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Rules for the conduct of National Agility Teams Events

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The Event:

- The Team Event will be decided by a combination of the total faults accumulated by each team.
- The competition will be conducted over two separate Trial Courses complying with the ANKC Ltd Rules for The Conduct of Agility Trials:-

Trial 1 will be conducted over a **Master Agility** Course.

Trial 2 will be conducted over a **Master Jumping** Course.

- The teams may nominate a maximum of Six (6) dogs.

A maximum of five (5) dogs from the team will be nominated to run over both courses prior to the completion of 'Check in' on the first day of competition. The sixth dog will be eliminated.

Eligibility:

- The Controlling Body in each State or Territory will nominate one (1) team to represent their State or Territory. All dogs in the team must be registered with the Controlling Body of a State or Territory in Australia affiliated with the ANKC Ltd. In addition, the ANKC Ltd may give approval to "State" or "Regional" teams competing in this Team Event from countries outside Australia whose members are registered with organisations and canine controls recognised by the ANKC Ltd.

Entry:

- Team entries are to be sent via a letter, which may be sent electronically, from the State's Controlling Body, detailing:-
 - The name of each handler.
 - The full Registered name, registration number and measured height at the shoulder or jump height category, of each dog.
 - The name of the Team – (optional). All States and Territories are encouraged to give their team a "team name".

Scoring:

- Each team will compete individually over each Trial Course in the designated running order.
- The ANKC Ltd Rules for The Conduct of Agility Trials will be used to decide the results with the following differences:-
- A disqualification will incur 50 penalty faults. However, if the dog goes off course it should be taken back to the obstacle missed and re-attempt it before continuing the course, the dog should then continue and complete the remainder of course as correctly as possible as further faults / disqualifications under the standard rules will be accumulated as they occur. Further disqualifications will each incur another 50 penalty faults, to a maximum score of 200 penalty faults.
- Each three (3) refusals incurred during a dogs run will equate to a disqualification = 50 penalty points. The disqualification points will replace the three (3) individual refusals. Any additional three (3) refusals will be counted in the same way.
 - Example 1: A dog has 2 refusals = 10 penalty points
 - Example 2: A dog has 3 refusals = 50 penalty points
 - Example 3: A dog has 4 refusals = 55 penalty points
 - Example 4: A dog has 6 refusals = 100 penalty points
- A dog that is withdrawn from the ring, or fails to complete the course for any reason, will incur a score of 200 penalty faults. The maximum faults that a dog can incur are 200.
- Results will be determined by ANKC Ltd scoring – i.e. Individual performances will be recorded with Clear Rounds, Course Faults, Time Faults and Penalty Faults being incurred and totalled.
- After the conclusion of each Trial each team consisting of five (5) members will nominate and discard its worst result. The total faults of four (4) team members only will be added together to represent the Team score for each Trial.

- The total faults per team for both Trials will be totalled to represent the Team Total Score.
- The team with the least **Total Faults** at the conclusion of both Trials will be declared the
- **Team Event Winner**.
- **Tied Results:** Where the **Total Faults** for two or more teams are equal the winner will be determined by the following analysis:-

1. The team with the least Total Course Faults from both Trials.

If they are still equal:

2. The team with the lowest Total Course Time from both Trials.