



DANCES WITH DOGS Including TRICK DOGS

Approval requirements for Non-Resident Judges

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Applications for the approval of judges from overseas will be accepted for review providing the application meets the following requirements.

In addition to the requirements as defined in the ANKC Ltd requirements for approval of Non-Resident Judges, the following requirements shall be met.

1. The applicant judge must:
 - 1.1 make application to the ANKC Ltd, a minimum of six (6) calendar months prior to the event.
 - 1.2 judge as per the current ANKC Ltd DWD Rules/Trick Dog Rules at all events covered by the approval.

2. The sponsoring Affiliate will:
 - 2.1 ensure all application fees are paid;
 - 2.2 on approval:
 - 2.2.1 ensure the judge is provided with current ANKC Ltd Code of Ethics and Rules for the Conduct of Dances with Dogs Competitions/Trick Dog Tests;
 - 2.2.2 provide to the judge all information regarding facilities as may be required;
 - 2.2.3 provide experienced stewards and assistants.

3. The Dances with Dogs/Trick Dog Non-Resident Judges Panel will:
 - 3.1 receive from the ANKC Ltd all documentation as submitted related to the approval of the judge;
 - 3.2 communicate to and receive from relevant parties any additional information as required;
 - 3.3 respond to the ANKC Ltd with recommendations for approval or non-approval of the judge within sixty (60) days of receiving all required information;
 - 3.4 receive from the ANKC Ltd, copies of the reports from the Affiliate/s.

4. Notes:
 - 4.1 No contract or agreement is valid until all sections of this approval process have been completed to the satisfaction of the ANKC Ltd.
 - 4.2 The fact that all requirements are met does not guarantee that the approval will be granted.
 - 4.3 New Zealand Judges are exempted from this process.
5. A Non Resident Judge must be approved in their country to judge Dances With Dogs/ Trick Dogs or its equivalent.
6. If a Non Resident Judge is unable to read English, the Affiliate/s conducting the Competition/Test is to provide an assurance that all ANKC Ltd Rules, Regulations, Policies, and Procedures have either been translated in writing into a language understood by the Non Resident Judge or communicated orally.
7. The Affiliate conducting the show must have some knowledge of a Non Resident Judge and their background and ability to judge.
8. The Affiliate conducting the Competition/Test must not advertise or otherwise announce the name of any judge who is not a resident of Australia until they have been formally approved by the ANKC Ltd and the affiliate officially advised of approval.