

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL OBEDIENCE AND RALLY COMPETITORS

CANCELLATION OF 2020 DOGS VICTORIA STATE OBEDIENCE & RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Obedience Tracking & Endurance Committee Members (OTEC) at their meeting held 20th April 2020 have decided that in light of the COVID 19 virus and the cancellation of all sanctioned events until the end of July by DOGS Victoria, together with the probable continued banning of group gatherings past this date, that the 2020 State Obedience & Rally Championship Trials scheduled to be held on 1st & 2nd August are now cancelled.

This decision has not been made lightly but the health and welfare of our judges, stewards, members and helpers is our main concern and therefore we reluctantly have cancelled events on both days.

- However the **2020 Obedience Dog of the Year Awards** will continue under the same criteria as previously advertised as these awards only involved the three (3) highest scores. The first three (3) place-getters at each level will receive a certificate in acknowledgement of their team's achievement for the 2020 awards together with either a gold, silver or bronze dumbbell only this year.
- The **2020 Rally Dog of the Year** will also continue however the criteria has been slightly modified given that during part of the eligibility period no trials were conducted. There will be no run off this year but the ten (10) qualifiers will receive a place certificate based on their respective scores together with the Rally Dog of the Year badge.
- Sashes and rosettes will not be awarded this year.
 - **The eligibility for Rally Dog of the Year 2020 only is as follows:-**
 - **7 qualifying scores must be submitted – these must consist of no more than 2 Excellent qualifying scores and no less than 5 Master qualifying scores.**
 - **No more than 3 scores by any one judge may be included**
 - **A maximum of 3 scores gained interstate may be included.**

The close off for applications for the Obedience and Rally Dog of the Year Awards remains 30th June 2020 as per the advertisements in the DOGS Victoria magazine editions during the qualifying period. The above amendments are for 2020 only.

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Chair – OTEC
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