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Training Day Policy

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The Australian Flyball Association (AFA) needs a Training Day Policy so that we can promote the sport of Flyball by giving handlers and dogs a taste of Flyball in a controlled environment and ensure that AFA rules, policies and guidelines can be applied consistently across Australia at “AFA Sanctioned Training Days”.

Sanctioned Training Days Aims & Objectives:

As well as promoting Flyball, Training Days play an important role in giving dogs new to Flyball an opportunity to try Flyball training before they join a Flyball club and the AFA.

Sign Up Process

Honorary AFA members wishing to participate in an “AFA Sanctioned Training Day” will be required to read this policy and sign the Register of Honorary Members Form stating that they;

- Have read the policy,
- Will abide by this policy,
- Will take instruction and directions from AFA organising members & AFA officials,
- Will up-hold the objectives, rules and policies of the AFA and affiliated Clubs, to promote the sport of Flyball, its training and exhibiting of dogs, in a positive, informative, safe and entertaining manner.

Insurance:

The AFA member/s organising and attending the Training Day must submit an email or correspondence to the AFA Secretary, stating the date, times, format and location of the Training Day with enough time for the AFA to approve & notify the organiser of the sanctioning before the Training Day takes place. AFA sanctioning of a training day allows for honorary members to train dogs in Flyball techniques under the direction of an AFA member who is a Flyball instructor. A copy of the details of the Training Day should be forwarded to the Webmaster for inclusion on the AFA calendar on the web. Only AFA members and honorary AFA members are covered by AFA insurance. Only AFA members can be organising person/s and Flyball trainers on the day.

Unsanctioned training days are not covered by this policy document or AFA Insurance. The AFA advises organisers of unsanctioned training days to arrange an appropriate level of insurance coverage.

Format:

The format of the AFA Sanctioned Training Day shall be to minimise the chance of any aggressive gesture or incident. Format details or training techniques are to be submitted to the AFA with the request for sanctioning if available as this may assist the AFA with the sanctioning process.

Training Day Policy Statement:

Whilst there is no minimum age for dogs to take part in a Training day, dogs under the age of 12 months may not run over jumps or train on the box.

- Honorary members can train their dog at AFA Sanctioned Training Days.
- Honorary members do not get issued with an AFA CRN (Competition Racing Number).
- Dogs without an AFA CRN will not race against individuals or as a team.
- Honorary members must be attached to their dogs on lead when not training under the close supervision of a Flyball instructor.
- No Handlers are to run over jumps or walk backwards over Flyball jumps or hurdles.

- Handlers are responsible for ensuring that their dog does not approach any other dog without permission.
- Organisers should reinforce the need to maintain a safe distance between dogs on or off lead.
- Training days must have a head instructor who understands how to minimise aggression.
- The training ground needs to be secure so that dogs cannot escape from the training ground into dangerous environments.
- AFA Officials include the organiser/s, AFA committee members and AFA Judges can stop a handler or dog from taking any further part in the training day.
- Aggression or unacceptable behaviour at training days should not be tolerated.
- A dog or handler should be asked to leave politely after an aggressive incident or if it likely that further participation may cause aggression.
- Above all a friendly common sense approach should be taken towards all incidents at training days.
- Officials, handlers and dogs need to maintain standards that leave the public with glowing views of Flyball and promote Flyball in the community.
- Participants shall at all times be courteous and friendly. At no time should they show displeasure with a dog, exhibitor, trainee, AFA official, sponsor, host or spectator, in or out of the training area.
- Demonstration rules & policies will apply for dogs with valid CRNs that choose to demonstrate racing at sanctioned training days.

