



REGULATIONS

PART 3C

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF OBEDIENCE TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME

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1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1. Australian National Kennel Council Limited (ANKC Ltd) Member Bodies will be responsible for the Training, Testing, Assessment and Maintenance of Judging licences.
- 1.2. ANKC Ltd Member Bodies will assess Judges in the following sequential order:
 1. CCD
 2. Novice
 3. Open
 4. Utility
 5. UDX
- 1.3. ANKC Ltd Member Bodies may assess Judges for a CCD and Novice Judges licence simultaneously.
 - 1.3.1 Effective from 1 January 2016 and at their discretion, ANKC Ltd Member Bodies may assess Aspiring Judges for licences at more than one level either simultaneously or consecutively within the same calendar year.
- 1.4. At the discretion of the relevant ANKC Ltd Member Body, CCD and/or Novice 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 Obedience Trials.
- 1.5. 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 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 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 an Obedience Judges Training Scheme conducted in a more convenient geographic location to that person.
- 3.5 To be eligible to apply for a:
- 3.5.1 **COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG JUDGING LICENCE**
 - 3.5.1.1. The applicant has personally trained and trialed a dog to a minimum of a CCD title
 - 3.5.2 **NOVICE AND COMBINED CCD/NOVICE JUDGING LICENCE**
 - 3.5.2.1 The applicant has personally trained and trialed a dog to a minimum of a CCD title
 - 3.5.3 **OPEN JUDGING LICENCE**
 - 3.5.3.1 The applicant must have an ANKC Ltd Novice Judging Licence
 - 3.5.3.2 Judged at least three Novice Obedience classes at sanctioned obedience trials
 - 3.5.4 **UTILITY JUDGING LICENCE**
 - 3.5.4.1 The applicant must have an ANKC Ltd Open Judging Licence
 - 3.5.4.2 Judged at least three Open Obedience classes at sanctioned obedience trials
 - 3.5.5 **UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT JUDGING LICENCE**
 - 3.5.5.1 The applicant must have an ANKC Ltd Utility Judging Licence
 - 3.5.5.2 Judged at least three Utility Obedience classes at sanctioned obedience trials

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 Obedience trialling and updates to the Rules for the Conduct of 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 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 3 dogs for all classes except UDX where a minimum of one dog can be judged;
 - 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 **CCD/Novice**
 - 6.2.1 Provide documentation of at least 2 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5).
- 6.3 **Open**
 - 6.3.1 Provide documentation of at least 2 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5);
 - 6.3.2 Provide details of 3 Novice judging appointments at sanctioned Obedience trials including Affiliate and date.
- 6.4 **Utility**
 - 6.4.1 Provide documentation of at least 2 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5);
 - 6.4.2 Provide details of 3 Open judging appointments at sanctioned Obedience trials including Affiliate and date.
- 6.5 **Utility Dog Excellent**
 - 6.5.1 Provide documentation of at least 2 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5);
 - 6.5.2 Provide details of 3 Utility judging appointments at sanctioned Obedience trials including Affiliate and date.

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 two sections;
 - 7.5.1 Principle features;
 - 7.5.2 Questions as set by the ANKC Ltd Member Body for the relevant class.
- 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 2 dogs except in the case of UDX where a minimum of one dog may suffice;
 - 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 assessors 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 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.