



REGULATIONS

PART 3A

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF RETRIEVING TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME

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RT1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE AS A TRAINEE JUDGE

(a) Eligibility:

Applicants must:

1. Have been a financial member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body for a minimum period of four (4) years prior to the date of application.

The Member Body will 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 five consecutive years as a member of the Controlling Body for the State, Territory or Country of prior residence.
2. Be a financial member of their State/Territory Member Body.
3. Have officiated as a Trial Manager, Judge's Steward or Gun Steward at five (5) ANKC Ltd recognised Trials in the preceding three (3) years.
4. Have trained, competed with and placed in trials with a dog at novice level.
5. Be the holder of an appropriate gun licence if required.
6. Be approved by the member body

MEMBER BODIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPROVE OTHER PEOPLE WHO DO NOT MEET THESE CRITERIA. THE ONUS OF PROVIDING ELIGIBILITY TO ASPIRE SHALL REST WITH THE APPLICANT.

(b) Applications:

Applications must be made to the Executive Officer of the State/Territory Member Body on the prescribed form, accompanied by the designated fee.

(c) Entrance Examination:

Approved applicants must pass a written Entrance Examination on the Rules for Retrieving Trials and relevant Member Body's Regulations (pass mark 75%).

RT2. TRAINING COURSE FOR ASPIRING RETRIEVING TRIAL JUDGES

(a) Theory:

Attend a lecture, seminar or tutorial covering interpretation and application of the Rules for the conduct of Retrieving Trials and other topics relevant to judging.

(b) Practical:

Attend a Practical Training Day(s) or Field days for evaluating terrain setting retrieves and judging practice.

Attend trials to observe the evaluation of terrain, setting of runs and mark judging sheets at a minimum of three (3) Novice Stakes.

(c) Practical Examination:

The Practical Examination is to consist of a mock Novice Retrieving Trial with at least six (6) competing dogs. The Novice aspirant judge will set and judge a simulated Novice Stake and will be required to mark retrieving trial score sheets and make an oral report to the examiners giving reasons for points awarded and/or deducted where required by the examiners.

A pass will be awarded if the candidate satisfies the majority of the approved examiners as to his/her knowledge and ability.

SUCCESSFUL candidates will be recommended to the Member Body to be eligible to judge up to and including Novice Stakes.

RT3. NOVICE JUDGES ASPIRING TO JUDGE RESTRICTED STAKES & RESTRICTED JUDGES ASPIRING TO JUDGE ALL AGE STAKES

(a) Theory:

Attendance at Lectures/Tutorials covering setting and judging relevant stakes.

Have trained, competed with and placed in trials with a dog at the level to which the candidate is aspiring

OR in the case of Restricted Judges aspiring to judge All Age Stakes, have trained a dog and competed in a minimum of ten All age trials and completed three All Age trials in three years prior to application. **(Added 10/16, Item 6.16.1)**

(b) Practical:

- (i) Attend Practical training day(s) or field day(s) for setting retrieves suitable for relevant stakes with opportunity for judging practice.
- (ii) Attend trials to observe the evaluation of terrain, setting runs and mark judging sheets at a minimum of three (3) relevant stakes.
- (iii) Satisfactory completion of the requisite number of judging appointments in accordance with Retrieving Trial Rules.

(c) Examination:

Set and judge a mock relevant Stake with at least six (6) competing dogs. A pass will be awarded if the candidate satisfies the examiners as to his/her knowledge and ability.

SUCCESSFUL candidates will be recommended to the Member Body to be eligible to judge at the level for which they have applied.

RT4. ALL AGE JUDGES ASPIRING TO JUDGE CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES

a) Prerequisite:
Have trained a dog for and competed in at least one Championship Stake Retrieving Trial.

b) Practical:
The aspirant has to have satisfactorily completed at least four (4) All Age judging appointments in accordance with the Retrieving Trial Rules.

The performance of the aspirant is to be assessed for elevation in judging status to championship level at three (3) All Age judging appointments. The Member Body will appoint an examiner for each trial at which the aspirant elects to be considered for elevation in judging status, to observe, guide and report to the Member Body.

Where a majority of favourable reports are received from at least two different examiners, the Aspirant will be recommended to the Member Body to be eligible to judge Championship Stakes.

RT5. EXAMINERS FOR ELEVATION IN JUDGING STATUS

Examiners for elevation in judging status must have been qualified for the judging status to which the examinee is aspiring for at least three (3) years.

Note: Every effort will be made to appoint examiners who are not competing in the trial at which the assessment for elevation is carried out.

RT6. APPLICATIONS FOR ELEVATION

The maintenance of a list of judging appointments and other assignments, complete with exact dates and other relevant details, is the responsibility of each aspirant. Such detail must be furnished when applying for elevation of status.

RT7. ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS

(a) No judging appointments may be accepted for any stake until the relevant status has been granted by the Member Body.

(b) Judges may not accept appointments outside of their home State/Territory to judge Classes for which they have not been approved by their State/Territory Member Body.

RT8. EXAMINATIONS

(a) The approved examiners will consist of two (2) qualified Championship/All Age judges approved by the Member Body.

(b) At no time shall two or more members of one family or the same household be examiners.

(c) All written examinations shall be supervised by a person or persons appointed by the examiners.

(d) In written examinations it will be the practice for examiners to agree on answers required before the date of the examination.

(e) No names shall be used on examination papers. Only the candidate's examination number shall appear on the examination paper.

- (f) The key to candidate's names and examination numbers shall be held in a sealed envelope by the executive officer of the Member Body or their appointed representative until marks have been awarded.
- (g) All examiners are to be present at practical examinations. In the case of illness or other exigency, a deputy will be co-opted to the panel.