



## HEAT PROCEDURE – INCLEMENT WEATHER – FIRE RISK

### BY-LAW NO. 18

**HEAT:** In applying this By-Law, it must be remembered that both people and dogs are affected in similar ways by hot weather conditions such as high temperatures, high humidity and hot winds. Depending on the individual physical condition of both people and dogs, high temperatures can result in the body's natural cooling system not being able to cope and a person and/or dog becoming dehydrated.

It is the Club's By-Law that when the forecast temperature for Shepparton (or other location where activities may be conducted by the Club e.g. trial location) is 36 degrees or above the night before, no classes or trials shall be conducted. Weather information used to determine this shall be sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)).

Where a trial or event is in progress a suitable outdoor thermometer is to be provided by the Club and will be suspended in a location that is open, shaded and no more than ten (10) metres away from the judging rings, and (b) when the temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius that this shall be the "trigger" for the following actions.

- a. Judging in all rings shall be suspended immediately.
- b. The Club will then monitor the temperature at 15-minute intervals
  - i. from the time that the judging was suspended.
- c. Should the temperature drop and stay below the "trigger" for a
  - i. period of 15 minutes, the trial shall resume.
- d. If, however after 90 minutes has elapsed since the suspension of
  - i. judging (i.e. after the 6th temperature check) the temperature is still
  - ii. above the "trigger", the Club shall abandon the balance of the
  - iii. trial.
- e. Should the balance of the trial be abandoned, no refund of entry
  - i. fees will apply.
- f. Should any competitor have completed all relevant class exercises
  - i. prior to a trial being suspended and subsequently being abandoned then any qualifying scores attained will still stand.

Lightning and storm activity can be dangerous. In the event of an approaching storm the Club may direct persons to make areas safe and seek shelter. If the grounds are affected by storm activity Committee Members shall assess the grounds and determine if it is safe to continue any activities.

**FIRE DANGER.** The Club shall not open or operate any activity on days rated "Code RED or catastrophic" by the Country Fire Authority (CFA).

It is the Members responsibility to check CFA and Bureau of Meteorology information prior to attending Club activities. The Committee shall endeavour to have information regarding the above Heat/Weather & Fire issues made public via its Facebook page.