TCA Inc.
- 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.
- Clubs must offer a minimum of seven (7) classes and class numbers 1 & 1a, 3 & 3a, 4 & 4a, 5 & 5a, 9 & 9a, 11 & 11a must be offered and at least one other class from classes 2 & 2a or 10 & 10a.
- 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.
 - 14 Dog 14a Bitch BRED BY EXHIBITOR –for dogs aged six months and over. The exhibit must be owned and handled by the breeder or co-breeder of record
 - 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.

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- 123** The following Classes may be offered at all Conformation fixtures:-
BRACE – for two dogs six (6) months of age and over of the same breed handled in the judging ring by one person at the same time. Each must be entered in an ordinary class at the same exhibition and must be owned or part owned by the same owner.
TEAM – for three dogs six (6) months of age and over of the same breed handled in the judging ring by one person at the same time. Each must be entered in an ordinary class at the same exhibition and must be owned or part owned by the same owner.
SIRE & PROGENY – class for a sire and two to three of his progeny six (6) months of age and over of the same breed, each to be handled by separate handlers in the judging ring at one time. Each must be entered in an ordinary class at the same exhibition.
DAM & PROGENY - class for a DAM and two to three of her progeny six (6) months of age and over of the same breed, each to be handled by separate handlers in the judging ring at one time. Each must be entered in an ordinary class at the same exhibition.
CHAMPION – at Parades only. Judged as a special class within each group with the winner from each group going through to Champion of Parade

SWEEPSTAKES - For exhibits of either sex of each breed exhibited at a Show which has been entered in at least one Breed Class at such Show (except dogs entered in a Veterans Sweepstakes). Judges Training Sweepstakes exempt. Where an entry fee is charged at least 50% of the total shall be returned as prize money.
- 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/Event Manager shall transfer such dog into the correct age class or Open class only. If a dog is entered in a class for which it is eligible it cannot change classes after the close of entries.
- 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 is to assemble the exhibits for a class by calling the exhibit number in such a manner that the handler ought to have reasonably heard the call. Three calls are deemed to be sufficient notice. The onus is on the exhibitor to be present at the ring when required, and to wear the exhibit number applicable to the exhibit being handled. Where practical the steward may place the assembled dogs in an appropriate part of the ring prior to the previous class exiting the ring.

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- 127.1** Stewards must not hold up judging for any exhibitor other than a quick change of handler/dog. Once the class before has been placed the next class should be ready. Once a class has entered the ring no other handler/dog may enter the ring.
- 127.2** An exhibit will be declared absent by the ring steward if its number has not been acknowledged and the exhibit is not present in the ring at the time when the ring steward consigns the class to the judge for the commencement of judging of that class. If a steward declares an exhibit absent the judge has no authority to override the steward's action.
- 128** Once a Judge has commenced judging a class no other exhibit can enter the ring for that Class. A class cannot be re-judged.
- 129.1** 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.
- 129.2** If a member is, or becomes incapacitated on the day of the show and requires an assistant to handle their dog, the Ring Steward must be advised prior to the exhibit entering the judging ring. The assistant must not under any circumstances impede the Judging.
- 129.3** *Baiting and feeding of dogs in the conformation judging ring will be permitted. Bait is any food item used to attract the attention of the exhibit. However a Judge has the right to prohibit baiting. Dropping or throwing of bait is not permitted.*
- 129.4** The use of objects in the conformation ring to attract attention is permitted but must not be used in such a manner that it distracts other exhibits.
- 129.5** When a Ring Steward becomes aware or is advised that an exhibitor is dropping/throwing bait, or *using an object in a manner that distracts other exhibits* the Steward must first warn the offender and request that they pick up the bait, or to *cease using the object* If the exhibitor continues to throw/drop bait or use an object in a distracting manner the Ring Steward shall be empowered to suspend judging and order the removal of the exhibitor and exhibit from the judging ring. An Affiliate may impose a penalty not exceeding 2 units (as per the current 'Scale of Charges') for breaches of this Regulation.
- 130** Interference with and attraction of the attention of exhibits whilst in the judging ring by any person outside the ring shall not be permitted. In the event of such an occurrence the steward in charge of the judging ring shall be empowered after having first warned

the offender to suspend judging and order the removal of the exhibit and/or the person causing such Interference and/or attraction.

- 131A** 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.
- 131B** Where a German Shepherd Dog breed specialist is contracted to officiate for that breed 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.
- 131C** Double handling is not permitted when the German Shepherd Dogs enter the ring for Group and Show Special judging.
- 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. Champion, Grand Champion and Supreme Champion titles will be awarded in accordance with ANKC Regulations.
- 132.1** Neuter 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 Neuter Certificate shall be exhibits six (6) months of age and over which have competed in Neuter Classes, 18 or 18a at selected shows and which are unbeaten by dogs of their own breed or sex. A judge shall not award a Neuter Certificate to any exhibit which he/she considers is not of such outstanding merit as to be worthy of the title Neuter Champion. Neuter points awarded as follows shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed twenty-five (25) points at any one Show. A Neuter Certificate Dog will be awarded five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog of the breed exhibited at the fixture. A Neuter Certificate Bitch will be awarded five (5) points plus one (1) point for each bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture. Neuter 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. Neuter Champion titles will be awarded in accordance with ANKC Regulations.

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- 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** Deleted.
- 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.
- 139b** – Where a club requires exhibitors to request class in group and/or class in show certificates notification to that effect shall be printed in the schedule and the catalogue. Clubs must provide Best in Group, Runner Up in Group, Best in Show and Runner Up in Show certificates. Where exhibitors request certificates they are to be supplied on the day of the fixture.
- 140** A judge shall not be permitted to award Challenge Certificates to the same sex of the breed within a period which is **six (6) months** prior to the date of the show in the same region. For the purposes of this regulation, Region 1 is south of 42 degrees south and Region 2 is north of 42 degrees south. The TCA Inc. Council may grant an exemption under exceptional circumstances
Note: That Oatlands is marginally south of 42 degrees south.
- 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.

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- 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 classes in breed except Neuter classes which are judged at the completion of class in breed eliminations. At Championship Shows the dog Challenge is judged from the exhibits placed first in each of the classes, excluding Baby Puppy. 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.
- 145a** Judge best Neuter of breed by first judging best in each class and follow the above procedure to achieve best neuter of breed and best neuter in each class.
- 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.
- 146a** Judge best Neuter in group from the 'Best Neuter of Breed'. The Best Neuter in Group shall be automatically declared the winner of the Neuter Class in Group. Judge Neuter Runner-up and classes in group by following the above procedure.

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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.
- 147a** Judge best Neuter in show from the ‘Best Neuter of Group’ winners. The Best Neuter in Show shall be automatically declared the winner of the Neuter Class in Show. Judge Neuter Runner-up and classes in show by following the above procedure.
- 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.
- 148a** Council may grant approval for one (1) club in each telephone region per calendar year to conduct a show which is to be run in accordance with ANKC Regulations Show Part 5 Sections 5 & 6. Affiliates conducting a show in this manner must allocate 30% of entry money for trophies.
- 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 Show held **over** one (1) day, a judge shall not adjudicate on an entry of more than 225 dogs entered in breed classes.
- 150.1** A judge may not judge more than 225 dogs at a single show in ordinary classes on one (1) day. This excludes group and show specials and sweepstakes. Any excess entry must be transferred to another judge.
- 150.2** A judge may not judge more than 250 dogs in ordinary classes on one (1) day. This excludes group and show specials and sweepstakes. Any excess entry must be transferred to another judge. This applies where more than one show is involved and if they are being conducted by different affiliates the affiliates must liaise to ensure this regulation is complied with.
- 150.3** The TCA Inc. Office must be advised of any changes under Regulations 151A and 151B at least seven (7) prior to the fixture/s. The Executive Officer may give permission for a judge to judge up to 10 more exhibits at a show or in a day if the affiliate/s would be required to contract an additional judge.

- 150.4** All exhibitors who supply a stamped self addressed envelope must be notified of any change of Judge/s with the return of their number discs.
- 151** All Conformation Clubs must forward a breed list to the TCA Inc Office no later than seven (7) days prior to the fixture.
- 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 a Judge is adjudicating on an exhibit for the first time they must examine each exhibit, in the conventional manner by physically handling and moving the exhibit to check its conformation and temperament:-
1. At a single exhibition held over one or more days or;
 2. At consecutive exhibitions held on one day
- 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 Event Manager who will 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.
- 155A** The Executive Officer may re-allocate a previously approved show date to another Club where an affiliate is unable to conduct that event.

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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, Huon and Channel Kennel Club Inc and Southern Midlands Kennel Club, shall conduct their Shows, Open Shows and Parades at the Kennel Section Pontville Sports Centre 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.
- 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.
- 160.1** All venues must be suitable and safe for the fixture being conducted.
- 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 must be clearly numbered for identification. All rings shall be a minimum of 200 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. Where a Judging Ramp is provided to facilitate judging it should be 122 cm long x 61 cm wide (standing surface), 38 – 61 cm high 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/Rosettes for Championship Shows shall be suitably inscribed with the name of the affiliate, and the special for which it is awarded. The date or year of the exhibition is optional. The colours shall be either club colours or 'Best In Show' red, white and blue;

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'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; Neuter In Show rose/white/light blue; Runner Up Neuter In Show lime/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; Neuter In Group rose; Runner Up Neuter In Group lime. These ribbons/rosettes do not have to have the Group printed on them. 'In-Group' class ribbons/rosettes are optional and Affiliates may award ribbons/rosettes or trophies but not both.

- 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 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. They will 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 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 badge shall be awarded to Best in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows and for Best in Trial at Performance events or as determined by the organising committee.
- 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.
- 174A** Only Judges who are licenced in at least four (4) Championship groups are eligible to judge Sweepstakes classes at an All Breeds Championship Show. Sweepstakes

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Judges should be published in the schedule. If this is not possible they must be announced prior to the closing date of the show.

- 174B** Notwithstanding, clause 174A, where All Breeds Sweepstakes are scheduled at a Show or Parade they may be judged by a Tasmanian judge who is licensed in at least two (2) Championship groups provided the judge also holds 2 (two) additional Open Show Group Licenses. Provided these sweepstakes are finalised before the General Classes at the Show commence, these judges may exhibit in General Classes at the exhibition. Judges judging at Sweepstakes arranged under this clause may not award challenge certificates at the same exhibit.
- 174C** Trainee Judges judging Group Sweepstakes organised by the TCA Inc. Judges Training Committee are exempt from Regulation 174A and 174B but must have a Parade/Open Show Licence for the Group they are judging.'
- 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 In all disciplines:**
- i.** TCA Inc will provide training and examinations, where ever possible, in accordance with ANKC Ltd guidelines to enable members to become judges. The process for training and examinations may be prescribed by the TCA Inc.
 - ii.** Members wishing to become a judge shall make application on such form and in such manner as may be prescribed by the TCA Inc Council.
 - iii.** Members who are resident in Tasmania must enrol in the applicable training scheme offered by TCA Inc and unless approved by TCA Inc must not enrol in training schemes offered by other Member Bodies of ANKC Ltd.
 - iv.** The TCA Inc shall not enrol non-residents in its training schemes or examinations unless the applicant has the approval of the Member Body of the ANKC Ltd in which that member is resident.

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- 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 (Open Shows or Parades exempt) 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** Any dog not entered in the trial on that day, and used in an official capacity, must be checked by a club official prior to entering the trial ring.
- 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 the 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 propriety 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

- 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 defined as the boundaries of the property used for the fixture.
- 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. A person who has officially applied to Fire Arms Tasmania for a gun licence may have a competent Gun Steward to act on their behalf until they attend an approved Firearms course. The person must apply to TCA Inc with proof of their application to Firearms Tasmania for exemption and such exemption must be noted on their 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

- 200A** The number of exhibitions allocated to affiliates shall be determined by the TCA Inc Council each year in accordance with the affiliates constitution.
- 200B** Additions/deletions to the Calendar of Events once gazetted cannot be made less than six (6) months prior to the date of the fixture. Amendments which do not alter a fixture date may be made up to three (3) months prior to the scheduled date. Clubs may apply to the TCA Inc Council for exemption under exceptional circumstances.
- 200C** Field trials that rely on the availability of game may be added to the Calendar of Events three (3) months prior to the event.
- 201** All Affiliates conducting fixtures shall appoint an Event Manager who will be responsible for the conduct of the fixture. The name of the Event Manager must be advised in the schedule. If the Event Manager is unable to attend a fixture due to illness or unforeseen circumstances the Committee conducting the fixture must appoint a replacement on the day.
- 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. All fixtures listed in the calendar of events must have their schedule published in the TCA Inc Gazette at the appropriate time.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Shows/trials shall close at least fourteen (14) days prior to the opening date of the exhibition as published in the schedule. Entries for Parades shall be accepted on the day. 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.
- 213** The catalogue shall state that the Club is affiliated with the TCA Inc., the type of exhibition, the name of the Event Manager, Official Representative, Order of Judging, 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 may be made available for sale on the day of an exhibition or Clubs must advise exhibitors on their schedule that pre-ordered catalogues only will be available.
- 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 affiliate may postpone or cancel an event subject to confirmation by the TCA Inc.
- 217a** If, after the closing date of entries, an exhibition is postponed for not more than 15 days including weekends, the event shall continue as if it was held on the day originally

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advertised. Entries must not be reopened. Exhibits will remain in the classes for which they were entered.

- 217b** If, after the closing date of entries, an exhibition is postponed for more than 15 days the entries must be re-opened, exhibits ages shall be adjusted to the rescheduled date and withdrawal of entries with refund of entry fees must be permitted.
- 217c** If an exhibition is postponed prior to the closing of entries, the closing date for entries shall be extended exhibits already entered may be withdrawn and the entry fee shall be refunded.
- 217d** If an event is cancelled before entries have closed all entry fees must be refunded If an event is cancelled after entries have closed the affiliate shall refund 75% of the entry fee to exhibitors. If the affiliate incurs unusual expenses this % may be varied by the TCA Inc Council on request. If a schedule for an event is published in the TCA Inc Gazette the advertising fee must be paid.
- 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.
- 219.** If the Committee of an Affiliate determines that they going to prevent a TCA Inc member from attending their fixture/s the decision must be made at a properly convened meeting of the Club Committee. This decision must be communicated to the TCA Inc. Council in writing with copies of the Minutes of the Meeting and any other relevant documentation.
- 219.1** The period of refusal must be determined in calendar months. The Club must continue to allow the member/s to attend their fixture/s until such time as it receives advice in writing that the TCA Inc. has approved the action of the Club. The penalty imposed by the club will commence from the date of this written advice.
- 219.2** If an appeal against the decision is lodged, with the TCA Inc. Council, the Appeals Committee will consider the appeal and make a determination which shall be binding on both parties.
- 220** Where an Affiliate received advice from its bankers that a cheque for payment of entry fees has been dishonoured, the Affiliate is to:-
- 1) Write to the member responsible on the cheque quoting the advice from the bank and requiring payment of the outstanding amount plus any bank charges by money order or bank cheque or cash within 14 days; and
 - 2) Notify Dogs Tasmania's Office if payment is not received within fourteen days.
 - 3) Upon notification from an affiliate that monies are still outstanding from the member responsible Dogs Tasmania shall fine the member five penalty units and advise that they have 14 days to settle their account with the club. Failure to comply with this directive will result in their membership being suspended until such time as all outstanding monies are paid.

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- 221** A copy of all entry details must be available at the Show Office for inspection. Entry information, judges slips and stewards sheets 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** Deleted
- 224.1** Each dog for exhibition shall be allocated an exhibit number. The numerals shall be not less than 25mm high and clearly legible from a distance with the name of the club either on the front or back of the disc. All number discs shall be of the same type and printed on card of at least 120gsm.
- 224.2** Where different numbers are issued for the same exhibit over multiple shows for the same club each disc must include the date of the exhibition.
- 224.3** 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.
- 225.2** Legal responsibility for the care and welfare of all dogs at shows rests with their owner/s, or other person/s authorised by the owner/s, who have taken the dog to the showground. Dogs Tasmania cannot regulate to absolve any party of that responsibility.
- 225.3** Affiliates may, if they consider the conditions on the date of a fixture may be extreme, alter the start time or venue of the fixture. Exhibitors must be given 48 hours notice of any change/s.
- 225** 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.

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- 227.1** 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 must notify the TCA Inc and also 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.
- 227.2.** Judges who are listed in the schedule must judge the groups/breeds that they are advertised to judge unless in accordance with Regulation 227.1. Judges listed in the schedule may judge additional groups/breeds if required. Where changes are made every effort should be made to have judging of a group/breed take place at approximately the same time of day as originally scheduled. The TCA should be advised of any changes as soon as practicable.
- 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 Event Manager conducting the exhibition may direct that a substitute judge be used. The Event Manager 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.
- 235.1 Conformation Clubs** are required to allocate excluding sponsors product, the value of 25% of the total entry fees received towards sashes/trophies (Except Clubs conducting Shows in accordance with ANKC Regulations Show Part 5 Sections 5 & 6). 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. Any individual cash trophy must be at least the cost of the entry fee charged.

235.2 Other Disciplines

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. Any application for dispensation from this regulation that is made prior to the fixture will be considered by the TCA Inc Council.

- 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 be permitted to have 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 other recognised disciplines (where applicable) shall be persons listed on an ANKC approved Member Body 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.

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- 245.1** A Steward may not steward in a ring while a dog owned or co-owned leased or co-leased by them is being exhibited.
- 245.2** The Event Manager shall notify the TCA Inc in writing setting out the circumstances within seven (7) days of the event when for some reason Regulation 245 or 245.1 has not been complied with.
- 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 two metres of any judging ring, except as provided by Rule 164.
- 249.1** Exhibitors setting up tents, gazebos, umbrellas and the like must ensure the structure is securely anchored and that the two (2) metre walkway between the ring and structure is kept clear at all times.
- 249.2** Cars and/or trailers are not permitted to be parked within seven (7) metres of any Judging Ring unless in a specifically marked car park.
- 249.3** Generators must not be used indoors or in partially enclosed areas, a fire extinguisher or fire blanket is required to be available for use by the user.
- 249.3.1** Connection to the appliance(s) must be by a heavy duty outdoor-rated electrical extension cord at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads with a minimum rating of 10 amps.
- 249.3.2** The Generator must be a minimum of three metres from the appliance(s) and the cable length must not exceed five metres. The Cable must be tagged and rated. The Cable must be placed in a position to avoid any hazard to the general public walking in the vicinity.
- 249.3.3** Generators may not be used in wet weather or on wet ground. When re-fuelling the generator, it must have first been allowed to cool. Hot engine parts are hazardous to spilled fuel. No stored fuel may be left in the immediate area of the generator.
- 249.3.4** Users must be aware of the potential for disturbance by noise and/or fumes to others around the vicinity. Where nuisance is created, the generator may be required to be shifted or shut down. The Event Manager is empowered to issue such a requirement.
- 249.3.5** In all cases, the onus is on the user to avoid any disturbance to others and to use the generator in a safe and sensible manner.

Regulations pertaining to Herding

- 249 No visitor’s dog shall be permitted to be removed from a vehicle at a trial site without permission of the trial secretary.
- 250 All visitor’s dogs shall be retained on lead at all times.

Regulations pertaining to Tracking and Track and Search T

- 251 *Affiliates conducting Tracking or Track & Search trials may run those trials over more than one (1) day.*
- 252.1 *The precinct of a Tracking or Track & Search Trial is the area defined by the Trial Committee conducting the exhibition.*
- 252.2 *No visitor's dog shall be permitted to be removed from a vehicle on a trial site at a Tracking or Track & Search Trial until a club official is available to check for bitches in oestrum.*
- 252.3 All dogs at a *Tracking or Track & Search* shall be retained on lead at all times.

Regulations pertaining to Junior Handlers

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