

<p align="center"><b>SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 14 JUNE 2025</b></p>
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At the June 2025 Dogs Australia Special Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

**1. \* Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 4.1.1**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 4.1.1 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

4.1.1 No person shall exhibit a dog in any sanctioned conformation exhibition at which a judge who is a member of the competitor's immediate family, or who resides at the same address, or who has had a proprietary interest in such dog whether solely or in partnership is scheduled to officiate

Amend to read:

4.1.1 No person shall exhibit or handle a dog in any sanctioned conformation exhibition where at any stage during the competition it is possible for the dog to progress to a position where it will be officiated on by a judge that is scheduled to officiate. Where;

- a. they are a member of the competitor's immediate family; or
- b. they reside at the same address; or
- c. they have/had a proprietary interest in such dog whether solely or in partnership in the previous 12 months.

Effective from 1 January 2026.

**2. \* Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 9A.1.4**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 9.1A be amended to include a new clause 9A.1.4 as follows:

9A.1.4 The Best in Show Judge(s) of the A20CS **MUST** be from an FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania member country.

Effective from 1 July 2025.

**3. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.8.4**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.8.4 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

8.8.4 For all German Shepherd litters born from 1 January 2017:-

- a. Both parents of every litter must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, they must record a score of no more than eight (8) on either hip, with no more than three (3) in any one area, or in the case of imported dogs, a grading that is deemed to be acceptable for breeding in their country of origin.
- b. Both parents of every litter must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, they must record a grading of Normal, Near Normal or Grade One on both elbows, and must be free from the condition of UAP (Ununited Anconeal Process).
- c. Breeders of litters whelped on or after 1st January, 2017, will be required to comply with the requirements as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs Australia Main Register. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip, and/or tattoo prior to being x-rayed. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will only be able to be placed on the Limited Register and will be flagged not to be upgraded. (03/16)

Amend to read:

8.8.4 For all German Shepherd litters born from 1 January 2017:-

- a. Both parents of every litter must be screened for hip dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) and/ or the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Breed Improvement Schemes or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised hip dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arrival in Australia. Where the parents have been born after the 30th June 2015, they must record a score of no more than eight (8) on either hip, with no more than three (3) in any one area, or in the case of imported dogs, a grading that is deemed to be acceptable for breeding in their country of origin.
- b. Both parents of every litter must be screened for elbow dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) and/or the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Breed Improvement Schemes or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised elbow dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arriving in Australia. Where the parents have been born after the 30th June 2015, they must record a grading of Normal, Near Normal or Grade One on both elbows, and must be free from the condition of UAP (Ununited Anconeal Process).

Subclause (c) remains unchanged.

- c. Breeders of litters whelped on or after 1st January, 2017, will be required to comply with the requirements as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs Australia Main Register. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip, and/or tattoo prior to being x-rayed. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will only be able to be placed on the Limited Register and will be flagged not to be upgraded. (03/16)

Effective from 1 January 2026.

#### **4. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.9**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.9 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

8.9 Rottweiler

- 8.9.1 For litters of Rottweilers born where the parents have been born after 1.1.97, these parents must show results of X-rays for hips and elbows. (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Amend to read:

8.9 Rottweiler

- 8.9.1 For litters of Rottweilers born where the parents have been born after 1.1.97, these parents must be screened for hip and elbow dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised hip and elbow dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arriving in Australia. (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Effective from 1 January 2026.

#### **5. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.11**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.11 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

8.11 Australian Shepherd

- 8.11.1 All Australian Shepherd litters, where the parents have been born after 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2001, these parents must be radiographed and assessed for Hip Dysplasia as a prerequisite to registration of any litters. (05/01) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Amend to read:

8.11 Australian Shepherd

8.11.1 All Australian Shepherd litters, where the parents have been born after 1st July, 2001, these parents must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised hip dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arriving in Australia as a prerequisite to registration of any litters. (05/01) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Effective from 1 January 2026.

**6. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.12**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.12 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

8.12 Labrador Retriever

8.12.1 Breeders will now be required to have parents of all litters radiographed and assessed for the diseases (hip and elbow dysplasia) as a prerequisite to registration of any litter. Any parent whelped before October 1st, 1997 may be excluded. (05/03, Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Amend to read:

8.12 Labrador Retriever

8.12.1 Breeders will now be required to have parents of all litters screened for hip and elbow dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised hip and elbow dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arriving in Australia as a prerequisite to registration of any litter. Any parent whelped before October 1st, 1997 may be excluded. (05/03, Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Effective from 1 January 2026.

**7. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.13**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.13 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

8.13 Golden Retriever

8.13.1 Breeders will be required to have parents of all litters, where the parents themselves were whelped on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2002, radiographed and assessed for Hip Dysplasia as a prerequisite to registration of any litter. (10/01)

8.13.2 Effective from 1 January 2021 both parents of every litter must be screened after the age of 12 months for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme, where the parents have been born after the 1st January 2020. (Added EM#183, 08/20)

Amend to read:

8.13 Golden Retriever

8.13.1 Breeders will be required to have parents of all litters, where the parents themselves were whelped on or after 1st January, 2002, screened for hip dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised hip dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arrival in Australia as a prerequisite to registration of any litter. (10/01)

8.13.2 Effective from 1 January 2021 both parents of every litter must be screened for elbow dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised elbow dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arrival in Australia where the parents have been born after the 1st January 2020. (Added EM#183, 08/20),

Effective from 1 January 2026.

**8. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.14**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.14 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

8.14.2 For all Bullmastiff litters born after 1 January 2013 the following will apply:

- a. Both parents of every litter must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme where the parents have been born after 1 June 2011.
- b. Both parents of every litter must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme where the parents have been born after 1 June 2011.

Amend to read:

8.14 Bullmastiff

8.14.2 For all Bullmastiff litters born after 1 January 2013 the following will apply:

- a. Both parents of every litter must be screened for hip dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised hip dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arrival in Australia must be screened for Hip Dysplasia where the parents have been born after 1 June 2011.
- b. Both parents of every litter must be screened for elbow dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised elbow dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arrival in Australia where the parents have been born after 1 June 2011.

Effective from 1 January 2026.

**9. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.15**

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 8.15 be amended as follows:

Current Regulation:

8.15 Flat Coated Retriever - effective from 1 March 2009

8.15.3 Hip Dysplasia to be designated as a problem in the breed and for Litter Registration Limitations to apply requiring that both parents have been radio graphed and assessed for Hip Dysplasia.

8.15.4 Elbow Dysplasia to be designated as a problem in the breed and for Litter Registration Limitations to apply requiring that both parents have been radio graphed and assessed for Elbow Dysplasia.

Amend to read:

8.15 Flat Coated Retriever - effective from 1 March 2009

8.15.3 Hip Dysplasia to be designated as a problem in the breed and for Litter Registration Limitations to apply requiring that both parents be screened for hip dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised hip dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arrival in Australia.

8.15.4 Elbow Dysplasia to be designated as a problem in the breed and for Litter Registration Limitations to apply requiring that both parents be screened for elbow dysplasia through the Dogs Australia Canine Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme (CHEDS) or in the case of an imported dog through a recognised elbow dysplasia screening scheme if the dog has been screened before arrival in Australia.

Effective from 1 January 2026.

**10. \* Judges Contract - Amendment**

It was RESOLVED that the tick box in relation to the request for a ramp on the Dogs Australia Conformation Judges Contract be amended as follows:

Current wording:

Do you require the use of a ramp? (Effective 1st January 2024).

Amended to read:

Do you require the use of a ramp (for ramp designated breeds only)? (Effective immediately)

**11. \* Overseas Judges - Open Book Exams**

It was RESOLVED that effective from 1 July 2025 the requirements of an Open Book Exam for Overseas Judges be removed and replaced with a declaration which will be added as an additional page to the Judges Contract. The declaration being:

I (insert name) of (insert NCO) declare that I:

A. Have received a copy of the relevant standard for the following breeds:

[insert breed names here]

B. Have read the relevant standards;

C. Understand the relevant standards;

D. Am prepared to judge at CAC level in accordance with the relevant standards.

E. Am approved by my NCO to judge these breeds

Signature

Date

**12. \* Regulations Part 9 – Non Resident Judges, Clause 2.2**

It was RESOLVED that effective from 1 July 2025 Regulations Part 9 – Non Resident Judges, Clause 2.2 be amended as follows:

**CLAUSE 2.2 RELATING TO FCI CURRENTLY READS:**

2.2 Notwithstanding the provisions in 2.1 the following Regulations are currently applied by individual National Canine Organisations.

**Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)**

In accordance with FCI Show Regulations 2 e, judges from FCI National Canine Organisations may under no circumstances agree to judge a breed at any show for which they are not approved by their own NCO (National Canine Organization) and for which they are not listed in the FCI Judges Directory. The same applies for judging at Best in Group and Best in Show level.

When seeking approval to judge at an FCI International Show in Australia, a Non-Resident Judge may only apply to award the CACIB to breeds for which they are individually listed in the FCI Judges Directory, failing to comply with this requirement will result in the FCI invalidating the confirmation of the CACIBs incorrectly awarded. For non CACIB breeds listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog, Murray River Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

#### **AMEND TO READ:**

2.2 Notwithstanding the provisions in 2.1 the following Regulations are currently applied by individual National Canine Organisations.

##### **Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)**

In accordance with FCI Show Regulations 2 e, judges from FCI National Canine Organisations may under no circumstances agree to judge a breed at any show for which they are not approved by their own NCO (National Canine Organization) and for which they are not listed in the FCI Judges Directory. The same applies for judging at Best in Group and Best in Show level.

When seeking approval to judge at an FCI International Show in Australia, a Non-Resident Judge may only apply to award the CACIB to breeds for which they are individually listed in the FCI Judges Directory, failing to comply with this requirement will result in the FCI invalidating the confirmation of the CACIBs incorrectly awarded.

FCI Judges judging at a Non-FCI Championship Show in Australia may only complete an ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form

The ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form may be completed for the following breeds which are not included in the FCI Group Listing but are included in the Dogs Australian Group Listing.

- Australasian Bosdog, Murray River Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier  
Bluetick Coonhound and the American Hairless Terrier and Biewer Terrier.

The ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form must be submitted with the Overseas Judges Application Form.

The ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form will be available on the Dogs Australia Website.

#### **CLAUSE 2.2 RELATING TO CKC CURRENTLY READS:**

##### **Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)**

CKC Licensed judges are permitted to judge at Championship Shows in foreign countries and issue Challenge Certificates only for breeds that they are licenced for in Canada.

For breeds that are not recognised in Canada, that are listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog Murray River Retriever, and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges, after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

At FCI International CACIB Shows CKC judges are only allowed to judge and award CACIB's to the breeds that they are approved to judge at Championship Shows in Canada. For breeds that are not recognised in Canada but are recognised by both ANKC Ltd and the FCI on a definitive basis, and are listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog Murray River Retriever, and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges, after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

#### **AMEND TO READ:**

##### **Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)**

At FCI International CACIB Shows CKC judges are only allowed to judge and award CACIB's to the breeds that they are approved to judge at Championship Shows in Canada.

CKC Licensed judges are permitted to judge at Championship Shows in foreign countries and issue Challenge Certificates only for breeds that they are licenced for in Canada.

An ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form may be completed for breeds listed in Appendix A to these regulations, if the Overseas Judge is required by the Affiliate Club to judge that breed/s at their Championship Show.

For any breed other than the breeds mentioned in Appendix A, the judge must include with their Overseas Judges Application Form, a ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form for the specific CKC registered breed/s the Affiliate Club has requested they judge but they are not currently licensed by the CKC to judge.

Note: The judges qualifications will be based on the information contained in the Judges listing on the CKC website unless written correspondence is received from the CKC stating otherwise.

The ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form will be available on the Dogs Australia Website.

## **CLAUSE 2.2 RELATING TO THE ROYAL KENNEL CLUB (UK) CURRENTLY READS:**

### **The Royal Kennel Club (UK)**

Where an applicant is approved by the Royal Kennel Club, to judge a group or Groups at Championship Show level, and has Open Show experience or has issued Challenge Certificates outside England, subject to compliance with 2.1, may be approved to judge at Group level in Australia for those groups/breeds so qualified, subject to the Non-Resident Judge providing the details required, listed as follows:

- (a) Date of Open / FCI / Green Star Shows
- (b) Name of Show
- (c) List of Breed/s judged
- (d) Number of Dogs judged in each Breed
- (e) List of "any other variety" breeds judged together with the number of dogs in each breed judged.

The above information is to be provided with the initial application for approval.

At FCI International CACIB Shows RKC judges are only allowed to judge and award CACIB's to the breeds that are recognised by the FCI on a definitive basis and that they are approved to judge and award Challenges to at Championship Shows in the United Kingdom.

For breeds that are not recognised by the Royal Kennel Club, listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog, Murray River Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

## **AMEND TO READ:**

### **The Royal Kennel Club (UK)**

At FCI International CACIB Shows RKC judges are only allowed to judge and award CACIB's to the breeds that are recognised by the FCI on a definitive basis and that they are approved to judge and award Challenges to at Championship Shows in the United Kingdom.

Where an applicant is approved by the Royal Kennel Club (RKC), to judge a group or Groups at Championship Show level, and has Open Show experience or has issued Challenge Certificates outside England, subject to compliance with 2.1, may be approved to judge at Group level in Australia for those groups/breeds so qualified, subject to the Non-Resident Judge providing the details required, listed as follows:

- (a) Date of Open / FCI / Green Star Shows
- (b) Name of Show
- (c) List of Breed/s judged
- (d) Number of Dogs judged in each Breed
- (e) List of "any other variety" breeds judged together with the number of dogs in each breed judged.



The above information is to be provided with the initial application for approval.

ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form may be completed for breeds listed in Appendix B to these regulations, if the Overseas Judge is required by the Affiliate Club to judge that breed/s at their Championship Show.

For any breed other than the breeds mentioned in Appendix B, the judge must include with their Overseas Judges Application Form, a ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form for the specific RKC registered breed/s the Affiliate Club has requested they judge but they are not currently licensed by the RKC to judge.

Note: The judges qualifications will be based on the information contained in the Judges listing on the RKC website unless written correspondence is received from the RKC stating otherwise.

The ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form will be available on the Dogs Australia Website.

## **CLAUSE 2.2 RELATING TO AKC CURRENTLY READS:**

### **American Kennel Club (AKC)**

AKC Licensed judges are permitted to judge at Championship Shows in overseas countries and issue Challenge Certificates only for breeds that they are licenced for in the USA. For Miscellaneous and FSS (Foundation Stock Service Breeds) and breeds that are not recognised by the AKC, listed in Appendix B to these Regulations including the Australasian Bosdog, Murray River Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

At FCI International shows, AKC judges are eligible to judge and award the CACIB provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. The breeds they are scheduled to judge are recognized by the AKC (this does not include Miscellaneous and FSS.
2. They are allowed, under AKC regulations, to judge the breeds in question at AKC events and award them championship points.

For Miscellaneous and FSS and breeds that are not recognised by the AKC but are recognised by both ANKC Ltd and the FCI on a definitive basis and listed in Appendix B to these Regulations including the Australasian Bosdog, Murray River Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

NB \*Open Book Examinations will be compiled by the Overseas Judges Approval Board, will be available on the Dogs Australia Website, the completed examinations must accompany the initial application for approval

## **AMEND TO READ:**

### **American Kennel Club (AKC)**

At FCI International shows, AKC judges are eligible to judge and award the CACIB provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. The breeds they are scheduled to judge are recognized by the AKC (this does not include Miscellaneous and FSS.
2. They are allowed, under AKC regulations, to judge the breeds in question at AKC events and award them championship points.



AKC Licensed judges are permitted to judge at Championship Shows in overseas countries and issue Challenge Certificates only for breeds that they are licenced for in the USA.

An ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form may be completed for Miscellaneous and FSS (Foundation Stock Service Breeds) and breeds that are not recognised by the AKC, listed in Appendix C to these Regulations, if the Overseas Judge is required by the Affiliate Club to judge that breed/s at their Championship Show.

For any breed other than the breeds mentioned in Appendix C. the judge must include with their Overseas Judges Application Form, the ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds form for the specific AKC registered breed/s the Affiliate Club has requested they judge but they are not currently licensed by the AKC to judge.

Note: The judges qualifications will be based on the information contained in the Judges listing on the AKC website unless written correspondence is received from the AKC stating otherwise.

The ANKC Ltd Judging Declaration for Additional breeds will be available on the Dogs Australia website.

**13. \* Judges Contract – Performance Events**

It was RESOLVED that there be a separate Dogs Australia Performance Judges Contract for Performance Events.

Effective from 1 January 2026.

**14. Overseas Judges Register**

It was RESOLVED that the commencement date of the Overseas Judges register to be established on the Dogs Australia website of all overseas judges approved to judge in Australia be amended to 1 July 2026.

**15. \* Dogs Australia Rules - Amendment**

Amendments to the following rules have been endorsed and will be effective 1 January 2026.

Rules for the Conduct of Lure Coursing Sanctioned Events  
Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials  
Rules for the Conduct of Rally Trials

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

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