

The Siberian Husky Club of NSW Inc.

ANKC Backpacking Event

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September, 2025



Judge: Mervin Turner (VIC)

Working Pack Dog (WPD) & Working Novice Pack Dog (WNPB)

Entries Close: Sunday, 31st August 2025

Limited to 40 entries per day

Location:

'The Old Homestead Site'
Kowen Forest, Kowen ACT

Weigh In: 6.30am - 7.45am

Hike Commences: 8am (both days)

16 - 17km Hike - Allow 5 - 7 hours (includes rest stops)

Entry Fees:

\$35.00 SHC NSW Member

\$40.00 Non Member

**Entries via Showmanager*

Qualifiers will receive a sash

Dogs NSW Representative: Helen Ratcliff

SHC NSW Contact: Sammy Hartwig 0497855088

This event is conducted in accordance with the Dogs Australia Sled Sports Rules (updated 2025):

<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/10214/19-da-sled-sports-event-rules-01-01-25.pdf>

HIKE INFORMATION

Please pre-load and weigh your backpack at home so that it requires minimal adjustment on the day to save time.

Dogs need to be fit and trained to carry the required 15% or 30% body weight over the distance and up hills. Handlers should also be fit and capable of walking the distance at a minimum of approx. 4 km per hour.

We will be taking short breaks approximately every hour, including 2 rest stops of approximately 15-20 minutes and a lunch break of around 30-40 minutes.

Dog and handler safety and wellbeing is of paramount importance. If a dog is not coping well, the handler should notify the Judge or hike official, remove weight from their pack and/or withdraw the dog from the hike. The judge has the authority to withdraw a dog if it is not coping well or the pace is too slow.

All hikers are to remain in a group using "convoy" protocol. The first hikers to arrive at an intersection are to wait there until all hikers catch up. The Judge will be walking with the hike group.

There are toilet facilities at the start and finish, but you will need to bring sufficient water and food for yourself and your dog.

There are no rubbish bins on the hike trail, so please take all rubbish with you and clean up after your dog. Camping is available at Kowen Forest where the hike starts and finishes. There is a fee of \$10pp (over 18 years old) per night. The option to camp will be available on Show Manager.

All campers must be pre-booked.