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1 FOREWORD

THIS MANUAL MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE “GSDCA NATIONAL SHOW MANUAL”.

(Any area where this Manual is silent, reference must be made to the relevant Show Manual – i.e. Grading Certificates, Trophies, Sashes, Catering, First Aid, Treasurer, Authorisation to Rings, Veterinarian, Photos, etc.)

The obedience component of the “National” should be an integral part of the show – not just an add on!

The Trial Manager is one of the members of the National Show Committee (refer to Clause 1.5 of the ‘National Show Manual’.)

All aspects of the Trial (i.e. Judges, Catering, Grounds and Equipment etc) should be discussed at National Show Committee Meetings in conjunction with the show.

As personnel to organize these events are usually ‘thin-on-the-ground’ it is suggested that the Trial organization stay within the National Show Committee. However, should a Club wish to form a separate Trial Committee they may, with the Trial Manager as the Chair. This person is then responsible for the liaison between the two Committees and the conduct of the Trial.

The Trial is conducted in accordance with the current ANKC Rules. In some instances, local rules/interpretations apply; these should be clearly stated in the schedule.

For purposes of presentation for this section of the procedure manual the key areas/personnel and checklists are as follows. Other aspects of the organization (e.g. treasury, publicity etc.) are covered by the National Show Committee, they will include the relevant trial information in their portfolios.



2 CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

2.1 OBEDIENCE TRIAL

The Host Club shall conduct an Obedience Trial at National Shows.

The number and types of classes offered at the Trial is the choice of the Host Club. It is suggested that single classes be offered initially then, if entries warrant it, the classes be divided by sex. That is another reason why a Reserve Judge should be appointed.

NOTE! If multiple classes are judged in the one ring, UD and UDX MUST be judged before the other classes.

2.2 AGILITY, JUMPING, RALLY, HERDING TRIALS

The conducting of Rally, Agility, Jumping and Herding Trials is optional at National Shows at the discretion of the Host Club.

3 TRIAL MANAGER

To oversee the successful conduct of the Trial according to the procedures in the manual in conjunction with fellow Show Committee Members and Trial Sub-Committee members (should a separate committee be formed).

To liaise with the GSDCA National Show Liaison Officer and the GSDCA Obedience Chair.

4 TRIAL SECRETARY

Responsible for organizing the Secretarial requirements for the Trial, including liaison with the Show Secretary.

The Trial Secretary should:

- Keep minutes of Trial sub-committee meetings,
- Contract Judges, including a Reserve Judge, advising them of their responsibilities/expectations that accompany the appointment (e.g. critiques, critique procedures, judging fees, time frame for critiques, judging procedures for Winner of Winners), (refer Appendices “B” and “C”).
- Preparation of the Trial component of schedule to include: Judges, classes, judging schedule, trophies, sashes, gradings, mementos, check-in, teams event criteria, criteria for the awarding of Winner of Winners and the gold, silver and bronze medals (at Nationals only), a disclaimer allowing the club to make any necessary changes to judges and judging order to assist the smooth conduct of the fixture and order of judging.
- At close of entries, ascertaining the number of entries per judge in relation to the formula per class per judge and advising the sub-committee/Trial Manager/Show Manager/National committee if another judge should be appointed or the judging schedule be rearranged.



- Prepare a list of exhibits for the catalogue of those entered in the Show and Trial eligible for the Best Exhibit in Show and Trial.
- Preparation of judging sheets, steward's catalogues, grading certificates (same as the conformation), and qualifying certificates (as issued by the local Canine Control).
- Mark catalogues for Judges, and the Controlling Body where applicable, at completion of the Trial.
- Appoint stewards, and send contract if a Canine Control requirement.
- Liaise with Show committee with regards the appointment of a Canine Control representative for the combined Show and Trial. The decision on whether to appoint a second representative for the Trial section of the National will be up to the Host Club. This decision should be based on the physical location of the Trial, number of entries and ease of management.
- Recording and receipting of Trial entries, checking that all entries are correct and contain all pertinent information. Any errors or shortfall in monies should be followed up immediately and rectified.
- Return confirmation of entries to Exhibitors where Self Addressed Envelope is enclosed.
- Liaising with the committee's Treasurer regarding procedures required for receipting and banking.
- Co-ordination and preparation of trial entries for the catalogue.
- Notify Judges of numbers in each class prior to the trial.
- Co-ordinate vest bagging/liaise with Show Secretary.
- Monitor and give results of those exhibits eligible for the 'Best Exhibit in Show and Trial' awards.
- Follow up judges critiques following the show, read, check and submit to Show Secretary for the Editor National Review.
- Note and follow up any exhibitor complaints/concerns.

5 GROUNDS MANAGER

It is recommended that the Grounds Manager for the Trial is the same person who is in charge of the conformation section.

To ensure that obedience rings, tents and all other equipment requirements are set up to facilitate the successful and efficient conduct of the Trial (refer to Check Lists – Clause 20).

Ring sizes are in accordance with ANKC rules and regulations, slightly larger are ideal, should the overall ground size allow it.

Ring placement, it is suggested that the Obedience rings be placed as close as practicable to the Conformation area/rings to ensure the fixture is seen as a 'whole' event. The closeness of the rings should be determined given due consideration to the 'noise' and 'traffic' of the show ring yet giving the obedience competitors the security of a little 'quiet', the physical constraints of the show and trial area and the size of the show (number of entries and ring sizes required).

A little common sense is a good idea.

Preparation of trial equipment – liaise with Show Secretary.
(refer to Check Lists – Clause 20).



- Ensure that equipment is in accordance with the ANKC rules and regulations and is in good condition (refer to Check Lists – Clause 20). A working bee for upgrading of equipment may be required prior to the conduct of the trial.
- Provision should be made for ‘wet weather’ conditions, which will enable judges to effectively continue marking class judging charts in inclement weather. A suggestion is to provide laminated class sheets and a (fine point) marker pen - which doesn't rub off in wet weather for use in the ring and the judge then transfers results to paper in comfort of the pavilion once the class is finished, (Allow for a Steward board copy as well).

6 TROPHY STEWARD

Liaises with the National show committee Trophy Steward (this is usually the same person).

Responsible for all trophies, sashes, grading certificates, qualifying certificates, mementos and plaques.

IMPORTANT NOTE! Awards in Obedience are awarded to qualifying scores only.

7 AWARDS AND CRITERIA

7.1 TROPHIES, SASHES, MEMENTOS, GRADING CERTIFICATES, MEDALLIONS

7.1.1 CLASS WINNERS

Each obedience class shall be awarded as follows:

- 1st Place – Qualifying score only. Tri-sash, Qualifying Certificate & Sash/Ribbon, and Grading Certificate, plus a GSDCA National format Plaque (refer Appendix “J” in the “National Show Manual”) - to be presented at the Official Presentations at the conclusion of the Show.
- 2nd to 5th Places – Qualifying score only. Sash and Memento, Qualifying Certificate & Sash/Ribbon, and Grading Certificate (presented at conclusion of trial).
- Other qualifying exhibits receive Qualifying Certificate & Sash/Ribbon, and Grading Certificate.

7.1.2 DUAL PERFORMANCE WINNER

The best performing animal competing in the Show and Trial, as determined by the Criteria (refer Appendix “G”) shall receive the “David O’Rourke Memorial Dual Performance Trophy” plaque, and a trophy of equal value (\$350.00) to those awarded to the Gold medal winners of Conformation and Obedience”.



7.1.3 WINNER OF WINNERS

The Obedience “Winner of Winners” shall receive the “Rick Richardson Memorial Trophy” plaque, and a trophy in keeping with the theme for the overall show and trial, of similar value (\$350.00) as well as the Gold Medal (see 6.9 below)

7.1.4 MEMENTOS

The Mementos shall be awarded to the 2nd to 5th place with a qualifying score only and shall be the GSDCA Octagonal Memento (refer Appendix “I” in the “National Show Manual”).

7.1.5 EXCELLENT MEDALLIONS

The “triangular” Obedience Excellent medallion is awarded at Nationals only – and shall be awarded to:

- Obedience exhibits that obtain a score of 190 or more in Novice, Open, UD or UDX, or 95 or more in CCD.
- Rally exhibits that obtain a qualifying score of 95 or more.
- Agility and Jumping exhibits that have two (2) clear rounds, in Novice, Open or Masters Class.

The medallion shall be attached to a ribbon, which shall be the same as used for the Show Excellent medallions, at that National.

7.1.6 GRADING CERTIFICATES

Will be awarded to dogs and bitches achieving the following scores:

CCD Obedience Classes

- Good 85-89 points
- Very Good 90-94 points
- Excellent 95-100 points

Novice, Open, UD and UDX Obedience Classes

- Good 170-179 Points
- Very Good 180-189 Points
- Excellent 190-200 Points

Rally Classes

Good

- Rally Novice 75-89 points
- Rally Advanced 80-89 points
- Rally Excellent 80-89 points
- Rally Master 85-89 points

Very Good

- Rally Novice 90-94 points
- Rally Advanced 90-94 points
- Rally Excellent 90-94 points
- Rally Master 90-94 points

Excellent



-
- Rally Novice 95-100 points
 - Rally Advanced 95-100 points
 - Rally Excellent 95-100 points
 - Rally Master 95-100 points

The Dog/Bitch's Pedigree Name, Titles and Hip and Elbow status shall be printed on the Grading Certificate, along with the Grading achieved and signed by the Judge. The Grading Certificates shall be the same as those used for the Show Classes, at that National. (refer Appendix "C" in the "National Show Manual").

7.1.7 QUALIFYING CARDS

These are supplied by your local Canine Control, it may be possible to make them specific to the National being conducted.

7.1.8 GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE

A set of four identical plaques of sample size should be ordered for the GSDCA Member Clubs Obedience Challenge, which shall be presented to each member of the winning team. Plaques shall be ordered by the National trophy steward.

7.1.9 GOLD SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

- The Gold Medal will be awarded to the dog/bitch with the highest average score from both judges in the Winner of Winners class.
- The Silver Medal will be awarded to the dog/bitch with the second highest average score from both judges in the Winner of Winners class.
- The Bronze will be awarded to the dog/bitch with the third highest average score from both judges in the Winner of Winners class.

As per the Winner of Winner procedure for Selection (Appendix "E")

7.1.10 SASHES

Tri-sashes awarded to 1st to 5th Place, with qualifying scores.

The sashes shall be the same standard as those used in the Show, (refer Appendix "D" in the "National Show Manual").

8 TROPHY PRESENTATION

Presentation of 1st – 5th place sashes, qualifying cards and mementos (for the places 2nd to 5th in each class) and Excellent medals (where applicable) should take place at the conclusion of the trial.

The GSDCA President and Members of the GSDCA Executive, Trial/Show Manager and Club President shall be present at the Presentation.

It is important that these Presentations do not conflict (where possible) with the running of any Conformation classes.

Ideally the presentation of trophies/plaques and awards should be conducted as an integral part of the Show and Trial.



Awards to all Class Winners, Winner of Winners, Best Exhibit in Show and Trial should be presented with their awards at the Official Presentations at the conclusion of all Conformation classes.

(All Class Winners will need to be present on Sunday for the judging of Winner of Winners during the lunch break, and for the Official Presentations.)

9 JUDGING FORMULAE

'Local' Canine Control Rules may apply regarding the number of dogs judged per day. However, it is imperative that Judges are not 'over loaded' and if the entry warrants it the obedience classes may need to be rescheduled or extra Judges appointed.

The following is a Guide for the number of dogs that should be judged per hour (but this should be checked against local Canine Control Rules):

- CCD 12 per hour
- CD 10 per hour
- CDX 6 per hour
- UD 4 per hour
- UDX 4 per hour

10 CHECK IN PROCEDURE

That as of the 2015 National the following shall apply:

- All obedience entrants are to be photographed at the time of vetting.
- The animal shall be in a sitting position alongside of the Handler.
- The photo must be supplied as a high quality (min 1mb) jpg file and emailed to editor within fifteen (15) days of the end of the event.
- Failure by the owner to supply a photograph will see no photograph of their animal included in the QNR.

Advise exhibitors in schedule of time and of any special requirements. *(e.g. In some states Dogs as well as Bitches are required to Check In.)*

11 GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE

Teams of four exhibits compete, with the scores gained in their respective classes within the National Trial. Exhibits can be mixed from different classes of obedience.

Names of teams, handlers and dogs' names must be provided to the Trial Manager **prior to the commencement of the Trial**. At least three of the exhibits must qualify. Exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored. The winning team is that team which has the highest aggregate qualifying scores.

(The aim is to engender a spirit of friendly rivalry between clubs, with enthusiastic competition and encourage higher participation for this award. It must be noted that the number of teams entered by a Member Club will not be restricted.)



12 JUDGES

12.1 APPOINTMENT

Please reference the GSDCA Regulations Manual section 5.5.3.2 for the regulation and contracting of National Trial Judges. [2018]

12.2 TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

Travel and accommodation for the Obedience Judges is organized by the person responsible for the Obedience Judges.

To ensure uniformity of arrangements this must be in accordance with Clauses 3.1.1 of the “National Show Manual”.

12.3 JUDGES FEES / GIFTS

A gift or Commemorative Plaque (as per Show Judges) is suggested however, Judges Fees may be paid to the Judges.

13 CRITIQUES

A requirement of Judging Obedience classes at the National Show is the writing of critiques (refer Appendix “C”). It is imperative that these critiques are completed to meet the ‘close of copy’ schedule as set down by the Editor National Review.

14 ORDER/SCHEDULING OF JUDGING

Refer to ANKC Rule Book.

Scheduling of classes may be organized by the Host Club.

Entries may also determine the scheduling of classes. Flexibility should be kept in mind.

15 RINGS

The Ground Manager is responsible for the setting up of rings. Attention should be paid to the ground terrain, surrounds etc., (shade, toilets).

- Ring size – Ground Managers are encouraged to make rings larger than the minimum size (i.e. 45M x 15M). It should also be noted that the UD and UDX ring should have a two (2) metre corridor around the ring.
- Provision for a tent and space for spectators should also be made.
- It is recommended that the obedience rings are set up at the same time as the conformation rings.
- Signs designating this as the obedience area are to be displayed.
- Signs to be of suitable size so they can be read from a distance,
- Care should be taken with choice of colours, black on white is easily read.



- The number of signs displayed is up to the discretion of the Grounds Manager.
- The signs should be secured to endure a variety of weather conditions.
- For suggested wording (refer Appendix “A”).

16 CANINE CONTROL REPRESENTATIVE

It is usual practice that the Canine Control Representative be the same person for the total fixture/exhibition (i.e. the show and trial). Local rules may require a Canine Control Representative for the show and another for the trial. The physical location of the trial may also encourage the Host Club to engage/appoint a Representative for the trial – this decision rests with the Host Club.

The Canine Control Representative should be included in the provision of hospitality (i.e. looked after suitably).

Please ensure a copy of the Canine Control Rules and Regulations and required paperwork are at hand (i.e. with the Trial/Show Secretary).

It is the responsibility of the Canine Control Representative to complete and furnish to the Control the required paperwork following the show/trial.

17 ANKC RULES AND REGULATIONS

The trial is judged under the current ANKC rules and regulations. As mentioned earlier there may be some ‘local’ rules, it is imperative that all exhibitors are aware of these when entering. These should be in the schedule.

18 EXHIBITS ENTERED IN BOTH SHOW AND OBEDIENCE

Flexibility should be exercised for those exhibits entered in both the show and the trial. Consideration should be given as to their place in the order of judging in their class, it is suggested that early in the class is a good rule of thumb. It is accepted practice that show takes precedence over trial but all must work together. Consultation between the Obedience Judges, Obedience Stewards and the Conformation Stewards is vital.

19 STEWARDS

Given the importance of this event experienced stewards should be appointed, ideally Judges or Aspirants.

20 WINNER OF WINNERS

The Winner of Winners is judged in accordance with the current Rules. (Refer Appendix “E”)

Judging of the ‘Winner of Winners’ competition should be scheduled in the Main Ring (Dog ring) at lunchtime on Sunday at every GSDCA National Show and Trial, in order to give maximum exposure and recognition to this important part of the National Show and Trial.

***Liaison between the Show and Trial Managers is required.**



21 CHECK LISTS

21.1 GROUND MANAGER

- rope
- pickets/poles with caps for same
- tables
- scoreboards to be located outside trial rings, available for exhibitors to view – with score sheets/ways of recording scores/ways of attaching score sheets/protection for sheets
- judge name boards
- judges score sheets
- protective sheeting for judges score sheets
- wet weather items (i.e. umbrellas etc.)
- clip boards
- jumps and box for UD
- pooper scoopers
- tent/s
- suitable area for out of sight stays
- Judge and Steward badges
- Canine Control Representative badge
- badges for other officials as required
- trial boxes.

CCD / NOVICE

- Starting peg
- Figure 8 markers
- Numbered stay pegs
- Stop watch
- Eraser/marker for score board
- Pens/pencils

OPEN

- Starting peg
- Figure 8 Markers
- Numbered stay pegs.
- Stop watch
- Tape measure
- Eraser/marker for score board.
- Pens/pencils

UD

- Starting peg
- Mat, pegs and hammer (ensure mat is clean)
- Spare mat
- Tongs
- 3 covered bowls and 3 types of food
- Stop watch
- Tape measure
- Eraser/markers for score board
- Prescribed area for Directed Jumping exercise



- Pens/pencils
- Numbered stay pegs

UDX

- Starting peg
- Four (4) Markers for nominated area (small witches hats or similar) for directed Send-away and Recall
- Tongs
- Eraser/markers for score board
- Pens/pencils

22 Appendices

22.1 Appendix “A” SIGNS

THIS IS A DESIGNATED OBEDIENCE TRIALING AREA
NO BITCHES IN SEASON ALLOWED
PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS AREA FOR EXERCISING OR RELIEVING YOUR
ANIMALS
COMPETITORS, OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS ONLY
ALL DOGS MUST BE VETTED PRIOR TO ENTERING THIS AREA
PLEASE KEEP OUT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A BITCH IN SEASON



22.2 APPENDIX “B” – JUDGES CONTRACT GUIDELINES

Judges contracts for GSDCA events

(*Refer also to section 11 within this manual)

Contracts should be completed using the standard ANKC judge’s contract forms.

Contracts should be sent to the judges as soon as possible after the judges have been selected.

Contracts must be clear and list all duties/roles which are expected, to avoid misunderstandings and must include the following details:

- Date, Time and Venue for the event
- Class/s, special class/s to be judged
- Any stipulations in regard to fees, travel or accommodation details which have been set down by the Trial Committee. (i.e. While travel and accommodation is normally but not necessarily provided, judges are not expected to claim a fee for a prestigious appointment such as a GSDCA event).
- All Obedience Judges’ contracts to include the following condition ‘I understand and agree that I will not compete at this event’.

Duties expected of judges should be detailed, especially in regard to the following:

- Separate critiques must be written for each dog that competes.
- Each critique must be complete and accurate and must match the competitor’s entry number and dog’s name as catalogued.
- Critiques must be presented to the trial management ASAP after the trial and preferably on the day of the trial. If critiques are to be presented after leaving the trial, they must be returned at the earliest possible opportunity, and definitely within the time period stipulated in the judge’s contract.
- Where a judge is required to judge the Winner of Winners, the rules and procedures for that event must be clearly detailed and included with the judge’s contract.
- Any other requirements in regard to judging procedures or presentations must be included.



22.3 APPENDIX “C” – PERFORMANCE CRITIQUE WRITING

Writing Obedience Critiques

Critiques are an essential feature at a GSDCA Trial. Critiques are very important to the handlers who will be waiting for the GSDCA Review to be published to view the judges' assessment of their performance. When they enter a specialist trial, they do deserve to obtain a valid critique as soon as possible after the event.

Clubs will have a non-negotiable deadline for inclusion of critiques in the GSDCA Review following the event.

Requirements for GSDCA appointed Judges:

- A separate critique must be written for each dog that competes.
- Each critique must be complete and accurate and must match the competitor's entry number and dog's name as catalogued.
- Critiques must be checked against the judge's original score sheets to ensure that information is consistent.
- Critiques must be presented to the trial management ASAP after the trial and preferably on the day of the trial. If critiques are to be presented after leaving the trial, they must be returned at the earliest possible opportunity, and definitely within the time period stipulated in the judge's contract.

Guidelines for writing Critiques:

Write brief notes about each dog's performance – For example:

Dog and handler worked as a team, however a few crooked sits and a missed drop in the heel free exercise marred an otherwise excellent performance.

Or

Dog's heeling performance was not quite up to pass standard on the day, mainly due to inattention. The dog is a happy exuberant worker who shows potential.

Do try to write positive comments. Do not comment on issues such as: Handler's personal attributes -

- age (unless they are a junior handler);
- size, shape, dress. Dog's attributes or quality;
- construction;
- lack of training. Do not use sentences such as:

Dog looks as though it has never been in a ring before. Handlers get concerned about these sorts of statements, especially if they already have a title.

A similar situation applies when commenting on a dog's training. Where applicable do make comments such as:

- Dog has potential;
- Dog seems to enjoy the work or dog is a happy worker;
- Dog was attentive or inattentive.



Guidelines for Trial Managers:

Preferably obtain the critiques prior to the judge leaving the trial. This is usually possible with assistance for the judge.

As the catalogue is typed, a cut and paste of each class can be done incorporating the following details:

- Catalogue number
- Dog's Name
- Handler's name

Delete the breed information and provide space between each exhibit.

This will produce a template for the judge to fill in comments for each dog under the correct headings.

This can be used whether the judge uses a Dictaphone, a scribe or takes written notes.

Written notes can then be transcribed on the day using judges' sheets to confirm remarks made. Notes can be typed up later.

Dictaphones are useful only if judge:

- can replay and hand write from notes as above, or preferably
- is presented with typed copy to confirm comments against judge's sheet prior to leaving the trial, or very soon afterwards.

It is difficult for a typist to produce an accurate final copy of critiques such as these for several reasons as follows:

- Most judges are not used to dictation and perhaps, may use unintentional phraseology.
- Mistakes can be made, which are usually realised when judges check their critiques against judge's sheets.

The best time to get them is on the day of the trial.

To assist the Judge:

- **Brief judge on appointment, in regard to the necessity for a written critique on each dog.**
- **Provide the judge with guidelines. He/she may not have been required to do them before.**



22.4 APPENDIX “D” – GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM



German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

GSDCA Member Clubs Obedience Challenge Entry Form

Name of Team			Team Co-ordinator	
Team Member	Cat. No:	Name of Dog	Class Entered	Score
1				
2				
3				
4				
Reserve (if required)				
Total of three best scores for team Four dog's scores will count, lowest score is dropped Reserve to be used only if one of nominated team cannot compete				Total score

General rules:

1. Entry to the Teams Event is open to GSDCA Affiliated Clubs.
2. Each team must be comprised of four separate dogs, which may come from any class.
3. Each team member must be a member of an affiliated GSDCA Club.
4. More than one team may be entered by any one group.
5. Individual dogs may be entered in Open, UD and UDX in three (3) different teams, provided that any class score is counted only once.
6. Team co-ordinator to sign off on rules at time of entry.
7. All scores must be qualifying scores

Please note that this form MUST be lodged with the Trial Manager/ Secretary prior to the commencement of the obedience trial.

Team co-ordinator signature.....



22.5 APPENDIX “E” – WINNER OF WINNERS

“Rick Richardson Memorial Trophy” (Procedure for selection)

- Two judges nominated by GSDCA will officiate at the Final. One will be the reserve judge who shall be contracted to judge the Obedience Finals in a Winner of Winners format (that is, the winning qualifying dogs will be judged in the count back exercises of Heel Free and Recall, as two separate exercises), the other will be selected from the judging panel for the event. The Judges will be assisted by a “call steward, who will be selected from the judging panel” and who will give the commands.
- Judges will mark exercises independently and will judge on opposite sides of the ring.
- All other judging at the show ceases when the finals are about to commence where possible.
- The qualifying winners of each of the CCD, Novice, Open, Utility, and Utility Dog Excellent Class in the Obedience Trial will be required to compete in the finals.
- Should a dog entered in Open, Utility and UDX win one class but fail, or be beaten in another, he competes for the medals as winner of his successful class.
- Should a dog win two (2) or three (3) classes he will compete two (2) or three (3) times.
- The winner will be the dog with the highest average score from both judges in the Winner of Winners class. This dog or bitch will receive the Gold medal.
- The dog with the second highest average score will receive the Silver Medal.
- The dog with the third highest average score will receive the Bronze Medal.

Procedure in the event of a tied score:

- Step 1. In the event of any tied score a count back will be decided by the sum of the scores from both judges for the Heel Free exercise only.
- Step 2. In the event of a tied score still resulting, a run-off shall be held between the tied competitors, where each dog is to complete the Heel Free exercise individually.



22.6 APPENDIX “F” – WINNER OF WINNERS – (Judges Score Sheet)

Trial conducted by:		GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA																	
		Date:																	
		Judge: Steward:																	
WINNER OF WINNERS																			
EXHIBIT NUMBER	POINTS																		
HEEL FREE	40																		
RECALL	30																		
Less Total Deductions for "Misbehaviour"																			
FINAL SCORE	70																		
Note: Heel Free and Recall to be judged as two separate exercises																			
1st Cat. No.....Pts.....																			
2nd Cat. No.....Pts.....																			
3rd Cat. No.....Pts.....																			
																JUDGE'S SIGNATURE.....			



22.7 APPENDIX “G” – “DAVID O’ROURKE” MEMORIAL DUAL PERFORMANCE TROPHY RULES

To be eligible, a Dog or Bitch must achieve, as minimum, a grading of Very Promising in a conformation class and a qualifying score in CCD, Novice, Open, Utility or Utility Dog Excellent class in the Obedience Trial.

- The David O’Rourke Dual Performance Trophy will be awarded to the animal that has the **highest grading in conformation** and a qualifying score in obedience.
- **If grading is equal**, then the following scoring system shall be used to determine the winner:

The scoring system sees a formula applied: The score shall be determined by the number of gradings given in the conformation class divided by the placing of the dog that has qualified, which is then multiplied by 100.

A = Number of Grading given


B = Placing of dog that has qualified with that grading $A/B \times 100 = \text{Final Score}$ (no decimal places)

- In the event of a tied result after applying all the criteria above, then the Obedience result will determine the winner, with criteria being, in the following order:
- The animal that gained the highest qualifying score in Obedience Trial will be declared the winner.
- If the qualifying scores are still equal, the winner will be decided as follows:
- Tied scores within the same class will be separated by final placing gained within the particular class. e.g.: 1st place UDX (190 points) beats 2nd place UDX (190 points) etc.

Tied scores from different classes will be separated by placing them in order of the class the animal competed in, hence as an example: UDX (190 points) beats UD (190 points) which beat OPEN (190 points) etc.



22.8 APPENDIX “H” – OBEDIENCE JUDGING SHEETS – ‘CCD’

	TRIAL CONDUCTED BY: GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.	COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS (CCD)
Judge: Steward/s Date: / / Sheet of		
EXHIBIT NUMBER		
1. Heel on Lead 30		
2. Stand for Exam on Lead 20		
3. Recall 20		
Sub Total 70		
6. One Minute Sit Stay 15		
7. Two Minute Down Stay 15		
TOTAL SCORE 100		
Less deductions for misbehaviour		
QUALIFYING SCORE 85		

1 st : Cat No: Score: 2 nd : Cat No: Score: 3 rd : Cat No: Score:	Other qualifiers: Cat No: Score: Cat No: Score: Cat No: Score: Cat No: Score:	
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Judge's signature:




22.9 APPENDIX “I” – OBEDIENCE JUDGING SHEETS – ‘CD’

	TRIAL CONDUCTED BY: GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.	NOVICE CLASS (CD)															
Judge: Steward/s Date: / / Sheet of																	
EXHIBIT NUMBER																	
Option																	
1. Heel Free 40																	
2. Stand Free for Examination 30																	
3. Recall 40																	
4. (a) Retrieve On Flat (or) 30 (b) Change of Position 30																	
Sub Total 140																	
7. One Minute Sit Stay 30																	
8. Three Minute Down Stay 30																	
TOTAL SCORE 200																	
Less deductions for 'misbehaviour'																	
QUALIFYING SCORE 170																	

1 st : Cat No: Score: 2 nd : Cat No: Score: 3 rd : Cat No: Score:	Other qualifiers: Cat No: Score: Cat No: Score: Cat No: Score: Cat No: Score: Cat No: Score:	Judge's signature:
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22.11 APPENDIX “K” – OBEDIENCE JUDGING SHEETS – ‘UD’

		TRIAL CONDUCTED BY:		UTILITY CLASS (UD)	
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.					
Judge:		Steward/s		Date: / / Sheet of	
EXHIBIT NUMBER					
Jump Height					
Options					
1. Seek Back Lost Article 30					
2. Directed Jumping Part 1 20					
Part 2 20					
3. Scent Discrimination Part 1 15					
Part 2 15					
Part 3 15					
4. Signal Exercise 30					
5. (a) Speak on Command (or) 20					
(b) Food Refusal (or) 20					
(c) Directed Retrieve 20					
Sub Total 165					
6. Group Examination 10					
7. Five Minute Down Stay (Handler out of Sight) 25					
TOTAL SCORE 200					
Less deductions for 'misbehaviour'					
QUALIFYING SCORE 170					

1 st :	Cat No:	Score:	Other qualifiers:	Cat No:	Score:
2 nd :	Cat No:	Score:		Cat No:	Score:
3 rd :	Cat No:	Score:		Cat No:	Score:

Judge's signature:



22.12 APPENDIX “L” - OBEDIENCE JUDGING SHEETS - ‘UDX’

		TRIAL CONDUCTED BY:		UTILITY EXCELLENT CLASS (UDX)	
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.					
Judge:		Steward/s		Date: / / Sheet of	
EXHIBIT NUMBER					
1. Seek Back Lost Article 30					
2. Positions in Motion 40					
3. Scent Discrimination Judge's Scent 30					
4. Directed Sendaway and Recall 30					
5. Distance Control 30					
6. Multiple Retrieve Part 1 15					
Part 2 15					
Sub Total 190					
7. Group Examination 10					
TOTAL SCORE 200					
Less deductions for 'misbehaviour'					
QUALIFYING SCORE 170					

1st: Cat No: Score:	Other qualifiers: Cat No: Score:	
2nd: Cat No: Score:	Cat No: Score:	
3rd: Cat No: Score:	Cat No: Score:	

Judge's signature:



22.13 APPENDIX “M” – RALLY SCORE SHEET – INDIVIDUAL

As the discipline is “Optional” score sheet is provided for those Member Clubs that offer this discipline at a National.



Trial conducted by:

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

ANKC LTD RALLY SCORE SHEET - INDIVIDUAL

CLASS.....

CATALOGUE NUMBER

JUMP HEIGHT TIME.....

POINTS DEDUCTED TOTAL SCORE.....

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.

1 POINT

TIGHT LEAD
DOG INTERFERING WITH HANDLER'S FORWARD MOTION
POOR SITS, DOWNS AND STANDS
SLOW OR RESISTANT RESPONSE
TOUCHING A PYLON, POST OR COURSE DISTRACTIONS
TOUCHING OR HITTING A JUMP WITHOUT DISLODGMET
OUT OF POSITION

3 POINTS

REPEAT OF STATION, MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) RETRIES
ALLOWED PER RUN
PYLON / POST KNOCKED OVER (ON FIGURE EIGHT, SPIRAL
OR SERPENTINE) BY A DOG AND/OR HANDLER
LACK OF CONTROL
LOUD COMMAND OR INTIMIDATING SIGNAL
EXCESSIVE BARKING
COURSE DISTRACTIONS KNOCKED OVER OR DISLODGED

1-10 POINTS

LACK OF TEAMWORK
LACK OF BRISKNESS
HANDLER ERROR
OUT OF POSITION WHEN HEELING BETWEEN STATIONS

10 POINTS

INCORRECTLY PERFORMED STATION

NON-QUALIFYING

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS NOT MET
DOG UNMANAGEABLE OR UNCONTROLLED BARKING
CONSISTENTLY TIGHT LEAD
DOG RELIEVING ITSELF IN THE RING
HANDLER ERROR
STATION NOT ATTEMPTED
DISLODGMET OF A JUMP
FAILURE OF A DOG TO GO OVER JUMP IN THE PROPER
DIRECTION
ATTEMPTING MORE THAN TWO (2) RETRIES
PERFORMING A STATION OUT OF SEQUENCE
WHERE A STATION IS RENDERED UNUSABLE
COURSE DISTRACTION PICKED UP BY DOG AND REMOVED

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

Judge:

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