



ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB OF NSW

Explanation of the
ANKC Weight Pull
Titles

ANKC WEIGHT PULL TITLE

- ◉ From the 1st of January 2015 the Australian National Kennel Club (ANKC) approved & recognised Sled Sport Events Such as Sledding, Weightpull & Backpacking.
- ◉ The ANKC have published a document outlining the “Rules for the conduct of Sled Sport Event” of which contains rules and requirements for our events at the AMCNSW

ANKC TITLES OFFERED AT AMCNSW EVENTS

Working Weight Pull Dog (WWPD) -In order to qualify for the title of WWPD a dog must have achieved the following criteria a

- ◉ Must have 4 qualifying certificates (as described in section 10.15) from 4 separate events.
- ◉ Over a distance of no less than 5M on a natural/snow surface pull a weight of at least 8 times it's own weight; or
- ◉ Over a distance of no less than 5M on an artificial surface pull a weight of at least 12 times it's own weight and in less than 1 minute.

ANKC TITLES OFFERED AT AMCNSW EVENTS

Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent (WWPDX) -In order to qualify for the title of WWPDX a dog must have achieved the following criteria a

- ⦿ Must have 8 qualifying certificates (as described in section 10.15) from 8 separate events.
- ⦿ Over a distance of no less than 5M on a natural/snow surface pull a weight of at least 16 times it's own weight and in less than 1 minute; or
- ⦿ Over a distance of no less than 5M on an artificial surface pull a weight as described at sub paragraph 1) - 4) and in less than 1 minute:
 - 1- 15 to U27 Kilo Class - 23 times own weight
 - 2- 27 to U36 Kilo Class - 23 times own weight
 - 3- 36 to U45 Kilo Class - 21 times own weight
 - 4- 45 & Up Kilo Class - 19 times own weight

ELIGIBILITY

- In order to compete in ANKC Title Weight Pull Events your dog needs to;
 - Be registered with an ANKC Controlling body (i.e DogsNSW). This means Pedigree Registration - All dogs entered in Sled Sport events must registered with the ANKC. This information will be required on entry forms so please bring a copy along to the registration.
 - Be 18 months of age or over
 - Medium/Large & giant breeds permitted

NOTE: Female dogs shall not be permitted to compete whilst in oestrus

WHAT IF MY DOG ISN'T REGISTERED?

Don't worry there are a few options available that will enable you to still compete for an ANKC Title.

1. Join Dogs NSW as an Associate Member.
2. Register your dog using the 'registration in the Associate Register' Form. Requirements of this registration include you dog to be microchipped & Desexed.

Then your good to go!

WHAT IF MY DOG IS UNABLE TO BE REGISTERED THROUGH DOGS NSW?

- ◉ The AMCNSW will still be holding Weight Pull events that are for everyone - not just registered dogs.
- ◉ These events will be run directly after the ANKC Title Weight Pull Events, on the same day.
- ◉ Sash and Prizes will still be allocated to such events - however there will be no specific title, just an overall winner for that event.

HANDLERS AT ANKC TITLE EVENTS HELD AT AMCNSW

- ◉ Must be members of an ANKC member body (i.e Dogs NSW)
- ◉ It is the responsibility of the handler to ensure all details submitted on the entry form are correct.
- ◉ Handlers must be 16 years of age or over. There are also junior memberships available with Dogs NSW.

COMPETITION RULES

- ◉ 10.1 Handler - Once the dog is connected to the trolley, the dogs lead must be removed, and the handler must either proceed to and remain behind the handler line, or retreat to and remain in a position behind and to one side of trolley.
- ◉ 10.2 Commands - The handler is not permitted to hold any object, use bait, or any item to attract or encourage the dog other than voice commands. The handler must not physically touch the dog once the pull has commenced, until the pull has been completed, unless timing has been temporarily suspended to allow the handler to resolve a tangle.
- ◉ 10.3 Time - Once the handler has signalled the commencement of the pull, timing commences and the dog has sixty seconds in which to get the trolley moving. If at the conclusion of that sixty seconds the dog is pulling and the trolley is moving forwards the dog can continue to pull and so long as the trolley is in continuous forwards motion until crossing the finish line this shall be a qualifying pull.
- ◉ 10.4 Non Qualifying - If the trolley is stationary at the completion of sixty seconds, this will be a non qualifying pull.

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- ◉ 10.5 Attempts - Each dog will be entitled to two attempts at each weight increment up to 500 kilos on natural surfaces and 800 kilos on artificial surfaces. Thereafter there will be only one attempt at each weight. Failure to register a successful pull in either of these attempts signals the removal of the dog from the competition.
- ◉ 10.6 Suspension of Timing - Once the handler has signalled the commencement of the pull, timing can only be temporarily suspended on two occasions to resolve tangles. A tangle shall be called in the event the dog becomes tangled in the harness of the tow line in such a way it can not safely proceed without likelihood of injury, or of the dog retreats in the chute behind the trolley to the point the tow line becomes taut.
- ◉ 10.7 Tangles - In the event of a tangle, timing will be temporarily suspended until the harness and towline are restored, the trolley re-positioned at the start line, and the dog re positioned ready to recommence. Timing shall recommence at the handlers signal. No extra time shall be allowed.
- ◉ 10.8 Non Qualifying (Tangles) - In the event of a dog experiencing two tangles in any pull attempt, that attempt shall be at an end, this will be a non qualifying pull.

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- ◉ 10.9 Calling a Tangle - Tangle can be called by either a handler, a Chute handler, timer or judge.
- ◉ 10.10 Chute Handler - During each pull attempt, there must be a Chute handler at the rear of the trolley to ensure safe braking at the conclusion of the attempt. There may be a Chute handler to assist with hooking up the dog. There must be a timer who shall commence timing upon the handlers signal, and who shall record all times.
- ◉ 10.11 First Weight - The first weight offered to pull shall be the empty trolley. Thereafter weights shall increase as specified at Clause 9
- ◉ 10.12 Commencement weight - Handlers can nominate at which weight their dog will enter the competition.
- ◉ 10.13 Passing Up - Once a dog has entered the competition and successfully pulled the nominated weight, handlers can pass up to three weight increment increases but must then compete in the fourth increment.

COMPETITION RULES

- ◉ 10.14 Competition End - The competition shall continue until all dogs entered have failed or withdrawn.
- ◉ 10.15 Certificates - At the conclusion of each competition, every dog who has qualified for a WWPD/X Certification shall receive a Title certificate detailing the following:
 - a. The dogs full name and ANKC registration number;.
 - b. Owners Name and ANKC member bodies membership number;
 - c. Affiliate holding the event;
 - d. Date of the event;
 - e. Weight to Weight Ratio;
 - f. Pull Time
 - g. Surface; and
 - h. The Weightpull Marshall's name and signature
- ◉ 10.16 Placing - Placing shall be awarded from first to third in each class based on the highest weight pulled, and then weight to weight ratios. In the event two or more dogs have achieved the same weight to weight ratio, placing will be determined by quickest pull time.

WEIGHT CLASSES

- ◉ All dogs shall be weighed prior to commencement of the Competition and their weight recorded.
- ◉ Dogs will be entered in weight classes as follows:-
 - (1) 15 - < 27 kg class;
 - (2) 27 - < 36 kg class;
 - (3) 36 - <45 kg Class;
 - (4) 45 & Over kg Class
 - (5) Novice - Each weight class can have an additional class for novice dogs. A novice dog is a dog that has competed in 3 or less competitions.

SURFACES FOR ANKC TITLE EVENTS

- ◉ **Natural**: A natural surface is deemed to be a level surface of sand, grass or other naturally occurring material which is in its normal condition and not artificially compacted. The surface may be raked to ensure evenness of the ground.
- ◉ **Artificial**: An artificial surface is an area which has been levelled and compacted by artificial means or has been covered with a material to make it harder. Examples of artificial surfaces include but are not limited to concrete, asphalt, timber and compacted rubble.
- ◉ **Snow**: Snow is deemed to be snow or sleet and is to be of sufficient depth to sustain the weight of the dog and trolley. Weight pull is not to be conducted on ice due to the welfare of the dog.



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**Hope's to see you at
our next Weight Pull
Event on the
6th June 2015**