



# AGILITY DOG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD

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## OVERSEAS COMPETITOR POLICY

### **Introduction:**

This Policy will provide guidelines to international visitors wanting to compete at ADAA competitions whilst travelling in Australia.

### **Purpose:**

Occasionally a person travelling from overseas with an agility background may decide to compete at an ADAA competition during their visit, either with a borrowed dog or their own dog. This person may also be someone who has loaned their own dog to a Member of Team Australia during an IFCS World Agility Championship. This Policy will provide the conditions for international visitors to take part in any ADAA competition being held during their stay in Australia without applying for membership of ADAA.

### **Policy Statement:**

The aim of this Policy is to provide clear guidelines to follow for international visitors wishing to compete at ADAA competitions in Australia during a temporary visit.

### **Definitions:**

**Honorary (International Visitor) Membership** – An Honorary Membership issued to international visitors for the sole purpose of being able to compete at ADAA competitions being held in Australia.

**International Visitor** – Anyone not residing in Australia.

**Borrowed Dog** – A dog owned by an existing ADAA member who permanently resides in Australia and is registered with ADAA within either the International Program or Regular Program Register.

**Overseas Dog** – A dog owned by the international visitor who does not permanently reside in Australia.

### **Responsibilities:**

Board of Directors – responsible for assessing membership applications

### **Procedure:**

#### **1. Handlers Membership**

##### **1.1 Honorary (International Visitor) Membership**

- 1.1.1 Anyone who does not permanently reside in Australia, who is a financial member of the relevant Agility organisation in their country of residence and is visiting Australia, will be eligible for Honorary (International Visitor) Membership with ADAA for a period of up to 6 months.
- 1.1.2 Honorary (International Visitor) Membership will be at no cost and will be for 6 months from the date of processing. If a person is going to compete for a period that is longer than 6 months in any 12 month period, then they are required to join ADAA and pay the relevant membership fee in the normal manner. An International Visitor may be issued with more than one Honorary (International Visitor) Membership however there is a limit of six months such membership in any 12 month period.
- 1.1.3 The appropriate application form must be completed, submitted, processed and approved, and advice of membership issued before an International Visitor may compete at an ADAA competition.

##### **1.2 Dog Registration**

- 1.2.1 Any dog, usually residing in Australia, to be handled by an Honorary (International Visitor) Member at ADAA competitions must be owned by a financial member of ADAA and registered within either the International Program Register (IPR) or Regular Program Register (RPR).
- 1.2.2 An International Visitor may compete with a dog they have travelled with from an overseas country, provided the dog has been cleared by Department of Agriculture (Quarantine) to enter Australia and the dog has been issued with a registration number by ADAA. The first dog will be registered at no charge

(upon receipt of a completed Dog Registration Form), thereafter the standard fee to register a dog with ADAA will be applicable.

## **2. Competition Level**

### **2.1 Borrowed Dog**

2.1.1 An Honorary (International Visitor) Member who is using an existing ADAA registered dog will be required to compete in the appropriate classes and at the Standard (level of difficulty) of the borrowed dog's normal level of competition, determined by its ADAA titles. For instance, an inexperienced Handler from overseas may not enter Combined-Starters with a Dog that has its MAAD title.

### **2.2 Overseas Dog**

2.2.1 All dogs that compete at an ADAA approved competition will need to be measured by ADAA if entered in any Class other than Maxi. An Honorary (International Visitor) Member who has brought their dog into Australia temporarily will have the option to have their dog treated as a dog with no titles, and in doing so, may enter Combined-Elementary and Combined-Starters, or they may show written proof of Titles issued (for the individual dog in question) by the relevant Agility organisation in their country of residence, and ADAA will then determine what Standard (level of difficulty) they may, and may not, enter having given due regard to comparative titles.

2.2.2 The measurement of the Overseas Dog by ADAA and the height Class the Dog must compete in will overrule any measurement and/or height class from the International Visitor's home country.

## **3. Issue of Qualifying Certificates & Titles**

### **3.1 Borrowed Dog**

3.1.1 An Honorary (International Visitor) Member, who is using an existing ADAA registered dog to compete at an ADAA competition, will be eligible for all clear round, qualifying certificates etc and/or prizes during competition under normal ADAA rules. All clear round, qualifying and international certificates may be used towards the dog's eligibility for titles with ADAA.

### **3.2 Overseas Dog**

3.2.1 An Honorary (International Visitor) Member who has temporarily brought a dog into Australia will be eligible for all clear round, qualifying certificates etc and/or prizes during competition under normal ADAA rules.

3.2.2 ADAA will not award any titles to a dog registered to an International Visitor Member.

## **4. Overseas Visitors Staying Longer Than 6 Months**

### **4.1 Membership**

4.1.1 Should an Honorary (International Visitor) Member extend their stay in Australia beyond 6 months, they will need to apply for normal ADAA membership if they wish to continue competing at ADAA competitions. Any clear round and/or qualifying certificates they have accumulated with their name on the card while an Honorary (International Visitor) Member will carry over should the International Visitor stay for longer than 6 months and as such join ADAA in the normal manner.

### **4.2 Dog Registration**

4.2.1 If an Honorary (International Visitor) Member has a dog already registered with ADAA no further action is required as they are already on ADAA's register. Any clear round and/or qualifying certificates the Dog has achieved while registered to an Honorary (International Visitor) Member may be used towards application for titles (in accordance with ADAA's Agility Regulations) should the International Visitor remain in Australia for longer than 6 months and subsequently join ADAA in the normal manner. The one-time nomination process will cease at this time and the dog must enter classes in accordance with ADAA's Agility Regulations, ie if no ADAA title has been achieved, then the dog may no longer be entered in Open B, Regular-Open B, Advanced and/or Regular-Advanced classes.

### **Stakeholders to be consulted prior to policy change:**

Board of Directors

### **Related documents**

Memorandum and Articles of Association REF-ORG-010 & REF-ORG-011

Agility Regulations 9th Edition POL-AR-001

IFCS WAC Selection – Team Handler 2014 Policy POL-MEM-040

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