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1. CONDITIONS OF EVENTS

- 1.1. All backpacking events organised are open to Club Members and their guests.
- 1.2. Events must meet the following requirements:-
 - a. It is the responsibility of the dog owners to make sure that their dogs are sufficiently trained and conditioned and that they pose no hazard to the health or welfare of themselves or other dogs participating in the event.
 - b. Backpacking events may be cancelled at any stage at the discretion of the Event Organiser(s). Refunds in full or a percentage of may be given if an event is cancelled, once all non-reclaimable overheads have been deducted and settled.
 - c. Authority to postpone or cancel an event shall rest solely with the Event Organiser(s).
 - d. Any handler who displays poor sportsmanship or abuses his/her dogs shall be disqualified by the Event Organiser(s) and risks expulsion from the Association.
 - e. The owner or handler who has been disqualified may subsequently appeal to the Committee.
 - f. Dogs undertaking any event must be 12 months of age on or by the date of that event (Certain individual events may require higher age qualifications).
 - g. No puppies under 4 months of age to attend the event without the prior permission of the event organiser
 - h. Events will be held under Alaskan Malamute Working Association rules plus any amendments created by the Event Organiser(s), as long as they do not change the basic requirements of the Alaskan Malamute Working Association rules.

2. CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FOR BACKPACKING TITLES

- 2.1 Please refer to the AMWA Backpack Certificate Handbook

3. DISEASE

- 3.1. No dog, equipment or clothing shall be brought to an Event from a kennel where ANY contagious disease exists.

- 3.2. Every dog participating in the event must be fully vaccinated.
- 3.3. Should an event veterinarian diagnose any dog present in the event to have a contagious disease, the handler and dog shall be disqualified immediately and asked to leave the area.

4. MEDICATION

- 4.1. Prohibited medications are all those deemed harmful to the dogs or to the sport, including stimulants, depressants, anaesthetics and analgesics.
- 4.2. If any dog is suspected of being under the influence of any prohibited medication, the Event Organiser(s) reserve the right to have the dog examined and tested by qualified personnel, and, if positive, the dog and owner will suffer automatic disqualification for the whole of that season plus any other penalty deemed appropriate, including possible expulsion from the Association.
- 4.3. If any owner refuses to allow a sample to be collected in his/her presence from a dog, they will be disqualified from that event. Any further penalty served will be deemed as appropriate.

5. EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Please refer to the AMWA Backpack Certificate Handbook

6. CONDUCT

- 6.1. Owners are responsible for the conduct of their dogs, handlers, family and guests whenever in the event area.
- 6.2. Abuse of dogs in any shape or form is strictly prohibited, except where necessary to break up a dog fight.
- 6.3. Many of the backpacking events arrange camping facilities. Members and their guests must show good conduct from themselves and their dogs as good examples of the Association.
- 6.4. Campsites must be left clean, clear and tidy on departure. Any holes dug by dogs must be filled.
- 6.5. Dogs must be kept under control at all times. Dogs must be securely staked or restrained at campsites, as many are open to the public and have wildlife roaming free. Do not use the trees to stake your dogs out to.
- 6.6. Common sense and good sportsmanship shall prevail.

7. COMPLIANTS AND RULE VIOLATIONS

7.1. Reports by Officials

- a. Event Officials shall report rule violations to the Event Organiser(s) verbally, immediately or directly following the heat in which the violation occurred.
- b. The Event Organiser(s) shall act at their discretion on any violations witnessed and reported by the Event Officials.

7.2. Reports by Attendees

- a. Members wishing to report an alleged rule violation must do so immediately after the heat in which the incident occurred. This must be done verbally to the Event Organiser(s);
- b. All verbal reports shall be followed by a written report and given to the Event Organiser(s) within one hour of the verbal report.

7.3 Protests

- a. Any Member implicated in a report of a rule violation may make a protest and request a hearing before the Event Organiser(s);
- b. Said hearing shall be granted by the Event Organiser(s) on that day.