

## **Section 1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE CANADIAN DISC DOG ASSOCIATION**

*The Canadian Disc Dog Association is a non-profit sanctioning body established for the following purpose:*

- To promote the sport of Disc Dog in Canada
- Establish rules of competition.
- Register and maintain records of competing *dogs*.
- Tabulate and issue titles earned by registered *dogs*
- Develop and certify judges.

### **1.2 ORGANIZATION & STRUCTURE**

- The Canadian Disc Dog Association (CDDA) has an executive council and regional coordinators.
- The executive council consists of the following executive positions:
  - Executive director
  - Trial sanctioning
  - Titles and Awards
  - Judges
  - Website
- The executive director and executive council may add or remove positions as needed.
- Each region (Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, And Western Canada) has a regional coordinator to promote the CDDA and answer enquiries from local competitors.
- All regional coordinators and executive positions report to the Executive director.
- Regional coordinators and executive members are appointed.
- Candidates are selected by the executive director based on recommendations from the executive council.
- The executive council meets once a year or as needed to discuss issues, policy and rule changes.
- Competitors are invited to submit written comments or suggestions to the CDDA for consideration by the executive.
- The CDDA sanctions trials. The CDDA does not host trials.

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### **1.3 REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

- A one-time fee is required to *register* each dog.
- Each dog must be registered
- Each dog's competition number must accompany all registrations for trials so that qualifying legs and points earned can be attributed to the right dog.
- All dogs must have a CDDA number before competing at any CDDA sanctioned trial.
- Each dog that has a CDDA competition number is eligible to for points and titles.
- Dogs that are 15 inches tall and under must be measured to compete in the mini-disc events.
- Dogs must be a minimum of 1 year old to compete in all classes except the RPT.
- The CDDA competition number represents one dog. A dog cannot have more than one competition number.

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### **1.4 APPROVED DISCS**

*Any Hero, Hyperflyte or Fastback Disc that is designed to be use by canines may be use in CDDA sanctioned trials.*

*There can be no tampering, markings or alterations of any kind to the disc.*

#### **Disc Classifications**

*Disc cannot exceed the following sizes:*

*Standard Disc - 8.5 - 9.5" diameter*

*Mini Disc - 6.25 - 7" diameter*

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### **1.5 HANDLER EXCLUSIONS**

#### **Professional Handlers**

Dogs cannot be handled by professional handlers for points, qualifiers or awards. A handler will be considered a professional handler if they do not own the dog and they are handling and are receiving money, gifts, services or other types of remuneration for handling the dog.

### **1.6 CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP**

- If the ownership of a CDDA registered dog has changed the new owner should send the new information to the CDDA. The dog's number will not change.
- Any titles, points and qualifiers previously earned by the dog will stand.