



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 Member Body for the State, Territory or Country of prior residence.
(Amended 10/18)
2. Be a financial member of their Member Body. **(Amended 10/18)**
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 Member Body accompanied by the designated fee. **(Amended 10/18)**

FT2. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR FIELD TRIAL TRAINEE JUDGES

1. Sit for a written examination on the Trial rules as soon as convenient. A pass of 75% is required. A supplementary oral examination may be granted at the discretion of the Member Body. **(Amended 10/18)**
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. Where more than one candidate sits for an exam no names shall appear on the examination paper, only an identification number. 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.
(Amended 10/18)

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. (FOR UTILITY GUNDOGS ONLY) 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. **(Amended 10/18)**
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 marking judges sheets (FT3.3) and must apply again within three years should he/she fail the first Test. **(Amended 10/18)**
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 assessing Judges will compare and discuss score sheets, notes and remarks made by the Trainee Judge during the course of the Test. The assessing Judges will then make a decision whether the Trainee has passed or failed. The result must be advised by the Assessors to the Member Body in writing.

The Trainee Judge will be advised, in writing, by the Member Body, the result of the Written and Practical Test. Having passed the tests, the Trainee Judge may apply for a licence to judge up to Novice Trials in the ensuing year. **(Amended 10/18)**

FT5. JUDGES UPGRADING (Added 10/18) (Amended 10/19)

To Open Level

Before being eligible to judge an Open Stake the Judge must have completed to the satisfaction of the Member Body at least two (2) Novice stake judging appointments. A Judge being eligible to be upgraded from Novice to Open shall request the Member Body to arrange an upgrading test. This can be done by an Open or Championship judge appointed by the Member Body. Assessment must be done whilst the Novice Judge is judging a Novice Field Trial, and the result must be advised by the Assessor to the Member Body in writing.

The upgrading judge will be advised in writing by the Member Body of the results of the assessment test. Having passed the upgrade, the Judge will immediately be eligible for a licence to judge up to Open level. **(Amended 10/19)**

To Championship Level

Before being eligible to judge a Championship Stake the Judge must have completed to the satisfaction of the Member Body at least four (4) Open Stake judging appointments.

A Judge being eligible to be upgraded from Open to Championship shall request the Member Body to arrange an upgrading test, which can be conducted by a Championship Judge appointed by the Member Body. Assessment must be done while the Open Judge is actually judging an Open Field Trial and the result must be advised by the Assessor to the Member Body in writing.

The upgrading judge will be advised in writing by the Member Body of the results of the assessment test. Having passed the upgrade, the Judge will immediately be eligible for a licence to judge up to Championship level. **(Amended 10/19)**

NOTE: Any Judge who fails to renew their Judging Licence for two (2) consecutive years for any reason and at a later date wishes to apply for return of a Judges Licence, must automatically go back to the Novice Level of judging.

Any Judge who fails to renew their Judging Licence for a period exceeding two (2) years must apply to re-enter the Scheme.

FT6. GENERAL (Added 10/14, 6.16.1) (Amended 10/18)

Member 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 maintaining participation and/or enhancing their growth.