"The Rules"

REGISTRATION, THREE SHEEP, YARD DOG, UTILITY, SHORT COURSE & TRIAL RULES.

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CODE OF CONDUCT.

- A member shall not inflict verbal or physical abuse on any person.
- A member shall not inflict pain nor cause wilful distress to any animal.
- A member shall not engage in actions or dialogue which result in sexual harassment or discrimination.
- A member shall not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- A member must wear appropriate clothing and footwear when competing.
- A member must always present themselves for competition and or official business in a state of sobriety.
- A Competitor shall not abuse or intimidate any Judge during the course of the Trial.

REGISTER RULES

1. The Register shall be known as the "Queensland Working Sheep Dog Register", and shall be kept by the Registrar of the Association.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER DOGS

2. No person shall be entitled to make application for registration of any particulars in the Register who is not a financial member of the Association.

DOGS ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION

3. Any sheep dog which, in the opinion of the Management Committee, is of sufficient merit to justify its registration, may be registered. In deciding an application for registration, the Management Committee shall have regard to:
   (a) the dog's working qualities
   (b) its breeding qualities as shown by its progeny
   (c) its pedigree
   (d) any other information which may be furnished along with the application or otherwise acquired by the committee.

4. Dogs registered with respective State Sheep Dog Associations are recognised as registered, provided proof of registration is supplied.

5. Pedigrees of dogs registered with a recognised Working Stock Dog Association will be accepted and noted on their registration forms, providing proof of registration is supplied.

NAMING OF DOGS

6. Each breeder must register a separate stud prefix for use exclusively in connection with the names of animals bred by them. Fee to be decided annually.

   Each animal submitted for individual registration must be named and such name must not exceed two words, in addition to the breeder's stud prefix, which must be used. Names once used for dogs registered cannot be used again and cannot be changed.

   The name and address of the breeder of each animal must be given. The breeder of an animal is the owner of its dam at the date of its birth.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

7. The following individual registration of dogs for three sheep and yard dogs is available: Fees to be decided annually.
   (a) By a registered sire and from a registered dam.
   (b) From a pedigree of a recognized working stock dog association.
   (c) On Merit.
TRANSFERS
8. The vendor must officially transfer every registered animal sold. Such transfers must be made within two calendar months from date of sale. Registration Card to be returned to Registrar with transfer form. Fee to be decided annually.

9. Non-members may transfer a registered dog to a member provided transfer cost is paid.

10. Non-members may transfer a registered dog to another non-member provided the transfer cost is paid.

FORMS
11. All transfers, and individual registrations must be made on the official forms, obtainable on application from the Registrar or Secretary. Cost to be decided annually.

PEDIGREE FORMS
12. Pedigree forms are available on request

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES
13. On registration of any application, the Registrar shall issue to the applicant a Certificate of Registration. No certificate shall be issued by the Registrar until appropriate forms are duly completed and the fees paid.

PENALTIES
14. Any applicant for registration who makes a false statement or fails or unreasonably delays to give any information or make any notification or return required by the Register Rules may be refused registration and shall also be liable to be suspended or expelled from the Association and to have the registration of any dogs then owned by them cancelled.

ALTERATION OF REGISTER RULES
15. These register rules shall not be altered or added to unless notice of the proposed alteration or addition shall have been given to the Secretary and then to each member of the Management Committee in writing (14) days prior to the Management Meeting at which the motion is to be considered and the motion is carried by a majority of the Management Committee members present at the meeting.
### ANNUAL COSTS

**MEMBERSHIP:**
- Single Worker --- $75.00
- Breeder
- Prefix Holder
- Judge
- Family --- $85.00
- Interstate --- $45.00
- Non-worker --- $45.00
- 3 month late fee --- $10.00

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POINTS & TROPHY RULES

TROPHIES
A points system be used - all advertised sheep dog trials in Queensland on basis of:

1st - 6  2nd - 5  3rd - 4
4th - 3  5th - 2  6th - 1

In event of a tie, points are added together and then halved.

Trophy year from 1st June to 31 May annually. All trials must be completed by 31st May to be included in points.
Points only awarded to dogs owned and worked by handler. Should a dog be sold during the season, points do not go with the dog. To accrue points in the annual trophies the dog must be registered in the handler's name.

Perpetual trophies, together with a replica trophy for recipient to keep, are awarded yearly.

Don Smith Memorial Open Dog of the Year
Six highest scoring dogs in each Open Trial will qualify for points.
If Novice Dog wins an Open trial, dog receives 6 points in Open Dog of the Year Winner of Trophy highest points scorer for the season.

Brisbane Show Trial - If the draw is done by ballot the trial is deemed an "Invitation Trial Only" and does not become a point scoring trial. Further to this only 4 finalists are run which does not allow the 5th and 6th places to contest a final and once again only becomes "Invitation Only Trial"

Colykade Improver Dog of the Year
Genuine Improver dogs, accrue points for placings gained in Improver trials. Once a dog wins an Improver Trial, they gain six points and then become an Open Dog.

Friskies Pet Care Novice Dog of the Year Trophy
Novice dogs accrue points for placings or winning in Novice, Special, Improver and Open Trials for the whole of the points year.

Parr Family Handler of the Year Trophy
Points to be awarded on all Advertised three sheep dog trials in Queensland, including Novice, Improver, Special and Open Trials.

Ken & Natalie White Novice Handler of the Year Trophy
Points awarded on all approved three sheep dog trials including Novice, Improver, Special and Open Trials.
Handler must not have won a Novice trial or better at the start of the points year, and will accrue points to the end of that year in all categories except Encourage.

Ian Skea Encourage Handler of the Year Trophy
Handler must start the points year as an Encourage Worker and will accrue points Throughout the year in Encourage, Novice, Improver, Special and Open approved Three Sheep Trials.
THREE SHEEP TRIALS

Representatives are chosen from Don Smith Memorial Open Dog of the Year placings.

The six top dogs (points total), which are available to represent Queensland at the next Supreme, at the end of the points year and their handlers compete over 3 runs at the first trial after the end of the points year for the right to represent Queensland at the Interstate competition at the next Supreme championships.

At least 2 of those runs are to be over the "Trans-Tasman" course which will be used at the Interstate challenge. The total of the aggregate score from the run-off plus the points earned by that dog in the relevant year to be used to determine the two dogs and handlers to represent Queensland. No competitor to have more than 2 dogs. Competitors to run in a block as the organising committee deems.

One representative - one dog.

Dogs chosen from highest scoring available dogs.

Handler who earned the points must be the handler who represents QWSDAI.

A Representative must be a full Working or Family Member and either,

(i) A resident of Queensland; or
(ii) Has not been a member of any other State Working Sheep Dog Association in the past twelve months; or
(iii) A Life Member of QWSDAI.

To be chosen as a representative of Queensland, the competitor must be prepared to represent Queensland at any official function, meeting, etc which may occur during their representation.

Once chosen, a handler, if they wish, may withdraw an eligible dog to make another of their dogs, which has a lesser score, eligible for selection. The lesser scoring dog only becomes eligible if it has a score greater than all other available dogs that have not already been selected.

Should any representative dog not be able to participate for any reason, the handler must advise the Management Committee in writing and supply veterinary certificate stating reason. The dog may be substituted at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Competitors representing Queensland shall be supplied with a State Blazer and pocket with badge and appropriate writing.

GUIDELINES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN QUEENSLAND

All Championship Trials must be approved by the Association.

There must be a minimum of six dogs. Each of the 6 dogs to receive an award (i.e. cash, and/or trophy, and/or ribbon).

All placegetters must receive cash and ribbons which are suitably inscribed.

Minimum prize money of $400.00 with first prize minimum of $150.00 plus sash and trophy.

Championship must be judged by an approved Open Judge.

QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the Queensland Championships the top 20 dogs will go into a second round with the top six aggregate scorers from this round to go into a final round.
THREE SHEEP TRIAL RULES

1. All trials under the QWSDAI Rules to take place on such a course as is similar to the Queensland Course set out in this book unless specific permission is given by the Management Committee for alteration. All courses shall be marked.

2. A circle with a 9.2 metre [30 foot] radius from the centre be marked as delivery area for drawing sheep into.

3. A winding peg is standard in the Queensland Course and put in such a position to facilitate the working of the sheep, not in a direct line to the let-out area, prior to the first obstacle.

4. All trials be run over maximum fifteen minutes wherever possible. Two reliable stopwatches per timekeeper be used. Only official timekeeper's time shall be recognised.

5. The collection of entry fees should be at the discretion of the trial committee. Competitors who enter and are not able to attend must advise prior to commencement of trial or entry fees must be paid.

6. The amount of $1.00 to be paid by triallers on all Novice, Improver, and Open Trial Runs, excluding Encourage, Finals & Short course Runs. Monies collected to be paid into Supreme Bank Account on completion of trial. This Account will be known as “Queensland Working Sheepdog Association Incorporated Supreme Fund Account”.

7. A bell shall be sounded to signify both the commencement and the termination of a trial.

8. The trials will be carried out in the order drawn for under the direction of the committee conducting the trial. The person in charge will have a draw for the order of running. Copies of the draw MUST be available to competitors prior to the commencement of the trial. Competitors must take their place at the starting peg by direction and any competitor absent when called upon to compete may be disqualified at the discretion of the organising committee. Once a competitor has arrived at a trial, they must take their correct place in the draw or forfeit the run unless a "miss" is caused by the "2 ring" situation. Draws must be adhered to where possible. Missed runs go to the end of round or draw. Persons deliberately or continuously missing runs may be reported in writing, and this complaint will be dealt with by the Management Committee.

9. Draws shall be conducted as follows: Every competitor should have a run in the first round. Competitors with a bigger number of entries then go twice in subsequent rounds so they do not accumulate at the end, but still have dogs in the final rounds.

   1, 2 and 3 Dog workers can be accommodated by the Organising Committee by ticking the box on the nomination form stating that you are unable to be available for the first two rounds. This entitles the worker to miss the first two rounds.

10. All dogs unable to compete must be scratched before the commencement of the trial.

11. When the first trial has been run and subsequent trial commenced, no more dogs may compete in the previous trial.

12. A Worker or Dogs status shall remain as is until the completion of the Trial.

13. Should there be a final contested by qualified dogs, the Judge will give the awards on the aggregate number of points scored.
14. There shall be a minimum of 6 dogs in a final of any sheep dog trial worked under the QWSDA Rules. Each of the 6 dogs to receive an award (i.e. cash, and/or trophy, and/or ribbon) The order of finalists shall be as they qualify.

15. An advertised trial is a trial run by a Show Society, Committee or similar body, open for competition to financial members, who are to be advised of the trial.

16. Unofficial trial days be called "Benefit Days". The winner/s do not receive any prize money and the trial does not break a dog's status.

17. A Novice Dog is a dog which has not won an advertised Novice Trial or better. A Novice Dog winning a special prize in any trial, where no entry fee has been charged, does not break its Novice Status. Where the Novice is run in conjunction with an Improvers or Open trial, such trial shall be deemed as a Novice Trial and the winning dog shall break its status.

18. A Novice Dog is not eligible to compete in a Genuine Improvers Trial until first having won a Novice Trial, and in the event of winning a Novice Trial presently in progress can enter an Improver Trial. Such dog is to go at the bottom the Official Improvers Draw.

19. A Genuine Improver Dog is a dog which has won a Novice trial, but not won an Improver, Special or better trial.

20. Any dog having divided a first prize at any advertised trial shall not lose its status.

21. All dogs nominated in trials must be nominated under their official registered name, with prefix.

22. An unregistered dog may compete twice before being registered. A Management Committee member must be advised.

23. All dogs working in trials (except for those covered in 22) must be registered with the QWSDAI or official Association of other States.

24. An owner may appoint a nominee to work their dog or dogs in the trials, and such nominee will jointly assume responsibility with the owner during the trials.

25. Any person or persons bringing dogs onto the ground and allowing them to run loose, either by mistake or otherwise, except when directed by the trial committee may be fined. Amount to be reviewed annually.

26. Any competitor allowing a bitch in oestrus [standing heat] to enter a trial course at any time, shall be debarred from working any further dogs for the duration of such trial, including final.

27. All trial committees to include Prefix Titles in trial results forwarded to Secretary. Six placings in all sections held must be forwarded to Secretary.

28. An Encourage Worker be allowed to win 3 encourage trials with the same dog provided that that the dog they are trialling is owned by the encourage worker. Encourage Workers may still borrow dogs, and are only able to win 1 trial with a borrowed dog and or 3 trials with their own dog.

29. No dog will be allowed to enter the ring with a muzzle. However, if the dog bites someone while in the ring, the owner will be responsible and dog will be disqualified.

30. Any person found using any device electronic or otherwise to distract or assist a dog while working in the ring will be suspended.
31. Demonstrations may be given with the permission of at least 3 members of the Management Committee.

32. Classifying Yard, Utility and Three Sheep Dogs. Yard, Utility and Three Sheep are separate classifications and status of dogs, enabling dogs to start at the beginning of each type of trial, no matter their previous status in different trials. So yard is yard, utility is utility, three sheep is three sheep with no reference to previous wins in other sections e.g. Open three sheep can start as a novice yard or utility dog.

33. Three sheep shall be allotted to each dog in the first instance.

34. The competitor shall stand in a one metre circle in the middle of the marked delivery area. Dog to be released from behind centre line of delivery area, within confines of circle back to the fence. (See diagram of Queensland Sheep Dog Trial Course in this book).

They shall release their dog at their own discretion after the starting bell. Time shall commence upon the ringing of the starting bell by the judge. A dog leaving the start before the bell must be recalled before making contact with the sheep and failure to do so will result in disqualification. Excessive delay by a competitor to cast or release his dog may incur a penalty.

35. A competitor is obliged to inspect and accept or reject the sheep, before leaving the starting point.

36. Should a Judge deem fit, fresh sheep may be ordered at any time during the trial.

37. Any dog crossing the cast or passing between competitor and sheep at any time during the trial will be disqualified, except, that the Judge, at their discretion, need not disqualify a dog should all or any of the sheep cross a dog in the confines of the bridge. In the event that the competitors dog is anywhere within the confines of the pen after the gate has been closed then it will be disqualified.

38. In Encourage trials, three crosses will be allowed but will incur a penalty of 20 points for each cross.

39. Winding peg to be negotiated by competitor and sheep as a right-hand course. Sheep must be unwound if they pass on left of peg, once only. One point deduction if competitor stops at peg.

40. All sheep must be completely through an obstacle before the worker or handler may leave the ring. Should all the sheep negotiate an obstacle before the competitor reaches the ring, they are obliged to stop with both feet in the ring before continuing to the next obstacle. Should the sheep negotiate any obstacle from the wrong side, the competitor must make sure that such sheep are fully clear of the entrance before negotiating obstacle.

41. All sheep must be completely past the front line of the pen or yard before the competitor may leave the ring to close the gate. If, however, all or any of the sheep should escape by any other means the competitor may continue to close the gate, and the sheep shall be considered penned.

42. If any sheep escape from the pen over the line of the gate after the worker has left the circle and is in the act of shutting the gate, they may re pen the sheep but not stop walking. Trial is completed only after the gate is shut. If all sheep are not then penned, the trial terminates and the worker forfeits the points for the pen. The dog must hold the sheep in the pen while the competitor shuts the gate. Should the dog leave this position (e.g. going behind the worker or behind the pen) there will be a loss of points.
43. Judge to sign and hand in judge’s card on completion of run. Card to be supplied by the Committee running the trial.

        Competitor > Name
        Dog > Name
        Score > Total
        Judge > Signs Off
        Committee > Ratifies

44. A ring one (1) metre in diameter shall be placed 1.8 metres [6 feet] from an obstacle and level with the face of such obstacle. The competitor must remain in this ring while directing the dog.

45. The competitor will not be allowed to assist or touch the dog in any way except by signal, whistle or word of mouth. Any competitor who by action, sound or unfair manoeuvre, stops or turns the sheep at any obstacle shall have points deducted and, if an obstacle is negotiated by such action, may lose all points for that obstacle.

46. When the competitor has to move from one given point to another, they must do so in a direct line at an even pace and not stop. Infringement of this rule will entail a deduction of points.

47. If the competitor, in the opinion of the Judge, excessively works his dog, points may be deducted.

48. Scale of Points:

        Cast - 12  
        Approach - 5  
        Bring - 8  
        Gate - 7  
        Bridge - 8  
        Pen - 10  
        General Work - 50  
        Total = 100

49. If the work of any dog is of inferior merit, the Judge has the power to terminate the trial before the expiration of the time allowed.

50. If a dog should bite or in any way injure a sheep, such dog may be disqualified.

51. The competitor may use a cane without a flapper to direct the dog. Length of cane is not to exceed 460mm (18 inches). This cane must not be thrown in ring. Throwing of cane could incur disqualification or fine.

52. At the conclusion of each trial, the competitor must take the sheep to the enclosed yard as expeditiously as possible.

53. Any re-run at any trial shall be taken at the discretion of the judge or organising committee, either: straight away: at the end of the round in progress: in the next available space, e.g. a scratching. A re-run may be granted if any dog comes into the competition area and interferes with the trial. A judge may order a rerun at any time during the trial. A rerun will not be granted if the competitor has lost more points than will allow qualification for the final, or any other prize.

54. The organising committee will invite the Judge to inspect the sheep to be used in the trials and the Judge may reject any sheep which he deems unfit. Otherwise the selection of the sheep shall be left to the discretion of the organising committee. No sheep shall be used more than once where possible.

55. The Judge’s decision is final.

56. Anyone who wishes to become a judge be allowed to accompany an experienced judge provided they have no more dogs to run in that trial - with the exception of the Queensland Championships.
57. If, in the opinion of the Judge, Committee, or anyone - any person ill-treating a dog will be subject to a fine [to be decided annually] and may be debarred from competing again at any trial conducted under these Rules. Any complaint of this nature must be lodged in writing to the Management Committee, who have the power to investigate the complaint.

58. Any protest must be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Show or Trial Committee within 30 minutes of the incident, and be accompanied by a fee [to be decided annually] which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Such protest will be dealt with by a Disputes Committee.

59. Any dog showing obvious signs of injury, or any bitch in advanced stage of pregnancy shall not be worked in any trial until referred to Disputes Committee by the Judge. Dog in question to go to end of draw.

60. Disputes Committee to comprise of three (3) Management Committee members or if they are unavailable, three (3) financial members.

61. Any person or persons refusing to conform with these Rules may be expelled from the ground, and may be disqualified from competing at any future trials conducted under these Rules.

62. Any action taken under Rule 57 hereof shall be reported to QWSDAI within fourteen days, and the Management Committee, if it deems fit, make any alteration to cover such contingency in the future.

63. In the event of any question or situation arising not provided for in these Rules, the matter in question shall be dealt with by three (3) representatives of QWSDAI, and their decision shall be final.

64. Organising committees have the right to charge a stock levy on competitors if they deem fit. Amount of levy must be advised on entry form.
Bridge
Wings 3.6m wide & 4.1m from top of bridge
Platform 2.1m long
Ramp 1.5m long
Height 450mm
1.8m to ring in line with face of bridge
Bridge width 900mm
Bridge to be Approx 20m from fence
YARD/UTILITY TRIAL RULES

Yard/Utility Trials run by a sub-committee of the Queensland Working Sheep Dog Association Incorporated. These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the QWSDAI Constitution and Registration.

**SUB-COMMITTEE** - The Yard/Utility sub-committee of 7 persons (Chairperson and 6 members) to be elected annually with nominations being called for and to be included under separate heading on the QWSDAI nomination form and to be voted for on the QWSDAI Ballot Paper. This sub-committee to hold regular meetings and minutes of such meetings forwarded to Secretary of QWSDAI, so the minutes can be ratified at a QWSDAI General Meeting of.

1. **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 **YARD DOG TRIAL** - a competition in which a dog and its handler must negotiate sheep through a pre-determined course, confined within permanent or temporary sheep yards, within a specified time limit.

1.2 **UTILITY TRIAL** - a competition in which a dog and its handler must negotiate sheep through both the yard and field courses within a specified time limit.

1.3 **ORGANISING COMMITTEE** - the persons responsible for conducting the trial

1.4 **WORKER** – the person who
   (i) nominates to work a dog in a particular trial
   (ii) is working a dog in the trial
   (iii) has worked a dog in the trial

1.5 **SPECIAL PRIZE** – a prize or trophy offered for the competition of dogs and/or workers for which no entry fee has been charged.

Yard Dog Trials Rules

2. **COMPETITION LEVELS**

2.1 **ENCOURAGE** - Encourage worker is a worker who has not won an Encourage or better yard trial.
   2.1.1 Encourage workers are allowed to win three Encourage trials before breaking their status but not with the same dog.
   2.1.2 All dogs are eligible to compete.

2.2 **NOVICE** - All dogs are eligible to compete except dogs who have won Two (2) advertised Novice Yard Dog Trials or Improver Yard Dog Trial or Open Yard Dog Trial.
   2.2.1 All workers eligible in accordance with clause 2.6 may compete.

2.3 **IMPROVER** - All dogs are eligible to compete except dogs who have won Two (2) advertised Improver Yard Dog Trials or Open Yard Trial.
   2.3.1 All workers eligible in accordance with clause 2.6 may compete.

2.4 **OPEN** – All dogs are eligible to compete

2.5 It is not necessary to conduct separate Trials for each competition level.

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2.6 Any person wishing to work a dog in an affiliated Trial under these rules must be a financial member of the QWSDAI or a financial member of an affiliated state working sheepdog or yard association in other states.

2.6.1 Prospective members are to be allowed to work two (2) different trials before they are asked to become financial member of the QWSDAI.

2.7 When special prizes are offered for the competition of Encourage, Novice and Improver dogs, the eligibility of the dogs and workers will be determined by the criteria as described in Clauses 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

2.8 A dog which wins a special prize, for which no entry fee has been charged, does not affect its present status as an Encourage, Novice or Improver dog.
3. CLASSES OF DOGS
3.1 ENCOURAGE DOG - An Encourage dog is a dog who has not won at a level higher than Encourage, and has not yet won three (3) Encourage Yard Dog Trials.
3.2 NOVICE DOG - A Novice dog is a dog which has not won Two (2) advertised Novice Yard Dog Trials or an Improver Yard Dog Trial or an Open Yard Dog Trial.
3.3 IMPROVER DOG – An Improver is a dog no longer eligible to compete in Novice level or lower and has not yet won Two (2) advertised Improver Yard Dog Trials or an Open Yard Dog trial
3.4 OPEN DOG – Open dogs are dogs that comply with clauses 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3.

4. FINALS
4.1 A final should be conducted in all Open Trials where possible.
4.2 The finalists will be the highest scoring dogs in the first run.
4.3 Where possible there shall be a minimum of 6 dogs in a final of any sheep dog trial worked under the Association rules. Each of the 6 dogs to receive an award (i.e. cash, and/or trophy, and/or ribbon). The order of finalists shall be as they qualify.
4.4 A Final must be conducted in Novice, Improver and Open Trials if time permits. Irrespective of a Final being held or not in any Trial, the winning dog will break status, if applicable.
4.5 In Open Trials, if two (2) or more dogs score an equal number of points for first place, a runoff must be conducted to determine the outright winner.
4.6 The dog with the highest aggregate number of points is deemed the winner.
4.7 The final will be conducted in the same order as the dogs were drawn to work in the first run or as directed by the committee.
4.8 Any dog having divided a first prize at any advertised Trial will not lose its status.

5. DRAW
5.1 A draw must be conducted to determine the order of working prior to the commencement of the trial.
5.2 Draws will be conducted as follows: Every competitor should have a run in the first round. Competitors with a bigger number of entries then go twice in subsequent rounds so they don't accumulate at the end, but still have dogs in the final rounds.
5.3 All dogs must be drawn in the order as nominated on the entry form.
5.4 Where post entries are accepted, workers must nominate all dogs before working their first dog.
5.5 All Open Trials must be run strictly according to the draw or as directed by the organising committee.
5.6 All workers must be issued either with a copy of the draw or a copy must be displayed in a prominent position. A public address system should be employed wherever possible to keep both workers and spectators informed.
5.7 Excessive entries: Trial Organising Committees can follow a list of ways to keep the balance between being able to conduct a “successful trial” and keeping the competitors happy:-
5.7.1 A time budget must be done to calculate how many dogs can be run.
5.7.2 Consider cutting down on allocated time.
5.7.3 Consider re-designing part or the entire course.
5.7.4 Consider whether a cut-off score or a ballot would give them time to run a successful Trial.

6. THE COURSE
6.1 All Trials will be run over such course as the Organising Committee determines.
6.2 Trial courses should include at least three of the following:-
6.2.1 Gather of sheep
6.2.2 Drafting race
6.2.3 Load and unload drenching /classing race
6.2.4 Load and unload trailer/truck
6.2.5 Ramp
6.2.6 Put sheep away
6.2.7 Any obstacle likely to be found in farm sheep yards
6.3 When erecting the yards, the Organising Committee must ensure that there are no sharp edges, protrusions or objects that may be hazardous or course injury to the sheep, the dogs or workers.
6.4 Where the yards are constructed from panels or portable yards, the Organising Committee must ensure that they are securely fixed to prevent any movement when pressure is applied by the sheep.

6.5 In Trial courses that incorporate a drenching race, or other confined area into which all the sheep must be forced, the number of sheep to be worked will be the number which allows each sheep to stand comfortably. This number will be determined by the Organising Committee in consultation with the Judge.

6.5.1 The drenching race – loading and unloading ramps will be of sufficient width that will allow one sheep to pass another comfortably. Suggested minimum width – 625mm (25 inches). Exception: Special purpose single-file race and ramps.

6.5.2 All sections must contain a full complement of sheep.

6.6 All sheep must be inspected prior to being worked for any physical defects or injuries. Any injured or unhealthy sheep must not be worked.

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6.7 Any sheep to be separated from the flock during the drafting phase of any trial must be clearly identified.

6.8 Prior to the commencement of the trial, the judge must address the workers and walk through the course with the workers and explain how the trial is to be worked.

6.9 The trial is deemed to be finished when or how the Organising Committee decides.

6.10 It is anticipated that 20 sheep will be used for each run or as determined by the Organising Committee.

7. TIME LIMIT

7.1 A maximum time limit in which to complete the course will be set before the trial commences. The composition of the course will influence the time limit. It is recommended the course be constructed to allow it to be comfortably completed within about ten to fifteen minutes.

7.2 The time limit will be set by the Organising Committee.

7.3 A bell or similar device, when sounded, will signify the start of each run and the expiry of the time limit.

8. BITCHES IN OESTRUS

8.1 Any worker who works a bitch in oestrus will be disqualified from further competition at the trial.

8.2 Any disagreement will be settled by a Veterinary examination conducted at the expense of the worker if the Vet exam is positive and at the expense of the Organising Committee if negative.

9. CANES

9.1 Workers may use a cane not exceeding 46cm (18 inches) in length.

10. MUZZLES

10.1 A dog may work in a muzzle, but will be penalised 10 points per round.

11. WORKER’S ASSISTANT

11.1 Prior to competing, an elderly or disabled worker may apply to the Judge to have an able bodied person assist them with any physically demanding task likely to be encountered in the trial.

11.2 The assistant will be selected by the worker in consultation with the Judge.

11.3 The assistant will assist the worker at the direction of the worker. The worker will be penalised for any infringement of the rules by the assistant.

12. SCORING

12.1 Each dog will start with the maximum of 100 points.

12.2 Section points must be allocated to each section according to the degree of difficulty of the obstacles within the section.

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12.3 In the event of the competing dog not completing the course before the expiry of the time limit, the section points pertaining to the sections not negotiated must be deducted.

12.3.1 If a section is partly negotiated the Judge may deduct a portion of the section points relevant to how much of the section was completed; minimum deduction ten (10) points.

12.4 Any worker retiring their dog before the expiry of the time limit or disqualified will not receive any score and is not eligible for any special prize.
12.5 The recipients of any special prizes will be determined by the performance of the dog in the first run unless a special prize is designated as only for the competition of the Finalists.

13. WORKING THE TRIAL

13.1 The Judge will be in command of the trial from the time the worker, with his/her dog on or off the lead enters the trial arena. The dog must be released and under control before time commences.

13.2 Any dog leaving the yards/arena out of control or leaving its work may be penalised.

13.2.1 If the working of a dog is of inferior merit, the Judge may terminate the trial before the expiration of the allocated time.

13.3 Dogs overworking sheep must be penalised. Any under working of sheep by the dog may be penalised.

13.3.1 Any dog which, in the opinion of the Judge, deliberately chases sheep into fences without genuinely trying to head and turn the sheep maybe penalised or disqualified.

13.3.2 Dogs biting excessively and to the detriment of sheep must be disqualified.

13.3.3 In the event of a sheep escaping, the Judge will decide if he considers the dog caused it. If so, he will be disqualified. If not, the clock will be stopped and the sheep replaced.

13.3.4 A dog that comes up to start sheep and is ineffective should be penalised.

13.3.5 A dog that does not come up to start sheep when necessary and contribute to flow should be penalised.

13.3.6 A tail turn by the dog may be penalised.

13.3.7 If a dog loses ground with his sheep he will incur a penalty.

13.3.8 Dogs out of position may incur a penalty.

13.3.9 No cross in cast or a penalty will be incurred.

13.3.10 Incur a penalty if sheep are not brought in as straight a line as possible to the obstacle.

13.3.11 If a sheep breaks back, a penalty will be incurred.

13.4 All gates must be opened and closed by the worker. Failure to close or replace a gate will incur a penalty.

13.5 The worker must take up a position whilst negotiating a gateway or obstacle and not move from that position until the obstacle is negotiated. An infringement of this rule will incur a penalty.

13.6 When opening gates the full arc of the gate should be cleared of sheep by the dog.

13.6.1 The handler is not to move until the line of the gate (when closed) is crossed by all sheep or he/she will incur a penalty.

13.6.2 In general circumstances, a handler, where possible, should walk in a direct and uninterrupted line between obstacles, i.e. not through or around sheep (the dog is to clear his path).

13.7 Where the course is set incorrectly, (i.e. gate left open in draft) or the “run” is interfered with, the Judge may stop the clock, rectify the problem and replace the sheep to the exact position so that there is no advantage or disadvantage to the competitor or his/her dog.

13.8 The worker may assist their dog to shift the sheep but will incur a penalty.

13.9 In the drafting phase of any trial the handler can use his/her body to avoid jamming the sheep’s head. Also, where the nominated sheep is past the gate of exit the handler may turn the sheep back without a loss of points for handling the sheep. However, the Judge may penalise the dog if the judge considers overwork by the dog caused the situation. Similarly, when the nominated sheep are at the back of the mob and being drafted, handlers may use their hand to avoid jamming the sheep’s head, although the Judge may penalise the dog for overworking.

13.9.1 If two (2) sheep become wedged in the race, mouth or neck of the draft after the dog has proven they are unable to be moved, the worker may turn the sheep back without losing any points.

13.9.2 When a misdraft occurs, appropriate points should be deducted by the Judge(s). The handler will incur no further loss of points if he/she rectifies the error by:-

(a) Substituting the misdrafted sheep before the entire mob has passed through the drafting race. Beyond this point, if corrections are possible, the misdraft is to be rectified by:-

(i) Redrafting; or

(ii) Manually placing the misdrafted sheep in the correct pen(s). This will be done in consultation with the Judge.
13.10 Where possible, the Organising Committee should keep the same drafting sequence on all courses and all classes for the duration of the trial.
13.11 A dog defending itself should not be penalised.
13.11.1 Dogs should not incur a penalty if sheep jam through no fault of the dog.
13.11.2 A dog must contribute to the starting of unloading of the race.
13.12 Any worker who handles his/her dog whilst in the trial may be penalised or disqualified at the discretion of the Judge.
13.13 No person will be permitted in the competition area with any dog yet to compete in the trial.
13.14 All dogs tied up around the trial ground must be kept quiet and well away from the competition area.
13.15 The Judge’s decision is final on all matters concerning the working of dogs and stock.

14. WELFARE OF SHEEP AND DOGS
14.1 If in the opinion of the judge, any worker ill-treats or mishandles their dog or the sheep, they must be disqualified.
14.2 Wherever possible, sufficient sheep should be obtained to provide fresh sheep for each dog. If this is not possible, the sheep must be rotated to avoid excessive stress.
14.3 Any sheep which becomes excessively distressed or injured must be replaced by fresh sheep prior to the next dog working.
14.4 Any worker who fails to make an effort to stand up a sheep which goes down in a race or other confined area, or fails to free a sheep caught in a fence, or shows disregard for the welfare of the sheep, must be penalised or may be disqualified.
14.5 Any worker who abuses the sheep with any gate or gates (including drafting gates) may be penalised.
14.6 The worker will not be penalised for handling the sheep if he/she is aiding a distressed sheep.
14.7 All sheep must be inspected prior to being worked for any physical defects or injuries. Any injured or unhealthy sheep must not be worked.
14.8 Hessian or the like should be used at all trials where possible, so as the sheep being worked cannot view sheep in holding yards.

15. RE-RUNS
15.1 A re-run will be granted if any dog, not belonging to the worker comes into the competition area and interferes with the trial.
15.2 The Judge may order a re-run for the dog competing at any time during that’s dog’s run.
15.3 Re-runs will be conducted at the discretion of the Trial Organising Committee in consultation with the worker, preferably in the round in which they were drawn.

16. PROTESTS
16.1 Any protest must be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Organising Committee within two hours of the misdemeanour and be accompanied by a fee to be determined annually which is refunded if the protest is upheld.
16.2 Any protest or situation arising not provided for in these rules will be dealt with by a subcommittee of three QWSDAI committee persons if present. If less than three committee persons are present, then those present plus the first and/or second and/or third financial member of the QWSDAI drawn to work in the particular trial will form the sub-committee.
16.3 The decision of the sub-committee pursuant to the particular incident will be final.
16.4 Any action taken under clause 16.1 hereof will be reported to the Association within fourteen days and the Management Committee, if it deems fit, make any alteration to cover such contingency in the future.
17. REPRESENTATION
17.1 Representatives are chosen from Greenwood Family Open Yard Dog of the Year placing. The top 2 highest scoring dogs (points total) will be chosen to represent Queensland at the next Australian Yard Dog Championships. Two Representatives with one dog each or; One Representative with 2 dogs. A Representative must be a full Association Member and either, (i) A resident of Queensland or (ii) Has not been a member of any other State Working Sheep Dog Association in the past twelve months. To be chosen as a Representative of Queensland, competitor must be prepared to represent Queensland at any official function, meeting, etc which may occur during their representation. Once chosen, a handler, if they wish, may withdraw an eligible dog to make another of their dogs, which has a lesser score, eligible for selection. The lesser scoring dog only becomes eligible if it has a score greater than all other available dogs that have not already been selected. Should any representative dog not be able to participate for any reason, the handler must advise the Yard/Utility Sub Committee in writing and supply veterinary certificate stating reason. Dog may be substituted at the discretion of the Yard/Utility Sub Committee.

18. TROPHIES
18.1 Trophies available are:
**Greenwood Family Yard Dog of the Year Trophy**
Points to be awarded on all advertised State Open Yard Dog Trials in Queensland
**Halliday Family Novice Yard Dog of the Year Trophy**
Points to be awarded on all advertised State Yard Dog Trials in Queensland
**Kellaway Family Yard Dog Handler of the Year Trophy**
Points awarded on all advertised Yard Dog Trials in Queensland

18.2 A points system to be used in all advertised sheep dog trials in Queensland on basis of:
1st – 6 points 2nd – 5 points 3rd – 4 points 4th – 3 points 5th – 2 points 6th – 1 point
In the event of a tie, points are added together and then halved.
Trophy year from 1st January to 31st December annually. All trials must be completed by 31st December to be included in points.
Points only awarded to dogs owned and worked by handler. Should a dog be sold during the season, points do not go with the dog. To accrue points in the annual trophies the dog must be registered in the handler's name. Perpetual trophies, together with a replica trophy for recipient to keep are awarded yearly.
Utility Dog Trials Rules

The following should be read in conjunction with the QWSDAI Yard Dog Trial Rules.

1. The numbers used in these Rules will correspond with the clause at the same number in the QWSDAI Yard Dog Trial Rules.

2. The competition levels and the progression through the Utility competition levels to be the same as the QWSDAI Yard Dog Trial Rules. However, the status of a dog in Yard Trials (and 3 sheep) is to be completely independent of that dog’s status as a utility dog and vice versa. The same will apply to handler status.

3. Classes of Dog will apply to utility dogs as it applies to yard dogs. The wording of the four (4) classes to be changed to reflect utility dogs.

4. The Clauses relating to the running of Finals in Yard Trials will apply to Utility Trials.

5. The Clauses relating to the draw in Yard Trials will apply to Utility Trials.

6. Clause 6.2 to be modified to add as follows:

   6.2.8 Outside field section must include any two (2) of the following “arena type” obstacles for Encourage, Novice events, and any three (3) for Improver and Open Utility Trials:
   (a) Winding peg.
   (b) Gap.
   (c) Race.
   (d) Bridge.
   (e) Pen.
   (f) Any obstacle likely to be found in a paddock situation on a livestock property.

6.2.9 Obstacles can be separate and/or free standing from the yard section. A minimum distance of 20 metres between all obstacles is required.

The remaining Clauses in Clause 6 to apply with the exception of 6.3 and 6.4, which should refer to the “course” instead of the “yards”.

Add following clause:

6.11 Each competitor be provided with a minimum of three (3) sheep for the outside section of the course and a minimum of (10) sheep for the yard section of the course.

7. Clause 7 regarding time limits to apply.

8. Clause 8 regarding bitches in oestrus to apply.

9. Clause 9 regarding canes to apply.

10. Clause 10 regarding muzzles to apply.

11. Clause 11 regarding worker’s assistants to apply.

12. Clause 12 regarding scoring to apply with the following additions:

   12.3.2 There is no limit to the number of points that may be lost on any one section of the Trial.
   12.3.3 The Judge will determine and notify the handlers prior to the beginning of the Trial if a “move on” rule is to be applied.

13. Throughout Clause 13, the term “yards” to be replaced with “course”.

13.3.9 To include in addition “In Utility Trials, dogs crossing whilst attempting the outside obstacles may be disqualified at the Judge’s discretion. The Judge must notify handlers prior to the beginning of the Trial if crossing outside will result in disqualification”.

13.6.1 To include “….the line of the gate or in utility Trials, all sheep through or over the obstacle…..”.

Add following clause:

13.6.3 The position to be taken by the handler whilst negotiating the outside obstacles will be marked.

14. Clause 14 regarding animal welfare to apply.

15. Clause 15 regarding re-runs to apply.

16. Clause 16 regarding protests to apply.

17. Clause 17 regarding Representation not applicable.

18. Clause 18.2 regarding point scores to apply.
SHORT COURSE RULES
(A guideline for competing and judging a short course)

>The arena is to be a fenced off enclosed area a minimum of 45 metres square. The course layouts are to be similar at each event, but will be set out to best suit the arena. The course should be six metres wide.

>Time allowed is to be a minimum of six minutes and maximum of ten minutes (depending on time, sheep and course layout)

>Time and judging commence once the sheep have cleared the gap (first obstacle). The judge is to call “time”. The Judge may use their discretion if the competitor is not making a concerted effort to get the sheep through the gap.

>Competitor must stay inside the free working area as defined before start time of trial ie. The sheep must clear gap or first obstacle before advancing.

>Competitor must not go past the line of obstacle in each section until all sheep are clear. If the competitor crosses the line prior to all stock having cleared the obstacle/line this will result in loss of the whole section’s points.

>The competitor can walk through the obstacles. If the sheep are touched during the run the competitor may be penalized.

>The competitor has freedom of movement between obstacles i.e. Drive or pull between obstacles or do both. Either on the left or right side.

>Ideally stock will progress in straight lines. No turn backs or loss of points will result.

>A deduction will occur if stock stray off line of the six metre course.
Dog must be under control at all times and showing control of sheep.

>Severe bite or dog chasing sheep will be disqualification.

>It is optional for the organizing committee whether the gate has a latch or not but the competitors hand must be at the head of the gate and remain there until the gate is closed. The gate may be swung at the discretion of the organising committee running the event off either left or right post but must be opening out from the yard. If the competitor takes his/her hand off the gate will be loss of points. A rope can be attached to the gate and the handler is allowed to move within the confines of the rope but once picked up the rope cannot be dropped without loss of points.

>All sheep must be completely past the front line of the pen or yard before the competitor may close the gate. If, however, all or any of the sheep should escape by any other means, the competitor may continue to close the gate, and the sheep shall be considered penned.

>If any sheep escape from the pen over the line of the gate after the worker has commenced to close the gate they may re pen the sheep but not stop walking. If the sheep are not then penned, the worker forfeits the points for that section.

>Should the dog leave his position at the pen (e.g. going behind the worker or behind the pen) there will be a loss of points.
> A cross will be a loss of section points.

> Competitor can only lose twenty points per section.

> No move on allowed until section completed.

> If there is a tied score the competitor with the fastest time out of the tied scores is the winner.

20 POINTS ALLOCATED PER SECTION – TOTAL 100 POINTS

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Handler and dog status shall be that which has been attained in either a Three Sheep Trial or Short Course. However a dog winning a Short Course will not break its Three Sheep Trial status. (i.e. If a dog wins a Novice Three Sheep Trial it can no longer compete in a Novice Short Course but if a dog wins a Novice Short Course it is still able to compete as a Novice in a Three Sheep Trial.)
SHEEP PUT AWAY/HOLDING YARD

START

GAP

PEN

20 Points

RACE OR BRIDGE

GATE

20 Points

YARD

20 Points
SUPREME COURSE  Adopted 26/3/04

Obstacles to be set at least 40m to 60m apart - Longest section to the gap
Course to be set in square to suit the arena and Trans Tasman course
Course to be 9 metres wide.  Markers to be set 9 metres apart.

Edge of circle or square to be 2 metres from edge of obstacle
Put-away area should be as near as possible to let-out area and not on side of arena.

RACE - 7 points
Mouth - 3 metres wide
Race - 1.5 metres wide

Let Out at least 18 metres from fence

GAP - 3 points
Panels - 2.4m or 3.3 m
Gap - 1.5 m wide
Offset 450mm

BRIDGE - 10 points
Height - 450 mm
Ramp - 1.5 m long
Wings - 4 m from top of ramp
And 4 m wide at mouth
Platform - 900mm min. wide
NO OFF RAMP

PEN - 20 points
Min. 1.8m x 2.4 m
Max. 2.4m x 3.3m
Hinged gate to be shut
Gate set 45 - half way down opposite wing

Sheep in on left and out on right
If sheep come in on right must be
Unwound once
GUIDELINES FOR TRANS-TASMAN COURSE

New Zealand Drive

Australian Carry

Casting Peg
At least 30m off fence

Marker