



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

REGULATIONS

PART 3L

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF

LURE COURSING COMPETITIONS

**(Encompassing Lure Coursing Sanctioned Events
& Lure Pursuit Sanctioned Events)**

JUDGES TRAINING & ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

**Effective
1 January 2026**

**Amended
October 2025**

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Australian Judges recognised by the ANKC as eligible Lure Coursing Judges may be approved to judge at any sanctioned Lure Coursing Event, and must be members in good standing with the Member Body.

Overseas Judges may be contracted to judge at sanctioned Lure Coursing Events in Australia, provided that they are in good standing and registered with an ANKC recognised overseas organisation.

A registry of Australian Lure Coursing Judges will be kept and maintained by the ANKC.

Prerequisites To Enter The Lure Coursing Judges Training Program

To be eligible to apply to enter a lure coursing judges' training program a prospective candidate must -

- 1 Be a member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body for at least 3 years prior to the application; be a current financial member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body; and, be in good standing.
- 2 Be 18 years of age or older.
- 3 Prior to 1 January 2026, have personally coursed and titled a dog to Junior Courser (JC). From 1 January 2026 have personally coursed and titled a dog to Junior Courser (JC) or Junior Pursuit (JP). From 1 January 2030 have personally coursed and titled a dog to a Senior Courser (SC) or a Lure Pursuit (LP) title. Additionally, in opinion of the ANKC Ltd Member Body have completed necessary participation in the running of ANKC sanctioned events.
- 4 Perform the role of Gate Steward and shadow in the following roles: Hunt Master, Trial Secretary and Lure Operator, for a minimum of two events for each role..
- 5 Make application in the approved format to the Dogs Australia Member Body.

Eligibility for elevation to the judges list

To be eligible to be added to the register of lure coursing judges a candidate must demonstrate competency in the competency standards included below to the satisfaction of the Dogs Australia Member Body.

Competencies

Number	Competency	Detail
1.	Follow Dogs Australia and state member body rules and code of ethics	1.1. Maintain current membership of state member body 1.2. Maintain currency of judges' registration with state member body 1.3. Demonstrate knowledge of and adherence to state member body judges' rules and code of ethics 1.4. Complete any further training required by the state member body 1.5. Complete all trial documentation required by the state member body
2.	Demonstrate and apply knowledge required to successfully judge a lure coursing trial	2.1. Demonstrate knowledge of and adherence to current lure coursing rules 2.2. Identify the breed purpose and running styles of a variety of breeds and crosses, sighthound and other and apply this to judging 2.3. Describe the roles of field positions as set out in Section 9 and how they affect the conduct of the trial 2.4. Identify a lame, unsound dog or unfit dog 2.5. Ability to identify unacceptable safety risks and recommend appropriate mitigations.
3	Maintain professional relationship with lure coursing clubs	3.1. Respond appropriately and promptly to invitations for judging appointments as per member body rules 3.2. Complete all requirements of the judges contract 3.3. Maintain contact with trial secretary before the trial 3.4. Complete all documentation required by the affiliate

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4	Perform prejudging duties	4.1. Dress neatly and appropriately for weather conditions and personal safety 4.2. Arrive at the field at an appropriate time 4.3. Walk and measure the course and advise the lure operator of any changes required 4.4. Assess the field's potential, limitations, and overall suitability 4.5. Design courses that are technically sound and breed-appropriate. 4.6. Should be able to explain course attributes effectively 4.7. Discuss any further requirements with the lure operator and huntmaster
5	Perform judging duties as required by the current lure coursing and state body rules	5.1. Apply current rules during judging 5.2. Identify if the lure is not being operated competently, consistently and/or safely for all dogs and if necessary call a no course, provide feedback or adjust judging accordingly. 5.3. Demonstrate the ability to identify emerging safety risks on the field and react quickly to prevent incidents and rectify them should they occur.
6	Demonstrate appropriate personal attributes and ethics	6.1. Determine own learning needs and ways to identify how to satisfy them 6.2. Demonstrate the ability to request and receive informed feedback. 6.3. Demonstrate appropriate behaviour towards the affiliate officials and owners 6.4. Maintain currency of knowledge of Dogs Australia lure coursing and state member body rules