



## **REGULATIONS**

### **PART 3B**

# **REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF FIELD TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

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### **FT1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE AS A TRAINEE JUDGE**

#### **(a) Eligibility**

Applicants must:

1. Have been a financial member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body for a minimum period of five (5) years prior to the date of application.  
  
The Member Body will consider an application from a person transferring from another State or Territory of Australia, or overseas, who can provide evidence that their canine experience extends over a minimum period of five consecutive years as a member of the Controlling Body for the State, Territory or Country of prior residence.
2. Be a financial member of their State/Territory Member Body.
3. Has officiated as a Trial Manager, Judge Steward, or Gun Steward at 5 ANKC Ltd recognised trials within the preceding five (5) years.  
**(Amended 10/16, 6.16.1)**
4. Have successfully trained and competed with a dog at the level for which he/she is applying.
5. Be the holder of an appropriate gun licence if required.

MEMBER BODIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPROVE OTHER PEOPLE WHO DO NOT MEET THESE CRITERIA. THE ONUS OF PROVIDING ELIGIBILITY TO ASPIRE SHALL REST WITH THE APPLICANT.

#### **(b) Applications:**

Applications must be made to the Executive Officer of the State/Territory Member Body on the prescribed form, accompanied by the designated fee.

### **FT2. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR FIELD TRIAL TRAINEE JUDGES**

1. Sit for a written examination on the Trial rules as soon as convenient after applications close for the year. A pass of 75% is required. A supplementary oral examination may be granted at the discretion of the Member Body.
2. If lectures covering interpretation and application are available through the Member Body it would be necessary for that person to attend.
3. All examinations shall be supervised by a person or persons appointed by the Member Body.
4. No names shall appear on the examination paper, only an identification number.

5. The key to Candidates' names and examination numbers shall be held in a sealed envelope by the Executive Officer of the Member Body until marks have been awarded.

### **FT3. ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICAL TESTS**

To be eligible for a Practical Test, the Trainee Judge:

1. Will be required to attend a minimum of two Field Trials under different Judges who hold an Open or Championship Judges Licence and will be required to walk in company with the Judge and Judge's Steward and mark a sheet, but not participate in the judging. This may be done whilst officiating as an official Judge's Steward.
2. Will be expected to have a basic knowledge of Retrieving Trial Rules and attend at least two (2) Retrieving Trials to gain practical experience in the setting and judging of such Trials. This may be done whilst the Trainee Judge is acting as an official Gun Steward at any Retrieving Trial.
3. If the Trainee Judge has marked the relevant Judges' sheets to the satisfaction of the two Judges, then a Practical Test will be arranged.

### **FT4. PRACTICAL TEST**

1. The Trainee Judge will be required to attend a Practical Test within three years of being placed on the Trainee Judges List and must apply again within three years should he/she fail the first Test.
2. The Trainee Judge must mark score sheets and answer relevant questions for all dogs at the Trial nominated by the overseeing Judges.
3. At the conclusion of this Test, the overseeing Judges will compare and discuss score sheets, notes and remarks made by the Trainee Judge during the course of the Test. The overseeing Judges will then make a decision whether the Trainee has passed or failed.

The Trainee Judge will be advised, in writing, by the Member Body, the result of the Written and Practical Test. Having passed the Practical Test, the Trainee Judge may apply by the (relevant date) for a licence to judge up to Novice Trials the ensuing year. Novice Judges wishing to upgrade, see relevant Field Trial Rules.

### **FT5. GENERAL (Added 10/14, 6.16.1)**

State Governing Bodies may adjust parts of the regulations to take into account local needs e.g. participation rates, type of trials being held etc. Adjustments in procedural requirements may be made for the purpose of assisting in keeping these sports alive and/or enhancing their growth.