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REGULATIONS FOR THE SELECTION AND TRAINING OF EARTHDOG JUDGES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These regulations are produced in accordance with appropriate Dogs Australia Directives and the Rules of the Member Body and will be amended from time to time.
- 1.2 Members are reminded that membership confers no automatic “right” to become a Judge; appointment as a Judge is a privilege to be earned.
- 1.3 Members are not permitted to accept judging appointments or sign contracts to judge until receipt of an official notification of appointment or elevation, as the case may be.
- 1.4 Members from other Dogs Australia affiliates who are already in the training program shall be recognised under a reciprocal agreement.
- 1.5 Applications from persons wishing to become Earthdog Judges or seeking elevation in such status are to be made on the prescribed form, and submitted to the State Controlling Body. The form is to be completed in all detail required.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Terms used in these Regulations are defined below:
 - (a) Aspiring Judge – A person who has submitted an application to enter the Training Scheme for Earthdog Judges.
 - (b) Trainee Judge – A person who has been approved by the Controlling Body to be on the training scheme for Earthdog Judges.
 - (c) Earthdog Judge – A person who is qualified to judge Earthdog Tests, at Junior, Senior or Master levels.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR ASPIRING TRAINEE EARTHDOG JUDGES

- 3.1 Applicants for entry to the training programme for Earthdog Judges must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The applicant must have owned an eligible breed for a period of more than five years **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**
 - (b) Must have been a financial member of the Member Body or another Dogs Australia affiliate, for a minimum of 3 (three) consecutive years, and to have been active in canine affairs. **(Amended 10/14, 6.9)**
 - (c) The applicant must be eighteen years of age, or more, at the time of making application to become a Trainee Earthdog Judge.
 - (d) The applicant must have gained an earthdog title on at least one dog in Earthdog Tests, prior to submitting the application. **(Amended 02/22)**
 - (e) The applicant must provide a supporting letter from a Club official, Earthdog judge or other official outlining the applicant’s contribution and commitment to the conduct of the sport over a minimum of a three year period. **(Added 10/14, 6.9)**
 - (f) The applicant is required to pass a written examination on the Rules of both the Member Body and according to their State regulations. **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**

4. **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINEE EARTHDOG JUDGES**

4.1 The Trainee Earthdog Judge completes the following training.

- (a) Participate in the setting up of earths for Earthdog Tests on at least three occasions.
- (b) Act as a Steward for Earthdog Trials on at least three occasions.
- (c) Act as time keeper to a full Judge on at least three occasions. **(Amended 02/22)**

5. **ELEVATION AS A JUNIOR EARTHDOG JUDGE (Amended 10/14. 6.9) (Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**

5.1 Upon completion of the training requirements for Trainee Earthdog Judges, the Trainee Judge may make application to sit written and practical examinations on the following topics:-

- (a) a written examination which will include multiple choice questions on the following topics:
 - i. General background knowledge of Terriers and Dachshunds which are eligible to compete in Earthdog Tests
 - ii. Rules relevant to Earthdog Tests as determined by Dogs Australia **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**
- (b) A practical examination which will include
 - i. Preparation and setting of earths for the conducting of Earthdog Instinct Certificate tests
 - ii. Preparation and setting of earths for the conducting of Junior Earthdog Tests
 - iii. Preparation and setting of earths for the conducting of Strong Dog Tests. **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**

6. **EXAMINATIONS (Amended 10/14. 6.9)**

6.1 All examination papers will be set by the Dogs Australia National Earthdog Committee and shall be uniform across Australia. **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**

6.2 The minimum pass for such examination shall be seventy five percent (75%).

6.3 The results of all examinations and applications will be advised through the Office of the Member Body.

7. **ELEVATION AS A SENIOR EARTHDOG JUDGE (Amended 10/14. 6.9)**

7.1 Upon completion of not less than three appointments as a Junior Earthdog Judge, or having owned, trained and tested a dog to a minimum of Junior Earthdog (JE) title, a Judge may apply for elevation as a Senior Earthdog Judge. Such applicants will be examined on the following topics.

- (a) a written examination on rules relevant to Senior Earthdog Tests as determined by Dogs Australia.
- (b) a practical examination which will include preparation and setting of earths for the conducting of Senior Earthdog Tests. **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**

8. EXAMINATIONS (Amended 10/14. 6.9)

- 8.1 All examination papers will be set by the Dogs Australia National Earthdog Committee and will be uniform across Australia. **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**
- 8.2 The minimum pass for such examination shall be seventy five percent (75%).
- 8.3 The results of all examinations and applications will be advised through the Office of the Member Body.

9. ELEVATION AS A MASTER EARTHDOG JUDGE (Amended 10/14. 6.9)

- 9.1 Upon completion of not less than three appointments as a Senior Earthdog Judge, or having owned, trained and tested a dog to a minimum Senior Earthdog (SE) title, a Judge may apply for elevation as a Master Earthdog Judge. It should be noted that, in the latter instance, an individual can apply for a judging licence covering all three levels in a single application. Such applicants will be required to sit for a written examination on the following topics:-
 - (a) a written examination on rules relevant to Earthdog Tests as determined by Dogs Australia.
 - (b) a practical examination which will include preparation and setting of earths for the conducting of Earthdog Tests. **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**

10. EXAMINATIONS (Amended 10/14. 6.9)

- 10.1 All examination papers will be set by the Dogs Australia National Earthdog Committee and will be uniform across Australia. **(Amended 10/16, 6.10.1)**
- 10.2 The minimum pass for such examination shall be seventy five percent (75%).
- 10.3 The Results of all examinations and applications will be advised through the Office of the Member Body.