



WORKING MALINOIS AUSTRALIA AUSTRALIAN VARIENCES TO TRIAL RULES

Please note: From 01.01.2019 FCI will implement the revised IPO Trial Rules, with a renamed abbreviation of IGP replacing IPO.

I. TRIALS

1. Member clubs will contact the Chief Judge for a Judge's clearance and notify WMA Office in writing of proposed trial dates 6 weeks prior to the event. National Championship trials are exceptions.
2. WMA trials are open to WMA members and members of similarly structured sport dog clubs following FCI trial rules for working dogs. All entrants must present an accredited WMA scorebook which can only be used for recording trial results earned at WMA events. Non-WMA members entering WMA trials are to pay double entry fees.
3. WMA does not accept dual memberships from members of clubs or organizations not following FCI trial rules for working dogs. Restrictions limiting participation by physically impaired handlers do not apply to WMA trials.
4. All applications for a trial judge must be done through the WMA BOM and member clubs must only apply for and use licensed judges from: WMA or FCI affiliated organizations observing the FCI trial rules for working dogs. Clubs may not apply for the same judge to officiate at consecutive trials. Judges' clearances will be confirmed in writing by the WMA Secretary.
5. WMA trials must only use Helpers / Decoys certified by WMA for WMA trials or Helpers / Decoys accepted by FCI affiliated organizations. Member clubs cannot use the same judge more than one time in a row and invitations to international Judges should be inter-dispersed with invitations to WMA licensed judges. National Championship trials are exceptions.
6. All entrants must produce evidence of a previous pass in the required levels according to the Rules. I.e.: Mondioring Level 1 and IGP1 entrants must first produce evidence of having passed a MAT or BH test before starting. Only WMA members are eligible to enter MAT. All entrants must produce evidence of a pass in Mondioring Level 1 or IGP1 before taking part at Levels 2 and 3 respectively.

Note: BH, FH, Mondioring, IGP and IGP-FH, count as one full entry toward the daily total. FPr, UPr, SPr 1-3 count as half an entry towards the daily total. Completion of the BH/MAT is not required for dogs entering the FPr 1-3, UPr 1-3 but is required for dogs entering of SPr 1-3. There is no written test for BH. There are no gun shots in BH.

7. A handler may enter either the MAT, BH or AD combined with FH or IGP/Mondioring levels during a trial; the BH /MAT or AD can be on the same day as the FH/IGP degree. Completion of the BH is not required for dogs entering the AD. All dogs entered in a WMA sanctioned trial must pass a test of impartiality. The age of FH tracks may be adapted for Australian conditions and to be no less than 2 hours.
8. Entry forms, for all sanctioned trials, **must** include the dog's WMA scorebook number. Entry forms without the WMA scorebook number will **not** be accepted. Any dogs coming to the trial without a WMA scorebook must provide a \$100.00 bond, payable to WMA. Should the owner fail to either send in the scorebook to be certified within 10 days of the trial, the bond will be forfeited and the trial result record the dog as disqualified.
9. There is no waiting period between trials to the next higher examination level, so long as the dog has reached the minimum age for entry. Trial days are Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Friday, from 12pm onwards, can only be given a clearance when held in combination with a Saturday or a Saturday/Sunday. A trial is not allowed to take place only on a Friday.
10. All entrants must be current financial members of their affiliate or organization.
11. All entries must be in writing on the relevant official entry form.
12. All entries must present their WMA Score Book to the Trial Chairperson before the commencement of a Trial.
13. The limit on the number of dogs to be judged by one Judge in one day in a WMA IGP trial is 12 full entries, otherwise, as per the WMA Variances. On the day of testing the dog must have met the required age limit. No exceptions are permitted.
14. All dogs entered in a WMA Trial must pass a test of impartiality and that it be clearly indicated to the Judge that a comprehensive character assessment of the dog must be conducted before competing.
15. Only dogs that have successfully completed the Trial will be eligible for certificates and awards. Special conditions apply only to Championship trials.
16. At the conclusion of a Trial, all official paperwork (the signed entry forms and Judge's Validation Sheet) must be forwarded by the Club Secretary to the WMA Administrator of Records within fourteen (14) days of the Trial. All Trial Helper/Decoy passes, scorebooks and trial certificates must be signed by the Judge.
17. Dogs which have earned a title in a foreign country must furnish official documentation verifying foreign titles before they are allowed to proceed up to the levels

stipulated. From 30.10.2015 no non-WMA member can participate at a WMA trial without documentation verifying their dog's existing titles were earned under a recognized judge.

18. WMA Scorebook applications are required to have an identifying microchip number included on their applications for their dog. The microchip number confirming the dog's identity must be verified by trial officials on the day.
19. WMA scorebooks shall follow the dog. WMA Judges, Helper & Decoy passes remain the property of WMA and any entitlement to hold these documents is subject to compliance to WMA trial rules and statutes governing their intended use. Failure to meet these conditions means WMA has the right to revoke or suspend the holder's use of the documents.
20. That it is a condition of purchase that each of the aforementioned documents be made available for inspection at the request of the WMA Administrator of Records, or by a WMA Board member or club official so delegated by the Administrator of Records. Failure to produce the requested document within (6) weeks will leave a member open to restriction from WMA sanctioned events, at the discretion of the Board of Management, until such time as the relevant documentation is produced.

Further; that any alteration to an entry in an official WMA document by any other than by the Administrator of Records, or sanctioned in writing by the Administrator of Records, shall result in a two-year disqualification from all other such WMA events of the person found responsible.
21. Members may trial under another family member only by means of a written request for permission to do so on the Board of Management; to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
22. Due to the requirement to keep a dog under control at all times the minimum age for a Junior Handler to compete should be no less than 12 years of age.

II. NATIONAL AND STATE TRIALS

- 1) The WMA National Trial is open to all WMA members *and* to all members of similarly structured sport dog clubs following the FCI trial rules for working dogs. All entrants must present an accredited WMA scorebook which can only be used for recording trial results of WMA accredited sports. *Special penalty fees apply to entries of all non-WMA members.*

No trial clearances will be granted in the same state the National is being held for one (1) month prior to the event; unless receiving a special dispensation from the Board of Management.

- 2) The WMA National Championship Trial is to be held annually. State Trials are held at the discretion of a host club in that State delegated by the WMA BOM, but not within

two weeks of a National event; or within month prior if in the same state as the National; or *unless receiving a special dispensation to do so from the Board of Management.*

- 3) To secure the title National Champion the highest scoring dog with a minimum grading of G (Good) in the IGP & Mondioring classes is required. Only IGP3 and Mondioring Level 3 dogs are eligible to compete for the title Grand National Champion with a minimum grading of VG (Very Good) / 270 points for IGP and a minimum of VG (Very Good) / 340 points for MR. BH, FPr, UPr, SPr levels are accepted at the National Championship Trials, but only Mondioring Levels 1-2-3 and IGP 1-2-3 entries are eligible for the title “National Champion”; National IGP/Mondioring Champion 1-3, National FH Champion and National Team Champions for IGP/Mondioring.

WMA National Champion titles shall be as follows:

- a) National Champion: IGP1 (minimum of 240 points)
IGP2 (minimum of 240 points)
IGP3 (minimum of 240 points)
MR1 (minimum of 160 points)
MR2 (minimum of
MR3 (minimum of 320 points)
 - b) Grand National Champion IGP: IGP3 with a minimum of 270 points.
Grand National Champion MR: MR3 with a minimum of 340 points.
 - c) National Team Champions will be awarded to the two teams with the highest combined qualifying scores from any one Club.
 - d) National FH Champion
- 4) WMA Certificates must be given for all passing scores.
- 5) The honorary awards, “Helper’s Choice,” and “Decoy’s Choice” is selected by the National IGP Trial Helpers and the National Decoys, to be given to the dog they consider demonstrated the strongest character in Protection / Bite Exercises. IGP High-in-Trial-Track, High-in-Trial Obedience and High-in-Trial Protection is awarded to those dogs with the highest scores from all levels participating in these disciplines.
- 6) The final choice of Judges for the WMA National Championship Trial will be selected by the WMA Board of Management.
- 7) In order to ensure minimum standards in the requirements for a club hosting a National, the WMA Board has the final approval of all the National awards, trophies and the National catalogue.
- 8) There shall be a \$5 per dog trial levy on all dogs entered in the WMA National Championship Trial. These fees are payable into WMA general revenue. National Mondioring, IGP and FH entries shall be no more than \$75. All other entries shall be no more than \$60. Dogs entered in IGP cannot enter FPr. - UPr. - SPr.
- 9) The WMA Organization’s name shall be present in and on all forms of advertising, trophies, catalogue etc at all sanctioned Championship trials. Any special awards and

trophies outside the above nominated championship awards must be cleared by the WMA Board of Management.

III. The Eligibility of a Dog to Participate at Trials After Being Suspended.

Dogs suspended for dangerous behaviour on the trial field can become eligible to be re-evaluated by WMA after suspension for misconduct on the trial field, with emphasis on the cause of the disciplinary action and only after:

- a) The owner of the dog being re-evaluated is responsible for personal expenses incurred because of the evaluation process;
- b) The owner is responsible for applying for re-evaluation and notifying WMA;
- c) A dog is re-evaluated in a BH or MAT temperament test in order to compete in any aspect of future WMA Trials.
- d) A dog should not be re-evaluated by the Judge who disqualified the dog:
- e) Upon successful re-evaluation of the dog's temperament for IGP trials the owner will receive official notification in writing from WMA that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated. If the re-evaluation is unsuccessful the owner is informed in writing by WMA that the dog continues to be ineligible to trial in WMA trials.
- f) The owner may request no more than two (2) re-evaluation tests.