



Australian National Kennel Council Limited ABN 77 151 544 679 trading as Dogs Australia

## SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 15 JUNE 2024

At the June 2024 ANKC Ltd Special Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

### 1. \* ANKC Ltd/Canine Disc Australia Agreement

It was RESOLVED that the ANKC Ltd/Canine Disc Australia agreement be approved and to be effective from 1 January 2025.

### 2. \* Dogs Australia Rules - Amendment

Amendments to the following rules have been endorsed and will be effective 1 January 2025.

Rules for the Conduct of Sled Sport Events

### 3. \* Canine Grooming Competitions

It was RESOLVED that Dogs Australia adopt the following in relation to Canine Grooming Competitions:

- Canine Grooming Judges Training Program.
- Requirements for appointing interim licensed judges and approving nominated licensed judges for the next two years in support of the Canine Grooming Judges Training Program.
- Dogs Australia Certification Structure, exemptions and the associated benefits.
- Recognition of Prior Learning in Dogs Australia Certifications and their associated benefit.

Effective from 1 July 2024.

### 4. \* Rules for the Conduct of Scent Work Trials - Amendments

It was resolved that the Rules for the Scent Work Trials be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

#### 19.13 "Finish" calls

- 19.13.1 The "Finish" call is used in Classes that contain multiple hides (Advanced, Excellent, Master and Ultimate) and is required to stop timing of the search.
- 19.13.2 The handler is required to call "Finish" when all hides have been located for the search area or, for Classes/Elements with an unknown number of hides, when the handler believes that all hides have been located or a "blank room" cleared.
- 19.13.3 In the Advanced Class, if the handler fails to correctly call "Finish" within the maximum time allowed for the search or before leaving the search area precinct, the team will receive a Qualifying Fault and the maximum time allowed for that search.
- 19.13.4 In the Excellent Interior and the Master Classes, the number of hides in the search area is unknown. The handler must call "Finish" within the search time (including each area in multiple area searches). Failure to do so will incur a Non-Qualifying Fault.

Amended to read:

**19.13 “Finish” calls**

- 19.13.1 The “Finish” call is used in Classes that contain multiple hides (Advanced, Excellent, Master and Ultimate) and is required to stop timing of the search.
- 19.13.2 **In the Excellent, Master and Ultimate Classes, the handler is required to call “Finish” when all hides have been located for the search area or, for Classes/Elements with an unknown number of hides, when the handler believes that all hides have been located or a “blank room” cleared. The handler must call “Finish” within the allotted search time (including each area in multiple area searches). Failure to do so will incur a Non-Qualifying Fault.**
- 19.13.3 In the Advanced Class, if the handler fails to correctly call “Finish” within the maximum time allowed for the search or before leaving the search area precinct, the team will receive a Qualifying Fault and the maximum time allowed for that search.
- 19.13.4 **In the Excellent Interior and the Master Classes, the number of hides in the search area is unknown. The handler must call “Finish” within the search time (including each area in multiple area searches). Failure to do so will incur a Non-Qualifying Fault.**

AND

Currently reads:

- 22.3.1 The following actions are deemed to be Non-Qualifying Faults:
- (a) the maximum time for a search has been exceeded
  - (d) in the Excellent, Master and Ultimate Classes, where the number of hides is unknown, the handler does not call “Finish” before the expiration of the search time

Amended to read:

- 22.3.1 The following actions are deemed to be Non-Qualifying Faults:
- (a) the maximum time for a search has been exceeded
  - (d) in the Excellent, Master and Ultimate Classes, **where the number of hides is unknown**, the handler does not call “Finish” before the expiration of the search time

Effective from 1 August 2024.

**5. \* SprintDog™ Judges Training Scheme**

It was resolved that the Regulations for the Conduct of SprintDog™ Judges Training & Assessment Program be approved and to be effective from 1 August 2024.

**6. \* Dog Sports Qualifying Cards - Signature**

It was resolved that the following Dog Sports Qualifying Cards be amended to remove the requirement for a Judges signature:

Agility  
Endurance  
Obedience  
Rally  
Track & Search  
Sled Sports Events

Effective from 1 July 2024.

**7. \* Dogs Australia Judges Contract - Amendment**

It was RESOLVED that the Dogs Australia Judges Contract be amended at Section Option 1 as follows:

**Currently reads:**

Other appointments accepted for the breeds/groups/classes within the State of the above fixture and within six months before or after the date of the above fixture are:

**Be amended to read:**

Other appointments accepted for the breeds/groups/classes/**general specials** within the State of the above fixture and within six months before or after the date of the above fixture are:

Effective from 1 July 2024.

**8. \* Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows - Amendment**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Section 9 relating to the conduct of CACIB Shows be amended to align with the current FCI regulations and to avoid confusion between CACIB events and our own regulations for the conduct of the Challenge Certificate.

Effective from 1 July 2024.

**8. \* Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows - Amendment**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows be amended with the inclusion of new Clause 10.2 pertaining to Sire and Dam of Merit:

10.12 Sire and Dam of Merit (Effective 01 January 2025)

10.12.1 Sire of Merit (SOM) - A dog that has produced at least ten (10) Conformation Champion offspring.

10.12.2 Dam of Merit (DOM) - A bitch that has produced at least five (5) Conformation Champion offspring.

10.12.3 At least 1 of the conformation Champion titles (CH, GRCH, SUPCH, CIB, A20) must have been awarded after the implementation date (01 January 2025)

Effective from 1 January 2025.

**9. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration - Amendment**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clause 6.1.3 be amended as follows:

**Currently reads:**

6.1.3 *No word that is in the nature of a known prefix or deceptively similar to a known prefix and no prefix except the breeders registered prefix may be used in a dog's name unless the following conditions apply:*

6.1.3.1 *The prefix of the new owner is permitted to be added at time of registration or transfer but must be added as a suffix and will be in addition to the thirty (30) letters or spaces as specified in 6.1.2 provided the dog has not been awarded a Dogs Australia recognized title, been bred from or used at stud.*

6.1.3.2 *The registered name remains unaltered with a preposition - e.g. 'of', 'to', 'from', 'with', 'at', 'is', 'by' - added followed by the new owner's prefix as a suffix. This new name after this point may not be furthered altered. In respect of dogs born in Australia, only dogs under one (1) year of age are eligible. Only one additional suffix may be added.*

6.1.3.3 *The consent in writing of all the owners of the second prefix must be given.*

6.1.3.4 *In the case of an overseas Kennel Name being used, all the owners must certify in writing that they are the owners of the Kennel Name and that it is registered with the appropriate overseas canine control.*

Be amended to read:

6.1.3 No word that is in the nature of a known prefix or deceptively similar to a known prefix and no prefix except the breeders registered prefix may be used in a dog's name unless the following conditions apply:

6.1.3.1 The prefix of the new owner is permitted to be added at time of registration or transfer but must be added as a suffix and will be in addition to the thirty (30) letters or spaces as specified in 6.1.2 provided the dog has not been awarded a Dogs Australia recognized title, been bred from or used at stud

**One prefix registered with Dogs Australia may be added as a suffix at time of registration or transfer provided the dog:-**

**(i) has not been awarded a Dogs Australia recognized title, and**

**(ii) has not been bred from or used at stud, and**

**(iii) is under one (1) year of age if born in Australia.**

6.1.3.23 The consent in writing of the breeder and all owners of the suffix must be given. ~~In the case of an overseas Kennel Name being used as a suffix, all owners of that suffix must certify in writing that they are the owners of the Kennel Name and that it is registered with the appropriate overseas canine control.~~

6.1.3.32 The original registered name as specified in 6.1.2 remains unaltered, with and a preposition (eg, 'of', 'to', 'from', 'with', 'at', 'is', 'by') added followed by **the new owner's prefix as a suffix is added to the original name.** The new name after this point may not be furthered further altered. ~~In respect of dogs born in Australia, only dogs under one (1) year of age are eligible. Only one additional suffix may be added.~~

~~6.1.3.4 *In the case of an overseas Kennel Name being used, all the owners must certify in writing that they are the owners of the Kennel Name and that it is registered with the appropriate overseas canine control.*~~

Effective from 1 July 2024.

\* **New or Amended regulations, policy statements, procedures, publications and listings will be made available from the Dogs Australia website.**

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