



**REGULATIONS**

**PART 3A**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF**

**RETRIEVING TRIAL**

**JUDGES' TRAINING PROGRAM**

Amended

**Minimum Qualifications and Requirements for Judging Licence  
Applications, and Testing and Approval of Trainee Judges.**

**1. APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE TO THE JUDGES' EXAMINATION SCHEME**

**(a) Eligibility to Undertake Judges' Training and Examination:**

Before being accepted to undertake Retrieving Trial Judges' training and examination, applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Have been a financial member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body for a minimum period of two (2) years prior to the date of application.

The Member Body may also 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 two (2) 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 or Territory Member Body.
3. Have Stewarded or Officiated at five (5) ANKC Ltd recognised Retrieving Trials in the preceding three (3) years.
4. Have competed and placed in a Novice Retrieving Trial Stake.
5. Be the holder of an appropriate Firearms Licence if required.
6. Be approved by the Member Body.
7. Before being eligible to receive training, and undertake examination, to be appointed to the Restricted Stake Judges' Panel, the applicant must have:
  - a) Competed and placed in a Restricted Retrieving Trial Stake, and
  - b) Completed, to the satisfaction of the Member Body, at least two (2) Novice Retrieving Trial Stake Judging appointments.
8. Before being eligible to receive training, and undertake examination, to be appointed to the All-Age Stake Judges' Panel the applicant must have
  - a) Competed in, and completed, at least three (3) All Age Stakes, and
  - b) Completed, to the satisfaction of the Member Body, at least three (3) Restricted Stake judging appointments.
9. Before being eligible to seek to be appointed to the Championship Stake Judges' Panel the applicant must have:

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- a) Competed in at least one (1) Retrieving Trial Championship,
- b) Completed, to the satisfaction of the Member Body, at least four (4) All Age Stake judging appointments, and
- c) Received the written endorsement of at least two (2) members of the Championship Stake Judges' Panel who have witnessed the applicant judging two (2) or more All Age Stakes.

(Note: Member Bodies shall have the right to approve applicants who do not meet the minimum qualifications. This right shall only be exercised in extenuating circumstances that requires the Member Body to take actions in the overall interests of the sport.)

**(b) Applications:**

Applications must be made to the relevant State or Territory Member Body on the prescribed form and be accompanied by the designated fee. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide the Member Body with any information necessary to support their application.

**(c) Written Examination:**

Approved applicants must undertake a written examination on the Rules for Retrieving Trials and other relevant ANKC and Member Body's Rules, Regulations, Policies, Codes of Conduct or Practice and achieve a minimum score of 75%.

**(d) Written Examination for Expired Judges Seeking to Renew Their Appointment**

Any Judge who allows their Judge's appointment to lapse for more than five (5) years will be required to pass a written examination on the Rules for Retrieving Trials and other relevant ANKC and Member Body's Rules, Regulations, Policies, Codes of Conduct or Practice before they are re-appointed to the relevant Judges' Panel.

Member Bodies shall be responsible for the setting, conduct and marking of written exams. It is recommended that written examinations should be open book and consist of True and False, and Multiple Choice, questions. Member Bodies should provide applicants with the option of completing the exam online.

## **2. TRAINING FOR ASPIRING JUDGES**

Prior to undertaking a Practical Examination candidates should undergo adequate training in the theory and practical elements of judging the relevant Retrieving Trial Stakes. This training may occur in the form of attending seminars or training days, undergoing mentoring at trials etc.

Candidates should undergo adequate training in relevant areas including for example:

- i. The Safety of Dogs and Competitors
- ii. Communication and Instruction
- iii. The Management of Stewards and Competitors
- iv. The Logistics of Conducting Stakes and Setting Runs
- v. The Application of the Rules for Retrieving Trials for Gundogs, and
- vi. The Scoring of Competing Dogs

Member Bodies shall be responsible for the development, content, and provision of Judges' training.

### **Practical Examination:**

Candidates shall not undergo a Practical Examination until they have passed the Written Examination, marked judging sheets at a minimum of three (3) relevant stakes and the candidate and Member Body have agreed that the candidate has completed an adequate level of practical training.

The Practical Examination will require the candidate to set suitable runs, manage stewards and competitors, correctly apply the Rules, and score a minimum of six (6) competing dogs etc.

Where the examiners assess the candidate as being "Competent" they will recommend, to the relevant Member Body, the candidate's appointment to the relevant Judges' Panel.

Where the examiners assess the candidate as being "Not Yet Competent" they will immediately advise the candidate of their determination. The examiners will then advise the relevant Member Body in writing of their determination and the reasons for that determination. Candidates who are unsuccessful shall not be prevented from applying for future examination(s) subject to the undertaking of further necessary training.

## **3. EXAMINERS**

The Member Body shall be responsible for appointing persons as Retrieving Trial Judge Examiners.

Practical Examinations shall be conducted by a minimum of two (2) qualified Championship or All Age Stake Judges. Where possible, examiners will have had a minimum of three (3) years' experience as an All Age Judge.

**4. TRAINING AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES BY A NON-RESIDENT STATE OR TERRITORY MEMBER BODY**

Candidates may, for personal reasons, request that they be approved to undertake Judges' training and assessment in a State or Territory other than that in which they reside. Any Member Body receiving such an application shall not unreasonably withhold approval and shall accept any subsequent recommendation from the relevant inter State, or Territory, Body that the candidate be appointed to a Judges' Panel.

**5. ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS**

A Judge shall not enter into a written contract to judge any Stake prior to the Judge being appointed to the relevant Retrieving Trial Judges' Panel.