



**NATIONAL RETRIEVING AND FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE
CHARTER**

Adopted May 1997

**Amended
October 2017
October 2018**

Objective

The objective of the National RAFT Committee is the successful conduct of competitions and activities relating to the field work of Gundogs and development and improvement of the sport.

Structure and Voting of the Committee

1. The Chairperson shall be appointed annually by the ANKC Ltd Board at the October Board meeting and he/she shall have no vote. The Deputy Chairperson is appointed annually by the committee at the first committee meeting following. **(Amended 10/17, 5.3.20)**
2. Voting shall be in accordance with the usual ANKC procedure (refer ANKC Ltd Constitution). However, where an activity is not conducted in a particular State or Territory for seven years immediately preceding a meeting, that delegate does not have a voting right for motions concerning that activity. **(Amended 10/07, 10/09)**

Functions of the Committee

1. To be responsible to ANKC Ltd for setting policies and making decisions on administrative matters relating to the activities of Retrieving and Field Trials.
2. To determine minimum qualifications for applicants for judging licence applications and to determine minimum requirements for testing and approval of Trainee Judges.
3. To set the program for review of rules for the conduct of Retrieving and Field Trials and to determine changes in those rules.
4. To approve National trial dates by State/Territory by year.
5. The Committee should meet together or by telephone link annually or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the Secretary of the ANKC Ltd in consultation with the Chairperson. **(Amended 10/18)**

Responsibility and Authority of the Committee

The Committee has the responsibility to achieve the above objective within financial or other ANKC LTD parameters and the authority required to carry out the functions and duties. Specialist advice may be taken as appropriate.

Conduct of Meetings

1. Meeting dates will be scheduled four months in advance and Agenda items are to be submitted to the ANKC Secretary two months in advance for distribution of Agenda by the ANKC Ltd Secretary one month prior to the meeting. Agenda items must have explanatory information attached to it.
2. Listed Agenda items may be resolved at such meetings. With the specific approval of the Chairperson prior to a meeting, other items raised as matters of urgency may be discussed with voting postponed for a maximum of forty days by the method agreed to at the meeting.

POLICY ON SETTING OF NATIONAL TRIAL DATES

National RAFT will consider the application of National Retrieving and Field trial dates and determine approval subject to ANKC Ltd ratification.

(a) **All National Trials**

All applications for conduct of National Trials must be made at least three years in advance. An application must be for precise dates in the particular year so that all Canine Controls are able to avoid timetable clashes. No other trials of the same discipline carrying championship points may be conducted throughout Australia on the same day as a National Trial.

A schedule/notice for any approved National Trial must be received by Member Bodies at least three months prior to the event for publishing in their journals. **(Added 10/18)**

(b) **National Retrieving Trials**

- (i) Approval to participating Canine Controls is normally on a rotation basis in the sequence:

NSW
WA
VIC
SA
QLD

- (ii) Other Canine Controls may be approved to conduct a single National RT or enter the rotation as agreed by National RAFT.
- (iii) Applications for variation of the rotation may be made to cover special circumstances.
- (iv) The National Retrieving Trial will be conducted on the 37th weekend of the year. Also, weekend 36 would automatically be allocated to the host State for its State Championship.

Requests by States for dispensation from using these weekends would be considered by the National Retrieving & Field Trial Events Working Party.
(Amended 10/15, 6.17.1)

(c) **National Field Trials**

- (i) Allocation will be in order of application
- (ii) No Canine Control may conduct more than one National FT in the same discipline within a three year period except in special circumstances.

TIMETABLE FOR RULES REVIEW

The recommended steps to follow are:

| Action | Timing |
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| Request from ANKC Ltd Administrator for rule change proposals to be submitted by February the following year | January - Year 1 |
| Invitation by local RAFT for proposals on rule changes from triallers and clubs for submission to local RAFT by November. Advice of discussion meeting in December. | |
| Proposals from triallers and clubs received CONTROLS' TIMETABLE by local RAFT. | |
| Local discussions completed by local RAFT and submitted to ANKC Ltd Administrator | |
| Drafting completed by local RAFT and submitted to ANKC Ltd Administrator | January - Year 2 |
| All submissions distributed to Canine Controls by ANKC Ltd Administrator | February |
| Judges/triallers discussion meeting held. Local RAFT reviews completed. | April |
| National RAFT discussions and decisions | May |
| Final draft completed and submitted to ANKC Ltd Administrator | July |
| ANKC Ltd ratification | October |
| Printing and distribution completed | November |
| Effective date | 1st January - Year 3 |