

## **Section 7                      DISCIPLINARY AND PROTEST PROCEDURES**

### **7.1    RULE CHANGES**

Disc dog competition is an evolving sport in Canada. As the sport evolves the CDDA regulations may need revision.

- Any handler may suggest additional rules or rule changes.
- Suggestions are to be in writing and signed by the primary handler with their dog's competition number.
- Reasons for the additional rule or rule change should accompany the suggestion.
- The CDDA will review all proposals.
- All handlers that submit rule suggestions will be contacted in writing regarding any decisions that the CDDA makes concerning their submission.
- Handlers are encouraged to make suggestions that they feel may make the competition:
  - More fair
  - Run more efficiently
  - Safer
  - More fun
  - Address any new issues that appear in competition
- There is no charge to propose rule changes.
- Handlers should not submit material that criticizes individuals.
- Names other than the handler that is submitting the rule change should not be mentioned in the application.

Proposals should be sent to the attention of the executive director at:

[cdda@bell.net](mailto:cdda@bell.net)

or by mail at:

Canadian Disc Dog Association  
19556 Mississauga Rd.,  
Caledon, Ontario  
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### **7.2    DISIPLINARY PROCESS**

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#### **7.2.a            Disciplinary Panel**

- A disciplinary panel will consist of no less than three (3) members of the executive council.

#### **7.2.b            Complaints**

- All complaints must be in writing and submitted to the CDDA.
- Only complaints from competitors, trial hosts or from current CDDA judges will be considered.
- All complaints must be signed.
- All complaints will be investigated by the CDDA.
- Substantiated complaints will be forwarded to the disciplinary panel.
- Complainants and accused will be made aware in writing of any findings.

#### **7.2.c            Penalties**

- Penalties may apply to any complaints substantiated by the disciplinary panel.
- Penalties may include suspension, expulsion, fines and/or a letter of apology or any other penalty that the executive director and/or executive council feels is warranted.

**7.2.d      Probation**

- Competitors disqualified by a judge from two trials in one year will automatically be sent a notice of probation.
- Probation will last for one year.
- Within this one-year period a competitor on probation must not incur any further disqualifications.
- Any competitor already on probation who is disqualified by a judge will be suspended from competing for one year (12 months). This suspension will begin at the time of the disqualification while still on probation.
- After serving a one-year suspension a competitor will begin a probation period of two years.
- If a competitor serving a second probation is disqualified they will be suspended for a period of no less than two years
- A competitor that has been suspended a second time must apply to the CDDA to compete.
- An application after a suspension will be reviewed by the disciplinary panel and may be rejected or accepted.
- Suspension may apply to the dog only, or handler only depending on the reason for the suspension.
- Any handler whose dog has been suspended can still continue to compete with other dogs and may apply for CDDA competition numbers for new dogs.
- A competitor that is suspended from competition may also be suspended from attending any CDDA sanctioned events.