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SECTION 9 JUDGES TRAINING CONFORMATION

9. CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING AND EXAMINATION PROGRAM (Based on ANKC Regulations)

9.1 Terminology

- 9.1.1 Competitions - Fixtures which may only be judged by Trainee Judges, but are not classed as either a Parade or an Open Show.
- 9.1.2 Parades - Fixtures at which no Challenge Points are awarded and Champions are not permitted to compete, and may only be judged by Trainee Judges.
- 9.1.3 Open Shows - Fixtures at which no Challenge Points are awarded, but Champions may be exhibited, and may only be judged by Trainee Judges.
- 9.1.4 Aspiring Judges - A person accepted into the Judges Training Program, but not yet qualified to judge the relevant Breed/Group at any fixture.
- 9.1.5 Trainee Judge - A person qualified to judge one or more Groups at Competitions, Parades/Open Shows.
- 9.1.6 Championship Show Judge - A person qualified to judge individual breeds or one or more Groups at Championship Shows conducted anywhere in Australia.

9.2 Method of Education

- 9.2.1 Self Education
Candidates will be required to educate themselves to examination standards by studying the Breed Standards, Glossary of Terms and any other appropriate material, research breeds and present their findings, attend appropriate Lectures, Seminars and/or Field Days as arranged by the Training Committee, and acquiring as wide a knowledge as possible by attending Shows and obtaining breeders opinions.
- 9.2.2 Member Body's Contributions
Each Member Body shall endeavour to provide Lectures, Field Days, equipment and teaching aids.

9.3 Teaching Aids/Materials

- 9.3.1 Rules and Regulations - As applicable to the ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory of residence.
- 9.3.2 Anatomy - the publication as recommended by the ANKC Member Body shall be the basis for Lectures on Anatomy.

- 9.3.3 Glossary of Canine Terms - The Glossary of Canine Terms published by the ANKC.
- 9.3.4 Breed Standards, as approved by the ANKC.
- 9.3.5 Extension to Breed Standards, as approved by the ANKC.
- 9.3.6 And any other material authorized by the ANKC from time to time.

9.4 Eligibility For Entry Into The Judges Training Program

- 9.4.1 The applicant is at least 18 years of age.
- 9.4.2 Has been a member of the ANKC Member Body for a minimum period of eight (8) years during the ten (10) Years immediately prior to the date of application. The ANKC Member Body may 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 eight (8) years as a member of the canine member body in the State, Territory or Country of prior residence.

The ANKC Member Body may consider for approval an application from an applicant over the age of eighteen (18) years, who otherwise would not qualify under these Regulations, such applicant must demonstrate active involvement in canine activity for the minimum period as a handler for parents and others in ordinary classes and supply evidence as required by these Regulations and such other evidence of experience as the ANKC Member Body may require.

Jack Russell Terrier Club of Australia membership shall be accepted as a qualification for Trainee status in an ANKC Member Body's Judges Training Program on a descending scale from 1st January 1994, but the applicant must meet all other requirements of the Judges Training Program.

- 9.4.3 Provide sufficient evidence of experience as a breeder, exhibitor and steward in canine activity, as outlined hereunder.
The applicant must -
 - a) Have bred at least three (3) litters under their own or shared prefix.
 - b) Have bred at least two (2) Champions under their own or shared prefix.
 - c) Dispensation may be granted from Regulation 4.3(a) on production of evidence from the applicant that they reside in an area that prohibits the breeding of dogs by State or Local Authority Law

- d) Supply evidence of practical experience as a steward
- e) Have successfully completed the NACA's Stewards course and have qualified as a Ring Steward

9.4.4 Is approved by the Committee of the ANKC Member Body, in the State or Territory of residence.

9.5 Interstate Schemes

9.5.1 ANKC Member Bodies may approve any person subject to the approval of both Member Bodies, to enrol in the Judges Training and Examination Program more convenient to that person.

9.5.2 ANKC Member Bodies recognize the right of a candidate to attend Lectures and other training Instruction conducted by the ANKC Member Body in another State or Territory, and that person attending shall receive a credit for the attendance in the Program in which they are enrolled.

9.5.3 No Candidate can undertake a Judges Training Program in two (2) States concurrently.

9.6 Fitness to Judge

In the initial application for inclusion in the Judges Training Scheme, all applicants must certify that they are Capable of judging in accordance with the Rules and in the normally accepted manner. Thereafter the certification becomes part of the annual renewal application for Judging Licence.

An ANKC Member Body may refuse renewal of licence to any person but not without reason for the refusal being communicated to the applicant, and may cancel or may suspend for any period or vary in any way any licence already approved, or may direct any Judge to undergo a medical "Fitness to Judge" examination by the Member Body's nominated Medical Officer, or may approve in part only an application for the renewal of a licence.

9.7 Qualifications To Become A Trainee Judge (First Breed Or Group)

The Aspiring Judge must pass a written examination for the following:

- 9.7.1 Rules and Regulations applicable to the State or Territory in which the Aspirant resides.
- 9.7.2 Anatomy.
- 9.7.3 On the individual breed for a single breed Judge, or the breeds in the relevant Group for a Group Judge.

- 9.7.4 The ANKC Member Body shall have the option of including a Practical Examination if required. The examination shall consist of one Breed class, consisting of five(5) dogs of either sex, over the age of six(6) months
- Candidates will be required to place the class from 1st to 5th place. The format of the examination to follow the procedures laid out in 8.2.2 of the ANKC Regulations Part 3 Judges Training & Examination Program. 5/02
- 9.7.5 All written examinations for Trainee Judges, once passed are held for life.
- 9.7.6 If successful the Trainee Judge will be listed for one (1) Group only, the Group for which he/she has gained experience to qualify him/her, prior to being eligible to apply for entrance into the Judges Training Program.
- 9.7.7 The Trainee Judge must qualify as a Championship show Judge for the initial Group in which he/she has gained experience to qualify him/her, prior to being eligible to apply for an examination to be tested for a Championship Show approval for any subsequent Group.
- 9.7.8 A person shall be eligible to apply as a Trainee Judge for a maximum of one (1) Group per annum, however, no person shall be approved and listed for more than three (3) Groups at any one time.
- 9.8 Qualifications To Become A Trainee Judge In Subsequent Groups**
- 9.8.1 The Trainee Judge must pass a written entrance examination on each subsequent Group, under the Conditions outlined in these Regulations. It is not necessary for the Trainee to have a practical entrance examination to progress for an additional Group as a Trainee.
- 9.8.2 Group Anatomy Lecture Attendance is required at Anatomy Lecture and a pass must be obtained in the Anatomy Examination prior to obtaining Trainee Status in initial group.
- 9.8.3 Have passed both a theory and a practical examination on the relevant breed or varieties of a breed or Group.
- 9.9 Qualifications To Judge General Specials At All Breeds/Parades/Open Shows**
- 9.9.1 A Trainee Judge may judge General Specials at a Parade or Open Show if they have qualified to judge at least four (4) Group approvals, of which at least two (2) of them are Championship Show Group approvals.

9.9.2 This Regulation may be amended by the ANKC Member Body for Trainee Judges officiating in “remote” areas of the State or Territory in which the fixture is being conducted.

9.9.3 No person shall be eligible to judge a Group at Competitions, Parades or Open Shows for which he or she is not a Trainee Judge, without the approval of the ANKC Member Body.

9.10 Qualifications For Elevation To Championship Judging Status

9.10.1 A Trainee Judge must:

- (a) Have judged a minimum of four (4) Groups or equivalent appointments which includes a minimum of 200 exhibits, or such other higher number as appropriate to the member body in the Group before being eligible for the practical examination. (with the exception of the NACA, TCA and CAWA where a minimum of one hundred (100) shall be required.
- (b) The higher number may include Competitions conducted by Specialist and Semi-Specialist Breed Clubs.
- (c) A Trainee Judge must qualify in every other requirement for elevation to Championship status before he/she can undertake a Practical Examination.
- (d) All applicants for a Practical Test shall be required to supply details of the number of dogs actually judged when submitting their application. Any qualifications gained interstate or overseas must be verified by the appropriate ANKC Member Body giving details of number of dogs actually judged.

9.10.2 Where the above qualifications for elevation to Championship Show Judging status cannot be met for any reason, the ANKC Member Body may allow their Judges to judge at Championship Shows and award Challenges within the Judge’s State or Territory of residence only, until such time as the ANKC requirements for Championship Show Judge status have been met.

9.10.3 Any State or Territory which may be disadvantaged with the above for any reason, may, by agreement with a neighbouring State, combine for the purpose of training, examining and/or gaining practical judging qualifications.

9.10.4 Have attended at least one Lecture on each breed in the Group for which a Lecture is conducted in the two years prior to application for an examination. The trainee must be present for, and participate in the entire Lecture in

order to be credited with attendance. A credit for attendance will not be given if the trainee is presenting a Lecture for another Group.

9.11 The format and marking of examinations shall be as follows:

9.11.1 Written Examination

All written examination papers shall consist of “short answer questions” and/or “multi-choice questions” only. Except for “multi-choice questions” where one (1) person only is required, there shall be at least two (2) persons appointed to separately mark the papers, without conferring.

The results shall be separately forwarded to the “ANKC Member Body Appointed Person in Charge”. In the case of a split decision (equal pass and fail) an additional person shall mark the papers and that mark shall decide the result. All written examinations shall require a 75% pass mark.

The ANKC Breed Standards, ANKC Glossary of Canine Terms, ANKC approved “extension to the Breed Standards” and any other literature authorised by the ANKC shall be the only basis for the written examinations for elevation to Championship status.

All written examinations for Trainee Judges, once passed are held for life.

A candidate who has failed a written examination (other than multi choice questions) may request a remark of their paper. Such request to be in writing and within 14 days of advice of the result of the examination. The re-marking of the paper shall be conducted by three (3) persons appointed to separately re-mark the paper without conferring. Such persons shall not be the original markers of the paper concerned.

Theory examinations will only be conducted in conjunction with and sat at the same time as the SACA (or other state as decided by council). Theory papers will be provided by the relevant state via registered mail and will be sat at the same time & date. They will then be returned for marking to the relevant state.

9.11.2 Practical Examination

The examination shall be conducted on a minimum of two (2) classes, each class of a different breed and consisting of a minimum of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months of either sex, and a third mixed class of a minimum of five (5) different breeds over the age of six (6) months, of either sex, excluding the two (2) breeds previously used. The examination shall include “ringcraft”.

For the purpose of definition, “either sex” is meant to mean of either dogs and/or bitches.

Three (3) Judges approved by the ANKC Member Body shall be appointed as an Examination Panel for Practical Examinations. Only Assessors/Counsellors as qualified under these Regulations shall be eligible to be so appointed. The Examiners may confer on dogs but shall not otherwise confer. A pass shall require a majority of the Examiners recommending same. Examiners shall assess the movement of the exhibits at the same time as the exhibits are being moved by the Trainee during the examinations.

Candidates and examiners are required to mark the placing of all dogs in a class from first to last on an appropriate form (such as to accommodate both Aspiring and Trainee applicants).

Candidates should be encouraged not to spend more than two (2) minutes on each dog or judge less than thirty (30) dogs per hour for examination purposes.

The Candidate shall advise the panel of Examiners of his/her placings and have the right to explain the selections. The Candidate may be asked to justify his/her placings either verbally and/or in writing and to explain the reasons for those placings.

Examiners may ask any of the following questions:

- (a) Best Type
- (b) Best Head
- (c) Best Forequarters
- (d) Best Hindquarters
- (e) Best Neck/Topline/Tail set
- (f) Best Coat and Colour
- (g) Best Height/Length Ratio
- (h) Best Feet, Fore and Hind
- (i) Best Movement for Breed

To obtain a Pass, a Candidate must be successful in a minimum of two (2) Breed Classes and one (1) Group Class. It is not necessary for Examiners' and Candidates' placings to be the same, but Examiners must consider all aspects of the Candidate's reasons, and whether the Candidate has the better dogs at the front of the class and the poorer at the lower end.

The Examiner must make his/her own independent assessment of Pass or Fail.

Two out of the three Examiners agreeing to same constitutes a Pass or Fail.

Results of Practical Examinations must be collated by an independent person, and Candidates must be notified of their results by the Administration of each Member Body.

Examiners must not at any time divulge their individual assessment of a Candidate.

Results must not be given at the time of the practical Examination. **Practical examinations will be conducted annually (usually in conjunction with the Darwin Royal Show) as the trainee becomes eligible and provided conditions under 9.11.3 can be met.**

- 9.11.3 Where any person fails either a written or practical examination for a “Championship Show Judging approval”, that person must gain additional experience by attending lectures and obtaining approved experience by judging not less than 25 dogs of the breeds in the Group in which he/she is applying before being eligible to reapply for another examination for a Championship Show Judging approval in that Group.

Under no circumstances can a Candidate be granted a licence/pass for any examination unless the candidate has actually been passed by the required number of examiners at a properly convened examination.

When a Trainee Judge has been granted the initial Championship Group Licence and can fulfil all requirements of the ANKC National Show Judges Training Program for elevation except the Practical Examination, they may be permitted to undertake the Theory Examination for two (2) Groups on the same day as all other candidates sitting for the relevant Groups.

- 9.11.4 All new applications for listing as an ANKC Championship Show Judge for the first and subsequent Breeds or Groups must be accompanied by a declaration that all requirements of the ANKC Show Judges Training Program have been met, including the number of dogs judged and number of times the Group has been judged.

9.12 Appeals against the results of Practical Examinations

- 9.12.1 Appeals against the results of Practical Examinations shall not be allowed unless it is alleged that the ANKC Member Body did not conduct the Practical Examination in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

If it is found that a Member Body has conducted a Judges Examination contrary to ANKC Regulations and/or policy and a candidate has appealed against a result of the examination, the examination is to be null and void. A new examination is to be scheduled as soon as practicable without the candidate being required to gain further qualifications.

9.13 ANKC National Judges Listing

9.13.1 To qualify for the ANKC National Judges Listing of Championship Show Judges, the Judge must have Completed all ANKC requirements for elevation to Championship Show Judging Status.

9.13.2 No ANKC Member Body shall sanction any person, normally resident in another State or Territory, to judge at any Championship Show over which it has jurisdiction unless that person is listed on the ANKC National List of Championship Show Judges, except in those cases where clauses 10.8.1 (e) and 10.8.1 (f) may apply.

9.14 Eligibility For Single Breed Championship Show Judging Approval

9.14.1 Where an ANKC Member Body approves "Single Breed Judges" there shall be two (2) methods of application to qualify for approval for Championship Show Judging Status.

9.14.2 The "Group" Program which embraces all the Breeds in the Group and the "Single Breed Scheme" as detailed hereunder.

9.14.3 "Single Breed Program"

Where a person wishing to apply for a single breed Championship Show Judging Licence, has evidence of a minimum of "8 years" continuous activity and experience as a breeder and exhibitor, and that person wishes to apply for a Championship Show Licence for that breed only, the procedure shall be –

(a) The person must have titled and/or bred a minimum of five (5) Champions.

Dispensation may be granted from this regulation on production of evidence from the applicant that they reside in an area that prohibits the breeding of dogs by State or Local Authority Law.

(b) The person must have bred at least three (3) litters under their own or a shared prefix.

(c) The applicant shall pass the written examinations, on Rules and Regulations, Anatomy, the relevant breed.

9.14.4 The applicant must have practical experience as a Steward.

9.14.5 The applicant shall be required to pass both a written and practical examination on the breed for which he/she is applying.

9.14.6 A practical examination for a single breed shall consist of one class of five (5) dogs and one class of five (5) bitches, over the age of six (6) months and from these will be required to select a Best of Breed and a Runner up to Best of Breed of either sex.

9.14.7 Where an applicant applies for a single breed examination and fails, that person shall not be required to obtain additional practical experience to be eligible for another examination, providing he/she applies within twelve (12) months, and providing the examination is for the breed which qualified the applicant to join the Judges' Training Program.

9.14.8 If successful in obtaining a pass in the written examination, the applicant be invited to apply for a Championship Show Judging Licence for the specific breed, providing the applicant has attended in the year in which the application is made, the lecture for that breed, Lectures on the Rules and Regulations, Anatomy and any Field Days or practical handling sessions.

9.15 Interstate Recognition of Trainee Judges Status

All ANKC member bodies shall recognize the judging qualifications and progress of persons moving residence from one State or Territory to another, with the exception of the subject "Rules and Regulations".

9.16 New Breeds

When the standard for a breed newly introduced into Australia or a breed which has been transferred from one group to another, is approved by the ANKC an open book examination will be produced by the ANKC Nation Breed Standards Committee

The Open book examination will be forwarded by the Member Body to all licensed judges in the group for which the breed is allocated and for all trainee judges who have passed the theory examination in that group.

Those judges who fail the examination or do not return a completed examination will not be eligible to judge the relevant breed.

9.17 Appeals

Appeals against the results of Examinations shall not be allowed unless it is alleged that the ANKC member body did not conduct the Examination in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Such appeals must be received by the Secretary of the Member Body prior to the examination results being notified.

If it is found that an ANKC Member Body has conducted a Judges Examination contrary to ANKC regulations and/or policy and a Candidate has appealed against a result of the examination, the examination is to be null and void. A new examination is to be scheduled as soon as practicable without the Candidate being required to gain further qualifications.

A request for a retest for either the theory or practical examination received after the results have been dispatched by the Member Bodies Office will not be considered.