

Preamble:

The OBCC has been financially supporting Ontario trials since its earliest days. Funding guidelines have been a subsection of the Trials Guidelines and as such were not reviewed and voted upon separately from the trial guidelines. As new trials and new managers began holding trials and other related events, revisions were suggested. An initial draft was created by the board. This draft was circulated to trial managers and hosts for comment. Further revisions were made in light of their comments. A second draft revision was circulated at the 2012 AGM for a more general and inclusive discussion. Below please find the draft emerging from the AGM feedback.

The board proposes that these guidelines, when finalized, become stand alone guidelines and not remain a subsection of the trial guidelines. To ensure your comments are accurately captured, please email them directly to

[development@westben.ca](mailto:development@westben.ca)

A final draft will be ratified at the 2013 AGM.

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## Ontario Border Collie Club Funding Guidelines

The Ontario Border Collie Club (“OBCC” or the “Club”) offers financial support, on a case by case basis, to members organizing and hosting clinics or other learning or outreach activities as well as ISDS-style trials, particularly small or first-time trials or those otherwise demonstrating financial need. In all cases funding is provided in order to encourage high-quality events that benefit members and contribute to the goals of the Club.

Clinics or trials must be managed or organized by an OBCC member in good standing to qualify for funding. Any trials receiving funding must be OBCC sanctioned.

Sanctioning and funding requests should be made to the OBCC Trials Committee who will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

The club recognizes that organizing and hosting clinics or trials is difficult and sometimes financially demanding. Generally, funds are intended to support events where the quality of the event can be substantially improved with additional funding, for example by assisting to bring in an exceptionally qualified clinician or judge.

Requests should be made in writing (email is accepted) and should include:

- ☆ a clear and concise description of the event
- ☆ date(s) & place
- ☆ name(s) of judge(s), clinician(s), speaker(s), etc. under consideration
- ☆ an indication of why funding is required
- ☆ Description of anticipated involvement of and/or benefit to OBCC members
- ☆ Amount requested

Amount of funding granted is at the discretion of the board. Priority will be given to:

- ☆ events with a focus on learning
- ☆ events with a tangible benefit to OBCC members
- ☆ events in furtherance of OBCC objectives
- ☆ events demonstrating financial need

The following will be considered when recommending funding:

- ☆ The number of events seeking funding and the available funds for each year, as informed by the Secretary.
- ☆ That the events being funded demonstrate a balance of OBCC objectives, particularly as between learning and outreach and trials.
- ☆ Requests for more than one event per season by the same host or manager may receive a lower ranking to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of funds.

Requests should be submitted by May 30 of each year. Requests submitted later in the year will be considered, but funds may be limited. OBCC funds will be paid when receipts or proof of actual disbursements are received.

For the purposes of overall accountability, managers may be asked to provide a budget in support of their request for funding or a brief final report post-event. The Board of Directors will provide a report to the Annual General Meeting of applications considered and decisions made.