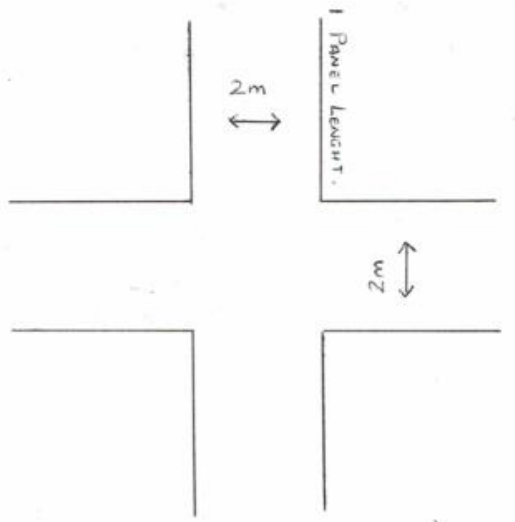


AUSTRALIAN SHEEPDOG WORKERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Trans Tasman Course & Rules

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MALTESE CROSS:

DIMENSIONS: {Use 2.4 or 3.0m panels} See diagram

Leave from the Gap and carry the sheep as per WAWSDA rules.

☐ The Maltese Cross must be first entered & exited from the direction of the Gap, then entered & exited in the direction of the Bridge.

☐ The competitor has freedom of movement at the Maltese Cross but must not walk through or follow the sheep into the obstacle.

☐ A free working area (15m wide {7½m either side of centre mark} x 10m is in front of first entrance of cross and up to panels at end of first entrance.

☐ Competitor can take up any position they desire within the working areas. The judge is looking for free-flowing effect from both worker and dog. This area is not free of loss of points.

☐ Sheep going past entrance of cross:

PENALTY: 1 point

☐ Sheep going right around cross:

PENALTY: 3 points

PENALTY : Competitor stepping outside free working area 4 points

☐ Once sheep have entered obstacle, competitor cannot be in front of lead sheep but can assist sheep through obstacle with arm movements.

☐ Worker cannot leave this area until all sheep have cleared the second exit. Worker must leave from free working area on completion of the obstacle within the drive confines.

☐ If the sheep deviate in the centre of the obstacle and exit from the wrong side, the competitor has the option to turn the sheep around and re-enter the obstacle from where the sheep exited, or to take the sheep back to the entrance of the obstacle and re-work it.

PENALTY: 1 point if sheep can be cleanly turned back & put back in where they exited; 3 points if sheep taken back to entrance of obstacle & re-worked.

When leaving the maltese cross the competitor will convert back to the WAWSDA rules.