



REGULATIONS

PART 3F

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME

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1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1. Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC Ltd) Member Bodies will be responsible for the Training, Testing, Assessment and Maintenance of Judging licences.
- 1.2. Effective from 1 January 2016 ANKC Ltd Member Bodies will assess Judges in the following classes simultaneously as a consequence arising from the review of the Rally Obedience rules and also to be added to Regulations Part 3F where applicable:
 1. Novice
 2. Advanced
 3. Excellent
 4. Master
- 1.3. ANKC Ltd Member Bodies will assess Judges in the following classes simultaneously:
 1. Novice
 2. Advanced
 3. Excellent
- 1.4. Reserved
- 1.5. At the discretion of the relevant ANKC Ltd Member Body, aspirants may be required to pass a preliminary theory examination based on ANKC Ltd Member Body Rules and Regulations and general requirements of the Rule Book for the Conduct of Rally Obedience Trials.
- 1.6. If an ANKC Ltd Member Body requires a higher standard than the ANKC Ltd Minimum Standards, the ANKC Ltd Member Body's Regulation/s will take precedence over the ANKC Ltd Minimum Standard/s.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1 All applications for Rally Obedience Judges Courses must be made on the required application form by the date specified by the ANKC Ltd Member Body. All requirements for specific classes must be fulfilled prior to the aspirant undertaking Oral or Written examination and practical assessment. The ANKC Ltd Member Body has the right to seek verification of any information provided by the applicant.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Applicant must:
 - 3.1.1 Be a member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body for at least 3 years prior to the application and be a current financial member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body.
 - 3.1.2 Be over eighteen (18) years of age
 - 3.1.3 Reside in the State or Territory of application for the Licence
- 3.2 Aspirants are expected to attend all lectures and practical training sessions unless otherwise approved by the relevant ANKC Ltd Member Body. Aspirants will also be required to educate themselves by studying the Rules for the Conduct of Rally Obedience Trials.

- 3.3 ANKC Ltd Member Bodies may approve applications received from members who do not meet the above criteria providing that they are permanent residents of Australia and can effectively demonstrate and produce documentation verifying their experience and qualifications to meet the above standards gained in a previous country of residence.
- 3.4 Subject to the agreement of both the aspiring Judge and ANKC Ltd Member Bodies, a person may be approved to enrol in a Rally Obedience Judges Training Scheme conducted in a more convenient geographic location to that person.
- 3.5 To be eligible to apply for a Rally Obedience Judges licence:
 - 3.5.1 The applicant has personally trained and trialled a dog to a minimum of Rally Novice Title or Companion Dog Obedience Title

4. METHOD OF EDUCATION (SELF EDUCATION)

- 4.1 Aspirants will be required to educate themselves by being conversant with the ANKC Ltd Member Body Rules and Regulations relevant to Rally Obedience trialling and updates to the Rules for the Conduct of Rally Obedience Trials.
- 4.2 Aspirants are to attend all lectures and practical training sessions unless otherwise approved by the relevant ANKC Ltd Member Body.
- 4.3 Aspirants will also be required to educate themselves by studying the Rules for the Conduct of Rally Obedience Trials.
- 4.4. The aspirant will arrange for a Trainer/s to observe their judging at the relevant level to assess their performance. A copy of the completed Judges Sheet is to be forwarded to the Course Convener prior to the date set by the ANKC Ltd Member Body.

5. PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSIONS

- 5.1 Trainers will be appointed by the Judges Training Panel.
- 5.2 The Trainer/s must;
 - 5.2.1 Supervise the aspirant's judging of at least 4 dogs in each of the Novice, Advanced and Excellent classes
 - 5.2.2 Advise the aspirant of ways in which they feel the aspirant's judging could be improved;
 - 5.2.3 Sign the aspiring Judges Practical Training Form after completing details of suggested judging modification or reinforcement of the aspirants judging.
- 5.3 These forms are to be retained by the Aspirant and forwarded to the Course Convener by the set date of the ANKC Ltd Member Body. Copies may be retained by the aspirant.

6. APPLICATION FOR ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Assessment will be carried out in the following sequential order;
 - 1. Oral or Written
 - 2. Practical

- 6.2 **Rally Novice**
 - 6.2.1 Provide documentation of at least 2 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5).
- 6.3 **Rally Advanced**
 - 6.3.1 Provide documentation of at least 2 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5).
- 6.4 **Rally Excellent**
 - 6.4.1 Provide documentation of at least 2 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5).

7. WRITTEN OR ORAL EXAMINATION

- 7.1 The pass mark for this examination is a minimum of 80%.
- 7.2 The marking is to be undertaken by judges appointed by the Judges Training Panel who will mark examination papers independently. The aspirant must receive a pass mark by the majority of the markers in order to achieve a pass.
- 7.3 The examination papers must be marked by at least two and if necessary three examiners.
- 7.4 The aspirant must pass the theory exam in order to undertake the practical exam.
- 7.5 Examination papers should comprise of;
 - 7.5.1 Questions as set by the ANKC Ltd Member Body for the relevant classes.
- 7.6 Aspirants who have failed an Oral or Written examination may make a written request within 14 days of the advice of the results for their paper to be reviewed. A different panel of three markers appointed by the Judges Training Panel will, without conferring, separately remark the papers.
- 7.7 All questions with incorrect answers will be supplied to the aspirant with the correct answers.

8. PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 The aspirant must pass the Oral or Written exam in order to undertake the practical assessment.
- 8.2 The following are the requirements for a pass in the Practical examination:
 - 8.2.1 Aspirants are required to judge a minimum of 3 dogs for each class;
 - 8.2.2 At the assessors discretion, the aspirant may be asked to judge additional dog/s;
 - 8.2.3 At least three assessors must assess each aspirant;
 - 8.2.4 Each assessor will individually make a recommendation as to whether the aspirant has passed or failed;
 - 8.2.5 A majority of assessor's recommendation is required to pass.
- 8.3 Assessment sheets will be completed and submitted to the ANKC Ltd Member Body for written notification to the aspirant of their results.

9. RE – ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Aspirants who fail the practical assessment may apply for re-assessment. The ANKC Ltd Member Body is not obligated to automatically agree to a re-assessment and each case should be reviewed on its merits. A reassessment should not be granted earlier than three months or later than 6 months following the original assessment at a mutually agreed time. The Judges Training Panel must take into account the need for further practical training of the aspirant and the availability of suitable handlers/dogs and facilities.

10. DRESS CODE

- 10.1 While Aspirants need not comply strictly with a Dress Code at all their Practical Training Sessions leading up to their examination, they should meet generally acceptable standards (i.e. neat, sensible clothes, appropriate footwear, no open-toed sandals, thongs etc.) when judging at 'non sanctioned trials'. However, the Practical examination is a formal occasion and must be treated in the same manner as a sanctioned Rally Obedience Trial. As such, the aspirants must display an appropriate form of dress befitting an official at such an event and they will be marked accordingly.

11. FITNESS TO JUDGE

- 11.1 ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 2, Point 1.4 states;
- 1.11.1 All Judges Application Forms, both new and renewal, shall contain the following declaration to be signed by the applicant:
- “I declare that I am physically fit and capable of judging in accordance with the Rules and if required I am prepared to undergo a medical fitness test and/or vision test at the discretion of the Member Body of ANKC Ltd. I further accept that my Member Body may at its absolute discretion refuse to grant any renewal of licence and may cancel or suspend for any period or vary in any way any licence already granted or to be granted.” **(05/93, 7.2.1) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended 10/14, 7.5.12) (Amended 08/15, EM#117) (Amended 10/15, 7.5.1.1)**
- 11.2 Should the ANKC Ltd Member Body consider that either the applicant or a licenced judge are unable to meet 11.1.1, the ANKC Ltd Member Body has the right to;
- 11.2.1 Refuse the application;
- 11.2.2 Refuse to grant any renewal of the licence to any person and may cancel or suspend for any period or vary in any way any licence already granted;
- or
- 11.2.3 Direct any judge to undergo a medical “Fitness to Judge” examination by a nominated medical office; or
- 11.2.4 Grant in part only an application for renewal of the licence.

12. MAINTENANCE OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- 12.1 All judges are expected to actively maintain their knowledge and understanding of the Rules and their interpretations as deemed by the ANKC Ltd and the ANKC Ltd Member Body.
- 12.2 In the event that a Judge fails to fulfil this responsibility or
- 12.3 To follow directions issued by the ANKC Ltd Member Body:
 - 12.3.1 The ANKC Ltd Member Body may refuse to grant any renewal of licence or may cancel or suspend for any period or variation in any way, any licence already granted.
 - 12.3.2 The ANKC Ltd Member Body may direct any Judge within its jurisdiction to undergo additional training or counselling by the Judges Training Panel.