

# **The Pointer and Setter Club**

## **Code of Conduct 2025**

### **Participant's Code of Conduct**

- Trial for the “fun of it”.
- Co-operate with Judges, competitors and other officials. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play by the rules.
- Be a good sport. Acknowledge good plays from other competitors.
- Treat all participants as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Judges are in control of all aspects of the trial. Listen to their instructions. Don't question or debate their decisions.
- If you disagree, approach the judge or judges after the trial in an appropriate manner and ask them to explain their reasoning.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other participants, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
- You must follow all the rules set out in the P&S safety plan members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and good loser.

### **Spectator's Code of Conduct**

- Remember P&S trialists trial for fun.
- Follow the rules of the P&S Safety Plan. This will keep you and competitors safe.
- Remain quiet during the trial. You must always follow the instructions of the gallery steward.
- After a trial has finished, you should congratulate competitors regardless of the outcome.
- Respect the judge's decision
- Do not use foul language, harass trialists or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person

### **Official's Code of Conduct**

- Always Follow the P&S Safety Plan.

- Clearly brief participants to avoid confusion
- Instruct the gallery steward and gallery clearly and respectfully on your expectations should the gallery be following the trial.
- Compliment trialists on their efforts. Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results. Be kind.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before performance.
- Condemn the deliberate rule breaking as being unsportsmanlike and promote fair play and appropriate sporting behaviour.
- Use common sense to ensure that the “spirit of the game” for novices is not lost by overcalling violations.
- Actions speak louder than words. Ensure that both on and off the grounds your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of the sport.
- Help the education process in the trial. Judges can help trialists learn to play the game well by ensuring rule infractions are understood, and by encouraging fair play.
- Never exert undue influence over participants to obtain personal benefit or reward.

**Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour**

Should a complaint be made, follow the complaints process outlined in the P&S constitution.