

Southern Region Obedience Administration Orders

Effective from 10 September 2010. All previous versions are now cancelled.

1. General Matters

These Administration Orders shall be applicable to Dog Obedience and Working Trials administration in the NZKC Southern Region.

2. Administration Order Amendments

2.1 Any alterations to these Obedience Administration Orders shall occur only after either:

- (i) The Southern Region Obedience Committee has received a motion suggesting a change (along with its rationale), from a club
- (ii) The Southern Region Committee supports an internal motion suggesting a change (along with its rationale).

2.2 Any such motion received is to be then distributed by the Southern Region Obedience Committee to all Southern Region Club Delegates with a request that they refer the motion to their club committee. Club delegates shall then bring the Club Committee decision to the next Region's meeting of Club Delegates for discussion and voting upon by Clubs.

2.3 Until any change to the Southern Region Obedience Administration Orders is approved at a Region Club Delegates meeting, the existing Obedience Administration Orders shall otherwise be fully complied with.

3. Region Annual General Meeting Quorum

3.1 The quorum for Southern Region Annual General and Special General Meetings shall be the presence of representatives from 50% of all clubs eligible to vote on Obedience/Working Trials matters.

4. Region Levies

4.1 With exception of the Obedience Trials Association and Obedience Judges Association, Annual Levies shall be paid by those clubs who conduct Obedience Fixtures (as defined in DOR 5. 1) within the Southern Region.

4.2 Annual levies shall be set by the Southern Region's Obedience AGM of delegates in April each year and paid into the Southern Region Obedience account by May 31st of each year.

4.3 In addition to Annual levies, per entry levies for any Championship or Open Obedience Show and per entry for any Ribbon Trial conducted by a club in the Southern Region shall be paid directly to the Southern Region Obedience Treasurer within twenty-one days of the Show or Trial being conducted. The rate of per entry levy shall be set by the Region AGM each year.

4.4 Should any club feel they are not in a position to pay the full levy, they can apply for dispensation (in writing, with full details, including a copy of their last annual financial statement) to the Southern Region Obedience Treasurer.

5. NZKC Levies

5.1 Obedience Show levies as set by the NZKC shall continue to be paid directly to the NZKC by Southern Region clubs hosting such shows.

6. Obedience Judges Association Fees

6.1 Championship and Open Show Obedience Judges Association fees shall be paid by Southern Region clubs hosting such shows, directly to the Obedience Judges Association.

7. Region Committee Appointments

7.1 Nominations for Southern Region Obedience Representative are to be forwarded to the NZKC CEO prior to the 16th of April each year.

7.2 Nominations for Deputy Southern Region Obedience Representative; Southern Region Obedience Secretary; Southern Region Obedience Treasurer are to be forwarded to the Southern Region Obedience Secretary one calendar month prior to the Southern Region AGM. When required, voting shall be made by the Club Delegates at the Region AGM. Votes in writing by clubs unable to attend must be forwarded to the Region Secretary one week prior to the AGM. Elected officers shall assume their assigned positions following the announcement of the Southern Region Obedience Representative by the NZKC

7.3 Unless otherwise stated, sitting Southern Region Obedience members shall be automatically nominated for their respective positions for each election.

8 Financial Year

8.1 The financial year for the Southern Region Obedience Committee will commence on April 1st of each year and end March 31st of the following year.

9 Ribbon Trials

9.1 Ribbon Trial dates for the following calendar year should be forwarded to the Southern Region Representative by November 30th each year to enable a Southern Region Calendar to be formulated.

10 CD Trials

10.1 Southern Region clubs wishing to host a CD in the following year are to make application for this to the Southern Region Obedience Representative prior to September 30th each year.

10.2 Entry fees for CD's shall be set at Southern Region Obedience Annual General Meetings.

10.3 CD entries shall be sent to the organizing club, who shall be responsible for all administration and expenses, including payment of levies, provision of a highest qualifying ribbon and notification of results to NZKC

10.4 Clubs conducting CD's are to forward to the Southern Region Treasurer a fee which will be set at the Southern Region AGM each year.

11 Elementary Tests

11.1 Elementary tests (formerly known as Maiden tests) within the Southern Region are to be conducted in accordance with the format outlined in Annex A of these Southern Region Administration Orders.

12 Region Sashes

- 12.1 A Southern Region Obedience sash shall be presented to each handler/dog combination at the first possible Championship Show each year, at which the recipient is attending, in recognition of recording the highest Obedience Championship Show scores over a twelve month period.
- 12.2 This shall apply for each of the five recognized Championship Tests.
- 12.3 Results will be taken on the calendar year for each singular handler/dog combination resident in the Southern Region, but from results anywhere in New Zealand.
- 12.4 Points allocated for each test shall be as follows:
- i) 1 st 5 points (an additional point if a challenge certificate is awarded)
 - ii) 2 nd 4 points (an additional point if a challenge certificate is awarded)
 - iii) 3 rd 3 points
 - iv) 4 th 2 points (where this was awarded by the club)
 - v) 5 th 1 point (where this was awarded by the club)
- 12.5 A Southern Region Obedience sash shall be presented to the handler/dog combination at the first possible Working Trials each year, at which the recipient is attending, in recognition of recording the highest Working Trials score over a twelve month period.
- 12.6 All clubs within the Southern Region, upon completion of a Championship Show hosted by them, shall forward on the names of the handlers and their dogs who achieved a first five placing in each test, and their points, to the Southern Region Representative as soon as possible.
- 12.7 Results will be taken on the calendar year for each singular handler/dog combination resident in the Southern Region, but from results anywhere in New Zealand.
- 12.8 Points allocated for trial will be as follows:
- i) TDX/WDX/UDX 10 points
 - ii) TD/WD/UD 5 points
 - iii) Highest Qualifier 2 points

NDTA Obedience Team Selection

Refer Annex B

NDTA Working Trials Team Selection

Refer Annex C

Region Mini-Assemblies

Refer Annex D

Annex A

Elementary (Maiden)

Eligibility

For handlers and dogs that have not previously achieved either two first placings in Elementary (Maiden) or, a first placing (irrespective of score) in Special Beginners at any previous Ribbon Trial, Open Trial or Championship Show.

Extra Commands

Handlers will not be penalized for encouragement or extra commands, unless specified.

Exercises

Heel Pattern

Judge will design a heel pattern incorporating the following criteria:

No more than 2 right turns

No more than 2 about turns

No more than 1 left turn

No more than 1 sit

The same course is to be used by all competitors for each day of competition.

Heel On Lead

Exercise begins with dog sitting straight at the handlers left side. On command, the handler and dog should walk at normal pace in a direction as directed. by the test steward. The dog's shoulder should be approximately level with and close to the handlers left leg at all times. On command for a right turn or about turn, the handler should turn within three paces in the direction called. On command, the handler should halt within three paces and, the dog should sit.

Combination turns are not permitted.

(20)

Recall. (Off lead exercise)

Recall from sit or down position at handlers choice. Handler permitted one simultaneous command and signal as an order for the dog to stay immediately after the steward's command "leave your dog". No further command permitted until steward commands "call your dog". Distance to be approximately seven paces.

Recalled dog is to finish, sitting in front of handler.

(10)

Sit Stay - Thirty seconds. (Off lead exercise)

Handler in sight and facing dog at five paces. On return to dog, handler to walk around dog to heel position. Time commences on steward's command "leave your dog" and ends on steward's command "exercise finished". Dog's lead is not permitted to be attached to dog during stay exercise.

(10)

Down Stay - One minute. (Off lead exercise)

Handler in sight and facing dog at five paces.

On return to dog, handler to walk around dog to heel position.

Time commences on steward's command "leave your dog" and ends on steward's command "exercise finished".

Dog's lead is not permitted to be attached to dog during stay exercise.

(20)

Total

(60)

Annex B

SOUTHERN REGION NDTA OBEDIENCE INTER-REGION TEAM

SELECTION TRIAL PROTOCOL

Timing and Number of Trials

Team selection trials will be conducted whenever there are three or more handler/dog combinations vying for a team position in the same Obedience test. Team trials (when required) will be held between July 1st and August 31st, and in a location best suited for all concerned. Trial dates will be placed on the Southern Region calendar at the earliest possible time. Four team trials will be conducted, with one of these being the Mini Assembly.

Entry

All team trial applicants must be financial members of the NZKC. Entry for team trials will close on the date of the first trial. An entry fee will be charged per test, per dog, and is non refundable regardless of number of trials attended or final selection. The amount of the fee will be set at the Region AGM.

Attendance

Whilst it is highly recommended that team trial applicants attend all team trials, they must attend a minimum of three trials to remain eligible. Bitches in season will still be required to attend team trials, but will be assessed after all of the other competitors have been judged.

Scoring and Selection

The Southern Region Committee will appoint team's trials and Mini Assembly judges, who must be from Test B or Test C Obedience judge's panel. Their selection will allow for one (geographical) local and one visiting judge to assess at a minimum of three trials.

Three different judges MUST be used for each Test over the course of the three trials.

Score sheets will be made available for viewing at the conclusion of each trial and officiating judges shall be available for feedback. Final placing/scores obtained in the trials WILL NOT on their own, necessarily determine whether a team trial applicant is successful in obtaining a place in the NDTA Obedience Inter-Region team. The results of the trials will be taken into consideration ALONG WITH their performance at Championship Shows of the preceding six months. Final selection of the Southern Region Inter-Region NDTA team will be made by a selection panel made up of four of the team's trials judges and the coach/manager (if one has been appointed).

If, for any reason, a handler/dog team withdraws from the NDTA Obedience Inter-Region team after having been selected, but prior to the NDTA teams' event, then the original selection panel will reconvene to make another selection.

Team Member and Coach/Manager Requirements

Team members will be required to submit to the Region Representative an entry form and a brief personal biography (for teams' events introductory purposes) directly after their selection is announced. Team members will be required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements to the NDTA venue and pass these details on to the Region Representative. Team members will be required to attend all coaching sessions requested of them by the team coach(es). Team members will be required to acquire or borrow the Southern Region NDTA team uniform.

Southern Region Subsidy

The Southern Region will provide a subsidy at a per km rate to apply after the first 200km) to each team member to assist with travel; accommodation and uniform expenses. The rate will be set at the Region AGM. The same subsidy will also be paid to the team coach/manager (one of, in the event of there being more than one); and Region Representative.

Annex C

SOUTHERN REGION NDTA WORKING TRIALS INTER-REGION TEAM SELECTION PROTOCOL

Selection

The Southern Region NDTA Working Trials teams shall be selected by the Obedience Trials Association. The Selectors must be triallists who have at least qualified a dog in TD. A handler and dog must have qualified at the level to which they wish to represent the region (except in exceptional circumstances). Triallists to provide all their trials records for the preceding 12 months.

Team Member and Coach/Manager Requirements

Team members will be required to submit to the Region Representative an entry form directly and brief personal biography after their selection is announced.

Team members will be required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements to the NDTA venue and pass these details on to the Region Representative.

Southern Region Subsidy

The Southern Region will provide a subsidy at a per km rate to apply after the first 200 km) to each team member to assist with travel and uniform expenses. The rate will be set at the Region_AGM.

Annex D

SOUTHERN REGION MINI ASSEMBLIES PROTOCOL

One Mini Assembly per annum shall be held within the Southern Region, to be organised by the Southern Region Obedience Representative.

Participation at a Mini Assembly shall be restricted to one team per club.

A team entry fee shall be set at the Southern Region AGM.

Hosting venues may be rotated, but no travel subsidy will be granted from the Southern Region Obedience account for any team member participating.

Providing the judges for the Mini Assembly are resident within the Southern Region, their expenses will be paid from the Southern Region Obedience account.

Sponsorship to cover venue hire and ribbon expenses is to be actively encouraged and pursued. Otherwise, such expenses will be drawn from the Southern Region Obedience account.

Ribbons will be awarded to the winning handler/dog combination for each of the five official Obedience tests and to the winning team.

The historical zone four winning team trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Historical Zone Four team, whilst the historical zone five team winning trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Historical Zone Five team.