

# **TRACKING TEST RULES & REGULATIONS**

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## **PURPOSE**

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The purpose of tracking tests is to demonstrate the dog's willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions and to follow a defined track, to discriminate scent, to locate and indicate articles.

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# 1 INTERPRETATIONS

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## 1.1 Definitions

For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the following interpretations shall apply:

**“Board”** means the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“breed”** includes a breed that is accepted by a CKC recognized foreign stud book or by an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act other than the CKC

**“breeder”** means the person owning or leasing the dam at the time of breeding

**“By-laws”** means the By-laws of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“CKC”** means The Canadian Kennel Club

**“Club”** means The Canadian Kennel Club

**“club”** means a club or association officially accredited by The Canadian Kennel Club

**“complainant”** means any person who had laid a charge or complaint against another person, partnership, company or organization relative to the contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“debar”** means to prohibit a person from participating in any competition or other activities directed, sanctioned, sponsored or authorized by The Canadian Kennel Club if held under its auspices or under any of its rules and regulations

**“defendant”** means any person, partnership, company or organization against whom a charge or complaint has been laid, relative to the contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies by The Canadian Kennel Club

**“deprive of privileges”** means to deprive a non-member of all privileges accorded to non-members of The Canadian Kennel Club, including the use of the Head Office

**“dog”** means a purebred dog of either sex

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**“entrant”** means the individual, or if a partnership, all the members of the partnership, entering in a Tracking Test

**“exhibitor”** means the owner or handler who enters a dog at a Tracking Test

**“expel”** means to terminate membership in The Canadian Kennel Club and depriving the person so expelled from all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“good standing”** means an individual who is not under suspension, deprivation, debarment or who has not forfeited his rights from The Canadian Kennel Club

**“handler”** means the person who is handling the dog in competition

**“Head Office”** means the office at which the business of The Canadian Kennel Club is carried out on a regular ongoing basis

**“immediate family”** means spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents and significant other

**“leading or guiding”** means behaviour on the part of the handler which could influence or determine the direction of the dog

**“listed breed”** means a breed that is included in the Miscellaneous List and that is authorized to participate in CKC events in accordance with the rules and regulations governing those events

**“recognized breed”** means a breed that The Canadian Kennel Club is authorized to register in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act

**“owner”** means the owner or owners as stated on the registration certificate of the dog

**“purebred dog”** means a dog registered or eligible for registration with, The Canadian Kennel Club

**“suspend”** means to deprive a member, for the period ordered, of all the privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

This rule book shall be read with all applicable changes in gender so that the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural if applicable.

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## **1.2 Tracking Test Defined & Classified**

- 1.2.1 An approved tracking test is a formal event given by a CKC accredited club at which dogs may qualify for titles.
- 1.2.2 A sanction tracking test is an informal event given by a CKC accredited club at which dogs compete, but do not qualify for titles.
- 1.2.3 A limited entry test is one where a club applies to hold a test but limits the total entry due to geographical area or limited space. The maximum limit of entries and reason, therefore, must be stated on the front of the premium list.

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# **2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

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## **2.1 Eligibility to Hold a Tracking Test**

- 2.1.1 Only accredited clubs that are in good standing with the CKC are eligible to apply for and hold a tracking test.
- 2.1.2 The use of a club's name for test purposes cannot be transferred.

## **2.2 Making Application**

- 2.2.1 A club applying to hold a tracking test must make application on forms provided by the CKC. The Event Date Application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 180 days prior to the date of the proposed test. The CKC will notify the club whether or not approval has been granted. If the date is granted and the club fails to hold its test on the date approved, an administrative fee, as set by the Board will be assessed against the club, unless the CKC waives this fee on grounds that the club had no alternative but to postpone or cancel.
- 2.2.2 There must be a minimum of 250 road miles (402 km) between venues of clubs holding tracking tests on the same day.
- 2.2.3 The duration of the tests may be one day or more. In the event of an unusually large entry or unforeseen circumstances, all tests must be completed within 15

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days from the original date, provided that the date is satisfactory to the competitors affected.

2.2.4 A specialty club may apply for permission to hold a tracking test for its breed or breeds.

2.2.5 Only a club whose president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and test secretary are regular members in good standing with the CKC may make application for test dates.

2.2.6 The Canadian Kennel Club Head Office has the authority to grant or withhold approval of an application date.

## **2.3 CKC Publication**

2.3.1 All clubs holding tracking tests are required to have a copy of the latest edition of the Tracking Test Rules and Regulations at the trial.

## **2.4 Advertising**

2.4.1 A club that has not been granted priority dates must not advertise or publish the date of any event that has not been approved by the CKC.

2.4.2 A club that has been granted priority dates for its event may advertise those dates prior to submitting the Event Date Application . This does not exempt the club from submitting the required application to the CKC within the prescribed time frame.

2.4.3 A club must not advertise the names of the judges until the club has received official notification from the CKC that the judges have been approved.

## **2.5 Officials & Committees**

2.5.1 Only those persons in good standing with the CKC may act in any official capacity at a tracking test.

2.5.2 Any club holding a tracking test shall appoint a Tracking Test Committee and a Tracking Test Chair.

2.5.3 The decisions of the Tracking Test Chair shall be conclusive in all matters arising at the test and shall bind all parties subject to the rules of the CKC.

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## **2.6 Care & Control**

- 2.6.1 All persons must exercise care and control of any dog in their possession while attending an event.
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# **3 JUDGES**

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## **3.1 Application for Approval of Selected Judges**

- 3.1.1 After a club has been granted permission by the CKC to hold a tracking test, the club must submit an Application for Approval of Selected Judges. The application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons selected to judge, as well as the test(s) assigned to each judge.
- 3.1.2 When the application for approval of judges reaches the CKC less than 120 days prior to the test, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club.
- 3.1.3 Once approval is granted, the CKC will inform the test-giving club that the judges have been approved. The test secretary shall send to each approved judge a confirmation of assignment letter, supplied by the CKC, as well as any other pertinent information that the club may include.
- 3.1.4 Once a panel of judges for a test has been approved by the CKC, no change will be permitted except when necessary (i.e. due to death or illness).
- 3.1.5 If The Canadian Kennel Club is not prepared to approve a selected judge, or is not prepared to approve the entire assignment for which a judge has been selected, the club must submit to the Head Office of The Canadian Kennel Club the name or names of alternative persons to judge that test or tests.

## **3.2 Judge's Authority**

- 3.2.1 A judge's decision as marked is final and cannot be changed.
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### **3.3 Apprentice Judges**

- 3.3.1 All judges are expected to cooperate in every way possible with any apprentice judges approved to attend the test by the CKC in an apprentice capacity.
- 3.3.2 No more than one apprentice judge shall be permitted to apprentice at any one tracking test.
- 3.3.3 A judge doing his first assignment is not required to accept an apprentice.

### **3.4 Eligibility for Approval to Judge**

- 3.4.1 Judges selected for Canadian Kennel Club approved Tracking Tests must be on, or eligible for, the approved list of Canadian Kennel Club Tracking Test Judges as per the current Canadian Kennel Club Tracking Test policy.
- 3.4.2 A judge that has not judged a tracking test in a 5 year period will be required to complete one apprentice assignment.

### **3.5 Substitute Judge**

- 3.5.1 Notwithstanding the above, in an emergency, any person in good standing with The Canadian Kennel Club may be used as a substitute judge. This person must have a thorough knowledge of tracking and CKC tracking rules. The substitute judge shall judge the test(s) as originally approved by The Canadian Kennel Club. The Canadian Kennel Club shall be promptly notified of a substitute judge.

### **3.6 Indignities to a Judge**

- 3.6.1 A judge officiating at a test held under these rules shall not be subjected to indignities of any kind during the progress of the test. It shall be the duty and obligation of the club holding the test to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

### **3.7 Judges Conduct**

- 3.7.1 A judge must conduct himself in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the sport.

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## **4 PREMIUM LIST**

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- 4.1 After a club or association has been granted approval to hold a tracking test under these rules and regulations and has obtained Canadian Kennel Club approval of its selected judges, a premium list must be released and distributed a minimum of 30 days prior to the acceptance date. Premium lists shall include the following information:
- (a) “Official Premium List” must appear at the head of the cover (or first page, if self-covered)
  - (b) The name in full of the club or association holding the test
  - (c) The date or dates and type of test which will be held
  - (d) The exact rendezvous location
  - (e) The statement “This test is held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club”
  - (f) The postal address of The Canadian Kennel Club and the name of the Chief Executive Officer of The Canadian Kennel Club
  - (g) A statement setting forth the time, date and exact place at which the draw will take place
  - (h) A list of officers of the club or association holding the test
  - (i) The full name, postal address and title of the person to whom entries are to be submitted
  - (j) The full name and postal address of the Chair of the Tracking Test Committee and such other test officials as the club or association wish to identify in the premium list
  - (k) The full name and postal address of each Judge and the name of the test(s) each will judge
  - (l) A statement as to the order of running of the tests, the date and time on which entries will close and the entry fee for each
  - (m) The statement “A listing fee as established by The Canadian Kennel Club must accompany the entry of a dog which a Canadian Kennel Club individual registration number or Event Registration Number (ERN) is not shown on the entry form”
  - (n) The full list of prizes if offered

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- (o) Such other regulations or additional rules for the government of the test; and
  - (p) A statement to include the wording of Section 13.7

4.2 At the time of distribution to prospective entrants, 2 copies of the premium list must be sent to The Canadian Kennel Club and one copy to each of the Tracking Test Representatives and the Board member representing the zone in which the test is to be held.

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## **5 RIBBONS & PRIZES**

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- 5.1 A ribbon or rosette shall be provided only for a dog which passed the required test held under these rules. Each ribbon must identify the club holding the test; its colour must be blue; it must carry the crest of the CKC; and it must bear the word “Passed”.
- 5.2 Trophies or other awards may be offered by the test-giving club, provided it is stated in the premium list.
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## **6 ENTRIES & END OF TEST**

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### **6.1 Entry Requirements**

- 6.1.1 Every dog entered in an approved or sanction tracking test must be one of the following:
- (a) Registered with the CKC
  - (b) Have an Event Registration Number (ERN); or
  - (c) Have a Performance Event Number (PEN); or
  - (d) Eligible for registration with the CKC; or
  - (e) Have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) if it belongs to a CKC listed breed.
- 6.1.2 If a dog is not registered individually with the CKC it may be entered at a tracking test as a “listed” dog, provided that:
- (a) If born in Canada, it is of a litter which is eligible for CKC registration
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- (b) If not born in Canada, it is eligible for individual registration in the records of the CKC
  - (c) If foreign born and owned, it obtains an Event Registration Number (ERN) or CKC registration number, from the CKC within 30 days of the first test entered.
  - (d) It is not a designated Miscellaneous Class Breed.
- 6.1.3 The entry of a listed dog at a tracking test held under these rules (sanctioned tracking tests excluded) must be accompanied by a listing fee and all listing fees must be remitted by the club or association holding the test to The Canadian Kennel Club within 21 days from the completion of the test.
- 6.1.4 A dog that is eligible for a Performance Event Number (PEN) cannot be entered as a listed dog.
- 6.1.5 The Canadian Kennel Club shall have the right at any time to require the owner of a listed dog to submit proof of the dog's eligibility for registration in The Canadian Kennel Club's records. If The Canadian Kennel Club is satisfied that the dog is not eligible for registration in The Canadian Kennel Club's records, it shall have the authority to order the cancellation of all awards, titles and prizes earned by the dog at tests held under these rules. Failure to comply with The Canadian Kennel Club's order to return ribbons and/or prizes to the clubs or associations concerned will result in the owner of the dog automatically rendering himself ineligible to enter dogs in any competition approved by The Canadian Kennel Club.
- 6.1.6 Entries shall not be accepted from any person who is not in good standing with The Canadian Kennel Club on the day of entries closing. A list of persons not in good standing shall be forwarded to the Test Secretary by The Canadian Kennel Club.
- 6.1.7 Every member of a partnership entering a dog must be in good standing with The Canadian Kennel Club before the entry will be accepted. In the case of any infraction of these rules, all the partners shall be held equally responsible.
- 6.1.8 Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, regardless of who completes the entry form.
- 6.1.9 No dog belonging wholly or in part to any judge or to any member of the immediate family or household of any judge shall be entered in any tracking test at which such person is a judge.
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- 6.1.10 A dog may not be entered in any Tracking Test if a Judge of that test, or a member of his immediate family has owned, sold, held under lease, boarded, trained or handled the dog within 3 months prior to the date of the test. This includes judges who train professionally or as amateurs and applies equally to judges who train individual dogs and those who train in classes with or through their handler.
- 6.1.11 Any test-giving club which accepts an entry fee, other than that published in its premium list or entry form, or in any way discriminates between entrants, shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- 6.1.12 Any test-giving club or member of any test-giving club shall not give or offer to give any owner or handler any special inducements (e.g. reduced entry fees, allowances for board or transportation or any other incentive of value), other than those prizes officially advertised in the premium list. Any club or individual violating this section shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Discipline Committee of the CKC.
- 6.1.13 Entries may not be made under the ownership of a kennel name unless that kennel name has been registered with The Canadian Kennel Club.
- 6.1.14 Every dog entered must be 6 months of age or older on the first day of the test.
- 6.1.15 Where the tracking test rules and regulations require that a dog shall have earned a tracking title before being entered in a test, eligibility to enter that test shall be determined as follows:
- (a) A dog may be entered in a test in which the final closing date occurs after its handler has been notified by the judge that the dog has passed the test required for the title, even though the owner has not received official notification from the CKC that the dog has passed the test. However, the owner shall forfeit any prizes and titles won in the particular test if the CKC does not subsequently notify the owner officially that the title has been won.
- 6.1.16 Handlers, trainers, or agents may compete and competitors may enter more than one dog.
- 6.1.17 Entries shall close not less than 10 days prior to the first day of the tracking tests, and a club accepting any entry after that date shall be subject to disciplinary action.
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- 6.1.18 An entry of a non-titled dog will be given preference over a titled dog in the class in which the titled dog has already been awarded that title.
- 6.1.19 Entries must be mailed or sent by courier to the postal address of the event secretary. Faxed, emailed, or hand delivered entries are not acceptable. Each entry must be mailed in a separate envelope.

## **6.2 Limited Entry**

- 6.2.1 A club or association may limit entries in any or all classes by prominent announcement on the title cover page of its premium list and that entries will close automatically when a certain limit for each test has been reached, even if the official closing date for entries has not arrived.
- 6.2.2 When tests are advertised as limited and entries do not fill in the levels offered, the tests may be interchanged as follows, providing the test-giving club has the resources necessary to offer the substituted test(s):

1 TD = 1 UTD

1 TDX = 1 UTDX

1 TDX = 2 TD

1 UTDX = 2 UTD

## **6.3 Entry Forms**

- 6.3.1 All entries must be made on an official CKC entry form and must show all particulars as set forth in these rules. The Test Secretary shall supply entry forms. Any dog proven not to correspond with its entry form shall be disqualified, and all winnings and entry money shall be forfeited. Should the act of fraudulent entry be proven, the owner and/or handler shall be referred to the Discipline Committee of the CKC who shall take such action as it sees fit.
- 6.3.2 The following must appear on every entry form:
- (a) Name of breed
  - (b) Registered Name of dog
  - (c) Canadian Kennel Club registration number if individually registered, Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or designate as listed
  - (d) Name of breeder

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- (e) Place and date of birth and sex
  - (f) Name of sire
  - (g) Name of dam
  - (h) Test(s) in which the dog is entered (no dog shall be entered in TD and TDX at the same time)
  - (i) Full name and postal address of the owner of the dog
  - (j) Name of the handler if the dog is not to be handled by the owner
  - (k) E-mail address (if any).

6.3.3 If not born in Canada then either the dog's individual registration number or Event Registration Number (ERN) must be stated on the entry form.

6.3.4 If the dog is being held under lease the name of the lessor shall be given. Every entry form must be signed by the owner or handler of the dog entered in competition.

## **6.4 Acceptance Date**

6.4.1 No entries will be accepted prior to the acceptance date, which shall be not earlier than 45 days prior to the first day of the test. Any entries received prior to this will be returned.

## **6.5 Closing Date**

6.5.1 On the closing date, the test giving club shall notify the person making the entry, that the entry has been received and accepted. When the advertised limit has been reached, all remaining entries shall be assigned a position on an alternate list in the order received. At the time of the draw, entries from the alternate list may fill any absentee spaces. An absentee is defined as an entrant who is not present at the time of the draw. The person making the entry shall be notified of his position on the alternate list. Entries will be refunded within 10 days of the tracking test to those on the alternate list who did not participate in the test.

## **6.6 Bitches in Season**

6.6.1 The permitting of bitches in season to compete shall be the option of the test-giving club and clearly stated in its premium list.

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## **6.7 Health**

- 6.7.1 A dog may not be entered at a test under these rules if the dog:
- (a) Is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or
  - (b) Has recovered from infection with canine distemper or canine parvovirus within the last 14 days.

## **6.8 Refusal of Entries**

- 6.8.1 The Tracking Test Committee may decline any entry or may remove any dog from its test for just cause, but in each such instance shall file good and sufficient reasons for doing so with The Canadian Kennel Club within two (2) weeks of the test.

## **6.9 Program of Judging**

- 6.9.1 After entries have closed, a club or association holding a tracking test must prepare, a catalogue showing the time scheduled for judging the tests.

## **6.10 Tracks**

- 6.10.1 The tracks in each test shall be numbered and drawn by lot by each exhibitor, in catalogue order, at least one half hour prior to the start of each test. Draw times for each test will be published in the judging schedule.
- 6.10.2 An exhibitor that has more than one entry, and draws consecutive tracks, may have the option to redraw that number.
- 6.10.2 If the test spans more than one day then the track draw shall take place at least one half hour prior to the start of each test on each day.
- 6.10.3 No trading of tracks is permitted.

## **6.11 End of Test**

- 6.11.1 The Tracking Test Secretary of the club holding a tracking test under these rules shall, within 21 days after the last day of the tests, send the following to the CKC:

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- (a) A list of every dog entered in the test which shall include the following information: name of breed; name of dog; passed or failed Tracking Dog Test, Tracking Dog Excellent Test, Urban Tracking Dog Test, and Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test, sire and dam, registered name and full address of owner
  - (b) All entry forms
  - (c) The official work sheet for each entry bearing the judge's signature
  - (d) Any other information or reports as may be required by the CKC
  - (e) The signed certification over the signature of the Tracking Test Secretary for the club as to the number of listed dogs entered in the test and total number of dogs entered in competition in its test
  - (f) A remittance which shall included all listing and recording fees in an amount specified from time to time by the Board, for each and every dog entered in competition in its test. Failure of the CKC to receive the results and appropriate remittance will result in administrative fees as approved from time to time by the Board.

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## **7 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

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- 7.1 It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person, during the running of, or in connection with an event, abuses or harasses a judge, trial official or any other person present in any capacity at the event.
- 7.2 Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog while on the grounds of a tracking test at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the trial by the Tracking Test Committee.
- 7.3 The judges shall also have the authority to expel a handler from a test if they observe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler or see the handler kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog while the event is in progress. It will be the duty of the judge to report promptly to the Tracking Test Committee the expulsion of a handler.

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- 7.4 The Tracking Test Committee shall investigate, at once, any instance of alleged unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler, or any report that a handler has been observed kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog. If the Tracking Test Committee, after investigation, determines that a handler is in violation of this section, and that the incident, if proven, would constitute conduct prejudicial to the sport or the CKC, it shall exercise its authority in accordance with the Complaints section of these rules.
- 7.5 The Test Secretary shall submit to the CKC a complete report of any hearing action taken under this section within 21 days.
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## **8 TRACKING TEST TITLES**

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### **8.1 Tests**

- 8.1.1 There are 4 separate tracking tests. A TD title is a prerequisite for entering TDX and UTD tests. A UTD is a prerequisite for entering a UTDX test.
- 8.1.2 The tracking tests shall be known as:
- (a) Tracking Dog Test with a recorded TD title.
  - (b) Tracking Dog Excellent Test with a recorded TDX title.
  - (c) Urban Tracking Dog Test with a recorded UTD title
  - (d) Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test with a recorded UTDX title
- 8.1.3 A dog which has earned all 4 CKC tracking titles (TD, TDX, UTD, UTDX) shall be awarded the title of Tracking Champion. The initials TCh may be displayed in front of the dog's name

### **8.2 Tracking Dog (TD)**

- 8.2.1 The CKC shall permit the use of the letters TD signifying Tracking Dog to be used after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for the title as hereinafter provided:
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- (a) The dog must have been certified by the judge to have passed the Tracking Dog Test.
  - (b) The dog must be registered with the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Performance Event Number (PEN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN or MCN must be shown on the entry form. The owner, as recorded in the records of the KC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won at an approved Tracking Dog Test held under the CKC rules.

### **8.3 Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)**

8.3.1 The CKC shall permit the use of the letters TDX signifying Tracking Dog Excellent to be used after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for the title as hereinafter provided:

- (a) The dog must have been certified by the judge to have passed the Tracking Dog Excellent Test.
- (b) The dog must be registered with the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Performance Event Number (PEN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN or MCN must be shown on the entry form. The owner, as recorded in the records of the KC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won at an approved Tracking Dog Excellent Test held under the CKC rules.

### **8.4 Urban Tracking Dog (UTD)**

8.4.1 The CKC shall permit the use of the letters UTD signifying Urban Tracking Dog to be used after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for the title as hereinafter provided:

- (a) The dog must have been certified by the judge to have passed the Urban Tracking Dog Test.
- (b) The dog must be registered with the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Performance Event Number (PEN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous

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Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN or MCN must be shown on the entry form. The owner, as recorded in the records of the KC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won at an approved Urban Tracking Dog Test held under the CKC rules.

## **8.5 Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX)**

8.5.1 The CKC shall permit the use of the letters UTDX signifying Urban Tracking Dog Excellent to be used after the name of each dog that has met the requirements for the title as hereinafter provided:

- (a) The dog must have been certified by the judge to have passed the Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test.
- (b) The dog must be registered with the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Performance Event Number (PEN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN or MCN must be shown on the entry form. The owner, as recorded in the records of the CKC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won at an approved Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test held under the CKC rules.

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## **9 CANCELLATION OF WINS**

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9.1 If a dog is entered in any test for which it is ineligible, all prizes, awards and titles won by that dog shall be cancelled by the CKC.

9.2 When the win of a dog is cancelled by The Canadian Kennel Club, the entrant shall return all prizes to the Secretary of the test-giving club within ten (10) days of notification by The Canadian Kennel Club.

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## **10 STANDARDS FOR TRACKING TESTS**

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### **10.1 Tracking Test Grounds**

- 10.1.1 The tracking test grounds will be determined by the Tracking Test Committee with individual testing areas set aside for each dog entered.
- 10.1.2 The Tracking Test Committee shall try to keep livestock off the actual tracking area during the hours of the test.
- 10.1.3 The stewards shall keep each exhibitor from observing his allotted track while it is being laid. Failure of the exhibitor to cooperate with the steward will constitute strong grounds for the judge to mark his dog disqualified.
- 10.1.4 The judge shall strive to make the tracks in each class, equal as to length, age and number of turns or degree of difficulty.
- 10.1.5 Urban tracking tests require areas such as office parks, industrial parks, campuses, schools etc. Approximately 1/3 of each UTD Track and 1/3 to fi UTDX Track requires non-vegetated surfaces such as gravel, dirt, sand, mulch, brick, concrete or asphalt.
- 10.1.6 The Tracking Representative for the zone in which the Tracking Test is being held may be present as an observer, on the day of plotting.

### **10.2 Collars & Protective Gear**

- 10.2.1 The use of prong or pinch collars will not be allowed on the test grounds.
- 10.2.2 Protective gear may be worn by the dog on the track, provided such equipment is inspected by the judge prior to being put on the dog at the start.

### **10.3 Equipment & Tracks**

- 10.3.1 Equipment
  - (a) Before laying the track, the tracklayer shall produce for the judge's inspection, article or articles which the dog is to find.

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- (b) For TD and TDX: The article must be leather and approximately 10 cm X 15 cm (4" X 6") and not of a colour which will contrast sharply with the background.
  - (c) For UTD: The first article may be fabric, wood or plastic, the last shall be leather. Articles shall be approximately 10 cm X 15 cm (4" X 6") and not of a colour which will contrast sharply with the background.
  - (d) For UTDX: The first and second articles may be fabric, wood, plastic or metal; the last shall be leather. Articles shall be approximately 10 cm X 15 cm (4" X 6") and not of a colour which will contrast sharply with the background.

### 10.3.2 Charts

- (a) A chart for each track shall be prepared showing the approximate length in metres of each leg, major landmarks and boundaries, if any.
- (b) Charts may be prepared by the Test Committee or Judge.
- (c) All proposed tracks are subject to approval by the officiating judge prior to commencement of the test or may be laid out by the judge.
- (d) The tracklayer shall receive a copy of the chart from the judge before he lays the track.
- (e) The judge shall mark the chart at the time the dog is tracking and make any other notations.

### 10.3.3 Tracklayer

- (a) At the start of the track, the tracklayer, who shall not be a member of the handler's immediate household, shall thoroughly tramp an area of about one square meter, remain standing one minute, then proceed along the designated track at a normal walking pace. No standing still or shuffling while on the track is permitted.
- (b) The tracklayer shall leave one flag to mark the start of the track and another 30 metres (98 feet) from the start to indicate the initial direction of the track for the TD test. After dropping the article or articles, the tracklayer shall proceed straight ahead for at least 20 metres (66 feet) and leave the course.
- (c) The chart will be marked with an X the location at which the tracklayer is to place the article or articles.

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- 10.3.4 No major part of any track shall run along a fence or boundary or within 10 metres (33 feet) of such a boundary and no track shall cross an established body of water.
  - 10.3.5 Articles may not be dropped at turns or in the immediate vicinity of turns. The articles must be dropped directly on the track and be stepped on by the tracklayer.
  - 10.3.6 Timings in regards to the aging of a track will start from the time the tracklayer begins to lay the track.
  - 10.3.7 No leg of any urban track may be shorter than 30 metres, however a 30 metre leg may not be used to connect parallel legs.

## **10.4 Judges**

- 10.4.1 The judge shall ask the handler to describe the usual manner in which the dog indicates the article. If in the judge's opinion the dog actively searched the area where an article was dropped but did not find the article and the tracklayer cannot find the article, the dog shall be given credit for finding the article.
- 10.4.2 The judge is in total control of all activities on the track.
- 10.4.3 In case of unforeseen circumstances, the judge may, at his discretion, give the handler and his dog a second chance on a new track.
- 10.4.4 The judge will walk the track behind the handler and dog at a reasonable distance accompanied by the tracklayer that laid that track.

## **10.5 On The Track**

- 10.5.1 The Handler
  - (a) The handler may not be given any assistance by anyone and compulsion of any kind shall not be used by the handler while setting the dog on the track or during the tracking itself.
  - (b) If the handler has reason to believe that the dog has not taken the scent properly, he may restart the dog once in the TD test providing that the dog has not proceeded past the second marker; or once in the TDX test that the dog has not gone more than 5 metres (16 feet) from the

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marker; or once in the UTD or UTDX test providing that the dog has not gone more than 10 metres (33 feet) from the marker.

- (c) Encouraging the dog is permitted, but its unnecessary use is to be discouraged. A dog that is working too fast for the conditions may be restrained gently by the handler at the end of the lead, but any leading or guiding of the dog constitutes grounds for calling the handler off and marking the dog failed.
- (d) The handler shall hold found articles in the air momentarily and then retain them until the end of the track, after which they will be examined by the judge.
- (e) No food, training aid or motivational item shall be carried on the track.
- (f) Abuse of the dog while on the track is cause for automatic failure.

#### 10.5.2 The Dog

- (a) The dog must be on a lead from 3 metres (10 feet) to 15 metres (49 feet) in length and, under most circumstances, should work at the end of the lead. In urban environments, it is unreasonable to expect the handler to stay at the end of the lead at all times, however, the 3 metres (10 feet) must be respected as a minimum “handler to dog” distance.
- (b) The dog must be given ample opportunity to take the scent at the starting point. The dog should slowly, and without coaxing from the handler, explore the trampled starting point.
- (c) There is no time limit provided the dog is working. A dog that is off the track and is clearly not working shall not be given any minimum time just on the chance that it might pick up the track again. In TD and TDX, a dog that is 20 metres (66 feet) off the track and still working may be allowed to continue. A dog that is more than 20 metres (66 feet) off the track may be failed. In UTD and UTDX tests, a dog may be failed when it is more than 40 metres (131 feet) off the plotted track.“
- (d) The glove, wallet or other article is to be found by the dog. The manner in which the dog treats found articles shall be left to the discretion of the handler as to whether the dog retrieves or indicates the found article.

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- (e) If the dog is wearing a harness, the lead must be attached to that harness. If the dog is wearing a slip collar, the lead must be attached to the dead ring.

## **10.6 Water**

- (a) The handler may supply and carry a factory sealed bottle of plain water, which may be examined by the judge prior to the start of their track. At the handler's discretion, this water may be offered to the dog at any of the articles, after the article has been shown to the judge.
- (b) This rule applies to all levels. The handler may give only verbal encouragement to re-start the dog after watering.

## **10.7 The Tracking Dog Test (TD)**

- (a) The length of the track shall not be less than 400 metres (1312 feet) and not more than 450 metres (1476 feet).
- (b) The track is to be no less than one-half or more than 2 hours old at the time that the dog starts the track.
- (c) The scent shall be that of the tracklayer who shall leave a leather glove, wallet or other leather article, satisfactory to the judge, at the end of the track.
- (d) All turns shall be well out in the open where there are no fences or other boundaries to guide the dog. There will be a maximum of 5 turns, 2 of which will approximate right angles, none of which will be acute angles. No conflicting track shall be laid.
- (e) Track will be plotted on a vegetated surface with minor changes in cover. A vegetation change suitable for TDX is not allowed.

## **10.8 The Tracking Dog Excellent Test (TDX)**

- (a) The length of the track shall not be less than 900 metres (2953 feet) or more than 1000 metres (3281 feet).
- (b) The track shall be not less than 3 hours old and no more than 5 hours old at the time that the dog starts the track, and shall be crossed in 2 places at well separated intervals by a more recent track.

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- (c) The track shall contain at least 5 turns and no more than 8 turns with no acute angles less than 45 degrees.
  - (d) The first article should be dropped not less than 250 metres (820 feet) from the start of the track; the second article at an irregular interval between the first and third; and the third article shall be dropped at the end of the track.
  - (e) One hour after the primary track has been completed, the judge shall instruct a second person, who shall not be a member of the handler's immediate household, to start out from a given point and cross the original track in 2 places. The judge will strive as much as possible to ensure the cross tracks intersect the primary track at a 90-degree angle.
  - (f) The primary track should be laid over varying vegetation and cross a road. The use of wooded areas is also permissible.
  - (g) The dog must find the last article and one other; the dog must not follow one of the cross tracks for a distance of more than 20 metres (66 feet).

## **10.9 The Urban Tracking Dog Test (UTD)**

- (a) The length of the track shall not be less than 300 metres (984 feet) and not more than 400 metres (1312 feet).
- (b) The track is to be no less than one hour or more than 2 hours old at the time that the dog starts the track.
- (c) The tracklayer shall leave the two approved articles at the designated locations on the track. The dog must find both articles, except as noted in section 10.4.1. The first article should be dropped not less than 100 metres (328 feet) from the start of the track; the last article shall be dropped at the end of the track. One article shall be left on a non-vegetated surface. The dog will not be penalized/failed for indicating additional articles that were not left by the tracklayer.
- (d) Approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the track shall be on vegetation, the other  $\frac{1}{3}$  (no less than 100 metres (328 feet)) shall be on non-vegetated surfaces such as gravel, dirt, sand, mulch, brick, concrete or asphalt. The first 25 metres (98 feet) of the track shall be on vegetation.

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- (e) The track shall contain 3-5 turns; both left & right; at least 2 are 90 degrees; none may be acute. One turn shall be on a non-vegetated surface.
  - (f) No conflicting track shall be plotted, but naturally occurring crosstracks are to be expected in an urban environment, so if they should happen, they will not invalidate the track.
  - (g) No “Obstacles” shall be included on a UTD track. Obstacles would include guardrails, fences, stairs (no more than 2 Steps), open buildings (i.e. gazebos). Urban tracks can go through underpasses and under bridges.

### **10.10 The Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test (UTDX)**

- (a) The length of the track shall not be less than 600 metres (1968 feet) or more than 750 metres (2461 feet).
- (b) The track shall be not less than 3 hours old and no more than 5 hours old at the time that the dog starts the track.
- (c) The tracklayer shall leave the three approved articles. The dog must find all 3 articles, except as noted in section 10.4.1. The first article should be dropped not less than 100 metres (328 feet) from the start of the track; the second article at an irregular interval between the first and the third; and the third article shall be dropped at the end of the track. At least one article shall be left on a non-vegetated surface. The dog will not be penalized/failed for indicating additional articles that were not left by the tracklayer.
- (d) A minimum of 1/3 and a maximum of 1/2 of the track shall be on non-vegetated surfaces such as gravel, dirt, sand, mulch, brick, concrete or asphalt. The remaining parts of the track shall be on vegetation. At least the first 25 metres of the track shall be on vegetation.
- (e) The track shall contain at least 5 turns and no more than 7 turns; both left and right; with no acute angles less than 45 degrees. At least one 90-degree turn shall occur in a non-vegetated area and plotted in such a manner as to allow the next leg to be at least 25 meters long before changing back again to a vegetated surface.

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- (f) No conflicting track shall be plotted, but naturally occurring crosstracks are to be expected in an urban environment, so if they should happen, they will not invalidate the track.
  - (g) Obstacles such as guardrails, stairs, open buildings (ie. gazebos and breezeways) are permitted. No track may enter a closed building.

## **10.11 Disqualification**

- 10.11.1 Any dog disqualified for biting or viciousness shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated.

## **10.12 End of Test**

- 10.12.1 The judge shall sign each plotting sheet showing on each the time the tracklayer started, the time the dog started and finished tracking, a brief description of the ground, the wind direction and weather conditions, and whether the dog passed or failed.

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# **11 PROTESTS**

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- 11.1 A protest against a dog may be made by an exhibitor/handler, any member of the CKC, or a member of the club or association holding the tracking test. It must be in writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof), and be lodged with the Tracking Test Committee Chair before the closing of the test. A hearing shall be held prior to the departure of all parties. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit. This deposit will be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forwarded to the CKC with the Tracking Test Committee's report.
- 11.2 Where the Test Committee consists of more than 5 persons, the president of the test-giving club shall name 5 members of the Tracking Test Committee to act on any protest received by the test-giving club.

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- 11.3 Written copies of all decisions on protests must be forwarded immediately to the Discipline Committee of the CKC. The Discipline Committee may take such action as it deems fit in connection with such protest, provided no appeal is submitted to the CKC within 10 days of the date on which the decision of the Tracking Test Committee was rendered. Such action may include barring the dog from future CKC approved events, imposition of an administrative fee, and/or cancellation of awards. The fact that the Tracking Test Committee did not sustain a protest in no way inhibits the right of the Discipline Committee to take such action as it deems advisable.
- 11.4 An appeal to the Discipline Committee of the CKC from a decision of the Tracking Test Committee where a dog has been protested must be forwarded to the CKC within 10 days of the date on which the decision was rendered, together with a deposit.
- 11.5 If a test-giving club fails to hear a protest as prescribed above, or in the opinion of the Discipline Committee improperly handles a protest, the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit and necessary, and it may at the same time take disciplinary action against the officials of the test-giving club concerned.

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## **12 COMPLAINTS**

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- 12.1 A complaint against a person regarding a violation of the rules and regulations related to tracking tests must be in writing on a form issued by the CKC (or facsimile thereof), and must be accompanied by a deposit. A deposit is not required on a complaint alleging that a judge officiating at a tracking test held under these rules and regulations has been subject to indignities of any kind during the progress of the test.
- 12.2 A complaint should be lodged with the Tracking Test Committee Chair of the test-giving club no later than 15 minutes after the completion of judging of the test, or should the complainant choose to do so, a complaint may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the test. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.

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- 12.3 Any complaint against the club holding the test or any of its officials must be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the test. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 12.4 A complaint shall be restricted to any of the following:
- (a) An act of omission or commission on which is based on an allegation of a violation of the Tracking Test Rules and Regulations
  - (b) Any act on which an allegation of misconduct is based.
  - (c) The alleged failure of an officiating judge to excuse or remove from competition, a dog for which a provision for excusing or removal from competition appears in these rules and regulations.
- 12.5 Where the Tracking Test Committee consists of more than 5 persons, the president of the test-giving club shall name 5 members to form a Tracking Test Committee to act on complaints received by the test-giving club.
- 12.6 When a complaint is received against a judge by the test-giving club, the club will hold a hearing while all parties are still in attendance. The report and all statements given by all parties will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee along with the deposit from the complainant. The Tracking Test Committee will not render a decision but will collect all pertinent information.
- 12.7 Upon receipt of a complaint, the Tracking Test Committee of the test-giving club shall conduct an investigation as soon as possible thereafter, but in any event, within 14 days of receipt, shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the procedure for conducting a Tracking Test Committee hearing as provided in these rules and regulations.
- 12.8 The Tracking Test Committee shall promptly forward the complaint, the deposit and a record of the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the CKC. Copies of the record of the hearing and the Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the parties concerned at the same time.
- 12.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.
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- 12.10 Disciplinary action will be taken against any official and the test-giving club of which he is an official when it is established to the satisfaction of the CKC that an attempt was made to discourage the submission of a complaint.
- 12.11 Disciplinary action will be taken against a test-giving club which fails to properly deal with complaints as provided in these rules and regulations.
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## **13 DISCIPLINE**

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- 13.1 The Discipline Committee may take disciplinary action against any club, person, partnership, company or organization for any act of omission or commission, which violates any section or sections of the rules and regulations for CKC tracking tests. Such action will be taken as provided for in the By-laws of the CKC.
- 13.2 No person shall abuse a dog on the grounds or premises of a test, or conduct himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the event.
- 13.3 Any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization availing themselves of the privilege of participating in any capacity or manner whatsoever at a tracking test shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board as conferred on the CKC by its By-laws and all other rules and regulations adopted by the CKC.
- 13.4 At its discretion and subject to the appeal process, the Discipline Committee may cancel any or all titles and awards earned by a dog owned by a person debarred, deprived, suspended or expelled of all privileges of the CKC when such wins were earned following the date on which such act occurred that resulted in disciplinary action.
- 13.5 The administration to a dog competing at a tracking test of a drug or any substance, in any form, which alters the nervous system by stimulation, sedation or tranquilization shall be considered as misleading the judge and will be considered misconduct. The person or persons responsible will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this section.
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- 13.6 Any person, either within or outside the field, who does anything calculated to attract, distract or otherwise interfere in any way with the attention, deportment or performance of a dog under judgement, may be disciplined by the Discipline Committee in whatever way it considers to be the best interest of the club, or the judge may take summary action.
- 13.7 It shall be the duty and obligation of the test-giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer, or any participant at an event held under these rules, is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Tracking Test Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred. A copy of this regulation shall be prominently placed in every premium list and catalogue.
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## **14 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A TRACKING TEST COMMITTEE HEARING**

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- 14.1 It is essential that the defendant be given the opportunity to be present during the whole hearing and to testify and present his own witnesses. If a defendant refuses to attend or defend himself, the hearing may proceed without him. In notifying the defendant of the hearing, it is essential that he be informed specifically of the nature of the charges against him and that a record of such notice be made.
- 14.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 14.3 Both the complainant and defendant should be informed that they may be represented by legal counsel or an agent at the hearing if they choose but this is not necessary.
- 14.4 The Chair is to call the meeting to order then announce: "We are proceeding by reason of our appointment to the Tracking Test Committee by (name of test-giving club)."
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- 14.5 The Chair shall identify all persons present and the reason for their presence (i.e. complainant, defendant, witness) and then ask the witnesses to withdraw until required to give evidence. After giving evidence, a witness may be excused.
- 14.6 The complaint is to be read except that if the complainant and defendant agree, it may be necessary to relate only the substance of the complaint as set out on the Official Complaint form.
- 14.7 The Chair is to ask the defendant whether he wishes to admit or deny the complaint as it has been read or stated.
- 14.8 The complainant is to give evidence on the complaint. He may then be questioned by the defendant. At the Chair's invitation, any member of the Committee may question the complainant. If the complainant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the defendant or any member of the Committee. Each witness is to leave the hearing after evidence has been given.
- 14.9 Upon completion of the evidence given by the complainant and any witness appearing on his behalf, the defendant may then give evidence and may then be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee. If the defendant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee.
- 14.10 The Chair may then call any other witness, which the Committee considers appropriate to the proper hearing of the complaint.
- 14.11 The complainant may then have the opportunity of summing up the complaint and the evidence presented in support thereof. The defendant shall have an opportunity of summing up his defense and any evidence presented in support of his defense.
- 14.12 The Chair shall announce that the Committee will be submitting a report on the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the Discipline Committee of the CKC and the parties concerned. All but the Committee members shall be dismissed so that the matter may be considered.

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## **15 PARTICIPATION**

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- 15.1 The participation in any manner or in any capacity at a competitive event held under these rules shall be considered a privilege accorded to any person by the CKC and such privilege may be extended and withdrawn by the Discipline Committee.
- 15.2 Any person availing himself of the privilege of participating in any manner, shape or form and in any capacity including that of a spectator at a competitive event held under these rules shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board.
- 15.3 No person who has been expelled, deprived of privileges, suspended or debarred by the CKC may enter a dog, compete, exhibit, judge, act as agent or handler for any competitor, take a dog into any competition or be connected in any capacity with competitive events held under these rules.
- 15.4 A club holding a tracking test under these rules shall not engage in any capacity a person who is under suspension or expulsion, debarred or deprived of privileges by the CKC.
- 15.5 Any person who has lost the right to participate in events in their country of residence shall not, while such a loss of privilege is in effect, participate in any Canadian Kennel Club approved events. Any wins by a dog that is exhibited or handled by such individual shall automatically be canceled.

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## **16 NO LIABILITY**

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- 16.1 The CKC shall not be responsible to any member, person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss, damage or injury arising at or by reason of any tracking test held under any rules adopted by the CKC.

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## **17 AMENDMENTS**

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- 17.1 These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 17.2 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by a person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to the Board for their consideration. In such circumstances, the Board will forward the proposal to the Tracking Test Council for its consideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.
- 17.3 Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 17.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 17.5 The Board, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.
- 17.6 Upon the Board making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these rules, the membership shall be advised by placing a notice in the Official Section as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.



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