



NATIONAL DANCES WITH DOGS COMMITTEE

CHARTER

**Adopted
October 2009**

**Amended
October 2015**

Objective

The objective of the National Dances With Dogs Committee is the successful conduct of competitions and activities relating to the performance of all ANKC Ltd members and registered dogs and the development and improvement of the sport.

Structure and Voting of the Committee

1. The Committee shall consist of one member appointed by each Member Body.
2. The Chairperson shall be selected by ANKC Ltd from the appointed committee members and he/she shall have no vote. The Member Body from which the Chairperson comes shall then appoint a voting member to the Committee.
3. Voting shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the ANKC Ltd, Section 50. However, where an activity is not conducted in a particular State or Territory, that delegate does not have a voting right for motions concerning that activity unless schedules for a said activity have been submitted and approved by their State or Territory body.

Functions of the Committee

1. To be responsible to ANKC Ltd for setting policies and making decisions on administrative matters relating to the activities of Dances With Dogs Competitions.

2. To develop and determine minimum qualifications for applicants for judging licences and to determine minimum requirements for testing and approval of Trainee Judges.
3. To set the program for review of rules for the conduct of Dances With Dogs, both Freestyle and Heelwork to Music Competitions and to determine changes in those rules.
4. To conduct dialogue as often as necessary electronically if required, to make initial decisions regarding DWD procedures, competitions and judges training methods. To meet together or by telephone link as deemed necessary by the Administrator of ANKC Ltd in consultation with the Chairperson.

Responsibility and Authority of the Committee

The Committee has the responsibility to achieve the above objective within financial or other ANKC Ltd parameters and the authority required to carry out the functions and duties. Specialist advice may be taken as appropriate.

Conduct of Meetings

1. Meeting dates will be scheduled four months in advance and Agenda items are to be submitted to the ANKC Ltd Secretary two months in advance for distribution of Agenda by the ANKC Ltd Secretary one month prior to the meeting. Agenda items must have explanatory information attached to it.
2. Listed Agenda items may be resolved at such meetings. With the specific approval of the Chairperson prior to a meeting, other items raised as matters of urgency may be discussed with voting postponed for a maximum of forty days by the method agreed to at the meeting.
3. The DWD Committee is empowered to make recommendations only to the Main Conference Council.

TIMETABLE FOR RULES REVIEW

The recommended steps to follow are:

Action	Timing
Initial review by the National Committee 2 years after implementation (Jan 2009) for clarification and interpretation of the rules Will be achieved through teleconference	January 2011
Rule Change Review (face to face)	
Request from ANKC Ltd Administrator for rule change proposals to be submitted by January (3 year after implementation)	January 2017
Drafting completed by State/Territory DWD and submitted to the ANKC Ltd Administrator	July 2017
All submissions distributed to Canine Controls by ANKC Ltd Administrator	October 2017
National DWD discussions and decisions (face to face)	March 2018
Final draft completed and submitted to ANKC Ltd Administrator	July 2018
ANKC Ltd ratification	October 2018
Printing and distribution completed	November 2018
Effective date	January 2019