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Zone 1 Handbook

**Zone 1 procedure and policy
not otherwise documented in
Dog Training Regulations
or Show Regulations**

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Introduction

This handbook has been created to provide Zone 1 members, Zone 1 clubs, club secretaries and club delegates with information related to Zone matters.

It is the intention that all matters not otherwise provided for in Dog Training Regulations or other NZKC rules/regulations be provided for in this handbook. With this in mind, should additions or amendments be required, clubs are encouraged to make suggestions through their club delegates.

The procedure for changing each section may differ slightly, so is identified under each topic covered.

Compliance

Policy contained in this handbook has been passed by majority vote at a Zone meeting (or AGM where applicable). With this in mind, it is the intention that all clubs comply with such policy.

As all Zone clubs have been involved in the formation of this handbook, it is expected that clubs should willingly comply. Although the Zone has limited ability to impose sanctions on clubs, the Zone will frown upon evidence of deliberate non-compliance and the Zone may choose to raise such non-compliances with the NZKC.

Running of Elementary

Introduction

Elementary is designed as an introductory level of competition in both Obedience and Agility. The ultimate goal of elementary is to attract newcomers to the sport. Whilst it is not the intention to over-regulate elementary, uniformity between clubs is desirable as new people need some idea what to expect when entering the sport.

Clubs are responsible for advertising Elementary by way of flyers or details in champ show schedules. If elementary is not to commence at the same time as other tests, and approximate start time should be advertised (i.e. “after special beginners”)

Changing Elementary Policy

Changes to the below policy will be by way of majority vote of delegates after consultation with all clubs.

Elementary Obedience

1. Eligibility

Dogs and/or handlers that have been placed in a test higher than Special Beginners or qualified CD/CDX are ineligible. Dogs and/or handlers that have won Special Beginners once, or Elementary twice are also ineligible.

2. Entry

Entries will be accepted at any time, up until commencement of Elementary on the day of the show. Competitors do not have to be members of the NZKC. All competitors must provide their dog's pet name and the handler's name to the club secretary. Dogs do not have to be registered with the NZKC, but must be registered with their council. Clubs may ask for evidence of this if required.

3. Judges

Judges do not have to be listed on the Official Judges Panel, and can be any person not being a disqualified person under the rules or regulations of the New Zealand Kennel Club. Judges must have trained and competed with a dog to a standard of 95 points in Novice. Preference should be given to prospective obedience Judges when appointing elementary Judges. Elementary Judges are bound by all applicable Dog Training Regulations.

4. Extra Commands

Handlers will not be penalised for verbal encouragement or extra commands during any exercises, except recall and stays as detailed.

5. Exercises

Points

Heel on lead.

The dog should be sitting at the handler's left side. On command the handler and dog should walk at normal pace as directed. The lead should remain loose, and the dog should be positioned close to the handler's left leg. On command for a right or about turn, the handler should turn in the direction indicated within three paces. On command the handler should halt and the dog should sit. A tight lead will incur a penalty of up to 5 points. The dog should not impede the handler. There shall be two standard courses (one to be selected by the judge on the show day) The Courses shall be:

Course A: Forward, About Turn, About Turn, Right Turn, Right Turn, Right Turn, Halt.

Course B: Forward, Right Turn, Right Turn, About Turn, About Turn, Right Turn, Halt. **20**

Recall.

From Sit or down position at handler's choice. On command from steward, dog to be recalled by handler and sit in front. Handler is permitted any commands as orders for dog to stay before the steward's command "Leave your dog" and only simultaneous command and signal after that steward's command and before walking away from their dog. Handler should walk away from dog in a normal manner until told to halt and about turn, The Handler may turn their head and give one additional command while walking away. Distance of the recall should be between 8 – 10 paces. **10**

Sit 30 seconds.

Handler in sight and facing dog, at a distance of roughly 10 paces. Lead may be left attached to dog but not held by handler. On return to dog, handler to walk around dog to heel position. Stewards commands as per Dog Training regulations. Timing commences on steward's command "Leave your dogs" and ends on steward's command "Exercise finished". Extra commands may not be given during the exercise and competitors must not handle their dogs on (or after) last command. **10**

Down one minute.

Handler in sight and facing dog as per the sit exercise. Other commands and instructions as per the sit exercise. **20**

Total: 60

Elementary Agility

1. Eligibility

Dogs are not eligible for elementary agility if they have;

- (a) Previously won an elementary.
- (b) Previously placed 1st - 5th in Elementary
- (c) Achieved AD.

2. Permitted Obstacles

All NZKC approved obstacles used in Starters are permitted in Elementary, with the exception of the long jump and the tyre, which cannot be used. Courses are to be approved by an officiating panel judge on the day.

3. Number of Obstacles

A maximum number of 16 obstacles are permitted in elementary.

4. Judges

Judges may be any person (not including a member disqualified by the NZKC) that is appointed by the show or club committee. They must have had a clear round in novice or above.

5. Other Regulations

All other regulations including judging, scoring, age of dogs, heights of dogs and anything else not otherwise included above, will be as per NZKC Dog Training regulations.

Running of NDTA Team Trials

Introduction

The Zone runs team Trials in order to select team members for competition at the National Dog Training Assembly. A complete team consists of one dog and handler from each test or class (9 in total, 5 for obedience and 4 for agility). Team trials are unofficial events, so the way in which these are run is entirely up to the Zone.

Changing Team Trials Rules/Policy

Changes to the below policy will be by way of majority vote of delegates after consultation with all clubs.

General Rules for Conduct of Team Trails

TIMING AND NUMBER OF TRIALS.

- Team Trials must be held between August 1st and September 10th.
- Four Team Trials will be held, separate from any other fixture. These Trials will be placed in the Zone calendar at the earliest possible meeting.
- Obedience Team Trials should, if possible, be held in conjunction with the Agility Team Trials, at the same venue.

ENTRY

- Entry for all Team Trials will only be accepted on the first day of either Obedience or Agility Team Trials, unless (in obedience) a competitor is absent with dispensation as detailed below.
- An entry fee of \$20.00 will be charged per dog in Agility and per dog per test, in Obedience. This covers all Trials, and is non-refundable, regardless of number of Trials attended.
- All entrants must be financial members of the NZKC.

TEAM MEMBER REQUIREMENTS.

- Team members are required to travel to the NDTA and enter the teams event.
- Team members are required to wear the Zone uniform, some of this will be supplied by the Zone and the rest will be supplied by the individual Team member.
- All Team members will be required to attend a meeting on the final day of the Trials to decide (in conjunction with the Zone Executive) upon the uniform for all team members (Obedience and Agility).

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- Team members must complete and sign an official NZKC entry form for the NDTA team event, and pass this to the Zone Representative as soon as possible after the Trials.

BITCHES IN SEASON.

- As (under Dog Training regulation 6.2.1) the Zone One Team Trials are a recognised and approved Zone “fixture”, then Dog Training regulation 5.4.2 must apply and Bitches in season will not be allowed to attend.

ZONE SUBSIDY.

- The Zone will provide a subsidy to each team member, to assist with travel and uniform expenses.
- The subsidy will vary depending on the area that is being travelled to. The Zone delegates will agree on the amount to be paid each year, at a Zone meeting prior to the team trials.
- The subsidy is paid by cheque to each team member at the time of the announcement of the team.
- Any team member that pulls out PRIOR to travelling to the NDTA must repay the subsidy in full.
- Any team member that pulls out AFTER travelling to the NDTA must only repay the subsidy if they are **unable** to provide a current doctor's certificate or vet's certificate that specifically precludes that team member, or their dog, from competing on the day.
- Replacement team members selected during the running of an NDTA will be entitled to a half (50%) subsidy from the zone.

SELECTION OF JUDGES.

- Clubs are to submit a list of 5 obedience and/or agility judges to the Team Trials organizer(s) by July 1st. Where possible, Organisers are to attempt to contract the most frequently requested judges.

Obedience-specific Rules

ATTENDANCE.

- Attendance at all of the allocated Trials is optional, (keeping in mind entries are only taken on the first day) however, competitor's scores will only be ranked against other competitors who have completed all of the Trials.
- The Zone Representative may give special dispensation for a competitor to be absent from one Trial, and still have their scores counted. Such requests should be in writing.
- Competitors who do not complete all of the Trials or obtain dispensation as per above, are ineligible for Team selection.

SCORING

- On the final day of the Trials, Competitors who are eligible under "attendance" (above), will have their scores compared and ranked against other eligible competitors.
- The best three placings out of four, for each competitor will be combined to form a score. The competitor with the lowest score in each test will make the team.
- In the event of a tie, each tied competitor will have their best 3 scores added together to form a total. The competitor with the highest total will be selected for the team.
- In the unlikely event a tie still exists, the Zone Executive will make the final decision. Such a decision will be final.

Agility-specific Rules

AGILITY SCORING:

- There will be 6 runs in each class and the worst 2 can be dropped off.
- Dogs are ranked from first to last grouped by number of faults. No run-offs are required, as dogs on equal faults and time will be given an equal placing.
- Dogs not running, or dogs that are disqualified, will receive equal last place with other dogs that did not run or received a "D".
- The best four placings for each dog are added together, and the lowest scoring dog will win for each class.
- In the event of a tie, the fifth round will be taken into consideration. If still tied, the sixth round may also be considered.

Announcement of Teams

Where possible, the Obedience and Agility teams will be announced together at the conclusion of the final trials.

Zone Meetings

Introduction

Whilst Zone meetings are held under the provisions of Dog Training Regulations (section 4), the information below is a guide for those who do not attend these meetings on a regular basis.

Changing Zone Meeting Policy

Changes to the below policy will be by way of majority vote of delegates WITHOUT direct club consultation.

Time, Frequency and Venue

Regular Zone meetings are held four (4) times a year, as highlighted on the Zone Calendar, (see the "Zone Calendar" section within "Zone Information" in this handbook). Meetings are open to all those Zone 1 people interested.

Meetings are held at the All Breeds Dog Training Club, Captain Springs Reserve, Captain Springs Rd, Penrose, Auckland. The usual start time is 10am, however this is confirmed on the Agenda that is sent to all delegates.

Delegates

All clubs are expected to send at least one delegate (nominated by your committee). Notification of this delegate should be in writing to the Zone Secretary. Such notification should really happen prior to the meeting, however a note on the day is generally accepted.

Delegates are expected to convey club information (and votes) to the Zone, and take proposals and information back to the club committee for consideration. With this in mind, it is preferred (but not mandatory) that delegates are committee members.

Frequent non-attendance at Zone meetings will result in action by the NZKC. Clubs must ensure a delegate attends at least two out of the four meetings, although 100% attendance is desirable.

Catering

Lunch at meetings is provided at a nominal cost (less than \$5.00 per delegate). Clubs should provide delegates with reimbursement of this (and other) costs. Should you wish to bring your own lunch, this is fine, as long as the caterer is advised on the day of the meeting. Tea and coffee is provided courtesy of ABDTC.

Interclub

Introduction

The Zone Interclub day is supposed to be a fun day that allows all clubs and their members to get together in an environment that is more social and less competitive.

Changing Interclub Policy

Changes to the below policy will be by way of majority vote of delegates WITHOUT direct club consultation.

Time, Frequency and Venue of Interclub

One Interclub day is to be held each year. The Timing of this is to be mutually agreed and decided by the HOST clubs (Obedience and Agility) each year, and put on the Zone calendar during the third Zone meeting (usually August).

The venue is also at the discretion of the host clubs, although Obedience and Agility must be held at the same venue, so this must be discussed and agreed upon by the clubs running each discipline for that year.

Rules for Interclub

Rules for each Discipline are to be decided upon by the club conducting each discipline. These are to be documented and circulated to all clubs, along with an invitation to attend, at least THREE months prior to the date of the interclub.

A Team entry fee, (maximum \$35 per team) is to be set to help cover costs. All clubs must pay to enter at least one team for the discipline(s) they are approved for regardless of attendance. This is both to encourage attendance and to assist with Budgeting.

Host Clubs for Obedience and Agility

The Interclub is hosted on a rotational basis as follows:

	Obedience Host	Agility Host
2005	North Shore	Akarana
2006	Hibiscus Coast	ACAC
2007		Norwest
2008	All Breeds	Counties
2008	East Auckland	Manukau

Cambridge, Hamilton, Wag, and Whangarei members are to assist where possible.

Zone Awards

Introduction

The Zone offers a range of awards in Agility and Obedience. Only members of Zone 1 clubs are eligible for these awards, and only points obtained at Zone 1 shows count towards these awards.

Zone awards are calculated during one full calendar year, and prize giving is immediately after the Zone AGM each year.

Changing Zone Awards Policy

Changes to the below policy will be by way of majority vote of delegates after consultation with Zone 1 clubs.

Points Coordinators

Points coordinators are appointed at the last Zone meeting of each Calendar year, (usually November) and clubs are responsible for sending all show results to these coordinators where appropriate.

Current Coordinators are listed at the bottom of this document under "Zone Contacts".

Obedience Awards

Award	Criteria
Top Dog, SB to Test B	Based on Special Beginners, Novice, Test A and Test B placings at all Zone 1 champ shows. 5 points for a win down to 1 point for a fifth place. Highest score wins
Top Dog, Test C	Based on Test C placings at all Zone 1 champ shows. 5 points for a win down to 1 point for a fifth place. Highest score wins

Agility Awards

A range of agility awards are available, both at an individual and club level. The points coordinator is responsible for calculation and allocation of such awards.

General Zone Information

Zone Calendar

The Zone Calendar is discussed at the third Zone meeting each year. (usually in August). Club committees must provide all their preferred show dates for Champs, Ribbons and all Trials to the Zone Secretary by the end of July, so the calendar can be collated.

Deviation from the NZKC five year calendar is not encouraged except where necessary. In the case of Champ shows, both the Zone and the NZKC must provide approval of dates. It is usual for the Zone to grant approval before the club seeks approval from the NZKC.

Clashes in the calendar will be discussed at a Zone meeting, and where necessary (assuming clubs do not reach an amicable solution) will be resolved by way of vote by delegates.

Distribution of the calendar is by way of the Zone 1 Yahoo email group (see "email group" later on in this section), or upon request from the Zone Secretary.

Zone Levies

Zone levies are reviewed each year at the Zone AGM. These are expected to be paid promptly to the Zone secretary/treasurer. Receipts are usually handed out to your delegates at Zone meetings, otherwise they will be posted. The current levies are as follows:

Zone Team Annual Levy	\$50 Per club
Annual Levy for Championship Clubs:	\$60 Per club
Annual Levy for Ribbon Trial / Open Trial Clubs:	\$55 Per club
NDTA levies (Championship Shows):	\$0.25 per entry
NDTA levies (Ribbon Trials / Open Trials):	\$0.25 per entry

Measuring of Dog's Heights

The Zone Secretary or other delegate (as appointed by the Zone Representative) conducts official measuring of dog's heights for Trials or Agility. Appointments for measuring should be arranged directly with the Zone Secretary. Heights of dogs are endorsed by the NZKC and in the case of Agility, can now be checked via the NZKC website.

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Email Group

Official information such as Minutes, Agendas, Calendars and other notices are distributed by way of the Zone 1 email group hosted by Yahoo. Any member of Zone 1, regardless of whether they are a delegate, is permitted to join this group.

Yahoo does not store email attachments, so if members want to save things such as calendars, they must either save the emails they receive, or save the attachments.

To join the Zone 1 email group, simply send a message to;
Zone1-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To unsubscribe from the Zone 1 email group, simply send a message to;
Zone1-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

RUNNING OF CD, CDX, AD, ADX

The Zone delegates the authority of running such trials to the clubs that have had trials approved on the calendar. Club secretaries are responsible for arranging, signing and issuing certificates. Clubs (where possible) should use trials judges that are contracted to judge other tests on the day, as this will reduce the cost of judges for the zone.

Zone Contacts

For any further information, please don't hesitate to contact a member of your Zone 1 executive.

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