

Dogs A.C.T.

A.C.T Canine Association inc.

Dogs A.C.T Regulations - Part 18 - Disciplinary.

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18.1 General:

- a) In respect of a breach of Rules by a member of any Controlling Body:
 - 1. When a report of an alleged offence in the ACT is received, Dogs A.C.T shall investigate the complaint and conduct an investigation under the Rules of Natural Justice and lay a charge if it seems necessary, such charge to be determined by a hearing conducted for the purpose of determining innocence or guilt by Dogs A.C.T.
 - 2. If the Member is from an interstate controlling body, Dogs A.C.T shall submit a report with recommendations to the Member Body in the state or Territory in which the person resides.
 - 3. Such Members Body shall examine the evidence and if satisfied that the appropriate measures with regard to Natural Justice have been undertaken in the process, they may impose a penalty.
 - 4. Any witnesses or parties shall be given the opportunity to submit evidence in person if they wish, or may submit evidence by way of affidavit.
- b) In respect of field trials and retrieving trials conducted by Dogs A.C.T or an affiliate:
 - 1. No member of Dogs A.C.T participating or officiating in or observing such trials shall revisit a trial venue for any reason whatsoever without the permission of the landowner of that venue;
 - 2. No member of Dogs A.C.T participating or officiating in or observing such trials shall subsequently contact the landowner for the purpose of revisiting the trial without the prior approval of the person responsible for negotiating the use of the venue for the above mentioned trials and such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- c) In respect to anyone taking part in a show, trial or parade:
 - 1. Anyone taking part in a show, trial or parade who openly impugns the actions or decisions of a judge, a steward or an official shall render himself or herself liable to be debarred from further participation in that event, and
 - 2. May be ordered from the grounds by the affiliate, and further dealt with at the discretion of Dogs A.C.T.

18.2 Exhibitors and Visitors.

- a) Exhibitors and Visitors who are members of a Controlling Body.
 - 1. Exhibitors and Visitors who are members of a Controlling Body at any Show, Trial or Parade are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.
 - 2. Exhibitors are responsible for both their children's actions and behaviour at any Show, Trial or Parade.
 - 3. Exhibitors and Visitors who are members of a controlling body causing disruption, using abusive or threatening language or otherwise impugning fellow exhibitors, judges or officials shall be disciplined by the Dogs A.C.T Council in a manner decided by the Dogs A.C.T Council which may include suspension and or disqualification.
 - 4. In such cases Exhibitors retain the right to appeal the Council's decision and to have representation at the Council Meeting where the matter is to be discussed.

- b) Judges and Officials Complaints.
 - 1. Any Judge, Steward or Official who observes an exhibitor in contravention of this regulation, must report the incident in writing to the Show Secretary.
 - 2. The Show Secretary shall ensure that the report is lodged with the Dogs A.C.T Administrator within seven days of the Show or Trial with any supporting documents that may be available.
 - 3. Dogs A.C.T Council will consider the report and may take disciplinary action against the exhibitor.

18.3 Exhibitor Protest.

- a) An Exhibitor who wishes to lodge a protest against another exhibitor or an official at a Show or Trial must lodge the protest in writing with the Dogs A.C.T Administrator within (7) seven days of the event.
- b) The Protest must include written and signed witness statements and be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00.
- c) Protestors should note that should the protest be considered frivolous by the Dogs A.C.T Council or deemed to be invalid then the fee is forfeit and the Protestor may be disciplined by the Council.
- d) Aggressive dog complaints and complaints lodged by Judges and Officials are not applicable for the fee.

18.4 General complaint:

In respect of a breach of Dogs A.C.T Rules or Regulations, Code of Ethics or Constitution by a member of Dogs A.C.T, not subject to Section 18.3 of this regulation:

- a) Where a report of an alleged offence by a Dogs A.C.T member is received, Dogs A.C.T shall investigate the complaint and conduct an investigation as to its validity under the Rules of Natural Justice and lay a charge if it seems necessary.
- b) The Complaint must be written with a detailed description of the complaint matter or incident and include any evidence supporting the complaint matter and where possible written and signed witness statements.
- c) The complaint must be accompanied by a fee of \$150.00. Dogs A.C.T may determine that this fee is not applicable if the allegation is related to a substantive offence determined by a Law Enforcement or Government investigative body.
- d) Should such an allegation determine that an investigation be required and a hearing conducted for the purpose of determining innocence or guilt, Dogs A.C.T may call any witnesses or parties who shall be given the opportunity to submit further relevant evidence in person or evidence by way of affidavit.
- e) The Dogs A.C.T Council shall examine the evidence and if satisfied that the appropriate measures with regard to Natural Justice have been undertaken in the process, they may impose a penalty.
- f) The Complainant should note that should the complaint or allegation be considered frivolous by the Dogs A.C.T Council or deemed to be invalid then the fee is forfeit and the Complainant may be disciplined by the Council.
- g) If the alleged offence by a Dogs A.C.T member occur interstate, then the complaint should be investigated by that interstate controlling body.