

**SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &
BOARD MEETING HELD IN MELBOURNE ON 21 & 22 OCTOBER 2023**

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Kennel Council Limited held in Melbourne:

1. Election of ANKC Ltd Executive

- Ms Pam Campbell was elected unopposed as Vice President for a one-year term from 21 October 2023.
- Mr David Sales was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer for a one-year term from 21 October 2023.
- Mr Brian Parker was elected as a member of the Executive Committee for a one-year term from 21 October 2023.

2. ANKC Ltd Constitution – New Clause 34A.5

It was resolved that the Constitution of the Company be amended by the inclusion of the following clause:

34A.5 Should the office of the Director elected to the Executive Committee become vacant prior to the expiry of his or her term of office, the Directors shall elect a Director from amongst their number to serve the balance of the term of office of the retiring Director.

This amendment is effective immediately.

At the October 2023 Dogs Australia Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

1. FCI Membership

It was resolved that Dogs Australia proceed with investigation of full membership with FCI:

- to establish what conditions, we would require in a memorandum of understanding to protect our members.
- prepare a discussion paper based on the memorandum of understanding for distribution to Member Bodies requesting feedback by a date to be determined.

2. DNA Parentage Verification

It was agreed not to support national DNA Parentage verification as a prerequisite to registration on the Main and Limited Register for all puppies as each Member Body has the ability to implement DNA testing if they so desire.

3. Exhibition of Dogs with Docked Tails

It was resolved to oppose the prevention of dogs with docked tails from being exhibited at any conformation show in Australia.

4. * Regulations Part 3 – Judges Training & Examination Scheme

It was resolved that Regulations Part 3 – Judges Training & Examination Scheme be amended as follows:

Add new Clauses 8.4, 8.5, 8.6. and 8.7

8. Appointment of Assessors.

To be appointed by the Conformation Judges Training Committee, an Assessor must not be a Trainee Judge in the current Judges Training Program and must.

- 8.1 Be a resident of the Member body conducting the Assessors course.
- 8.2 Be invited by the chair of the CJC of the Member's State Body.
- 8.3 Invitation to attend the course must be in writing through the Member Body
- 8.4 **Not be under investigation for any offence by the Member Body.**
- 8.5 **Hold a Certificate of Approval issued under the ANKC Accreditation Program stating that the Assessor has completed the competency training.**
- 8.6 **Have held an ANKC Breed or Group Licence for a minimum of five (5) years for the Group or Breed being used in the examination.**
- 8.7 **Have judged the Group or Breed being used in the examination on at least three (3) occasions.**

AND

Add new regulation to read:

6.1.2 Module 2. Practical Experience

Judge a minimum of fifty (50) dogs and additionally examine and critique a minimum of 20 dogs from the relevant Group. The breeds covered must be from, as wide a range as possible, but will include at least **one five (15)** critiques from each of the five (5) Major Breeds as determined by the Member Body CJTC. This may be achieved by attending Field days or shows. All critiques to be countersigned on the day by a licensed judge for that breed who is not a Trainee Judge currently enrolled in the scheme and is, preferably, an Accredited Assessor, and who have themselves examined the dogs critiqued. Judging may be in the form of hands on experience by placing dogs at open shows, sweepstakes or field days, but not at breed lectures. (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended 10/14, 7.4.2) (Amended 10/17, 7.4.1 – effective 01/01/18)

Approved Distance Trainees may complete the critiques by downloading photos of dogs from the Internet **and approved by the Group Coordinator.** (Amended 10/10)

These amendments will be effective from 1 January 2024.

5. * Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Clause 2.7

At the recent Dogs Australia Board meeting the following points were noted in relation to the use of ramps effective 1 January 2024:

1. The use of ramps is not mandatory and is at the sole direction of the judge.
2. Only ramp and ramp optional breeds are to be judged on the ramp.
3. Once a breed has commenced the entire breed is to be judged in the same manner (e.g. ramp or ground, excluding babies).
4. That the Dogs Australia judges contract be amended to include an area where the judge is to nominate if they require a ramp for ramp breeds.
5. If ramps are not available in the location the club hosting the event is to notify the judge.

For the full Dogs Australia ramp/table/ground regulations refer to Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5, Clause 2.7 Use of Ramps/Tables.

6. * Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Section 9 Amendment

It was resolved that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Section 9, Clause 9.7 Classes be amended as follows to align to the current FCI class numbering:

9.7 Classes

- 9.7.1 Only the following classes are recognized at Dogs Australia /CACIB shows sanctioned by the FCI:
- a. Classes ineligible for the CACIB to be awarded: (Amended 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)**
- Class 1 Baby Puppy For dogs aged three and under six months.
 Class 2 Minor Puppy For dogs aged six and under nine months.
 Class 3 Puppy For dogs aged six and under twelve months.
 Class 12 Veteran For dogs aged eight years and over. (Added 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)
- b. Classes eligible for the CACIB: (Amended 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)**
- Class 4 Junior For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months. (providing the winner is over 15months of age)
 Class 5 Intermediate For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
 Class 11 Open For dogs 15 months and over that are not Champions
 Class 21 Champion To enter a dog in Champion Class, the title must have been confirmed by the issue of a Registered Pedigree Certificate with the title added by the day of the official closing date of entries.
- Note:** A Champion that has not attained 15 months of age may not be awarded a CACIB.
- c. Class in which the FCI-CACIB-J can be awarded: (Added 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)**
- Class 4 Junior For dogs aged nine to less than eighteen months.
- d. Class in which the FCI-CACIB-V can be awarded: (Added 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)**
- Class 12 Veteran For dogs aged eight years and over. No other classes may be offered at CACIB Shows. (Added 02/023, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)
- No other classes may be offered at CACIB Shows. (Added 02/023, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)

These amended regulations will be effective from 1 January 2024.

7. Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows: Amendment to Clause 10.5.2 (d)

It was resolved that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Clause 10.5.2 (d) be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

- d. Runner up to Best in Group Each Runner Up in the recognized seven (7) groups or ten (10) at CACIB shows – ten (10) points less than the Best in Group Winner or breed points whichever is higher, with the minimum being six points.

Amended to read:

- d. Runner up to Best in Group Each Runner Up in the recognized seven (7) groups or ten (10) at CACIB shows **(must be a challenge or Reserve challenge winner)** – ten (10) points less than the Best in Group Winner or breed points whichever is higher, with the minimum being six points.

This amendment will be effective from 1 January 2024.

8. * Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clause 6.7 Amendment

It was resolved that Regulations Part 6: The Register & Registration, Clause 6.7: Neuter Register, under Definition, which currently states:-

- 6.7 *Neuter Register (Added 06/22, 4.2 – effective 01/01/2023)*
Definitions
Neutering- removal of the sex organs i.e.. testicles or ovaries.
Desexing – removal of the ability to reproduce.

Be amended to read:-

- 6.7 *Neuter Register (Added 06/22, 4.2 – effective 01/01/2023)*
Definitions
Neutering- removal of the sex organs i.e.. testicles or ovaries.
*Desexing – **PERMANENT** removal of the ability to reproduce.*

Effective immediately.

9. Judges Contract - Amendment

It was resolved that the Dogs Australia Judges Contract be amended to include an additional field for Judges to indicate if they wish to use a ramp and for Show Secretaries to advise if ramps are or are not available.

This amendment will be effective 1 January 2024.

10. * Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials - Amendments

It was resolved that the Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials be amended as follows:

7. Exhibits - Fouling

A dog which fouls at any time while it is under the control of the Judge must be disqualified **and removed from the ring immediately.**

8. Exhibitors and Handlers - Disqualification

No points awarded. The dog is disqualified from all Trial Competition on the day and the Judge must provide a written report to the Member Body within 14 days. **The only exception being In instances where the disqualification was incurred for continual barking, a correction penalty, fouling the ring or for handlers bringing training aids into the ring, handlers will only be disqualified from that class and no report is required.**

This amendment will be effective 1 January 2024.



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11. * Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs - Amendments

It was resolved that the Rules for the Retrieving Trials for Gundogs be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

(k) Game – Definition of - Quail, Duck, Pigeon, Partridge, Pheasant, Rabbit and Hare, inclusive of domesticated variants of the above species. (Refer also to Rule No.7)

Be amended to read:

8 (k) Game – Definition of - Quail, Duck, Pigeon, Partridge, Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant, Rabbit and Hare, **inclusive of domesticated or replica variants of the above species.**

This amendment will be effective 1 January 2024.

12. * Dogs Australia Rules - Amendment

Amendments to the following rules have been endorsed and will be effective 1 January 2024.

Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs
Rules for the Conduct of Field Trials for Utility Gundogs
Rules for the Conduct of Field Trials for All Pointing Breeds of Gundogs
Rules for the Conduct of Field Trials for Pointer & Setters

13. * Dogs Australia Regulations 31 – Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs Judges Training Scheme - Amendment

Amendments to the following Judges Training Scheme have been endorsed and will be effective 1 January 2024.

Regulations Part 31 – Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs Judges Training Scheme.

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

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