

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The DogPro Supreme Australian Championship will be conducted under the Supreme Rules of the Australian Sheepdog Workers Association Inc. and the Rules of The Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association Inc.
2. Owners of all dogs competing in all trials must be financial members of the Working Sheep Dog Association in the State in which they reside and their dogs must be registered. The full name and registration number of each dog must be stated on the entry form.
3. An owner may appoint, at the time of entry, a nominee to work the dog, or dogs, at a Trial. Such a nominee must be a financial member of the Working Sheep Dog Association in the State in which they reside and accept full responsibility during the currency of the trial. If a nominee is appointed, they must work in both preliminary and final rounds.
4. Competitors must list dogs on the entry form in preferred order of participation and must work dogs in the listed order.
5. Novice dogs are not eligible to enter the Supreme Championship. However a Worker without any Open Dogs will be allowed to work 1 Novice Dog in the Australian Open/Improver.
6. If a competitor enters a dog in the Novice Trial and wins after Supreme entries have closed, they become eligible and may, on payment of the entry fee, to compete in the Improver and/or Open Trial
7. Competitor's dogs will be drawn in the order of listing on the entry form. No late entries will be accepted.
8. The official draw will be prepared and forwarded to all competitors prior to the running of The Supreme.
9. The judges' decision shall be final and they shall be in command of the trial from the time the competitor, with their dog released, enters the course.
10. Competitors shall take their place according to the draw, and any dog absent shall not be allowed to compete, except at the discretion of the Organising Committee under special circumstances. If a competitor is granted permission to run after having missed their proper place in the draw, the run should take place at the end of the round in progress, at the committee's discretion. Should the same dog reach the final, they must take their place accordingly in the final
11. In the event of a tie for first place in any event a winner will be determined by a runoff.
12. Bitches in season are permitted to compete in the Supreme, but care should be taken to keep them isolated from other competitors dogs
13. The organising committee reserves the right to limit the number of NOVICE dogs entered. If entries are excessive a ballot will be conducted. Please indicate which dogs to take out if a ballot is required.
14. If entries exceed the time allowed, the trial Committee reserves the right to impose a cut-off score whereby workers are asked to retire once a certain number of points have been lost
15. For the benefit of our spectators, commentary will be provided throughout the trials. It would be appreciated if all competitors could complete the attached form, providing some information on themselves and their dogs
16. Everybody must clean up after themselves and their dogs at all times.
17. Entries close Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.2017. No late entries accepted. Nominations, camping fees, dinner fees and merchandise fees must accompany nomination forms

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- A competitor shall not inflict verbal or physical abuse on any person
- A competitor shall not inflict pain or cause wilful distress to any animal
- A competitor shall not engage in words or actions which constitute sexual harassment or discrimination
- A competitor shall not engage in un-sportsmanlike conduct
- A competitor must wear appropriate clothing and footwear
- A competitor must present themselves for competition in a state of sobriety
- A competitor shall not question the decision, abuse or intimidate any Judge during the course of the Trial