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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL KENNEL COUNCIL
CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM

This Program is designed to assist members of an ANKC Member Body to become Championship Show Judges by graduating through specific stages of training applicable to Aspiring Judge, Trainee Judge, and Championship Show Judge and ultimately, Championship Show Judge

1. Terminology

- 1.1 Member Body** the relevant authority in each State or Territory.
- 1.2 ANKC** Australian National Kennel Council
- 1.3 CJC** Conformation Judges Committee
- 1.4 Aspiring Judge.** A person accepted into the Judges Education Program, but not yet qualified to judge the relevant Breeds or Groups at any fixture.
- 1.5 Trainee Judge.** A person having fulfilled the Aspiring Judges syllabus and passed the relevant examinations is qualified to enter the Trainee Judges phase of the Education Program.
- 1.6 ANKC Championship Show Judge.** A person who has successfully completed the required Trainee Judge Theory and Practical Examinations is qualified to judge individual breeds and/or one or more Groups at Championship Shows conducted anywhere in Australia and Overseas. **(Amended 10/09, 7.12)**
- 1.7 Mentor.** An ANKC Championship Show Judge who has completed the ANKC Examiner/Assessor Accreditation Program as outlined in 9 of these regulations.
- 1.8 Learning modules refer** 6.1.1, 6.1.2,6.1.3 6.14
- 1.9 Clerk of Examinations.** A person approved by the ANKC Member Body to oversee all aspects of the Practical Examinations. **(Amended 10/09, 7.1)**

2. Method of Education

- 2.1** Self Education Trainee Judges will be required to educate themselves to examination standards by studying Breed Standards, ANKC approved Breed Standard Extensions, the ANKC Glossary of Canine Terms and other appropriate material, researching breeds and presenting their findings, attending appropriate Lectures, Seminars and Field Events as arranged by the Member Body CJC, writing critiques, visiting kennels, discussing breeds with breeders and exhibitors, attending Group and Breed Championship Shows, thereby acquiring as wide and as sound a knowledge as possible of the breed, or breeds in the relevant Group. Education and Examinations will incorporate the principles of Competency Based Training and accreditation of Assessors.
 - (a) The competencies, which Trainees will be expected to achieve through the program are:

- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the Breed Standards.
- Ability to identify characteristics in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to recognise soundness in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to use Breed specific language and apply it correctly in their description of the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to approach and examine the exhibits correctly and appropriately for the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to place the better dogs at the front of the class in the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Demonstrate control, organisation and effective use of the judging ring.
- Demonstrate an ability to make decisions in an effective way and in an efficient time frame.
- Demonstrate a practical knowledge of stewarding.
- Demonstrate an ability to understand and apply the Regulations relevant to dog judging. **(Amended 10/09, 7.2)**

2.2 State Controlling Body Contribution. Each Member Body shall assist by providing Lectures, Field Events, equipment, teaching aids and examinations.

2.3 Record Keeping. Trainee Judges shall maintain their own records and submit signed originals of the applicable records when applying for an Examination.

3. Teaching Aids and Materials

3.1 Rules and Regulations. As authorized by the ANKC Regulations and the Member Body Rules & Regulations.

3.2 Anatomy. The publication/s approved by the ANKC shall be the references for Anatomy.

3.3 Canine Terms. The Glossary of Terms as published by the ANKC.

3.4 Breed Standards as approved by the ANKC.

3.5 Extensions to Breed Standards as approved by the ANKC, where available must form the basis of all lectures.

3.6 Any other material as authorized by the ANKC from time to time.

4. Aspiring Judge Entrance Program (1st Group)

4.1 To enter the Program as an Aspiring Judge, a member must fulfill the following criteria:

4.1.1 be 18 years of age or over;

4.1.2 Have been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.

4.1.3 Have bred at least three (3) litters under their own or shared Prefix.

4.1.4 Have bred at least two (2) champions under their own or shared Prefix.

4.1.5 (a) Where a Member Body requires formal training to become a Steward, a Member must successfully complete that training in the two (2) years prior to applying to become an Aspiring Judge and continue with that training whilst in the Aspiring Judge program.

(b) In any State where no formal training is offered an Aspiring Judge must officiate as a ring steward on no less than six (6) occasions of which three (3) must be full groups.

4.1.6 In the previous two years prior to enrolling, have successfully completed and have demonstrated a history of ongoing commitment to dog showing through the various aspect of the sport such as Show Management and other aspects of Affiliate and Show Administration. This commitment is to continue for the duration of training.

4.1.7 the application must include evidence of the criteria and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

5. Aspiring Judge Training Program

5.1 Once approved to enter the Program, the applicant must:

5.1.1 Attend all lectures and pass the Theory Examination on Rules & Regulations, Anatomy, Glossary of Terms, Judging Procedure and Show Management.

5.1.2 The Member Body shall have the option of including a practical examination which may be on the Aspiring Judges primary breed. The examination shall comprise one (1) class, consisting of a minimum of five (5) dogs of either sex and over the age of six (6) months.

5.1.3 Pay the applicable fees.

5.2 Successful completion of the training will qualify the Aspiring Judge to apply, with the appropriate fee, for the Group Entrance Theory Examination on Breeds in the Group for which they are training.

5.3 A pass in the Group Entrance Theory Examination will enable the Aspiring Judge to apply to enter the Trainee Judge Program.

5.4 There shall be only one (1) Theory Examination per calendar year for Aspiring Judges.

5.5 There shall be only one (1) Practical Examination per calendar year for Aspiring Judges.

6. Trainee Judge Program (1st and Subsequent Groups)

6.1 To qualify for a Group Practical Examination in their first and subsequent Groups the Trainee Judge must pass a Group Theory Examination and complete the following Modules:

A Trainee Judge can only train for one (1) group initially. After passing their Initial group, a Trainee judge can train for no more than three groups at any one time.

6.1.1 Module 1. Breed Lectures / Field Events / Seminars

- (a) With the exception of Distance Trainee Judges , Trainee judges must attend a lecture on every breed in the Group before applying for an examination. Trainee Judges are encouraged to attend any other Field Days and Seminars arranged by the Member Body.
- (b) Should a Trainee judge miss any Breed Lecture, they must within 14 days, of the lecture, submit to the Member Body, a minimum five hundred (500) word essay on the Breeds dealt with in the missed lectures.
- (c) In the event that a lecture for a particular breed is not offered, a written essay of a minimum of five hundred (500) words on that breed will be required by the end of the Lecture Series.

Essays are to contain a history and description of the breed, its purpose and all relevant requirements contained in the Breed Standard. It is to be supported with drawings / pictures. Failure to submit the essays will render the Trainee ineligible to take an Examination until the missed Breed Lectures are attended.

6.1.2 Module 2. Practical Experience

Trainee Judges must judge at least fifty dogs (50) and examine and critique a further fifty (50) dogs from the relevant Group. The breeds covered must be from, as wide a range as possible, but will include at least five (5) Major Breeds as determined by the Member Body CJC. This may be achieved by attending Field days, shows, or by downloading photos of dogs from the Internet. All critiques to be countersigned on the day by a licensed judge for that breed.

6.1.3 Module 3 Breed Specialty Show

Trainee Judges are to attend a minimum of one (1) Breed Specialty Show for the Group or other numbers as set by the Member Body.

A written critique on five (5) dogs examined at each event is to be submitted to the Member Body within 14 days of the event. The critique is to be countersigned by a licensed judge for that group present on the day. Trainees in remote areas are to submit to the member Body photos of five (5) dogs of five (5) specified breeds in the group accompanied by critiques on each of the dogs. These may be obtained from the Internet. Mentors will be appointed (where possible) to countersign the critiques for the Trainees.

Failure to complete any components of Modules 1-3 will render the Trainee ineligible for examination.

6.1.4 Trainee Judges who are considered by a Member Body CJC to reside a distance from the normal venue for lectures and theory examinations, that would pose a travelling risk, may apply to study through "Distance Training". This would involve a minimum 1000 word essay, as set out in 6.1.1, as a substitute for any lecture not attended, and completion of Modules 2 and 3.

In addition, to obtain "hands on" experience Distant Trainee Judges must attend, each year, at least one (1) Field Day or judge two (2) Open Shows organised by the Group Leaders.

Practical Examinations must be undertaken at a venue nominated by the Member Body CJC and be supervised by a responsible person nominated by the Chair of the Member Body CJC.

7. Single Breed Program

7.1 To enter the Single Breed Program, except where there is an approved Breed Program, a member must fulfill the following criteria.

7.1.1 be 18 years of age or over;

7.1.2 have been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.

7.1.3 Have bred at least three (3) litters under their own or shared Prefix.

7.1.4 Have bred at least two (2) champions under their own or shared prefix in that specific breed.

7.1.5 Have completed the Aspiring Judges Program. Refer Section 5.

7.1.6 Apply to the relevant Member Body with written evidence of the criteria and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

8. Single Breed Training Program

8.1. To enter the Single Breed Training Program an Aspiring Judge must:

8.1.1 Comply with Regulation 5.1.1.

8.1.2 Apply, with the prescribed fee, for and pass the theory examination on Rules, Anatomy, Judging Procedure and Show Management.

8.1.3 Submit a minimum of a five hundred (500) word illustrated essay on the relevant breed and attend the breed lecture in the year of applying for the Practical Examination after being ratified by the Member Body.

Where conducted, attend, (at the discretion of the Member Body) the breed club's Open and Championship Show, the Group club's Open and Championship Show and the breed judging at an approved major Show. i.e.: Royal Show or the major Non Royal Show in each State.

8.1.4 Apply, with the prescribed fee, to sit the theory examination on the applicable Breed.

Once the requirements of 8.1 have been met, the applicant may apply, with the prescribed fee, for approval to sit for the Practical Examination for the applicable breed.

8.2 Unless otherwise, at the discretion of the Member Body, a practical examination for a single breed license shall consist of one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) bitches over the age of six (6) months, and the applicant will be required to place the classes and select a Best of Breed and a Runner Up to Best of Breed.

- 8.3 Upon passing the Single Breed Practical Examination, the applicant shall be listed as an ANKC Judge for that breed.
- 8.4 Where an applicant fails a Single Breed Practical Examination, that person shall not be required to obtain practical experience to be eligible for another examination the following year, providing he/she re-applies within twelve (12) months, pays the applicable fee and the examination is for the breed on which the applicant previously failed.
- 8.5 There shall be only one (1) Practical Examination per calendar year.

9. Examination Panels (Assessors)

To be appointed by the Conformation Judges Committee, to the Examination Committee, an assessor must:

- 9.1 Hold a Certificate of Approval issued under the ANKC Accreditation Scheme stating that the Examiner / Assessor has completed the competency training.
- 9.2 Have held an ANKC Breed or Group Licence for a minimum of five (5) years for the Group or Breed being used in the examination.
- 9.3 Have judged the Group or Breed being used in the examination on at least three (3) occasions.

10. Theory Examinations

- 10.1 All theory examinations shall consist only of “short answer” and/or “multi choice questions. Except for multi choice questions examinations where only one (1) examiner only is required there shall be at least two (2) examiners appointed to separately mark the papers, without conferring. The results shall be separately forwarded to the Chairperson of the Member Body CJC. In the case of a split decision (equal pass and fail) an additional examiner shall mark the papers and that mark shall decide the result. All theory examinations shall require a 75% pass mark. The ANKC Breed Standards, ANKC Glossary of Canine Terms and any other references authorized by the ANKC shall be the only basis for the theory examinations for elevation to Championship status. **(Amended 10/07, 7.4)**
- 10.2 A candidate who has failed a theory examination (other than multi choice) may request a remark of their paper. Such request to be in writing within 14 days of advice of the result of the paper. Two (2) Examiners appointed by the Chairman of the Member Body CJC to separately remark the paper. The Examiners shall not be the original markers of the paper concerned.
- 10.3 A Trainee Judge who fails a theory exam three (3) times may not re sit that examination for a period of two (2) years.
- 10.4 Theory Examinations are only to be set by an accredited Examiner/Assessor nominated by the Member Body CJC.

11. Practical Examinations

- 11.1** There shall be only one (1) Practical Examination per group per calendar year. **(10/09, 7.4)**
- 11.2** The examination shall be conducted on two (2) classes, each class of a different breed and consisting of a minimum of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and a third mixed class of a minimum of five (5) different breeds over the age of six (6) months, excluding the two (2) breeds previously used.
- 11.3** Three (3) Assessors shall be appointed as a Panel for Practical Examinations. After the commencement of the Examination they shall not confer, on the merits or otherwise, of the dogs presented for examination .. Assessors are required to mark the placings of all dogs in a class from first to last on the prescribed form. Trainee Judges are to be encouraged not to spend more than two (2) minutes on each dog.
- 11.4** The Candidate shall place the exhibits in order of merit, record the placings and will be required to answer questions on the class.
- 11.5** To gain a pass in a class, the Trainee Judge must be passed by at least two of the Assessors. It is not necessary for Candidate's and Assessors' placings to be the same, but Assessors must consider all aspects of the Candidate's reasons for the placings, and whether the Candidate has the better dogs at the front of the class and the poorer at the back. The Examiner must make his/her own independent assessment of Pass or Fail.
- 11.6** To be granted an overall pass, the Candidate must pass the two (2) Breed Classes and the one (1) Group Class.
- 11.7** The results of Practical Examinations shall be collated by the appointed person in charge. Candidates will be notified of their results by the Administration of the Member Body as soon as possible from the date of the examination. Examiners shall not divulge their individual assessment of a Candidate prior to the Results being advised. Results shall not be given at the time of the Practical Examination.
- 11.8** No person shall make any photographic or video record of any part of a Practical Examination except with the prior permission of the State Controlling Body.
- 11.9** To qualify to take a further Group Practical Examination a Trainee judge must judge, examine and critique a further twenty-five (25) dogs. They may then attempt the next available Practical Examination. **(Amended 10/07, 7.5)**

12. General

- 12.1** A Member Body may consider an application from a person transferring from another State or Territory of Australia or overseas, who can provide evidence of their eligibility.
- 12.2** A Member Body may consider for approval an application from an applicant over the age of eighteen (18) years, who otherwise would not qualify under Regulations 4.1 or 7.1, provided such applicant demonstrates an active involvement in canine activity for the minimum period/or as a handler for parents and others in ordinary classes and supply such other evidence of experience as the Member Body may require.

- 12.3** Subject to the approval of the Member Body in the State of the applicant's residence, that applicant may be approved to enroll in a Judges Education and Examination Program of another State or Territory where it is established that the Program is more convenient.
- 12.4** A Member Body may recognise an occasional attendance by a Trainee Judge at a lecture, Field Day or other training instruction conducted by another Member Body and if so recognized, the member shall receive a credit from their member Body for that attendance.
- 12.5** A candidate shall not undertake a concurrent Judges Education Program in another State or Territory.
- 12.6** All Theory Examinations, once passed, are held for life, subject to the payment of the Annual Licence fee, if applicable, as set by the member Body.
- 12.7** A Trainee Judge must be present for and participate in the entire lecture in order to be credited with attendance.
- 12.8** Where a Trainee Judge believes they have a legitimate reason for not wishing to be examined by particular Examiner/Assessor/s, they may submit a maximum of (2) two names to the Member Body of those they do not wish to be examined by in writing at the time of applying for a practical examination. They must set out the reasons for such request. The Member Body will retain the right to refuse any such request. Any additional costs to be at the expense of the Trainee Judge.
- 12.9** The member Body, when approaching an Assessor to examine Trainee Judges at a practical examination, shall advise the Assessor of the names of the potential Trainee Judges and the Assessor shall advise the Member Body, as soon as practicable, if there are any Trainee Judges they do not wish to examine.
- 12.10** A dog owned or co-owned by a member of an Examination Panel shall not be used in an examination in which that Examiner is participating.

13. Appeals

- 13.1** Appeals against the decisions of the Examinations will not be permitted. **(Amended 10/07, 7.1)**
- 13.2** Where a Trainee Judge believes the practical examination for which they are a participant was not conducted in accordance with the Rules & Regulations, they may lodge an appeal with the convenor. This appeal must be lodged no later than one working day after the conclusion of said practical examination. Appeals received after this time will not be considered. Only the appeals of unsuccessful candidates will be heard. **(Amended 10/07, 7.1)**

14 Program Fees

- 14.1** The fee structure for all phases of the ANKC Conformation Judges Education Program will be as published in the Member Body Scale of Charges.