

Handlers Meeting Outline – Weight Pull

A. Introduction

1. Welcome everyone. (Contestants need to feel welcomed)
2. Who you are and where you are from and anything else of interest in the way of introduction.

B. Introduce other players on the team and what each one does – (*who to ask for what*)

1. Announcer - how they will call the participants and what 'up' and 'on deck' means.
2. Cart Handlers
3. Timer and scorekeepers. – (who, where, what, when & how)
4. Stewards – (communicate needs of contestants to judge)

C. Tell them what you will be doing -

1. I will be following the ADBA Weight Pull rules.
2. Remind all contestants that the NO BAIT rule will be enforced.
3. Remind all contestants handlers will not be allowed to remain behind the dog once the dog is released to pull. (Refer to rule #35)
4. All dogs will be pulling at their natural weight.
5. What ready signal will be given to you to start each pull.
6. I will allow _____ much time on the track before pull.
7. **It is the contestant's responsibility to let me know when you are coming into the pull. Be sure to pay attention. If you miss it, it is on you.**
8. I will not allow aggressive behavior from the handler to the dog, and I consider _____ to be aggressive behavior. I will give only one warning.
9. I will be re-leveling the track _____ (state when - at the request of the participants or at determined intervals) Track is on consistent incline of _____.
10. Review with handler's the bump weight increases, how much and how you will decide.
11. Clarify when & what signal the participant will give the judge to have the cart people push the cart to assist the dog. (i.e.: each time dog is fouled or only when fouled out.)
12. **I will allow** or **I will not allow** additional weights to be used if the club runs out of weights, and what they will be. If **will not allow** state that the awards will be determined with "time" being used as the tiebreaker.
13. I will judge this weight pull with the expectation that all participants will display sportsmanship. I.e. no abusive language, yelling, smacking, dragging dogs, etc. and I will give only one warning before you will be asked to leave.
14. I will / or will not allow 'body pound' and what the handler needs to do to call for 'body pound' and when, etc.
15. Clarify **exactly** when the awards will be handed out. Example: "Awards will be announced and presented at the conclusion of pull, after judge's books have been verified, beginning with the 25 pound and under class and ending with the trophy awards."
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

D. Ask if everyone understands, and if they have and questions, concerns, etc.

E. Thank them for their participation and wish them luck.

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