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MEMBERS' HANDBOOK  
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## Introduction

**W**elcome, to the Queensland Lure Coursing Association Incorporated (QLCA). This Members' Handbook is designed to assist and guide you through your introduction to the Club. It contains useful information about lure coursing in general, how the club is run, when it was formed, and of course, why it was formed. You will also find our rules and regulations in this handbook, and information designed to help you enjoy this sport with your dog.

### What is Lure Coursing?



**C**oursing “...the sport of pursuing hares, etc with hounds that follow by sight rather than by scent...” [*Macquarie Dictionary*] is a very ancient sport. The modern version – Lure Coursing – is the sport of coursing using an artificial lure. *No live game is used either in training or in racing.*

**Hunting** with dogs goes back to antiquity, as can be seen by pictures and tapestries in art museums. In 124 A.D., the Greek historian, Arrian wrote, “The true sportsman does not take out his dogs to destroy the hares, but for the sake of the course, and the contest between the dogs and the hares, and is glad if the hare escapes.”

**Lure Coursing** is usually limited to sight-hounds, that is, dogs that use their eyes rather than their noses for hunting (for example - Afghans, Borzois, Deerhounds, Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Salukis, Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks). Any other dog, pure bred or not, that has a penchant for the chase, may compete.

Lure coursing, as conducted in Queensland, includes not only sight hounds but also all breeds of dogs, including non-pedigree and mixed breeds – making us quite unique compared to other parts of the world where lure coursing is open **only** to sight hounds. Nevertheless, “the preservation of the functional hound” is one of the stated aims behind the introduction of lure coursing to Queensland.

Lure coursing, a sport that is extremely popular in England, Europe and the U.S.A and it came to Australia in the early eighties in the form that we practice now. It first came to Queensland and now other states enjoy the sport. **Lure Coursing** tries to stimulate the hound's natural instincts for coursing. The "Lure", (a bunch of plastic strips or a plastic bag) is tied to a rope that is pulled around spindles and pullies by a motorcycle especially designed for this purpose. The course pattern is irregular and somewhat similar with the way a hare might run in the open field and we vary it from meet to meet. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) has fully endorsed our sport and has commended our efforts for promoting responsible dog ownership.

**In an official lure coursing field trial**, the dogs are released on the Huntsmaster's call and they follow the lure around the course. Each dog is scored on its enthusiasm, skill, agility, speed and endurance. After the scores are totalled at the end of the day (after each dog has run twice), place cards are awarded to the First, Second and Third place-getters in each breed, with the overall winner of each group getting special recognition. These points allotted go towards the title of "Field Champion" for pedigreed dogs, and "Companion of the Course" for unregistered and mixed breed dogs.

**We use the grounds** at Wally Tate Park, Kuraby under a rental agreement with the Brisbane City Council (BCC) and we keep bags, scoops, and bins and so forth on hand for cleanliness. The grounds are fully fenced, and we are very proud to leave the area in perfect condition for our next lure coursing meet. As these are Council grounds, the rules regarding the consumption of alcohol on public grounds apply.

**QLCA race meetings** are held at Wally Tate Park at Kuraby, usually once a month, commencing at approximately 8.30am with puppy runs and introductory runs for new dogs. These are followed by the normal races of breed category runs, unregistered and veterans (not in this order every meet).

A person considering taking up the sport may bring his or her dog to trial runs, held over a short, straight course on each coursing day, before the commencement of the day's formal competition. If the dog shows an interest, the newcomer may then enter the day's competition. To continue running the dog however, the owner should, after three meets, become a financial member of the lure coursing club. **Coursing entries thereafter must be lodged no later than ten days prior to the race day.** A short period of summer lure coursing – December through February – involves the dogs in one run only at each meet. From March to November a meet involves dogs running twice in the day, with ample time between the runs. These are the runs that count toward the dog's lure coursing titles and the end of year trophies.

Additionally, lure coursing is conducted at the Warwick club which is affiliated to the QLCA. The Warwick Club meets are held at Henry Joppich Park, Warwick, usually on the last Sunday of the month.

## Club Meetings

Our lure coursing members' meetings are run by the QLCA and by the affiliated body, the Warwick Lure Coursing Club Incorporated (WLCC).

General meetings are held several times during the year at the lure coursing grounds. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! Come and have a say in the running of your club.

Management Committee meetings (with Management and Committee members) are held monthly and consists of the following positions:

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### Management Committee:

☐	President	☐	Vice President
☐	Secretary	☐	Treasurer

### Other Committee members:

☐	Committee members x 3	☐	Racing Secretary
☐	Pursuit Editor	☐	Webmaster/Facebook Editor

### Other Office Bearers:

☐	Fundraiser	☐	Point scorer/Trophy Officer
☐	First Aid Officer	☐	Safety Officer
☐	Public Relations		

Committee members and Office Bearers with their contact details are listed in the Association's magazine and newsletter "The Pursuit". Please be aware that we are a not for profit organisation and all roles and positions are filled by volunteers.

The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in April each year.

## Pursuit – Club magazine

The Pursuit is published annually with current year updated information and several official forms. The Pursuit Newsletter is usually published monthly and contains general information and articles of interest. Results from previous meets, grade changes coursing dates and general safety reminders are also included.

## Website

The official website address is [www.queenslandlurecoursing.com](http://www.queenslandlurecoursing.com) that is managed by the Webmaster. This website contains an amazing amount of information about the Club and includes a photo gallery, electronic entry and membership forms as well as many other interesting items. Go and explore it.

## How the Club was formed

In 1984 Steve and Sabine Mueller arrived from Germany, bringing with them their Afghan hounds. They were involved in lure coursing in Germany and after racing their afghans on the greyhound tracks with the Afghan Hound Club for a few months, decided there was a need to find a more natural form of chasing for the dogs. Steve and Sabine floated the idea of lure coursing, however nobody here knew what this was, so with a lot of explaining decided to try it.

A small group of people got together to try and figure out how to make this happen. After many attempts and many hours of building machines and rollers and holding fun days, trying to get equipment to last the day without blowing up, we finally in 1990, had equipment good enough to form a club.

In 1990 Steve and Sabine called for people interested in forming a lure coursing club to meet at Ian Smith's house. Well, so many people turned up that we had to move into the double garage, and a club was formed that night.

At that first meeting it was decided the club would run all breeds in competition, but also be 'dedicated to the preservation of the functional hound' – which became the club's motto. It was also decided to have a section where dogs without papers could run, as most breed clubs had a rescue arm and this section would allow the people who took these dogs into their homes, something that they could take part in with their dogs. We also decided that there would be no interbreed running – allowing each breed to show its full potential while on the coursing field.

With the starting of a new sport and the forming of a new club, many things had to be put into place, like rules being formulated, how to actually run a competition, how to judge all breeds; the list just went on and on. As you can imagine the first elected committee was meeting every week late into the night trying to put this together. We relied heavily on Steve and Sabine Mueller's experience with lure coursing to put a system in place that people would be happy with.

The first competition meeting was held in late 1990. This was a very nervous moment for the hard-working committee, but it proved to be very successful with people having a very enjoyable day. As the months passed we learnt a lot and improved with every meeting. A grading system was finally worked out that suited all breeds and the judging was fine-tuned so all breeds were on equal terms. This has worked well as we have had everything from a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, to Greyhounds, getting best in field.

One of our big problems was finding somewhere to hold meetings. Steve and Sabine had 5 acres, which we used but now they had to move. A pony club came to our rescue and allowed the club to use their grounds, which proved unsuitable as the horses cut up the ground rather badly, which is not good for fast running dogs; so a decision was made to source our own grounds.

We approached the BCC for land and after a lot of meetings (and I mean a lot) the Council granted us a lease on 15 acres of land which was a great step forward for the club. With the help of some great sponsors we put up a dog proof fence around the running area and around the spectator area to keep the people separated from the dogs running. We previously had to walk a fair distance to the toilets but now we have toilets on the grounds.

The Club is now holding meetings once a month and sometimes twice a month, during winter months, and running a Summer Cup during the hottest months of the year – in the coolest part of the day. Our championships (Invitation Races) are held in August, where after qualifying during the year, the top three dogs of every breed are invited to run a 550m course twice in 15 minutes with vet checks before, in-between and after. If the dog does not recover sufficiently it is vetted out at the Vet's discretion. This is an endurance event and a good meeting to watch.

Well, that's a brief outline of how lure coursing started and progressed up to the present day.

*Ian Smith*

## Lure Coursing Code of Ethics

- 1) Any member found guilty of baiting a dog with live game shall be immediately banned for life from the QLCA or any affiliated club or association.
- 2) It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the dog is in good health, uninjured and all dogs must have **not**, within the period of three months prior to each meet, been in contact with any dog or kennel affected with Distemper, Canine Hepatitis, Parvovirus or any other contagious or infectious disease.
- 3) Bitches in season must not be coursed during their season and from six (6) weeks from the onset of season - for the bitch's welfare.
- 4) No puppies under the age of 12 months to be coursed in competition.
- 5) Instructions and directions from the officers of the day being the Huntsmaster, Judges, Chief Steward, Lure Operator, Safety Officer, and Racing Secretary must be respected and obeyed.
- 6) Dogs must always be kept under control on a suitable leash (no extending leads) or crated for public safety and the animals' welfare.
- 7) Cleanliness of the grounds - including removal of dog droppings - is the responsibility of the dog's owner or agent.
- 8) No interbreed (different breeds) to be run during competition.
- 9) "Interbreed" runs during training runs and fun runs will be at the discretion of the Huntsmaster of the day.
- 10) That all dogs on the lure coursing grounds be under the control of an adult at all times, with the definition of an adult to be eighteen years of age or over.
- 11) Adults only to be in catching pen during races or at Huntsmaster's discretion.
- 12) Only officials or other authorised persons to be allowed on the field during coursing runs.
- 13) In the case of disputes; the decision of the President, Secretary and other authorised club persons will be final.

## How a dog is Judged

Your dog is evaluated on the following points as it is not just a test of speed.

### **ENTHUSIASM:** (Max 15 Points)

Lively, single minded, showing great eagerness and determination regarding the lure, from the start and until the lure returns to the catching pen for the course.

### **SKILL:** (Max 15 Points)

The behaviours the dog displays during the course that relate to its intent to hunt and take the lure. Course taken in relation to where the lure is heading or the anticipation of where the lure is likely to immediately head. Awareness of the location of the lure on the course or actions taken to relocate the lure. Reaction time to movement in lure direction or speed.

### **SPEED:** (Max 25 Points)

Rapidity in moving, the rate of moving or progress. Credit goes to the dog that levels out low, stretching and really drives. Since timing is not used to measure speed, the dog's manner of "putting out" is an important means of assessing its ability to cover ground.

### **AGILITY:** (Max 25 Points)

The ability to move quickly and easily; nimbleness in negotiating terrain, which may cause a dog to slip or slide; turning without going wide or cutting or breaking stride; co-ordination of movement.

### **ENDURANCE:** (Max 20 Points)

Lasting quality, stamina of physical and mental concentration. Credit is given to the dog, which does not fade, or pull up or slacken.

In the event of tied scores, a countback of the Judge's sheets will be held to determine the winner. The countback will commence with the speed score, followed by agility, endurance, skill and enthusiasm. If the tied scores cannot be separated, then the Senior Judge will award the winner. This rule only applies to routine coursing meets.

### **PENALTIES:**

#### *Loose dog's penalty: 25 points*

The penalty of twenty-five [25] points shall be given against a dog that is found loose anywhere on the grounds on the day. It will have no effect on the dog's overall yearly rating or grading

#### *Pre-slip penalty: 5 points*

For dogs whose handlers start their dogs before the Huntsmaster has given the "Go" command.

#### *Course delay penalty: 5 points*

Dogs which delay their course or whose handlers delay the course may be penalised, but not through trying to retrieve the lure upon completion of the course.



This is how a judge assesses the performance of your dog. Even though a judge's decision is final you are welcome to discuss your dog's performance or ask for help in case of non-performance, with any of the judges present on the day.

## How are different Breeds Judged?

An often-heard comment from members is that "The greyhounds are so fast, they always win. How can other dogs compete against them?" Firstly, no dog is judged against another dog. Every dog is scored according to its own performance against the scoring criteria. Even when two dogs run a course together, each dog is scored against the criteria and not against the other dog running with it.

Lure coursing was originally developed to give sight hounds an opportunity to do what it was originally bred for when live game coursing was no longer possible. In some states, lure coursing is still only held for sight hounds. When the founders of our club started coursing using an electric motor and only a couple of bends, all dogs owned by these people were coursed. This meant that as judges were trained, they learned to judge all breeds of dogs not just their own breed and not only sight hounds.

Each dog is judged on its performance. When judging the different breeds, we consider what that breed function was. For example, Jack Russell Terriers (JRT) were bred to catch rats, Border Collies herded sheep and Kelpies herded cattle. GSPs are gun dogs and Rottweilers and Doberman are guard dogs.

Kelpies are fast and chase the lure, watching that it doesn't stray and trying to keep it on a fairly straight line. Border Collies are used to keeping sheep in a mob. They will often run ahead of the lure and wait to push a stray back into the mob. If it goes past, then the Collie chases to try and catch and turn it back to that imaginary mob.

GSPs are not fast dogs and so should not be expected to race at a high speed. They should show that they are trying to get to the lure and retrieve that bird. They should follow the lure well and show agility on the corners, as their speed is not so great that they would run past the corner. Rottweilers and Dobermans should show a good pace and some can show a good turn of speed. They should show a good follow of the lure and have reasonable turning ability on corners. The heavier Rottweiler may slightly over-run the corners depending on the amount of speed.

JRTs will chase forever and show good speed. They will cut a corner if the lure is too far ahead and that is sensible. A dog that follows the rope along the course even though the plastic bag is heading off in another direction is not showing that it is chasing the lure, as much as following the rope.

Finally, Greyhounds and Whippets are sprinters and are expected to show great speed, so this would not earn them higher points. They need to show that they have the agility to turn the corner quickly at speed and not have to do a great circle to get back onto the lure. Speed for them could be a slight disadvantage. Some of our retired racing Greyhounds do not have good cornering ability as they have been trained to race on an oval track at very great speed with no corners to turn. They must learn to turn corners.

## LURE COURSING Day Plan

### 8.30 to 9.00am

Late entries and payments accepted at desk.

### 9.00 am

Puppy and novice runs prior to start of competition.

These are for puppies between six (6) months and twelve (12) months of age as well as dogs new to the sport. This is a short straight run only. Refer to charges sheet for current cost and you can obtain your ticket/s at the desk.

### 9.30 am

Lure coursing commences. Each dog has one run before we take a lunch break of a half hour at which time the course is reversed. After lunch each dog has a second run. Same running order applies as in the morning. Judges' dogs are run first.

### At completion of racing

Weather permitting and at the discretion of the volunteer Lure Controller, there are fun runs available at a small charge (refer to charges sheet for current cost) and you can obtain your ticket/s for this at the desk.

Following packing up of all equipment, there is the presentation of place award cards and prizes.










**Times are approximate and depend on volunteer help to set up the course and other unpredictable events. It is also impossible to state a finishing time that depends on the number of dogs entered for the day.**

## **What do I need to Bring?**

- Funds for entry fees and raffle tickets and/or if you would like to make a purchase. *(Please note only QLCA held raffles are conducted at the race meets unless the Committee has given permission for another organisation or club to hold a raffle.)*
- Your dog must be restrained on a strong fixed collar or harness – no extension leads. Some dogs get very excited when they see the lure, so a good lead is required that you can easily hold onto if your dog pulls. *(There is a 25-point penalty for all dogs off leash).*
- A bowl for water and some shade for you and your dog if it is hot. A chair can be useful.
- A crate or something secure to restrain your dog for when you need to leave it.
- Poop bags.

- Ant spray as there are ants around the field.
- Food and drink for you. Tea, coffee and cold drinks are available for purchase, as is a barbecue lunch. Otherwise, BYO.
- Good sportsmanship, a sense of humour and an open mind.

## Group Categories

	Group 1	Toys
	Group 2	Terriers
	Group 3	Gundogs
	Group 4	Hounds
	Group 5	Working Dogs
	Group 6	Utility
	Group 7	Non-Sporting
	Unregistered and Mixed Breeds	
	Veteran	

\*Refer to page 26 for individual breed groups

## Club Disclaimer

*I/We confirm that our dog/s have not been declared as dangerous by local Council.*

*I confirm that the dog/s I will bring to Queensland Lure Coursing Association meetings are not of the following breeding (or crosses thereof) - American Pit Bull Terriers, Japanese Tosas, Argentine fighting dogs or Brazilian fighting dogs.*

*I further confirm that my dog/s are not designated as regulated dogs, which is— (a) a declared dangerous dog; or (b) a declared menacing dog; or (c) a restricted dog as defined by any State / Territory Act within the Commonwealth of Australia.*

*If required by Queensland Lure Coursing Association I will provide documentation that will confirm these requirements. These documents could include but are not limited to registration with ANKC, council dog registration or registration with an approved canine organisation.*

*I acknowledge that there are inherent risks associated with the activity/sport of lure coursing and that while engaged in any activity sponsored or operated by the Queensland Lure Coursing Association Inc (QLCA Inc) or its affiliates, including but not limited to its: officers, directors, members, guests, agents for any activity performed or held on property used by QLCA Inc or an activity sponsored or operated by QLCA Inc, I assume full responsibility and liability for those risks that may result in bodily injury or damage, directly or indirectly to myself, to my dog, to my property, or to any other property or person that I cause either by my actions or the actions of my dog.*

*I agree to be bound by the Rules, Regulations and By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution and as otherwise set out by this Association.*

## Points and Grading ~ Registered Breeds

Is your dog registered? For your dog to compete in the breed categories, a photocopy\* of your dog's pedigree papers is required. This means your dog has a registration certificate (pedigree) from:

- ☐ Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC)
- ☐ Canine Control Council of Queensland (CCCQ)
- ☐ The Greyhound Racing Authority or sighting and recording ear tattoos for ex-racing greyhounds.

\*Please also include your dog's call name on the copy.

No gradings or title will be recognised without a filed copy of pedigree papers.

ALL DOGS MUST PASS THROUGH THE GRADING SYSTEM

**Novice:** For dogs that have failed to score more than **145 points** in three meet events in which they were entered.

**Intermediate:** For dogs who have scored **150 points** or more in two consecutive race meets - or three meets with a minimum score of **145 points**.

**Open:** For dogs in the Intermediate Class who have scored **160 points** or more in two consecutive race meets - OR three meets with a minimum score of **155 points**.

**Field Champion:** For dogs in the Open Class who have scored **170 points** or more at any three meets in any twelve-month period - OR a minimum score of **165 points** at any five courses in any twenty four month period.

**\*NOTE:** Field Champion points can only be accumulated from within the Open Class.

**Regrading:** Any dog in Open Class that scores below the qualifying score for the class in which it is entered at three consecutive courses will be downgraded.

Field Champions will not be downgraded.

Intermediate will not be downgraded back to Novice.

**Veteran of Merit:** For dogs who are in the Veteran class and have scored a minimum of 165 at three meets - OR 160 or more over five meets. There is no time limit.

**Lure Courser of Merit:** For dogs who are Field Champions and have scored a minimum of 175 points at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.

**Lure Courser Grand Master:** For dogs who are a Lure Courser of Merit and have scored a minimum of 175 points at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any 5 meets. There is no time limit.

**Lure Courser Supreme Grand master:** For dogs who are a Lure Courser Grand Master and have scored a minimum of 175 at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any 5 courses. There is no time limit.

### Scores and Gradings for Field Champion and higher

Class

Grading System

<b>Novice:</b>		144 or less	144 or less	144 or less		
<b>Intermediate:</b>		150 or more	150 or more			Consecutive
<b>OR</b>		145 or more	145 or more	145 or more		
		Dogs graded in Intermediate need to score				
<b>Open:</b>		160 or more	160 or more			Consecutive
<b>OR</b>		155 or more	155 or more	155 or more		
		Dogs graded in Open need to score				
<b>Field Champion:</b>		170 or more	170 or more	170 or more		Over 12 months
<b>OR</b>		165 or more	165 or more	165 or more	165 or more	Over 24 months
<b>Veteran of Merit (for dogs in the veteran class)</b>		165 or more	165 or more	165 or more		No time limit
<b>OR</b>		160 or more	160 or more	160 or more	160 or more	
		Dogs graded with Field Champion need to score				
<b>Lure Courser of Merit:</b>		175 or more	175 or more	175 or more		No time limit
<b>OR</b>		173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	
<b>Lure Courser Grand Master</b>		175 or more	175 or more	175 or more		No time limit
<b>OR</b>		173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	
<b>Lure Courser Supreme Grand Master</b>		175 or more	175 or more	175 or more		No time limit
<b>OR</b>		173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	

Field Champion Points **CAN ONLY** be accumulated from within the Open Class

Lure Courser of Merit Points **CAN ONLY** be accumulated from within the Field Champion Class

Veteran of Merit points **CAN ONLY** be accumulated from within the Veteran Class

## Points and Grading ~ Mixed Breeds and Unregistered

This system of points and gradings is applicable to dogs competing in the Unregistered and Mixed Breed class.

**Beginner:** For dogs that have failed to score **145** points at three meets in which they were entered.

**Junior:** For dogs who have scored **145** or more points at three individual meets – non-consecutive.

**Advanced:** For dogs in the Junior class who have scored **155** or more points at four individual meets – non-consecutive.

**Companion of The Course:** For dogs in the Advanced class who have scored **165** or more points at four individual meets – non-consecutive.

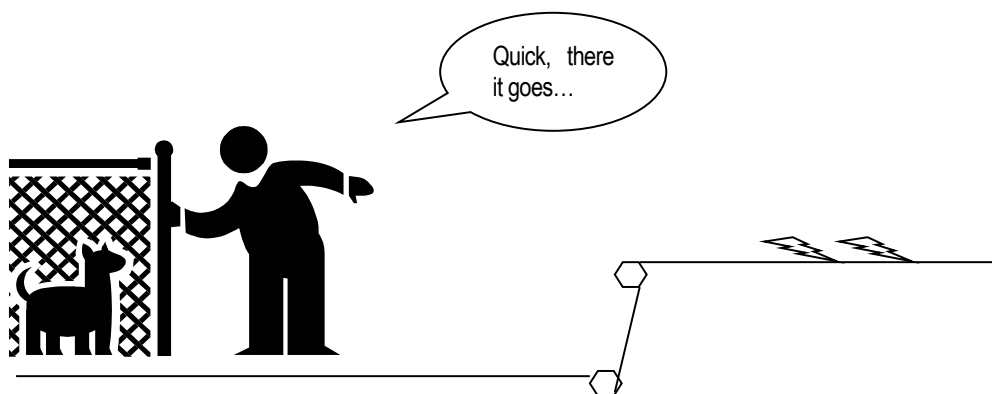
**\*NOTE:** Companion of the Course points can only be accumulated from within the Advanced grade.

**Veteran of Merit:** For dogs who are in the Veteran class and have scored a minimum of 165 at three meets - OR 160 or more over five meets. There is no time limit.

**Companion Courser of Merit:** For dogs who are Companions of the Course and have scored a minimum of 173 points at any three meets - OR a score of 170 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.

**Companion Courser Grand Master:** For dogs who are a Companion Courser of Merit and have scored a minimum of 175 at any three meets - OR a score of 173 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.

**Companion Courser Supreme Grand Master:** For dogs who are a Companion Courser Grand Master and have scored a minimum of 175 at any three meets - OR 173 or more at any five meets. There is no time limit.



## Scores and Gradings for Companion of the Course and higher

<u>Class</u>	<u>Grading System</u>					
Beginner:	144 or less	144 or less	144 or less			No time limit
Junior:	145 or more	145 or more	145 or more			No time limit
	Dogs graded in Junior need to score					
Advanced:	155 or more	155 or more	155 or more	155 or more		No time limit
	Dogs graded in Advanced need to score					
Companion of the Course	165 or more	165 or more	165 or more	165 or more		No time limit
Veteran of Merit (for dogs in the Veteran class)	165 or more	165 or more	165 or more			No time limit
OR	160 or more	160 or more	160 or more	160 or more	160 or more	
	Dogs graded with Companion of the Course need to score					
Companion Courser of Merit:	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more			No time limit
OR	170 or more	170 or more	170 or more	170 or more	170 or more	
Companion Courser Grand Master:	175 or more	175 or more	175 or more			No time limit
	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	
Companion Courser Supreme Grand Master	175 or more	175 or more	175 or more			No time limit
	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	173 or more	

Companion of the Course points CAN ONLY be accumulated from within the Advanced Class  
(Beginner and Junior dogs are ineligible)

Companion Courser of Merit points CAN ONLY be accumulated from within Companion of the Course Class

Veteran of Merit points CAN ONLY be accumulated in Veteran Class

## Points and Grading ~ Show and Field Champion

This system of points and gradings is applicable to dogs competing in the show ring as well as on the lure coursing field.

Dogs must be awarded eighty [80] points at confirmation shows and eighty [80] points from lure coursing events. There is no time frame.

Points awarded:

Shows:

Best of Breed: four [4] points  
 Challenge: three [3] points  
 Reserve Challenge: two [2] points

Show points cannot be accumulated e.g. Best of Breed cannot add Challenge points.

Lure coursing scores of:

157 - 160:	two [2] points	161 - 163:	three [3] points
164 - 166:	four [4] points	167 - 169:	five [5] points
170 - 172:	six [6] points	173 - 175:	seven [7] points
176 or more:	eight [8] points.		

### How to Apply for Titles

Members are to keep a record of their dog/s scores towards achieving Field Champion or Companion of the Course titles.

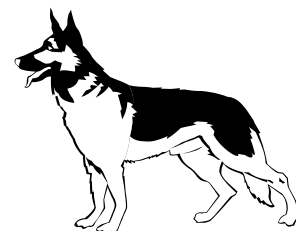
Members are responsible for their own record keeping for the Show and Field Champion title and may apply for the title upon producing copies of their confirmation show results cards and lure coursing scores.

On achievement of qualifying scores for the appropriate title, members wishing to receive a certificate must apply to the Club Secretary (application form in Pursuit and web) and submit the application fee in accordance with the current charges sheet.

Lure Courser of Merit and Companion Courser of Merit certificates are awarded by the Club. The appropriate form and fee must be sent to the Secretary as follows:

The Secretary's address is as follows;

QLCA Incorporated  
 Attention: The Secretary  
 PO Box 366  
 Underwood Qld 4119





## Special Coursing Events

**Summer Cup:** Over the summer months, lure coursing meetings are held in December through to February. The dogs compete for two trophies - one for the Registered breed section winner and one for the Unregistered and Mixed Breed section winner. The winners are judged over all meets with the final results being taken from the two highest scores of each dog. Owners must be financial members and dogs must attend at least two of the meetings to be eligible to compete for the trophy. The dogs only run once - not the usual twice – and fun runs are offered if weather and time permits.

Entry fees for the Summer Cup are noted in the Current Charges Form. Entries must be received no later than ten days prior to meeting day. Volunteers are needed for the positions of Huntsmaster and Gate Steward, and Lure Controller.

Place cards are not awarded at any of the Summer Cup meetings.

**The original Summer Cup trophies were kindly donated by Mr Irvine Fordyce.**

## Invitation Events held in August and September

**Hope Island Cup:** This is an endurance event for sight hounds. Dogs were required to run twice over a course of at least 550 metres with a ten-minute break between runs.

**Shanett Trophy:** This endurance event is for all registered breeds other than sight hounds.

**Rouge et Noir Cup:** This endurance event is for all Unregistered and Mixed Breed dogs.

**Fun is a Terrier Trophy:** This endurance event is for all Terriers.

The Hope Island Cup event was introduced when the majority of dogs were sight hounds. Its purpose was to give sight hounds an event which would really test their stamina, as these hounds are expected to be able to hunt over great distances. A normal lure coursing day does not really challenge their staying power.

As more and more breeds joined the club, it was decided that these dogs should also be given the opportunity to compete, so the additional events were introduced.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for these events, dogs must attend three of the six qualifying meetings. A dog must have a minimum score of 150 in each of the qualifying meetings. The top three qualifying dogs (on the top three scores) are invited to compete with the next two qualifying dogs being invited as reserves.

On the day of the event, all dogs entered are checked by a vet before and after the first run and again after the second run. The vet may withdraw a dog from the event at any time if it does not recover well following either run or it appears to be stressed.

Three judges score each dog and the dog with the top aggregate score in each section is the winner.

**Joshua Cup:** This cup is named after Joshua, a Saluki owned by Maureen and Greg Mannix. Joshua was the first dog to obtain the Lure Courser of Merit title and was an outstanding courser. Joshua has taught a number of dogs to course over the years and was used to help teach some of Maureen's young Salukis. Sadly, Greg and Maureen lost Joshua in 2002 at the age of 15.

**Storm in a Cup:** This cup is named after Storm, an Irish Terrier Cross owned by Kelli Switez-Glowacz who is an advocate for rescue and cross breed dogs and she believes that those dogs should not be disadvantaged due to their heritage. Storm was an outstanding courser and the first to be awarded the Champion Courser of Merit. Sadly, Kelli lost Storm in 2015 at the age of 16.

These events are for all dogs that are Lure Coursers of Merit (Joshua Cup) and Companion Coursers of Merit (Storm in a Cup). These dogs must have gained their titles in the years **prior** to the year in which the competitions are held. The only requirement for these dogs to be eligible to compete is that the owner is still a current member of the club. The events are held on a normal coursing day but a longer course is set for that day. The dogs run twice with a ten minute break and are scored as for a normal coursing day with the top scorers winning the events. The scores for those dogs are used for the end of year points scores, as we do not expect the dogs to run again in the normal day's coursing. Again, a vet check of the dog is carried out for this event as quite a number of these dogs are now veterans. Entry into these events are at the discretion of the dog's owner.

## End of Year Trophies

At the end of year Christmas and Presentation dinner, the Club presents trophies for First, Second and Third placings for each Breed, Veteran and Unregistered groups. To be eligible, the owners must be financial members of the QLCA. Dogs must attend at least 50% of meetings from March to November and score a minimum of 144 in any three meetings. The average of the highest 50% of scores for each dog is used for working out the placings.

## PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The club has a number of Perpetual Trophies, as listed below:

- PRESIDENT'S TROPHY:** TOP AVERAGE SCORE  
*Donated by QLCA*
- IAN SMITH TROPHY:** TOP OVERALL SCORE  
*Donated by QLCA*
- SARONA TROPHY:** CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (Open only to Field Champions) -  
*Donated by M. Bennett/T. Lance*
- AHMADI TROPHY:** TOP SALUKI  
*Donated by I. Rassmussen/P. Bennett*
- MAUREEN MANNIX MEMORIAL TROPHY:** TOP SALUKI BITCH  
*Donated C. McDonald*
- TOOMBA TROPHY:** TOP RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK  
*Donated by T. Newman*
- ARISTAT TROPHY:** TOP OTHER REGISTERED BREEDS - (no hounds)  
*Donated by C. Thomas*
- BUNYA KENNELS TROPHY:** TOP TERRIER  
*Donated by G. and R. Tanis*
- PEPSI MEMORIAL TROPHY:** TOP OVERALL SCORE – TERRIER  
*Donated H. Meharg*
- SARONET TROPHY:** MOST IMPROVED NOVICE (Owner)  
*Donated by M. Bennett/T. Lance*
- TOTLEA PARK SHIELD:** MOST IMPROVED UNREGISTERED/MIXED BREED  
*Donated by I. Shaw*
- KURABY TROPHY:** TOP UNREGISTERED/MIXED BREED  
*Donated by QLCA*
- LUKE MEMORIAL TROPHY:** TOP VETERAN
- DANIEL MEMORIAL TROPHY:** TOP DOG IN SHOW AND FIELD  
*Donated by S. and Y. Mueller*

The trophies from the Invitation events are also perpetual, and are presented at the end of the year:

**HOPE ISLAND CUP:** TOP SIGHT HOUND OF THE DAY  
*Donated by K. Airens/M. Burridge*

**FUN IS A TERRIER:** TOP TERRIER OF THE DAY  
*Donated by D. and B. Wilkinson*

**SHANETT TROPHY:** TOP OTHER BREEDS OF THE DAY  
*Donated by M Bennett/T Lance*

**ROUGE ET NOIR:** TOP UNREGISTERED OF THE DAY  
*Donated by S. and S. Mueller*

**THE JOSHUA CUP:** Winner of all pedigree Lure Coursers of Merit  
*Donated by G. and M. Mannix.*

**STORM IN A CUP:** Winner of all Unregistered and Mixed Breed Companion  
Coursers of Merit  
*Donated by K. Switez-Glowacz*

**NOTE:** All perpetual trophies must be returned by a specified date each year, to the Trophy Officer. A certificate as a memento replaces all perpetual trophies not retained by the previous winner.

## Other Useful Information

### Dog safety first!

For safety reasons, the only dogs and handlers permitted within three metres of the assembly area are those participating and about to enter the grounds to run their dog. Please leave through the exit gate and keep the area around the gates clear for safety reasons. We thank you for your cooperation.

**For safety reasons the Racing Secretary's table is also a  
DOG FREE ZONE.**

### Bitches in Season Reminder

Bitches in season are NOT TO BE COURSED during their season and from six weeks from the onset of their season – for the bitch's welfare.

### Volunteers Please?!!!

Help to lay out the course and set up the barriers.

Learn to be a Gate Steward, Huntsmaster, or Lure Controller – any of the Committee members will show you what to do. The more help we have, the smoother the day will run. Even if you can only help for half an hour – it will be greatly appreciated, and you will certainly see and learn a great deal! On race days, presentation doesn't start until all equipment is packed away. Therefore, the more hands to help, the sooner the day's scores are announced.

### Membership Fees

All membership fees are due and payable on 31 January, EVERY YEAR to maintain membership.

New members who join at the Summer Cup, will be asked to join for the full year ahead including the period of the Summer Cup. Membership fees are in accordance with the Current Charges sheet.

### Sponsorship

At all race meetings, prizes are awarded to the top dog in each group. These prizes are donated by people who are willing to sponsor a meeting and we are always looking for sponsorships for these

prizes. If you can help out or know any organisation willing to sponsor a meeting, please notify our Public Relations officer or the Racing Secretary.

## Your Dog Is An Athlete

And just like an athlete, your dog needs to be warmed up before competition and cooled down afterwards if soreness and injury are to be avoided.

### **BEFORE RACING YOUR DOG:**

**WARM** up your dog. Walk the dog at a brisk pace for several minutes to warm their muscles up, and then gentle stretching which can greatly benefit your dog by helping to prevent muscle soreness and injury. Always stretch according to the natural range of motion of body part. **DO NOT** take your dog straight from being constrained to run a course! **Always toilet** dogs prior to running.

### **AFTER RACING YOUR DOG:**

**COOL** your dog – walk the dog for a few minutes to cool naturally. You can then wet or hose down legs and belly where the large blood vessels are near the surface.

### **HEAT STRESS:**

If your dog becomes restless, distressed, wobbly on its feet with excessive panting, it may be showing signs of heat stress. This is a serious situation and needs to be treated. The dog needs to be cooled down and monitored.

**Please seek assistance at the Racing Secretary's desk immediately.**

### **WATER:**

**AFTER** running, allow your dog a small drink of water and another drink later once the dog has cooled down.

### **DO NOT FEED YOUR DOG:**

**DO NOT** feed your dog on the morning of the race day – it can lead to stomach cramps and can be dangerous.

## **Please Note:**

**Covered shoes MUST be worn on the field at all times.**

## **Feedback**

The Committee would like feedback on any issues mentioned in the Minutes of General Meetings which are published on the website and The Pursuit. The Secretary also has them available at all times upon request.

Feedback may be made person-to-person on race days, by phone or email to any Committee member or letter or email to the Secretary.

Letters are good as they come to the meeting as official correspondence and must be read, discussed and a written reply sent to the writer.

Have a say in the running of your club - members are encouraged to attend meetings in person! And use the suggestion box at the Racing Secretary's desk. Suggestions and comments can be anonymous or with your name if a response is required.

Correspondence sent to:

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## Judges' Code of Ethics

### DEFINITIONS:

- Judges Panel: The Judges' Panel consists of all senior judges.
- Trainee judges: according to their anticipated ability, are appointed by the Judges' Panel.  
The selection criteria include:
  - Two (2) years continuous membership of the QLCA;
  - Has held all field positions on the coursing field during at least one (1) year season;
  - Previous experience with dogs is essential (example lure coursing, showing, breeding agility, obedience, or veterinary experience);
  - A keen attitude to to learn and apply.
- Junior judge criteria:  
The following selection criteria will include:
  - Has judged at Summer Cup meetings under the supervision of a senior judge.
  - The junior judge has completed trainee judge training and has been deemed competent to be awarded a certificate of achievement as a judge.
- Senior judge criteria:  
The following criteria will be considered before elevation:
  - The applicant must have been judging continuously for a minimum of six (6) years. They will display a thorough understanding of all breeds, what they were bred for, running styles and typical behaviours;
  - Together with a keen attitude, they must have shown integrity and commitment throughout their time as a junior judge.

### POLICY:

1. Judges shall always show a professional attitude towards the sport and the QLCA as a whole and their personal appearance will be that of a representative. On and off the field, a judge will act in a responsible and respectable manner.
2. Judges require respect for their position while on and off the field and will act independently without any influence from any other person while fulfilling their judging assignment.
3. A Judge roster will be sent out in time to all judges before the start of each coursing season. The roster will be confidential to the Judges' Committee and the Management Committee. The judge will not announce his/her appointments or that of other judges to the general club membership.
4. Decisions, recommendations, discussions etc. that take place during meeting of the Judges Panel and during training lessons of new judges, are confidential and not to be discussed at General Meetings or with the general public. A representative of the Judges' Panel may discuss relevant issues and will report to the Management Committee.
5. While the Judges' Panel cannot restrict the use of public forums and private chatrooms (Facebook, Twitter etc), it is our policy that there will be no discussions entered into or



statements made regarding other judges, members or club internal procedures. Enquiries are to be directed to the QLCA website.

6. Judges' decisions are final and no discussion shall be entered into.
7. Judges will not judge their own dogs. Another judge will judge the Judge's dogs on a separate scoring sheet.

**PROCEDURES:**

- A. The trainee judge is mentored by the Chief Judge and Senior Judges.
- B. Junior judges may apply to the Judges' Panel for senior status.
- C. Junior judges' decisions may be reviewed by the Chief Judge. Trainee judge decisions shall be supervised by the educating judge appointed by the Chief Judge.
- D. Judges on the day should be on the field one (1) hour before race commencement to inspect and advise of any proposed changes to the course – before any dog enters the field.
- F. Unless otherwise stated, four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the race season, the Judge will accept their appointment according to the judges' roster. If a judge is required to change an appointment, they will arrange for a replacement judge and notify the chief Judge of the change.
- G. Judging appointments outside of QLCA jurisdiction require the expressed permission of the Judges' Panel.
- H. Should any Judge become the aggrieved party in an incident, the Judges' Panel will decide the course of action and support the aggrieved Judge as much as is reasonably possible.
- I. The Judges' Panel, including junior and trainee judges, will review their activities and performances at least twice a year.

## Breed Groups

All dogs are grouped within its breed category in accordance with breed standards and guidelines as determined by the Australian National Kennel Council from time to time which describe the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed that ensures that the breed is fit for function and purpose. Breed categories are:

Affenpinscher	1	Irish Setter	3
Afghan hound	4	Irish Terrier	2
Airedale Terrier	2	Irish Water Spaniel	3
Akita	6	Irish Wolfhound	4
Akita (Japanese)	6	Italian Greyhound *	1
Alaskan Malamute	6	Italian Spinone	3
American Hairless Terrier	2	Jack Russell Terrier	2
American Staffordshier Terrier	2	Japanese Chin	1
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	6	Japanese Spitz	7
Australian Cattle Dog	5	Kangal Shepherd Dog	6
Australian Kelpie	5	Keeshond	7
Australian Shepherd	5	Kerry Blue Terrier	2
Australian Silky Terrier	1	King Charles Spaniel	1
Australian Stumpt Tail Cattle Dog	5	Komondor	5
Australian Terrier	2	Kvasz	
Azawakh	4	Labrador Retriever	3
Basenji	4	Lagatto Romagnolo	3
Basset Fauvre de Bretagne	4	Lakeland Terrier	2
Basset Hound	4	Landseer (European Continental Type)	6
Beagle	4	Large Munsterlander	3
Bearded Collie	5	Leonberger	6
Bedlington Terrier	2	Lhasa Apso	7
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael, Tervueren, Laekenois, Malinois)	5	Lowchen (Little Lion Dog)	1
Bergamasco Shepherd Dog	5	Maltese	1
Bernese Mountain Dog	6	Manchester Terrier	2
Bichon Frise	1	Maremma Sheepdog	5
Black and Tan Coonhound	4	Mastiff	6
Bloodhound	4	Miniature Pinscher	1
Bletick Coonhound	4	Neapolitan Mastiff	6
Border Collie	5	Newfoundland	6
Border Terrier	2	Norfolk Terrier	2
Boston Terrier	7	Norwegian Buhund	5
Borzoi	4	Norwegian Elkhound	4
Bouvier Des Flandres	5	Norwich Terrier	2
Boxer	6	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	3

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Bracco Italiano	3	Old English Sheepdog	5
Briard	5	Otterhound	4
British Bulldog	7	Papillon	1
Brittany	3	Parson Russell Terrier	2
Bullmastiff	6	Pekingese	1
Bull Terrier	2	Peruvian Hairless dog (large)	4
Bull Terrier (miniature)	2	Peruvian Hairless dog (medium)	4
Cairn Terrier	2	Peruvian Hairless dog (small)	4
Canaan Dog	7	Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen	4
Canadian Eskimo Dog	6	Pharaoh Hound	4
Cane Corso	6	Pointer	3
Caucasian Shepherd Dog	6	Polish Lowland Sheepdog	5
Central Asian Shepherd Dog	6	Pomeranian	1
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	1	Poodle (Miniature)	7
Cesky Terrier	2	Poodle (Standard)	7
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	3	Poodle (Toy)	7
Chihuahua (long coat)	1	Portuguese Podengo - small/medium/large smooth haired, small/medium/large wire haired	4
Chihuahua (smooth coat)	1	Portuguese Water Dog	6
Chinese Crested Dog	1	Pug	1
Chow Chow	7	Puli	5
Clumber Spaniel	3	Pumi	5
Cocker Spaniel	3	Pyrenean Mastiff	6
Cocker Spaniel (American)	3	Pyrenean Mountain Dog	6
Collie (rough)	5	Pyrenean Sheepdog longhaired	5
Collie (smooth)	5	Rhodesian Ridgeback	4
Coton De Tulear	1	Rottweiler	6
Curly Coated Retriever	3	Russian Black Terrier	6
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	2	Russian Toy (long haired)	1
Dachshund (long/miniature long haired, smooth/miniature smooth haired, wire/miniature wire haired)	4	Russian Toy (smooth haired)	1
Dalmatian	7	Saluki	4
Deerhound	4	Samoyed	6
Dobermann	6	Schipperke	7
Dogue de Bordeaux	6	Schnauzer	6
Dutch Shepherd Dog	5	Schnauzer (Giant)	6
English Setter	3	Schnauzer (Miniature)	6
English Springer Spaniel	3	Scottish Terrier	2
English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)	1	Sealyham Terrier	2
Estrela Mountain Dog	6	Shar Pei	7
Eurasier	7	Shetland Sheepdog	5
Field Spaniel	3	Shiba Inu	6

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Finnish Lapphund	5	Shih Tzu	7
Finnish Spitz	4	Siberian Husky	6
Flat Coated Retriever	3	Skye Terrier	2
Foxhound	4	Sloughi	4
Fox Terrier (smooth)	2	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	2
Fox Terrier (wire)	2	Spanish Mastiff	6
French Bulldog	7	Spanish Water Dog	3
German Hunting Terrier	2	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	2
German Pinscher	6	St Bernard	6
German Shepherd Dog	5	Sussex Spaniel	3
German Shepherd Dog (long stock coat)	5	Swedish Lapphund	5
German Shorthaired Pointer	3	Swedish Vallhund	5
German Spitz (Mittel & Klein)	7	Tatra Shepherd Dog	5
German Wirehaired Pointer	3	Tenterfield Terrier	2
Glen of Imaal Terrier	2	Tibetan Mastiff	6
Golden Retriever	3	Tibetan Spaniel	1
Gordon Setter	3	Tibetan Terrier	7
Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen	4	Weinmaraner	3
Great Dane	7	Weinmaraner (longhair)	3
Greyhound	4	Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)	5
Griffon Bruxellois	1	Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	5
Hamiltonstovare	4	Welsh Springer Spaniel	3
Harrier	4	Welsh Terrier	2
Havanese	1	West Highland White Terrier	2
Hungarian Vizsla	3	Whippet	4
Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla	3	White Swiss Shepherd Dog	5
Ibizan hound	4	Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer	3
Icelandic Sheepdog	5	Xoloitzcuintle	7
Irish Red & White Setter	3	Yorkshire Terrier	1

**\*NOTE:** Italian Greyhound (ANKC Group 1) is listed within Group 4 for Lure Coursing purposes.

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