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5.1 APPROVALS TO JUDGE

- 5.1.1 No Northern Territory resident may judge at an Exhibition which is held under NACA Rules unless an Approval to Judge is granted by Council and that person is a Financial Member of the NACA.
- 5.1.2 Council shall have power in the case of a person not ordinarily resident in the Northern Territory to grant a Temporary Approval to judge a particular Water Test Field Trial, Retrieving Trial, Obedience or other Trial, Championship Show or other Exhibition.
- 5.1.3 Judges granted an Approval to judge for a Breed, or Breeds, at Championship Shows in the Northern Territory and elsewhere, may not judge that Breed, or those Breeds, at any fixture other than a Championship Show, excepting Members' Puppy Competitions and Sanctioned Shows, PROVIDED however, that with the permission of Council, an Approved Judge may judge at a fixture other than a Championship Show the Breed, or Breeds, for which he is Approved in association with other Breeds for which he is not Approved.
- 5.1.4 No Approval to judge at Championship Shows shall be granted unless the applicant meets all such requirements laid down by Council.
- 5.1.5 Judges approved by the New Zealand Kennel Club are exempt from the necessity to complete the "Judging Application For Persons Not Resident In Australia".
- 5.1.6 The onus of proving a persons eligibility for Approval, shall rest with that person.
- 5.1.7 All Approvals shall expire on the thirty first (31st) day of December of each year (subject to 5.1.9). Judges will be requested to pay both membership and judges renewal fees in advance (by 31st August) to permit the early preparation of the ANKC Judges Lists for the following year.
- 5.1.8 Council may refuse any application for Approval, or may suspend for any period, or vary in any way, any Approval already granted or may grant in part only, any application for Approval and Council shall not be bound to assign any reason for so doing.
- 5.1.9 Lists of Northern Territory Judges approved by Council, shall be compiled and included in the Official ANKC Judges Listings. Such lists shall specify what Breed or Breeds of dog, or other Exhibition each Judge is eligible to judge.
- 5.1.10 A person listed in the ANKC Official Judges listing who takes up residence in another country may continue to be listed in the Official

ANKC Judges Listing whilst ever that person continues to maintain payment of the appropriate Fees, or for a period of not more than five (5) years without Council consent.

5.2 MISBEHAVIOR

5.2.1 No person shall, either for himself or for any other person, solicit any appointment to judge at any Exhibition conducted, or to be conducted, under these Rules. The application, or the effect, of the Rule is not intended to, and shall not limit in any way the proper nomination and selection of Judges by committees or members of clubs. Any person, whether an Approved Judge, or not, committing a breach of this Rule, shall be liable to be dealt with under these Rules.

5.2.2 If any Judge is accused of misbehaviour in the Northern Territory, an enquiry shall be conducted into the allegations by Council and if the Judge is from another State or Territory, a report will be forwarded to his home body who will deal with the Judge if any discipline is necessary.

5.3 CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENTS

5.3.1 If any Judge cancels an agreement to judge at any fixture conducted in Northern Territory, the Affiliate is required to submit full details of the cancellation to Council within seven (7) days of receipt of the notice of cancellation. On receipt of the notice Council shall forward a copy to the Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which the Judge resides, and that Body is required to investigate the reason for cancellation and if necessary, take appropriate action.

5.4 EXHIBITS OWNED OR BRED BY JUDGES

5.4.1 A Judge may not judge:

- (a) any exhibit owned, part-owned, leased or part-leased by himself or a member of his immediate family.
- (b) any exhibit bred by him, or a member of his immediate family, until the exhibit is at least twelve (12) months of age and has not resided with the Judge or his immediate family for a continuous period of at least six (6) months.
- (c) any exhibit in a conformation show that he has handled within a period of six (6) months prior to such exhibition.

5.5 TRANSPORTATION OF DOGS BY JUDGES

5.5.1 Persons wishing to have a dog transported by a judge must first seek permission from the Affiliate contracting the judge.

5.5.2 The Affiliate will then contact the judge for his/her approval or otherwise, and advise the member.

5.6 COMPETING

5.6.1 A Judge may compete in another Class in Trial when he has completed his appointment at a fixture.

5.7 JUDGES DECISIONS

5.7.1 Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any Prize, Special Prize or Challenge Certificate to any exhibit which they consider is not of sufficient merit. The Judge may withhold an Award altogether where the exhibits are not of sufficient merit.

5.7.2 A Judge's decision on the merit of the exhibits shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the Rules and/or Regulations of the NACA.

5.7.3 A judge shall not award a Challenge Certificate to any exhibit which he considers lacks sufficient merit to qualify for the title of "Champion".

5.7.4 Where a winner of a Challenge Certificate is found to be ineligible for the Award, the Reserve Challenge winner shall be awarded the Challenge points less one (1) point for the ineligible exhibit.

5.7.5 A Judge may withhold the Award of 1st place in any Class but may not award a lower placing of 2nd or 3rd in that Class.

5.7.6 At the time of judging, no person shall be allowed in the Ring save the Judge, the properly appointed Steward or Stewards, the Exhibitor or his agent and the dog eligible to compete in the Class or other competition.

5.7.7 Alterations made in the Judge's charts, must be initialled by him at the time of making such alterations.

5.7.8 At all Exhibitions and Parades, a Judge or Judges, to act conjointly shall be appointed especially to judge all Special Prizes which involve an adjudication on Breeds of dogs which are Scheduled to be judged by more than one (1) Judge. Save as aforesaid, no Judge shall award a Special Prize which involves adjudication on breeds of dogs which are scheduled to be judged by more than one (1) judge.

5.7.9 A Judge shall not place two (2) or more separate exhibits equal for any Award.

5.7.10 A Judge shall not, except in exceptional circumstances, re-judge any Class because of the absence from the judging ring of any exhibit at the time of judging that Class.

- 5.7.11 A Judge may sign Challenge Certificates prior to the commencement of the Exhibition **PROVIDED** the name of the Affiliate, the date of the Exhibition, the name of the Judge and the Breed of the dog have been included thereon, but no other information,
- 5.7.12 Under no circumstances may the Judge sign a Challenge Certificate on which the name of the Affiliate, date, Breed and sex of the dog, are not included.
- 5.8 JUDGES' CODE OF PRACTICE AND CONDUCT**
- 5.8.1. A Judge shall act with professional decorum at all times.
- 5.8.2. A Judge shall give every exhibit and Exhibitor fair and equal opportunity in each and every Class.
- 5.8.3 A Judge shall act in a polite manner whilst carrying out each judging assignment
- 5.8.4 A Judge shall present himself/herself in attire that is acceptable, appropriate and comfortable for each judging assignment.
- 5.8.5 A Judge is required to be punctual in availability to fulfil their judging assignment.
- 5.8.6 If in the judging procedures an exhibit displays an obvious physical impediment or is unable to be handled, or can be regarded as savage or vicious, the exhibit should be excused from the ring.
- 5.8.7 A Judge shall not enter or exhibit any dog at any Exhibition at which he or she is appointed to judge.
- (a) A trainee judge contracted to judge a special class at a championship show will be permitted to enter exhibits in the championship show. However, they will not be permitted to handle any dogs at that exhibition.
- 5.8.8 No member of a Judge's household (i.e. any person who resides at the same address) shall exhibit or handle a dog at any fixture at which the Judge officiates.
- (a) Any member of the household (i.e. any person residing at the same address) of the trainee contracted to judge a special class will be permitted to enter and handle at the championship show, but not the special class being judged by the trainee.
- 5.8.9 Should an Exhibitor offer information to the Judge that may be regarded as designed to influence the Judge, the Judge shall

excuse the Exhibitor and their exhibit from the ring and/or record the incident on the Judge's Charts.

- 5.8.10 Should a Judge be approached to favour or disfavour a particular exhibit the matter is to be reported to the Administrator of the State or Territory Controlling Body.
- 5.8.11 Should a Judge be approached with an inducement and/or bribe to advantage or disadvantage an exhibit the Judge is to report the matter in writing to the Administrator of the State or Territory Controlling Body.
- 5.8.12 A Judge shall not solicit a judging appointment.
- 5.8.13 A judge shall not solicit or seek the entry of any particular dog, or dogs.
- 5.8.14 A Judge shall not allow entries for a Show at which that person is judging to be received at the Judge's address.
- 5.8.15 A Judge shall complete all requirements of the judging contract speedily and straight forwardly. Any verbal acceptance of an assignment by a Judge shall be subject to the receipt of the contract within fourteen (14) days.
- 5.8.16 At the time of completing a contract, the Judge shall inform the inviting body of any disability or limitation that could restrict carrying out in full the reasonable handling of all exhibits to be judged.
- 5.8.17 A Judge shall avoid duplicating assignments in the same State within six (6) months of each other for Conformation Exhibitions and three (3) months for Open Exhibitions except with the written consent of each Affiliate or Body concerned.
- 5.8.18 A Judge shall honour each contract and is not free to accept an alternative contract that will affect his or her availability to fulfil the original contract except with the written dispensation of the contracting body.
- 5.8.19 Accommodation provided for the Judge to fulfil an assignment is for the Judge only except where prior mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body for variation.
- 5.8.20 A Judge shall be responsible for the cost of all personal 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.

5.8.21 A judge must keep an up to date diary showing all contracted appointments, dates, places, countries, groups, specialty breeds and the total number of dogs judged at each Show.

Note: Where this Code of Ethics is in variance with the Rules and Regulations of the Canine Control, the Rules of said Canine Control shall take precedence