

# **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 recognized 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 deprive the person so expelled from all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“field tracking test”** means a Tracking Dog Test or a Tracking Dog Excellent Test

**“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

(01-05-18) **“Temporary Competition Number”** means a  
(18-09-22) number issued by the CKC that allows a dog of a to participate in CKC events.

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**“urban tracking test”** means an Urban Tracking Dog Test or an Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test

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.

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

- 1.2.1 An approved tracking test is a formal event given by a CKC recognized club at which dogs may qualify for titles.
- 1.2.2 A sanction tracking test is an informal event given by a CKC recognized 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.
- 1.2.4 There are two types of approved CKC tracking tests “field” which includes TD and TDX and “urban” which includes UTD and UTDX. The CKC will issue one (1) event number for the Field and a different number for the Urban. The CKC will issue one (1) event number for Field and Urban where combined. Event numbers will not be issued for each level (degree) of competition.

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## **2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

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

- 2.1.1 Only recognized clubs that are in good standing with the CKC are eligible to apply for and hold a tracking test.
- 2.1.2 A club making application to hold a tracking test must have held an approved tracking test or sanctioned tracking test in the five years preceding its application. If a club applying to hold a field tracking test has not held an approved field tracking test in the preceding five years, the club is required to hold a field sanction tracking test. If a club applying to hold an urban tracking test has not held an

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approved urban tracking test in the preceding five years, the club is required to hold an urban sanction tracking test.

- 2.1.3 A club that has not held any tracking tests or has not held an approved tracking test in the past five years must hold one (1) sanction test for each type of tracking test, field or urban.
- 2.1.4 The use of a club's name for test purposes cannot be transferred.
- 2.1.5 A club or judge may delay the start of a test due to severe weather conditions (i.e. torrential rain, hurricane) and thus change the draw time until the test is able to start.

## **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 days from the original date, provided that the date is satisfactory to the competitors affected.
- 2.2.4 Clubs have the option of opening their tracking tests to mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds. This must be stated in the premium list.

If a club chooses to accept entries from mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds, they will use the following procedure:

Draw (1) Purebred dogs without a title;

Draw (2) Purebred dogs with a title;

Draw (3) Mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds without a title;

Draw (4) Mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds with a title.

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- 2.2.5 Specialty clubs have the option of opening their tracking tests to all breeds. Specialty clubs may choose either (1) only their own breed or (2) may allow other breeds to enter their specialty using one of the following procedures:

Option # 1

Draw (1) Specialty breed without a title;

Draw (2) Specialty breed with a title;

Draw (3) Other breeds without a title;

Draw (4) Other breeds with a title.

OR

Option # 2

Draw (1) Specialty breed without a title;

Draw (3) Other breeds without a title;

Draw (2) Specialty breed with a title;

Draw (4) Other breeds with a title.

Whichever option is chosen, it must be stated in the Premium List and cannot be changed once the Premium List has been distributed.

- 2.2.6 The Event Secretary must be a regular member in good standing with the CKC.
- 2.2.7 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 test.

## **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.
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## **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.
- 2.5.4 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person may be removed from the event grounds or premises for the duration of the event by the Tracking Test Chair.
- 2.5.5 Where a person who has control or custody of a dog at a CKC event causes that dog to suffer serious injury or death through negligence or willful misconduct, the Tracking Test Chair shall file a report to the CKC for possible submission to the Discipline Committee.
- 2.5.6 An officiating or apprentice judge cannot hold any position on the test committee for a test at which they are officiating.

## **2.6 Care & Control**

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

## **2.7 Handlers with Disabilities** *(21-09-09)*

- 2.7.1 At the judge's discretion a modification to the exercise/routine may be made to accommodate a handler with disabilities providing that such modification does not aid the dog's performance or inhibit other dogs and the dog is required to perform all exercises/routines.

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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 level(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 Assignments & Authority**

- 3.2.1 The maximum number of dogs a judge may test at a TD test in one day is twelve (12) OR The maximum number of dogs a judge may judge at a TDX test in one day is six (6).  
*(78-03-16)*

The maximum number of dogs a judge may judge at a UTD test in one day is ten (10) OR The maximum number of dogs a judge may judge at a UTDX test in one day is five (5) The tracks may be interchanged as follows:

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1 TD = 1 UTD      1 TDX = 2 TD  
1 TDX = 1 UTDX      1 UTDX = 2 UTD

- 3.2.2 A judge's decision as marked is final and cannot be changed.

### **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.

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## 3.7 Judge's 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 closing 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 statement "This test is held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club"
  - (e) The postal address of The Canadian Kennel Club and the name of the Executive Director of The Canadian Kennel Club
  - (f) A list of officers of the club or association holding the test
  - (g) The full name, postal address and title of the person to whom entries are to be submitted
  - (95-05-19) (h) The full name and email 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
  - (95-05-19) (i) The full name and email address of each Judge and the name of the test(s) each will judge
  - (j) 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
  - (01-05-18) (k) The statement "A Temporary Competition fee as established by The Canadian Kennel Club must accompany the entry of a dog for which a Canadian Kennel Club individual registration number or Event Registration Number (ERN) is not shown on the entry form"
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- (l) The full list of prizes if offered
  - (m) Such other regulations or additional rules for the government of the test;
  - (n) A statement to include the wording of Section 14.7
  - (o) Date, time and location of the entry draw
  - (p) Time(s) and location(s) of the draw(s) for tracks
  - (q) At its option, a club may choose to allow mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds to compete. This option, if exercised, must be stated on the cover of the premium list.

- 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 either:
- (a) Be registered with the CKC
  - (b) Have an Event Registration Number (ERN); or
  - (c) Have a Performance Event Number (PEN); or

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- (d) Be eligible for registration with the CKC; or
  - (e) Have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) if it belongs to a CKC listed breed; or
  - (f) Have a Canine Companion Number (CCN) (if the club has chosen to accept entries from mixed and unrecognized breeds)

6.1.2 If a dog is not registered individually with the CKC  
(01-05-18) it may be entered at a tracking test with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) provided that:

- (a) If born in Canada, it is of a litter which is eligible for CKC registration
- (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 dog with a Temporary Competition  
(01-05-18) Number (TCN) at a tracking test held under these rules (sanctioned tracking tests excluded) must be accompanied by a TCN fee and all TCN 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 The Canadian Kennel Club shall have the right  
(01-05-18) at any time to require the owner of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) 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.

6.1.5 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 can be found on the CKC website.

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- 6.1.6 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.
- 6.1.7 Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, regardless of who completes the entry form.
- 6.1.8 No dog belonging wholly or in part to any judge or to any member of the judge's immediate family or household shall be entered in any tracking test at which the judge is officiating.

The Test Secretary may enter and handle, however the Test Chair may not handle, enter or act as an agent at the test where they are officiating.

- 6.1.9 Exhibitors may not train on the tracking fields (this includes urban areas designated for an urban test) within 10 days of the test. This includes a judge holding a workshop/seminar on the tracking test site (field or urban) within 10 days of the test.  
*(104-05-19)*  
*(39-12-21)*
- 6.1.10 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.  
*(104-05-19)*
- 6.1.11 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.
- 6.1.12 Entries may not be made under the ownership of a kennel name unless that kennel name has been registered with The Canadian Kennel Club.
- 6.1.13 Every dog entered must be 6 months of age or older on the first day of the test.
- 6.1.14 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 noti-

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fication 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.

- 6.1.15 Handlers, trainers, or agents may enter more than one dog.
- 6.1.16 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.
- 6.1.17 An entry of a non-titled dog will be given preference over a titled dog in the level in which the titled dog has already been awarded that title.
- 6.1.18 Entries must be delivered to the event secretary as stated on the premium list. At its option in addition to mail, the club may elect to receive entries by hand, by courier or by email. If the club chooses to accept email entries, it may also choose to accept e-transfer for the entry fees. The entry of a dog at a test held under these rules must be accompanied by the entry fee.
- 6.1.19 An original, signed copy of the UTD certificate (105-05-19) must be received by the event secretary by the test closing date. The name of the person certifying the dog will be included with the dog's information in the catalogue. The certificate will be returned to each entrant who does not participate in the test.

## **6.2 Limited Entry**

- 6.2.1 A club or association may limit entries in any or all levels by prominent announcement on the title cover page of its premium list.
- 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
- 6.2.3 Resources may be defined as field or urban space requirements, capacity of club members and volun-

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teers, time available and ability of judge to carry out additional test tracks.

## **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
- (01-05-18) (c) Canadian Kennel Club registration number if individually registered, Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN), Canine Companion Number (CCN) or Temporary Competition Number (TCN)
- (d) Name of breeder
- (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 or UTD and UTDX 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 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 Entry Fees** (80-03-16)

6.4.1 Tendering of dishonoured cheque or declined credit card payment of entry fees shall be considered non-payment of entry fees. Any individual who commits this offence should be reported to the

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CKC, and may be subject to disciplinary action and cancellation of awards.

## **6.5 Acceptance of Entries**

- 6.5.1 The test secretary will accept entries from the date the Premium List is released until the official closing date. No entries can be accepted after the official closing date. Placement in the test or onto an alternate list will be determined by a random draw. Only one entry per event for each dog entered will be accepted by the tracking test secretary. The secretary shall open all entries as they are received and set aside any duplicate entries for the same dog in the same level. These duplicate entries so set aside shall not be included in any draw. The Secretary will notify each entrant that their entry has been received within 2 days of receiving the entry.
- (107-05-19)

## **6.6 Entry Draw & Refunds**

- 6.6.1 A random draw of all non-duplicate entries will be conducted within 48 hours of the closing date. The test secretary will conduct the entry draw on the date, time and location as so specified in the Premium List. Any interested parties may attend the draw. If the stated limit is not reached, then a draw is to be conducted solely to determine catalogue order.
- (81-03-16)
- 6.6.2 At the discretion of the club hosting the test, up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the places within a given test level can be reserved for club workers from previous tests, as defined by the club. The number of places that can be set aside for this worker draw is 0 for 1-3 tracks, 1 for 4-7 tracks, 2 for 8-11 tracks and 3 for 12 tracks. The draw for these places in the test will be held immediately prior to the main draw and any entries of workers that were unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the worker draw will be added to the general pool of entrants for the main entry draw outlined in 6.6.1. If a club chooses to set aside places in the test for workers, this must be stated in the premium list along with the number of each level of tracks that will be for workers.
- (82-03-16)
- 6.6.3 Position of the exhibitor in the test, or on the alternate list will be provided within 24 hours of completion of the entry draw. All entries that were not drawn for a place in the test shall be assigned a position on the alternate list in the order drawn in

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the entry draw. At the time of the draw for tracks on test day, 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 for tracks.

- 6.6.4 Entries will be refunded within 10 days of the tracking test to those on the alternate list who did not participate in the test.

If an entrant pulls out of the test and their position is filled by an alternate who accepts the position, then the alternate is now responsible for the entry fee paid to the club. The original participant will be refunded the entry fee in full. If an entrant or an alternate who accepts a position in the test pulls out after the closing date, and there are no additional alternates willing to accept the position, then the entry fee is forfeited to the club.

## **6.7 Bitches in Season**

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

## **6.8 Health**

- 6.8.1 A dog may not be entered at a test if it has any  
(90-05-19) communicable disease.

- 6.8.2 Dogs entered in a test must have current immuni-  
(90-05-19) zation status.

- 6.8.3 No dog may be brought onto the grounds or prem-  
(90-05-19) ises of a test if it:

- (a) is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease
- (90-05-19) (b) has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days.
- (90-05-19) (c) has been housed within 30 days prior to the show, trial or test on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

- 6.8.4 Where it is found that these rules have been contra-  
(90-05-19) vened, the dog in question shall be removed from the show, trial or test premises/grounds and the exhibitor will be subject to disciplinary action.

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## **6.9 Refusal of Entries**

- 6.9.1 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.

## **6.10 Disqualification & Reinstatement** *(19-03-16)*

- 6.10.1 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.
- 6.10.2 *(19-03-16)* At his discretion, a judge shall have the authority to excuse or disqualify a dog which menaces, threatens, attempts to bite or bites the judge, another person, or another dog anywhere on the tracking test grounds. When a dog is twice excused on this account, it shall have the status of a disqualified dog.
- 6.10.3 *(19-03-16)* At his discretion, a judge shall have the authority to permanently disqualify a dog which bites the judge or another person anywhere on the tracking test grounds. Dogs disqualified under this provision will not be eligible for reinstatement. The decision to permanently disqualify a dog must be clearly indicated on the Judge's Disqualification Form.
- 6.10.4 *(19-03-16)* Once a dog has been disqualified for any reason at a Tracking Test, it may not be entered until the dog has been reinstated by the CKC. All awards earned by a dog in violation of this section will be cancelled by the CKC and the owner of the dog is subject to disciplinary action. A dog disqualified under section 6.10.3 is not eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.10.5 *(19-03-16)* Any dog that is disqualified under section 6.10.3 shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other CKC event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated, if the dog is eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.10.6 Reinstatement
- (a) The owner of a dog which has been disqualified at an event held under these rules may, after 30 days from the date of said disqualification, apply in writing to the CKC for reinstatement of the dog, unless the dog is ineligible for reinstatement as per Section 6.10.3. The

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request for reinstatement must be accompanied by a deposit as set by the Board

## **6.11 Program of Judging**

- 6.11.1 At the tracking test, a club must provide a printed catalogue listing each entered dog and each alternate. The catalogue must contain all the information as stated in Appendix 1. The catalogue must be distributed to each exhibitor prior to the draw for tracks on the day of the test.

## **6.12 Draw for Tracks**

- 6.12.1 The tracks in each level shall be numbered and *(108-05-19)* drawn by each exhibitor, in catalogue order. Draw times for each level must be published in the Premium List. Should it be necessary to change the draw time due to unforeseeable circumstances each exhibitor affected by this change of time must be personally notified of the new draw time no later than 24 hours prior to the revised draw time. See Section 4.1 (p).
- 6.12.2 An exhibitor that has more than one entry, and draws consecutive tracks, may have the option to redraw a number.
- 6.12.3 If the test spans more than one day then the time *(109-05-19)* for the track draw for each level on each day, must be published in the premium list.
- 6.12.4 No trading of tracks is permitted between entrants or by entrants with more than one entry - between dogs entered.
- 6.12.5 The host club will supply enough draw items for the number of tracks laid. The draw will be done with all participants present at the predetermined location and time. If there are different levels being offered on the same day, separate draw times may be used at the discretion of the club. The draw must be conducted as follows:
- (a) Draw items will be numbered and will be placed in a suitable container where the items are not visible.
  - (b) Exhibitors will be asked in "catalogue order" to draw one item from the container.
  - (c) The draw items cannot be reused.
  - (d) The exhibitor will retain the draw items.

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- (e) There should be no distinguishable differences between the items.
  - (f) The item must be picked by the handler of the dog from the container.

## **6.13 End of Test**

6.13.1 The Tracking Test Secretary of the club holding a tracking test under these rules shall, within 14 days after the last day of the tests, send the following to the CKC:

- (a) A marked catalogue
- (b) All entry forms
- (c) The official plotting sheet for each entry bearing the judge's signature
- (d) Any other information or reports as may be required by the CKC
- (01-05-18) (e) The signed certification over the signature of the Tracking Test Secretary for the club as to the number of dog with Temporary Competition Number (TCN) entered in the test and total number of dogs entered in competition in its test
- (01-05-18) (f) A remittance which shall include all Temporary Competition 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, test 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.
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- 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.
- 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 or (110-05-19) a UTD Pre-Test Certificate is a prerequisite for entering UTD tests. A TD title is a prerequisite for entering TDX tests. A UTD title is a prerequisite for entering a UTDX test.

(110-05-19) (a) UTD Pre-Test Certification

The track must be:

- (i) At least 200m in length.
- (ii) Not less than 30 minutes or more than 1 hour old.
- (iii) Contain both vegetated and non-vegetated sections
- (iv) Have 2 corners 1 of which must be on non-vegetated.
- (v) Have 1 article at the end.

(110-05-19) (b) In order to obtain a pre-test certificate the dog must demonstrate:

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- (i) A start from the scent pad
  - (ii) Transition from vegetation to non-vegetation and from non-vegetation to vegetation
  - (iii) Negotiate both corners
  - (iv) Indicate the article
- (110-05-19) (c) The UTD pre-test may be carried out by an urban judge or a person experienced in urban tracking approved by an urban judge or the CKC zone rep.
- (110-05-19) (d) On completion of a satisfactory pre-test track the judge will issue 3 certificates. A certificate must accompany an entry into a UTD test. There is no time limit for these certificates. If after 3 attempts the dog does not pass a UTD then he must be re-certified.
- (110-05-19) (e) The dog may trial under the judge that carried out the pre-test.
- (110-05-19) (f) The certification statement should be worded similarly to the following:
- (i) Registered name and CKC number of dog has demonstrated basic urban tracking skills as outlined in the UTD Pre-Test (CKC Tracking Test Rules and Regulations, Rule number).
  - (ii) Date of certification test
  - (iii) Signature of judge/evaluator and printed name.
  - (iv) This certificate must accompany any entries to a UTD 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) under at least 2 different judges shall be awarded the title of Tracking Champion. The initials TCh may be displayed in front of the dog's name.

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- 8.1.4 A dog must have earned its TCh before it can enter additional tests for its MTCh. Any extra TDX or UTDX earned prior to the completion of the TCh title will not count towards a MTCh. A dog that already has a TCh title and passes 1 additional TDX test, and 1 additional UTDX test, under a different judge from when the original title was awarded, shall be awarded the title of Master Tracking Champion. The initials MTCh 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:
- (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 a Canine Companion Number (CCN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN, CCN 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 earned 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 a Canine Companion Number (CCN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN, CCN or MCN must be shown on the entry form. The owner,

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as recorded in the records of the CKC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been earned 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 a Canine Companion Number (CCN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN, CCN 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 earned 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 a Canine Companion Number (CCN) or if listed in the miscellaneous list a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The registration number, ERN, PEN CCN 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 earned 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 level equal as to length, age and number of turns or degree of difficulty.
- 10.1.5 The urban-type environment consists of vegetated areas typical of cities or towns and non-vegetated surfaces such as brick, concrete, gravel, sand, mulch, paving stones and asphalt. Suitable areas for urban tracking test sites include park settings, industrial and office parks, schools, campuses, sports fields, municipal or business areas. Vegetation is defined as an area where there is plant life. The majority of the vegetated portions of the UTD and UTDX tracks should be on ground cover that is regularly maintained for example, by mowing as would be typical
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of lawns in urban areas. Judges shall strive to find appropriate vegetation as conditions warrant for the start of urban tracks. Urban obstacles include guardrails, fences, stairs and open buildings such as gazebos and breezeways. The underside of underpasses and bridges may also be used as obstacles. No track may enter a closed building.

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 unless they are entered in the test.

10.1.7 The event hosting club is responsible for ensuring that appropriate areas are available for tracking tests. At the time of initial plotting of the tracks, if the judge finds the areas provided to be unsuitable, he may at his discretion, cancel that portion of the test, unless suitable alternative sites are made available. If cancellation of the test or portions of the test is necessary due to unsuitability of the venue, the judge must submit a report to the CKC within 21 days of the completion of the test outlining the problems with the areas provided for the test. The club may also submit a report outlining any unusual or temporary problems that may have prevented the venue from being used. If the CKC determines that the unsuitability of the sites are of a permanent nature, the CKC may refuse any future applications for tracking tests at that level, until they are satisfied that a suitable venue is available.

## **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. Clothing gear for extreme cold or heat, footwear and eye protection such as goggles will be allowed. Hunter orange reflective gear is also permitted. Coats worn must not interfere with the harness.

## **10.3 Equipment & Tracks**

10.3.1 Articles (112-05-19)

(112-05-19) (a) Before laying the track, the tracklayer or the test-giving club shall produce for the judge's

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inspection, an article or articles which the dog is to find on the track and the article that is to be used to start the dog for UTD or UTDX tracks.

- (b) For TD: One article is used. The article must be leather.
- (c) For TDX: Three articles are used. The articles must be leather.

(112-05-19) (d) For UTD: Two articles are used to be found by the dog on the track. The first article may be fabric, wood or plastic and the last shall be leather. The tracklayer will also scent an additional article of fabric or leather which will be given to the handler if requested to aid in starting the dog on the correct scent at the start. This article cannot be used once the dog has gone more than 10 m from the start.

(112-05-19) (e) For UTDX: Three articles are used to be found by the dog on the track. The first two track articles may be fabric, wood, plastic or metal; the last shall be leather. The tracklayer will also scent an additional article of fabric or leather which will be given to the handler if requested to aid in starting the dog on the correct scent at the start. This article cannot be used once the dog has gone more than 10 m from the start.

- (f) All articles for all levels must be approximately 10 cm X 15 cm (4" X 6"), must not be of a colour which will contrast sharply with the background and should be such that they easily can be picked up by the dog if this is the way they indicate the article.

(40-12-21) (g) For UTD and UTDX, the start article should be scented by the track layer in the same way and for the same length of time as the track articles. When the track layer finishes laying the track the start article should be sealed in a clean plastic bag. When the judge instructs the handler that they can proceed to the start, the start article, still sealed in the plastic bag, can be offered to the handler. The handler can scent the dog several meters before the start pad and or at the start, including placing the article on the start pad, if desired by the handler. The handler can retain the article to the end of the track or leave it on the start pad. A separate start article should be prepared by the track layer for every Urban Tracking Dog (UTD) track and Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) track in the test.

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### 10.3.2 Plotting Sheets

- (a) A plotting sheet for each track shall be prepared showing the approximate length in metres of each leg, major landmarks and boundaries, if any.
- (b) Judges are responsible for laying out test tracks prior to a test. In circumstances where a judge is unable to plot test tracks, a knowledgeable test committee may do so.
- (c) All proposed tracks are subject to approval by the officiating judge prior to commencement of the test.
- (d) The tracklayer shall make their own map at the time of track plotting, working with the judge.
- (e) The judge shall mark the plotting sheets at the time the dog is tracking and make any other notations.
- (f) The test-giving club and judge shall ensure there is sufficient space so that a minimum of 40 metres exist between tracks to allow handlers and dogs to work the prescribed distances noted in section 10.5.2.

### 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 and remain standing one minute, to create a scent pad, and 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 or similar marker 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 final article, the tracklayer shall proceed straight ahead for at least 20 metres (66 feet) and leave the course, as directed by the judge during plotting.
- (c) The plotting sheet will be marked with an X at each location where the tracklayer is to place an article.

### 10.3.4 Every effort shall be made so that 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.

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- 10.3.5 Articles may not be dropped at turns or within 20 metres of a turn. The articles must be dropped directly on the track and be stepped on by the tracklayer.
- 10.3.6 Timing in regards to the aging of a track will start from the time the tracklayer begins to lay the track.
- 10.3.7 When entered in a test, no person may lay a track in the same level they are also entered in, on the same day for which they are entered at that test.  
(85-03-16)
- 10.3.8 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.  
(41-12-21)
- 10.3.9 Cross tracks are defined as any track that crosses the primary track to be followed by the dog. They could be purposefully-laid as part of the test, or naturally occurring, as often happens in urban environments.

## **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 was on the track where an article was dropped but did not find it and the tracklayer cannot find the article on the track, the dog shall be given credit for finding the article.  
(113-05-19)
- 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 who laid that track.

## **10.5 On The Track**

- 10.5.1 The Handler
- (a) Guiding is defined as behavior by the handler that influences or determines the dog's direction. Guiding is prohibited and will cause the dog to fail. Failure for guiding is solely at the discretion of the judge. Teamwork and line handling are recognized as integral to the sport of tracking. Any overt measures in the judge's

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estimation that change or influence a dog's direction may be considered guiding for which an entrant will be failed.

- (87-03-16) (b) The handler may not be given any assistance, except for assistance necessitated by a physical disability of the handler.

Compulsion of any kind shall not be used by the handler while setting the dog on the track or during the tracking itself. The handler may give a verbal command and/or point at the scent pad to start.

- (c) 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 flag; or once in the TDX test providing that the dog has not gone more than 5 metres (16 feet) from the flag; or once in the UTD or UTDX test providing that the dog has not gone more than 10 metres (33 feet) from the flag. The restart may occur at the original scent pad or anywhere between the start flag and second flag in a TD. When restarting, the handler may use a verbal command and/or point at the ground. Pointing at the ground once past the start is to be considered guiding. Only verbal encouragement may be given to a dog after water is given or after indicating intermediate articles in TDX, UTD and UTDX
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) No food, training aid or motivational item shall be carried on the track.
- (g) 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 5 metres (16 feet) to 15 metres (49 feet) in length. Three metres (10 feet) must be respected as a minimum "handler to dog" distance. The dog must work at a distance where it works freely and is not influenced by the proximity of the handler,

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who may adjust line length as appropriate to conditions and obstacles, so as not to hinder the dog in its work.

- (b) The dog must be given ample opportunity to take the scent at the scent pad. The dog should explore the trampled scent pad without coaxing from the handler.
- (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. A dog that is 20 metres (66 feet) off the track and still working may be allowed to continue, provided it does not start to interfere with another track or get the dog into a dangerous situation. A dog that is more than 20 metres (66 feet) off the track may be failed. The distance off the track is measured from the dog not the handler's location.
- (d) The 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. The dog must retrieve or somehow indicate the found article. The dog will not be penalized/failed for indicating additional articles that were not left by the track layer.
- (e) If the dog is wearing a harness, the lead must be attached to that harness. If the dog is wearing only a slip or buckle 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. Water may be offered at any time on the track at the handler's discretion. However if in the judge's opinion the watering is excessive for the tracking conditions, the dog may be failed as not working.
- (b) After informing the judge that water is needed, the handler may approach the dog to provide water; after which the dog must continue working from that point on its own with verbal encouragement only.

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## **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 tracklayer shall drop one article at the end of the track which the dog must find, except as noted in section 10.4.1.
- (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 3 to 5 turns both left and right. There will be a maximum of 5 turns, at least 2 of which will approximate right angles, and none of which will be acute angles. No cross track shall be laid.
- (e) The 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.
- (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 track layer shall drop the first article 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.
- (114-05-19) (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 first of these 2 intersections of the primary track by the cross track shall be at least 100 m from the start of the primary track. The judge will strive as much as possible to ensure

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the cross tracks intersect the primary track at a 90-degree angle.

- (f) The primary track should be laid over varying vegetation and “may” cross a road. The use of wooded areas is also permissible.
- (g) The dog must find the last article and one other except as noted in section 10.4.1.
- (h) The dog must not follow any of the cross tracks laid for the purposes of the test 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 drop the first article 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 must find both articles, except as noted in section 10.4.1
- (88-03-16) (d) No less than 200 metres (656 feet) and not more than 270 metres (886 feet) of the track shall be on vegetation. Not less than 100 metres (328 feet) and not more than 140 metres (459 feet) shall be on non-vegetated surfaces. The total of the vegetated and non-vegetated portions of the track are specified in Section 10.9 (a). The first 30 metres (99 feet) of the track shall be on vegetation.
- (e) The track shall contain 3-5 turns both left & right. At least 2 turns are 90 degrees; none may be acute. One turn shall be on a non-vegetated surface.
- (f) No cross 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 with the exception that stairs of no more than 2 steps are allowed.

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## **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 drop the first article 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 at the end of the track. At least one article shall be left on a non-vegetated surface. The dog must find all 3 articles, except as noted in section 10.4.1.
- (d) A minimum of  $\frac{1}{3}$  and a maximum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the track shall be on non-vegetated surfaces. 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 5-7 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.
- (f) No cross 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 are permitted.

## **10.12 End of Test**

- 10.12.1 The judge shall sign each plotting sheet showing on each the time the tracklayer started and finished, 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 SANCTION TRACKING TESTS**

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- 11.1 A club wishing to hold a sanction tracking test must submit an application on the form provided by CKC for the approval of the CKC Board member for the zone.
- 11.2 The application should be submitted at least 60 days prior to the date of the sanction tracking test.
- 11.3 A club may offer ribbons or prizes. If ribbons are offered, they can be of any colour except blue and must be made of fabric.
- 11.4 As far as practicable, the rules that apply to a tracking test apply to a sanction tracking test.
- 11.5 The person judging a sanction tracking test should be an available tracking judge or an experienced tracking person with a title obtained or competition and training experience at the level they are judging.

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## **12 PROTESTS**

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- 12.1 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 event in the following manner:
  - (21-03-16) (a) A protest should be lodged with the Event Superintendent before the closing of the event and must be in writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof). A hearing shall be held prior to the departure of all parties. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit. This deposit shall be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forwarded to the CKC with the Event Committee's report.
  - (21-03-16) (b) If the protest cannot be filed at the event because of circumstances requiring medical and/or veterinary attention, or if the dog has been removed from the grounds, or if the owner and the dog leave the grounds immediately following the incident, the protest may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days

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of the event. All such protests shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.

- (21-03-16) (c) If the Protest is filed directly to the CKC, reasons should be provided as to why the Protest could not be filed with the Event Superintendent.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 An appeal to the Discipline Committee of the CKC of 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.
- 12.5 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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## **13 COMPLAINTS**

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- 13.1 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
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- 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.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 A complaint shall be restricted to any of the following:
- (a) An act of omission or commission 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.
- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 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
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a hearing in accordance with the procedure for conducting a Tracking Test Committee hearing as provided in these rules and regulations.

- 13.8 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.
- 13.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.
- 13.10 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.
- 13.11 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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## **14 DISCIPLINE**

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- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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.

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- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 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.
- 14.6 Any person, anywhere on the tracking test grounds 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.
- 14.7 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 CKC 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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## **15 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A TRACKING TEST COMMITTEE HEARING**

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- 15.1 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 spe-
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cifically of the nature of the charges against him and that a record of such notice be made.

- 15.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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)."
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 The Chair is to ask the defendant whether he wishes to admit or deny the complaint as it has been read or stated.
- 15.8 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.
- 15.9 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.
- 15.10 The Chair may then call any other witness, which the Committee considers appropriate to the proper hearing of the complaint.

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- 15.11 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.
- 15.12 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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## **16 PARTICIPATION**

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- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 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.
- 16.5 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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## **17**     **LIABILITY** (22-03-16)

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- 17.1     The CKC shall not be responsible to any member,  
(22-03-16) person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss, damage or injury arising at or by reason of any event held under any rules adopted by the CKC.
- 17.2     Every owner or authorized agent for the owner of  
(22-03-16) any dog entered in a CKC event is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog behaves properly at the event, and in particular to prevent the dog from threatening, menacing or biting a judge, another dog, or any other person in attendance at the event. Failure to take reasonable steps may result in disciplinary action against such owner or authorized agent under the By-laws, which may result in the imposition of any of the penalties provided for in the By-laws.
- 17.3     While Section 3.2.2 gives a judge final authority at a test, the test-giving club must ensure safety of the grounds provided for tests, and all entrants must acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for their dog's safety and well-being at a test.

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## **18**     **AMENDMENTS**

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- 18.1     These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 18.2     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.
- 18.3     Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 18.4     The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 18.5     The Board, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to

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attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.

- 18.6      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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# **APPENDIX 1 - CATALOGUE**

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The catalogue must contain the information as listed below.

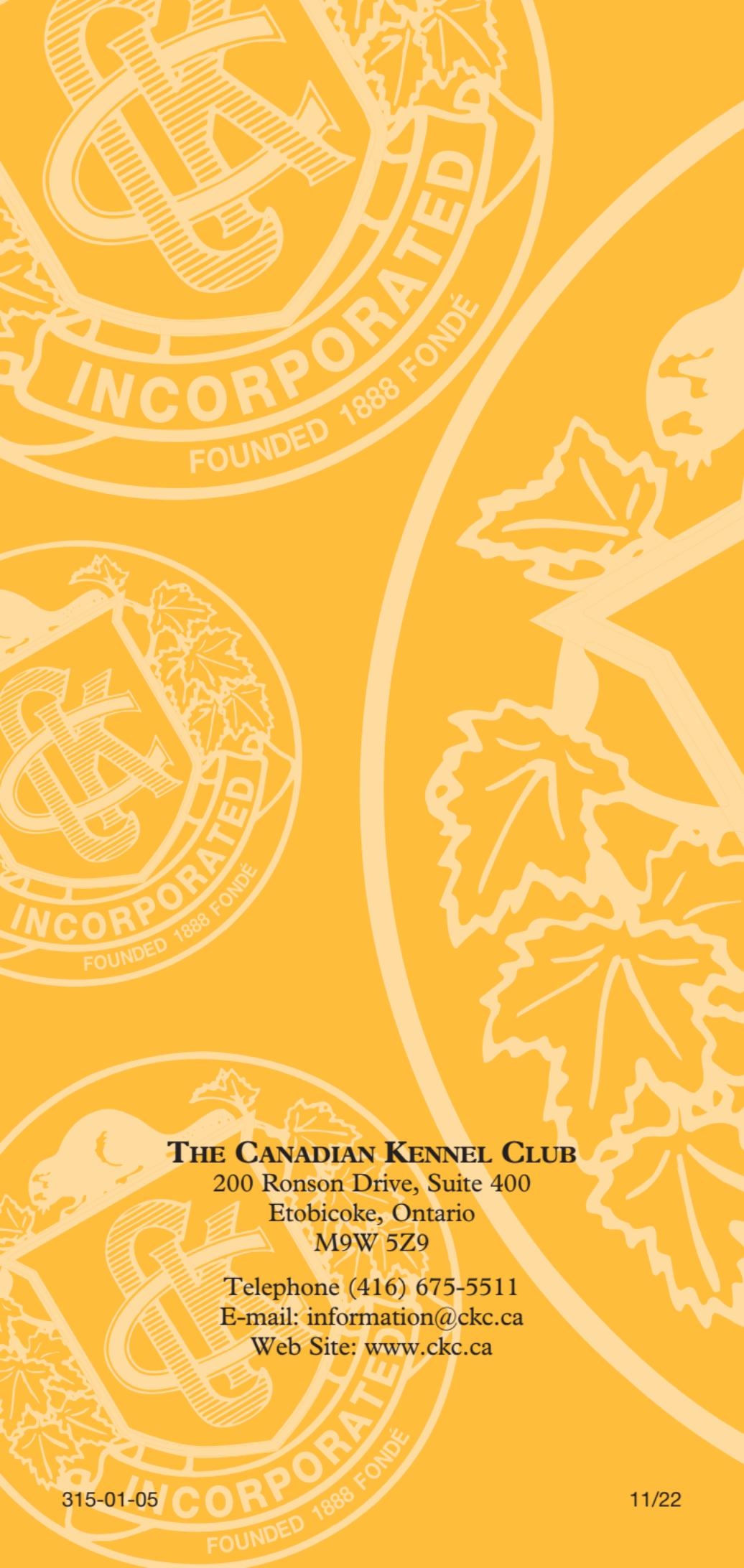
The following information must be printed on the front cover of the catalogue:

1. The name of the club holding the test;
2. The exact number and type of test being held;
3. The dates of the tests;
4. The statement “This test (these tests) are held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club.”

The information listed below must appear in the catalogue but not necessarily on the front cover. It is preferred that this information be listed on the first page (excluding inside front cover);

1. The exact location of the test;
2. A list of officers of the club and the address of the Event Secretary;
3. A list of the Test Committee including the email address of the Event Chair.
4. A complete list of the judges and their email addresses;
5. A listing of each judge’s assignments for each day;

Refer to the CKC Policy & Procedures Manual for the format to follow.



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