

## **Policy - Youth handlers in SSANZ.**

Handlers younger than 16 years of age can trial at SSANZ trials with the following.

Be a member of SSANZ.

Must have an adult guardian accompany and be responsible for the youth and the dog at the trial.

As the youth team requires the adult guardian to support them at the individual elements of the trial if the adult is also trialling in the same level the adult to be placed earlier than the youth in the running orders.

The guardian is to be nominated with the entry.

A statement is completed as part of the entry as to who is the adult guardian responsible for the team acknowledging the below statement.

I acknowledge that under the Dog Control Act 1996 I am legally responsible for the dog's control and compliance. I will remain on site and within line-of-sight during all runs, carry a leash, and ensure compliance with all council bylaws and event rules.

If it has been noted on the entry form that the dog is reactive the guardian must accompany the team at all times.

When the guardian goes to the search areas, they:

- Must stand where instructed and not impact any of the search areas
- Cannot speak or move while a team is searching
- Will not coach the team between or during elements.