



REGULATIONS

PART 3K

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF

DRAFT TEST

JUDGES TRAINING & ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL KENNEL COUNCIL LTD

These Guidelines have been designed to assist the standardized development of Draft Test across Australia by giving guidance as to the Judging standard each State is required to be working towards.

It is acknowledged that deviation from these 'Guidelines' in early development stages may be necessary in some States. Such deviations will continue to be acceptable until such time the ANKC Ltd Draft Test Committee agree that these Guidelines can be reasonably adhered to by all States.

CHAPTER 1 JUDGES TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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Section 1 How to become a Judge

- 1.1 Application Procedure. All applications for entry into the Judges Training Program must be on the nominated form and be received before the nominated date. (Copy of application form attached to these regulations) To be eligible to enter the Program the applicant must:
 - [a] have been a member of the ANKC Ltd Member Body for a total period of not less than five [5] years, but dispensation may be given for persons with sufficient experience in this discipline.
 - [b] Be over 18 years of age.
 - [c] Be approved by the Member Body.

- 1.2 Eligibility to judge All Draft Tests levels (Novice, Open, Novice Brace and Open Brace). Applicants must have:
 - [a] Trained and qualified a dog in a Draft Test.
 - [b] Acted as Steward and/or Test secretary within 12 months prior to application
 - [c] Attended a lecture on Draft Test rules within 12 months prior to application

- 1.3 Practical Training.
 - [a] Completion of practical training is mandatory for a licence. A minimum of two [2] practical training sessions must be completed. Sessions must include a minimum of five [5] dogs where possible. Each of these training sessions to be conducted in conjunction with a member of the Draft Test Judges Training and Assessment Panel. Two judges appointed by the relevant Member Bodies Draft Test Committee or the National Draft Test Committee will provide written assessment on the trainee's progress, to be submitted with the trainee's Judge's application.
 - [b] No person may apply for more than one licence in any one year.
 - [c] All applicants for licences must attend the relevant workshop and complete practical training where required for their particular discipline within twelve [12] months prior to application.
 - [d] Non attendance at required workshops will preclude application for a licence, unless a written apology acceptable to the Draft Test committee is received within seven [7] days of the relevant lecture.

- 1.4 Written Examination and Practical Tests.
- [a] All applicants for a Draft Test Licence must pass a written examination.
 - [b] All written examinations shall require a 75% pass mark
 - [c] A pass in a written examination will remain valid until the adoption of the next ANKC Ltd Rule change for the discipline.
 - [d] An applicant failing a written or practical examination may request a review. Such request must be received by the office within fourteen [14] days of notification of a result.
 - [e] All applicants who pass a written examination must pass a practical examination, prior to being granted a licence.
 - [f] The Assessment Panel will consist of at least three [3] qualified Judges appointed by the National Draft Test Committee.
 - [g] The Assessment Panel must reach a majority decision prior to recommendation to the member Body that a Licence be granted.
 - [h] All written (theoretical) examination papers shall consist of “multi choice and/or mix and match”
 - [i] For “multi choice questions” one person only is required to mark the papers
 - [j] The results are to be forwarded to the Controlling Body
- 1.5 Judges Dress Code. Neat coordinated attire is required when judging. The following are not acceptable – track suits, thongs, scuffs, bare feet.
- 1.6 Rule Changes. Following any Rule changes by the ANKC Ltd, all Judges must attend Lectures conducted to explain/discuss such Rule changes.
- 1.7 Once a judge has been passed it is advisable that their first three (3) appointments be as “Apprentice” with another experienced judge. This is to help apply the regulations to the myriad of real world situations and progressively demonstrating the ability to conduct all aspects of a Draft Test as a Judge.

Section 2 Judges Code of Practice.

- 2.1 A Judge shall act with professional decorum at all times.
- 2.2 A Judge shall give every exhibit and exhibitor fair and equal opportunity in each and every class.
- 2.3 A Judge shall act in a polite manner whilst carrying out each judging assignment.
- 2.4 A Judge is required to be punctual in availability to fulfill their judging assignment.
- 2.5 Should a judge be approached with an inducement to favour or disfavour, and/or a bribe to advantage or disadvantage an exhibit or exhibitor, the Judge is to report the matter in writing immediately to the Controlling Body.
- 2.6 A Judge shall not solicit a judging appointment.
- 2.7 A Judge shall not influence or seek the entry of any particular dog or dogs for a class in which they are judging.

- 2.8 A Judge shall complete all relevant requirements of the judging contract. Any verbal acceptance of an assignment by a Judge shall be subject to receipt of the contract within 14 days.
- 2.9 A Judge shall honour each contract and is not free to accept an alternative contract that will affect his or her availability to fulfill the original contract except with the written dispensation of the contracting body.
- 2.10 Accommodation provided for the Judge to fulfill an assignment is for the Judge only except where prior mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body for variation.
- 2.11 A Judge shall be responsible for the cost of all telephone calls, alcoholic beverages and any personal laundering except where mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body at the time the contract is accepted.
- 2.12 A Judge who withdraws from a contracted appointment shall not be permitted to judge at any other canine event wherever held on a date which would prevent him/her from attending the original contracted event.

Section 3 Competencies for Judges.

- 3.1 Criteria satisfied according to guidelines "How to become a Draft Test Judge".
- 3.2 Knowledge of ANKC Ltd rules for each discipline accurately demonstrated.
- 3.3 Knowledge of current relevant Controlling Body constitution, rules and regulations demonstrated.
- 3.4 Handler and dog's ability to work as a team assessed according to ANKC Ltd rules.
- 3.5 Competitor assessed for each individual exercise according to ANKC Ltd and Controlling Body rules.
- 3.6 Judges Lectures. Judges lectures are delivered on an annual basis and are a compulsory part of the Judges Training Program.
- 3.7 Lecturers. Lecturers are to be nominated by the Draft Test committee on the basis of experience in judging and general involvement in the discipline concerned.

Lecturers are to cover the following;

Rules and regulations relevant to the discipline.
Requirements of the Judges Training Program.
Judges responsibilities.
Planning of ring.
Instructions to stewards.
Practical judging procedures.
Procedures to be followed for aggressive dogs.



ANKC Ltd Draft Test Judge Application form

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Member since: _____

List dog(s) trained/titled: _____

List when & where acted as Stewart and/or Test Secretary at Draft Test:

Attended rules workshop at: _____

