



# WORKING GERMAN SHEPHERD & DOGSPORT CLUBS OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

## By Laws v0003

Effective from: 9 June 2019

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These By-Laws establishes the specific rules of guidance by which the Working German Shepherd & Dogsport Clubs of Australasia (WGSDCA) is to function.

### **Mission Statement**

The WGSDCA is dedicated to the promotion of IGP dogsport and the preservation of the German Shepherd Dog as a working animal. The Objects of the WGSDCA are as specified by the Constitution.

### **Rules & Regulations**

1. The WGSDCA Constitution defines the incorporated Association registered in Fair Trading of the New South Wales Government under the Incorporation Number: INC9885659. The Constitution governs the way the Organisation operates.
2. The WGSDCA Constitution has a compilation of procedural appendices, which must be read in conjunction with the WGSDCA Constitution.
3. The WGSDCA Rules includes the By-Laws of the WGSDCA.
4. Dogs trained/titled in bite work outside the scope of the FCI IGP Dog Scheme are prohibited within the WGSDCA and/or its affiliated Clubs.

### **WGSDCA Trials & Competitions**

5. A person can enter a WGSDCA trial if:
  - a) Such person is a financial individual member of the WGSDCA and a member of a WGSDCA Club Affiliate, and
  - b) Lives and holds residency in Australia or New Zealand, and
  - c) Has a WGSDCA Sportspass
6. A dog can enter a WGSDCA sanctioned event if:
  - a) The dog has a Scorebook issued by the WGSDCA or an organisation recognized by the WGSDCA.
  - b) FCI IGP Titles obtained in Australia but outside of the WGSDCA will be accepted on the provision that the dog enters at the level achieved in that non-WGSDCA trial unless said trial was officiated by a judge licensed through WGSDCA, WUSV, SV or FCI. In the event of the latter, the dog can enter the next level up in a subsequent WGSDCA sanctioned event.

7. A dog can enter a WGSDCA National Championship if:

- a) The dog has a Scorebook issued by the WGSDCA or an organisation recognized by the WGSDCA.
- b) A prior WGSDCA title is a pre-requisite for entering at that level or the next one up.
- c) Only German Shepherd Dogs who have an IGP/IPO3 title obtained within the WGSDCA are eligible for participation at the WGSDCA IGP3 National Championship. Effective from January 2021.

**Code of Ethics**

8. No WGSDCA member will send out defamatory, bullying, slanderous, misleading or false statements singular or in mass email transmissions to the WGSDCA membership and or the dog community either local or international including web forums. WGSDCA members that do not follow this By Law and engage in this behavior will have their membership suspended immediately along with all member privileges whilst the WGSDCA BOM follows Disciplinary action as per the constitution.

9. WGSDCA members that willfully act in a manner prejudicial to the interests of WGSDCA and or have neglected to comply with the provisions of the WGSDCA rules, regulations, By-Laws or constitution and or use confidential WGSDCA material in a prejudicial manner or to further the objects of another IGP type organization other than WGSDCA without the WGSDCA BOM's approval will have their membership suspended immediately along with all member privileges whilst the WGSDCA BOM follows Disciplinary action as per the constitution.

## WGSDCA Inc. By-Law Change Register

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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 – By law's numbered 1-13 Voted by WGSDCA Inc Affiliated Clubs by way of SGM.

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 – Change Clause 3 Voted by WGSDCA Inc Affiliated Clubs by way of SGM.

9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Remove clause 1,2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 11. Add “Mission Statement”, “Rules & Regulations and new clauses 5,6 & 7.