

# Dogs NSW Agility & Jumping Dog of the Year

*Information for NSW Agility Dog of the Year, and the NSW Jumping Dog of the Year.*

## The Regional Qualifying Heats (RQH) – Agility and Jumping.

- There will be 12 Regional Qualifying Heats (RQH) for Agility and 12 Regional Qualifying Heats (RQH) for Jumping. These heats may be conducted independent of but in conjunction with an ANKC trial.
- All RQH's will be conducted as a one round event, which is open to all dogs eligible to compete in any ANKC Agility class.
- Entry into the RQH will be via Official Show Entry Forms as required for an ANKC trial.
- Each event will be catalogued in height categories with the cut-off being those for an ANKC trial. This event will not be run as separate height option.
- Both courses (Agility/Jumping) will consist of 20 obstacles and be designed similar to an ANKC Open (Agility/Jumping) course and judged under Open rules and open standard course time. The exception will be the exclusion of the distance handling section.
- **Presentations.** No qualification cards will be issued in this event, however the Agility Committee has commissioned a special 'Clear Round' sash to be presented for clear rounds achieved at this event. Clubs can order these from the Dogs NSW office. It is expected Clubs will provide trophies for winners and place getters as they would for any other Trial Classes.
- Points will be awarded to the place-getters as follows:
  - 40 points for 1st place, 39 points for 2nd place etc down to 1 point for 40th place.
  - 40 points applies to all heats regardless of the number of entries.
- Points are only awarded to dogs that have not been disqualified.
- **Tied results.** To calculate points for a tied result add the points to be awarded for that place, plus the next position/s and divide the result by the number of tied dogs. For example if three dogs tied for fifth place (assuming there are 40 dogs entered), then 5<sup>th</sup> place would equal 36 points. Take the next two places 6<sup>th</sup> place (35 points) and 7<sup>th</sup> place (34 points), add 36+35+34 = 105, divide by 3 (number of tied dogs) = 35. Each of the dogs would receive 35 points.

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## The Final

- The ***Balder Trophy*** will be awarded to the competitor/s who obtains the highest aggregate score in 6 out of the 12 RQH - Agility. In the event of a tie, the Trophy will be shared.
- The ***Geronimo Cup*** will be awarded to the competitor/s who obtain the highest aggregate score in 6 out of the 12 RQH - Jumping. In the event of a tie, the Cup will be shared.
- Both finals will be conducted at the Dogs NSW Festival of Agility each year.
- The top 40 places with the highest aggregate scores from a maximum of 6 in each RQH's (Agility & Jumping), will be invited to compete in the appropriate Final.
- Both Finals will be conducted over ONE ANKC Open course. Both courses (Agility/Jumping) will consist of 20 obstacles and be designed similar to an ANKC Open(Agility/Jumping) course and judged under Open rules and standard course time. The exception will be the exclusion of the distance handling section.

## Results

Results for each RQH (Agility & Jumping) should be forwarded within five days to:

Mrs Margaret Taylor  
6 Fillmore Road  
Bonnet Bay NSW 2226

Please ensure a catalogue (unmarked) and the original RQH Judges Score Sheets are included.

## Judging of Regional Qualifying Heats.

Trial Secretaries should ensure when contracting judges to officiate RQH's that they are aware of the rules of these events. This is particularly important when contracting interstate Agility Judges.

The Dogs NSW Agility Committee would like to advise all Agility Judges that the Regional Qualifying Heats for the Agility Dog of the Year and the Jumping Dog of the Year will continue to be designed as a twenty obstacle course. The course set is to be of a standard equivalent to that of the new Open Class consequently, it will be mandatory to include the Weaving Poles in a Jumping RQH course.

The Regional Qualifying Heats in both Agility and Jumping will be differentiated from a normal Open Course in that there will be no Distance Handling Challenge in the course. The courses for both Agility and Jumping will be judged according to the new Rules for Agility introduced in NSW on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2006. Thus, in both RQH events (Agility and Jumping), wrong course will incur a disqualification.