

The Samoyed Club of South Australia

Weight Pull Award Requirements

A. Introduction

These are the rules and requirements for the award of Working Weight Pull Dog (WWPD) and Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent (WWPDX) certificates. Also included is the schedule of points that can be counted towards a Working Samoyed (or higher) degree.

B. Eligibility

1. Purebred Samoyeds only shall be eligible for an award.
2. The owner of the dog for which certification is being applied must be a financial member of the Samoyed Club of South Australia or a state Samoyed club affiliated with the National Samoyed Breed Council at the time application for certification is submitted.

C. Basic Requirements

1. Results of recognised competitions only will be allowed. Practice pulls, however commendable, will not count. Competitions must be conducted under the rules of a recognised organisation such as IWPA, ISDRA or one of the Australian breed clubs who offer working dog certification.
2. It is the responsibility of dog owners to make sure that their dogs are sufficiently trained and conditioned that they pose no hazard to the health or welfare of themselves or other dogs participating in the event. Any dog proven to be a hazard to other dogs or to humans shall be disqualified from certification. Poor sportsmanship or abuse of dogs by any owner or handler shall be cause for refusal of certification.
3. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to obtain and provide all the necessary documents and signatures, and to complete all requirements to get their dogs certified.
4. The dog must be weighed before each event, and the weight certified.
5. The dog must be at least 18 months old on the date of any competition for which application is made.

D. Documents and Certification

1. Intentional falsification of documents in order to certify a dog shall be cause for withholding certification. Falsifying may include substitution of one dog's work for that of another, forging documentation, or otherwise making false claims in order to certify a dog.
2. Results certification forms and award application forms may be obtained from the Working Program Coordinator. Certified results (including weight certification) shall be returned with the award application to the Working Program Coordinator together with an application fee to be set by the club committee.

E. Officials

1. Weight pull officials who must sign certification forms for competing dogs may be the event manager or coordinator, the judge, the timer, or such other impartial witness as the Working Program Coordinator shall approve.

F. Certified Dogs

1. Any dog certified under this program shall be privileged to use the title gained in any Samoyed Club of South Australia literature.

G. Working Weight Pull Dog Certificate

1. The dog must pull qualifying weights in four separate events.
2. In order to qualify for one of the four required legs, the dog must successfully pull:
 - a. 8 times its own weight on natural surfaces such as dirt or grass (or snow using a sled),
 - b. 12 times its own weight on artificial surfaces such as carpet.

H. Working Weight Pull Dog Excellent Certificate

1. The dog must have previously qualified for a WWPD certificate, and performances that have already been counted towards WWPD certification shall not be eligible.
2. The dog must pull qualifying weights in five separate events.
3. In order to qualify for one of the five required legs, the dog must successfully pull:
 - a. 14 times its own weight on snow (using a sled),
 - b. 16 times its own weight on any other natural surfaces such as dirt or grass,
 - c. on artificial surfaces such as carpet:
 - (i) for dogs up to 35 kg in weight, 23 times its own weight,
 - (ii) for dogs over 35 kg and up to 45 kg in weight, 21 times its own weight,
 - (iii) for dogs over 45 kg in weight, 19 times its own weight.
4. In addition to the above requirements, the dog must place in the top 1/3 of its weight class in each event. In the event that 1/3 of the class entry is not a whole number, then the next higher whole number shall be used, eg. the second placed dog in a class of 4 may qualify if it pulls enough weight.
5. If at a competition, over 75% of all dogs pull qualifying weights as specified in paragraph H.3 above, that pull will be disallowed.

I. Working Samoyed Degree Points

1. Points may be earned towards a Working Samoyed or higher degree regardless of whether a particular pull is counted towards a WWPD or higher certificate.
2. A performance that fulfils the requirements of Paragraph G.2 shall score 75 points towards the requirements of a Working Samoyed or higher degree.
3. A performance that fulfils the requirements of Paragraphs H.3 and H.5 shall score 150 points towards the requirements of a Working Samoyed or higher degree.

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