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## **1. CONDITIONS OF EVENTS**

- 1.1. All Cani-Cross events organised are open to members and non-members.
- 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 post no hazard to the health or welfare of themselves or other dogs participating in the event.
  - b. Cani-Cross 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. 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.
- 1.3. Runners start at timed intervals and the winner of each class is the entrant who completes the course in the fastest time.

## **2. CLASS DESCRIPTION FOR CANI-CROSS EVENTS**

- 2.1. 1 dog only. Must be a registered pure bred sled dog, or a rescue sled dog with a rescue number.

## **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. Appropriate harness and lines are to be used, The dog shall be attached to the competitor by a snub line (not exceeding 2.5 metres in length) with a shock absorber at all times. The snub line shall be attached to the competitor by a hip belt, at least 7 cm wide over the spine. Lines to be attached from walking belt to harness,

#### **6. CONDUCT**

- 6.1. Owners are responsible for the conduct of their dogs, handlers, family and guests whenever in the event area, including before, during and after the competition.
- 6.2. All dogs must be under physical control, on lead.
- 6.3. Unacceptable behaviour or conduct may result in disqualification
- 6.4. Abuse of dogs in any shape or form is strictly prohibited, except where necessary to break up a dog fight.
- 6.5. During the pull, the use of whips, noisemakers, leashes, muzzles and any form of baiting is prohibited.
- 6.6. No female in season may be entered in a Cani-Cross event. Other unentered dogs and family pets are also excluded.

- 6.7. No pregnant female dogs shall be allowed to compete in the Cani-Cross event.
- 6.8. 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 (in person) 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.