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REGULATIONS

PART 3Q

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF CANINE GROOMING JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM

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Objectives

The objective is to establish criteria and standards for Grooming Breed Knowledge and Integrity, which are fundamental requirements for a competent judge's approval by the Dogs Australia (DA) Canine Grooming Committee.

All GJTP judges enrolled in the program are mandated to adhere to the following 4 guiding principles:

1. Conduct themselves with honesty and integrity, both within and outside the Ring, at all times.
2. Possess detailed knowledge of the latest relevant breed standards and grooming procedures prescribed by the Groups for each breed they judge.
3. Adhere to and uphold the highest standards of the Code of Practice set forth by the DA Grooming Committee.
4. Refrain from seeking any form of personal advantage or gain.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be 21 years of age or older.
- Candidates must have been members of a Dogs Australia Member Body for a minimum of four (4) years preceding the application date.
- Candidates must have a total of 8 years of grooming experience, including at least 3 years of teaching experience.

Recognition of Prior Learning

1. The Groomer signs up for the DA certification program.
2. The Groomer notifies DACG of their intention to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
3. DACG will forward the RPL form w and advise the groomer to deposit the non-refundable RPL fee of \$50 into the Member Body account. The total RPL fee will be capped at \$150.
4. The DACG Committee will review and assess the groomer's RPL application. Upon successful assessment, the groomer will be required to pay the certification fees to the Member Body based on the approved level.

The Grooming Certificate Fees are as follows:

- **Level C:** \$100
 - **Level B:** \$150
 - **Level A:** \$300
5. The Member Body will notify Dogs Australia, and a certificate will be issued to the successful candidate.
 6. A copy of the certificate details will be sent to DACG for record-keeping purposes.

Qualifying requirements

Practical Examinations

All GJTP judges enrolled in the program must complete 8 exams across the 4 main groups and will be assessed as follows:

Section	Max Points
1. Suitability	10
2. Profile	20
3. Technical	20
4. Degree of Difficulty	10
5. Finished Groom	20
6. Final Presentation	10
Total	100

1. Suitability

Dependent on the balance of the dog, the chosen style should cover up the flaws and emphasize the positive features of the dog

2. Profile

All GJTP judges in the program are expected to be knowledgeable about dog breeds, understand deviations from breed standards, and be capable of covering or correcting these faults during grooming.

3. Technical

Balance, symmetry, and smoothness - For example, length of legs must be balanced with the depth of the body, length of body must be balanced with the height according to the breed standard

4. Degree of Difficulty

This can be based on what the judge sees from the start of the groom to the finished style. If the groomer can make a big change between before and after, or to handle a coat of poor quality by improving it in relation to the breed standard this will be rated positively.

Difficulty level in descending order of Group 1 Hand Stripping is also taken into consideration i.e. (1) Long Legged Terrier (2) Fully Hand stripped (3) Usage of Clipper and Scissoring

5. Finishing work

Points are awarded for the skills and technique in the usage of scissors, clippers or stripping knives and the results of the grooming with these tools and skills. The more detailed the workmanship observed, the bigger impact it will have on the judging. For example, in the scissoring class, whether the finish is plush, velvety and free of scissor marks, and whether the legs are scissored evenly and of sufficient fullness to balance the dog.

6. Presentation

Proper presentation of the breed with the dog standing, candidate will be assessed the proper posing method (stack) for their particular breed. Candidate shall have the knowledge on the proper positioning of the dog's head and tail. Bait is allowed if needed.

Admission to judge (or pass mark)

All GTJP judges enrolled in this examination are made up of two components in each of the 4 main groups.

1. Mandatory certified trim
2. Additional certified trim

Both components can be done at any stage.

Group	Mandatory certified component	Additional certified Component
1. Hand Stripping	Long legged Terrier (without usage of clipper and scissor)	Short Legged Terrier
2. Spaniel & Setter	Spaniel	Setters
3. Poodle	2 nd Puppy Trim	Any 2 remaining 3 Show Trims (with spray--up)
4. Scissoring	Bichon Frise	Any other breeds

Mandatory Certified Component

Passed with Dogs Australia Level A Certification

Additional Component Pass

Passed with FCI Level A Certification or DA Educator certification with a 80% pass mark

Attendance

All judges enrolled in GTJP must attend the following presentations, seminars, talks, or lectures sanctioned by Dogs Australia:

Minimum 2 each from the date of enrolment:

- 2 Grooming seminars
- 2 Grooming workshops