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DOGS Queensland Judges Regulations “HOW TO BECOME AN OBEDIENCE TRIAL JUDGE”

Current DOGS Queensland Judges Regulations are effective from 1st January 2022, and are reviewed annually. This means that the Scheme may be amended each January to reflect ANKC and DOGS Queensland Rules and Regulations. In all other instances the scheme commences at the completion of the Judges assessments for the previous year.

1. HOW TO BECOME AN OBEDIENCE TRIAL JUDGE

1.1. Application Procedure

All applications for Obedience must be made on the required application form, available on DOGS Queensland website, prior to 31st May each year and pay the scheduled fee.

1.1.1. To be eligible to enter the Obedience Trial Judges Program the applicant must:

- 1.1.1.1. Reside in Queensland and have been a member of the DOGS Queensland or a member of an ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory of prior residence for a total period of not less than five (5) years.
- 1.1.1.2. Have held a position at an affiliated Obedience club or similar for a period of two years
- 1.1.1.3. Be over eighteen (18) years of age.
- 1.1.1.4. Be eligible under the ANKC Overseas Judges rules and ANKC Obedience Judges Training Scheme
- 1.1.1.5. Complete the Application Form available on the Dogs Qld Website
- 1.1.1.6. Provide a letter of endorsement from their affiliated club.
- 1.1.1.7. Where a licensed Judge is applying to commence training at a higher class level the above criteria must be met.

1.2. General Conditions Applicable to all Applicants

- 1.2.1. All applicants are to fulfil the requirements of the Obedience Judges Training Program as determined by the DOGS Queensland Obedience Judge's Training Panel. Applicants will also be required to educate themselves by studying the Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials.
- 1.2.2. Each successful applicant will be required to complete the training for each class level being: Community Companion Dog (CCD), Companion Dog (CD), Companion Dog Excellent (CDX), Utility Dog (UD), Utility Dog Excellent (UDX). There will be an initial probationary period of six (6) months.
- 1.2.3. All eligibility requirements other than Stewarding/Judging MUST be fulfilled prior to close of application.
- 1.2.4. Applicants must have trained and handled a dog to a CDX title.
- 1.2.5. Eligibility requirements for Stewarding/Judging must be completed prior to the date set for the Written Assessment.
- 1.2.6. Non-attendance at required lectures will preclude application for a licence, unless a written apology acceptable to the General Manager of DOGS Queensland is received within seven (7) days of the relevant lecture.
- 1.2.7. With the exception of training and handling a dog, all prerequisites must be completed within twelve (12) months prior to the Written Examination.
- 1.2.8. The prerequisites for training and handling a dog have no specific time limitations.
- 1.2.9. Elevation examination will be available upon application and at the discretion and invitation of the DOGS Queensland Obedience Judges Training Panel.
- 1.2.10. The Applicant MUST provide evidence of having fulfilled the necessary criteria described in the Log Book.

1.2.11. All applicants must be approved by DOGS Queensland Board of Directors.

1.3. Community Companion Licence (CCD)

Holders of a Community Companion Licence will be licensed to judge the Community Companion Dog Class. Training and assessment for the Community Companion Licence will include the relevant ANKC and DOGS Queensland Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics and rules and exercises of CCD class. Self education is expected from the applicant at all times.

To be eligible to apply for a Community Companion licence the applicant must have:

- 1.3.1. Trained and handled a dog to at least the CDX title
- 1.3.2. Acted as Ring Steward in Queensland for at least five Community Companion Dog classes.
- 1.3.3. Completed all criteria and Practical Training for the Community Companion Dog within the designated time prior to the Written Examination.
- 1.3.4. Passed the Written Examination for the DOGS Queensland "Rules and Regulations"
- 1.3.5. Passed the Written Examination for Community Companion Dog Class
- 1.3.6. Passed the Practical Assessment for Community Companion Dog Class.
- 1.3.7. Approval from DOGS Queensland Board of Directors.

1.4. Novice Licence(CD)

Holders of a Novice Licence will be licensed to judge both the Community Companion Dog and Novice classes. Training and assessment for the Novice Licence will include the rules and exercises for Novice Class and the general obedience rules. Self education is expected from the applicant at all times.

To be eligible to apply for a Novice licence the applicant must have:

- 1.4.1. A current CCD Licence or have been accepted by Dogs Queensland as a licensed CCD Judge.
- 1.4.2. Trained and handled a dog to at least the CDX title.
- 1.4.3. Acted as Ring Steward in Queensland for at least three (3) Novice Classes at Obedience trials.
- 1.4.4. Judged a minimum of three (3) CCD classes at Sanctioned Obedience Trials and including at least 12 different dogs in total.
- 1.4.5. Completed Practical Training for the Companion Dog Class (CD) within 12 months prior to the Written Examination.
- 1.4.6. Passed the Written Examination for Novice Dog (CD) Class.
- 1.4.7. Passed the Practical Assessment for Novice Dog (CD) Class.
- 1.4.8. Approval from DOGS Queensland Board of Directors.

1.5. Open Licence (CDX)

To be eligible to apply for an Open Judges Licence the applicant must have:

- 1.5.1. A current CD licence.
- 1.5.2. Trained a dog to at least the CDX title
- 1.5.3. Judged a minimum of three (3) Novice Classes and including at least 12 different dogs in total.
- 1.5.4. Acted as Ring Steward in Queensland for at least three (3) Open Classes at Obedience Trials.
- 1.5.5. Completed the Practical Training for Open Class within twelve (12) prior to the Written Examination.
- 1.5.6. Passed the Written Examination for Open Class.
- 1.5.7. Passed the Practical Assessment for Open Class.
- 1.5.8. Approval from DOGS Queensland Board of Directors.

1.6. Utility Licence (UD)

To be eligible to apply for a Utility Judges Licence the applicant must have:

- 1.6.1. A current Open Licence.

- 1.6.2. Trained and handled a dog to a UD title or part thereof, or assisted in the training of a dog in UD exercises (statutory declaration/s provided)
- 1.6.3. Judged a minimum of three (3) Open Classes and including at least 12 different dogs in total.
- 1.6.4. Acted as Ring Steward in Queensland for at least six (6) Utility Classes at Obedience Trials.
- 1.6.5. Completed the Practical Training for the Utility Class.
- 1.6.6. Passed the Written Examination for Utility Class.
- 1.6.7. Passed the Practical Assessment for Utility Class
Approval from DOGS Queensland Board of Directors.

1.7. Utility Excellent Licence (UDX)

To be eligible to apply for a Utility Excellent Judges Licence, the applicant must have:

- 1.7.1. A current UD Licence
- 1.7.2. Judged a minimum of six(6) Utility Classes and including at least 12 different dogs in total.
- 1.7.3. Acted as a Ring Steward in Queensland for at least three (3) Utility Excellent Classes at Obedience Trials.
- 1.7.4. Completed the practical training for Utility Dog Excellent class prior to the written examination.
- 1.7.5. Passed the Written Examination for Utility Dog Excellent Class
- 1.7.6. Passed the Practical Assessment for Utility Dog Excellent Class.
Approval from DOGS Queensland Board of Directors.

1.8. Written Examination and Practical Assessments.

- 1.8.1. A minimum pass mark of 80% is required in the Written Examination
- 1.8.2. A pass in a Written Examination will remain valid until the adoption of the next ANKC Rule change for that discipline.
- 1.8.3. A person failing a Written Examination or Practical Assessment may request a review. Such request must be received in writing by DOGS Queensland within fourteen (14) days of notification of the result.
- 1.8.4. The Practical Assessment panel will consist of at least three (3) qualified Judges appointed by the Obedience Judges Training Panel.
- 1.8.5. A majority decision and endorsement by DOGS Queensland Board of Directors is required for a licence to be granted.
- 1.8.6. Professionalism, dress and demeanour will be taken into consideration during Practical Training and during Practical Assessment. (Refer ANKC Judges Dress Code.)
- 1.8.7. Successful Applicants will be formally advised by DOGS Queensland and their names will be included on the relevant Judges and Stewards listings.

1.9. Judges Dress Code

Neat coordinated attire is required when judging. Closed in shoes are mandatory. The following are not acceptable –jeans, track suits, thongs, sandals/runners, scuffs, bare feet. (*refer ANKC National Judges Training Scheme*)

1.10. Rule Changes

Following any Rule changes by the ANKC, all Judges must complete any examinations required, attend Lectures to explain/discuss such Rule changes. Non attendance will result in suspensions of licence until this requirement has been met.
(refer ANKC National Judges Training Scheme)

PLEASE NOTE: that the above regulations may change annually.

The DOGS Queensland Regulations are available on the DOGS Queensland website, or from the DOGS Queensland office on request. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that they are aware of the current DOGS Queensland regulations relating to their area of interest.

PLEASE NOTE:

All disciplines **MUST** be fully aware of the regulations in regard to aggressive dogs.

National Judge's Code of Practice and Conduct

Amended
October 2018

1. A Judge shall act with professional decorum at all times.
2. A Judge shall give every exhibit and exhibitor fair and equal opportunity in each and every class.
3. A Judge shall act in a polite manner whilst carrying out each judging assignment.
4. A Judge shall present himself/herself in attire that is acceptable, appropriate and comfortable for each judging assignment. Footwear appropriate to the discipline shall be worn. (10/18)
5. A Judge is required to be punctual in availability to fulfil their judging assignment.
6. If in the judging procedures an exhibit displays an obvious physical impediment or is unable to be handled or can be regarded as savage or vicious the exhibit should be excused from the competition, in accordance with the ANKC Ltd Member Body rules/regulations.
8. Should an exhibitor offer information to the Judge that may be regarded as designed to influence the Judge, the Judge shall excuse the exhibitor and their exhibit from competition and report the incident in accordance with the ANKC Ltd Member Body rules/regulations.
9. Should a Judge be approached to favour or disfavour a particular exhibit the matter is to be reported to the Administrator of the ANKC Ltd Member Body.
10. Should a Judge be approached with an inducement and/or bribe to advantage or disadvantage an exhibit the Judge is to report the matter in writing to the Administrator of the ANKC Ltd Member Body.
11. A Judge shall not solicit a judging appointment.
12. A Judge shall not solicit or seek entry of any particular dog or dogs.
14. A Judge shall complete all the requirements of the judging contract promptly. Any verbal acceptance of an assignment by a Judge shall be subject to the receipt of the contract within fourteen (14) days.
15. At the time of completing a contract the Judge shall inform the inviting body of any disability or limitation that could restrict carrying out in full the reasonable handling of all exhibits to be judged.
17. A Judge shall honour each contract and will not be free to accept an alternative contract that will effect his or her availability to fulfil the original contract except with the written dispensation of the contracting Club. **(05/98)**
18. Accommodation provided to the Judge to fulfil an assignment is for the Judge only except where prior mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body for variation.
19. A Judge shall be responsible for the cost of all personal telephone calls, alcoholic beverages and any personal laundering except where mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body at the time the contract is accepted.
20. A Judge who withdraws from any contracted appointment for any reason shall not be permitted to judge at any other canine event wherever held on any date that would prevent him/her from attending the originally contracted event, unless dispensation has been granted in accordance with Clause 17. **(05/98)**
21. Judges must not smoke nor drink alcohol in the ring.
22. Judges shall not criticise by act or word the work of other judges, nor offer criticism of any previously judged dog(s) to anyone including other officiating judges during the course of the show. Except for authorised ringside mentoring.

Competencies for judges:

- Satisfy the criteria according to guidelines for “How to become an ANKC Judge”
- Knowledge of ANKC rules for each discipline accurately demonstrated.
- Demonstrate knowledge of relevant DOGS Queensland Constitution, Rules, and Regulations.
- Assess the handler and dogs ability to work according to ANKC Rules

Judges' Lectures

Judges Lectures are delivered as advertised (on an annual basis) for each discipline, and are a compulsory part of the judges training scheme.

Obedience: There will be general lectures for Obedience, with tutorials for Community Companion Dog/ Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes. All lectures will be compulsory. Lecturers are nominated by the Obedience Judges Training Panel on the basis of experience in judging and general involvement in the discipline concerned.

Lectures are designed to cover:

- DOGS Queensland Regulations relevant to the discipline
- Requirements of the Judges Training Scheme
- ANKC Rules
- Judges responsibilities
- Planning and setting out of rings
- Instructions to stewards and other relevant people
- Practical judging procedures
- Obedience Rules

Lecturers may have prepared notes or handouts or refer to references to guide the aspiring judges. The DOGS Queensland office is able to provide copying facilities

Criteria for Distance Lectures and Elevation Examinations

1. All applications for Obedience Judges Training must be made on the required application form, available on Dogs Queensland website, prior to 31st May each year and pay the scheduled fee.
2. The Distance Applicant must reside in excess of 100 kilometres from the GPO, Brisbane.
3. Approvals will be subject to the availability of the co-ordinator/s of the particular area.
4. If the Obedience Judges Training Panel grants this approval, the applicant(s) will be responsible for attending the venue/s for the dates offered.
5. All Distant Applicants are required to apply for and complete assessment at the direction of the Obedience Judge's Training Panel. The assessment examination will be at a specified venue giving special consideration to availability of relevant dogs and handlers on the scheduled date for elevation. All costs incurred will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Training panel

Training panel members will be nominated by Obedience Judges Training Panel. For the structured training workshops each panel to be comprised of at least two members, one of which is from the Obedience Judges Training Panel.

Training panel members may act as stewards and have involvement in group discussions.

Assessment sheets will be available to each applicant, and it is their responsibility to supply their Log Books for use at all structured and unstructured workshops.

The Obedience Judges Training Panel has instituted Co-ordinators supported by mentors to assist in the training of Judges for Obedience.

Each trainee will have a mentor from the training panel chosen by mutual agreement. That mentor will be expected to take a special interest in that trainee, and take a major role in developing their skills. Mentors should be available for their trainees to offer advice and training. It is suggested that mentors provide trainees with a list of dates where they are contracted to judge and a list of dates where they will be available for training sessions. Trainees are in turn encouraged to make every attempt to attend trials where their mentor is judging so they can observe and ask questions as required. The mentor and the class leader should be the main source for advice.

Co-ordinators have been appointed to take a lead role in each of the obedience classes, e.g. CCD, CD, CDX, UD and UDX. The Co-ordinators will prepare written notes for their class and to lead the small group at the lectures, which would be held at the scheduled training periods each year. They are also encouraged to liaise with the mentors within their class to provide continuity of advice and to assist in general training.

For obedience there will be an interview at the beginning of training for all applicants. This will cover the training requirements for that year plus the glossary and regulations, which relate to all licences. The applicant will be required to sign a training contract.

The subsequent lectures will have a general component where the requirements for training will be reviewed, and then trainees will also complete practical training.

Training

Applicants must complete practical training over at least two dogs in each session, which will be spread over the structured and unstructured workshop programs.

Structured training

There will be training days provided by the Obedience Judges Training Panel.

All of these training days must be attended to meet the Judges training requirements.

Unstructured training (at trials)

Applicants are to attend training at unstructured workshops when directed. The workshops may be carried out at a time and venue organised between the training panel / co-ordinator / mentor and the trainee Judge.

If training is conducted within the precincts of a Trial it must not affect the completion of all judging (including the Presentations)

The purpose of the workshops is to provide as wide an experience as possible for the trainees. To ensure that the training is as educationally sound as possible, it is desirable that as many dogs as possible are involved in the training process. This is to allow for advice to be adsorbed and suggestions from a variety of sources to be incorporated in future judging procedures.

Procedure for all workshops

Obedience Judges Training Panel is to brief the trainees on the procedure for the session.

Where the applicant is entering the judging training scheme, trainer/s may run a dog through the individual exercises demonstrating their own ring procedures and explaining their rationale.

Applicants must complete practical training over as many dogs possible in total spread over the structured or unstructured workshop programs.

The Panel members will note and comment on the trainees:

- Manner, Dress, Demeanour
- Set out and checking of Ring
- Instructions to Stewards
- Ring Management, Positioning, Control of Ring
- Heeling Pattern
- Observation of faults
- Judging Technique
- Knowledge and Application of ANKC Rules

Trainees will note their points on a score sheet and discuss their scores with the panel after each exercise has been completed.

By mutual arrangement, discussion can be delayed until after completion of individual exercises. In any case discussion between exercises should be kept to a minimum, so that continuity of work and concentration can be maximised.

The training and assessment panel for 2022 is as follows:

Obedience Judges Training Panel members		Supplementary Panel members	
Name	Telephone	Name	Telephone
L Knauth			
B Murfet			
C Pethers			
W Doyle			
B Patterson			
L Schimke			
B Nobbs			
Training Panel members may appoint mentors be utilised at structured and unstructured workshops when available, to the level to which they hold an Obedience licence.			

The Obedience Judges Training Panel Co-ordinator is Mr L Knauth

Guidelines for Written Examinations

The written examination for the discipline of Obedience will be in **two** sections:

(a) Principal features for each exercise according to relevant class.

(b) General section

Each section will require a minimum pass mark of 80%

Criteria for Distance Written Examination

1. Distance Applicants will attend examinations at a nominated time and a nominated venue
2. Distance Applicant(s) must reside in excess of 100 kilometres from the GPO, Brisbane
3. The examination will be administered at an approved location.
4. Dogs Queensland must receive confirmation in writing and on letterhead, from the Co-ordinator of the trainee before examination papers are supplied
5. Applicant must apply to sit for examination after approval of their Co-ordinator.
6. Any distance examination is to be conducted concurrently with written examinations being conducted in Brisbane.
7. Papers will be marked and results collated and disseminated in a similar manner to central system.

PROCEDURE FOR JUDGE'S WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

- 1) Three Obedience Judges Training Panel members to be allocated to supervise the written examination (they will mark papers with other members). At least one Obedience Judges Training Panel member shall be in attendance at all times.
- 2) Two (2) other Obedience Judges Training Panel members to mark examination papers.
- 3) Papers will be marked independently and each marker will be unaware of the other results until after the papers are marked. When marking any papers, no notations (comments, etc) will be made by the marker on the applicant's paper.
- 4) It is preferable that the person who set the paper be one of the markers of that paper
- 5) A third independent Obedience Judges Training Panel member will be required to mark an examination paper that has a divided decision.
- 6) Other than is necessary to answer the questions, examination papers must not be marked in any other way (comments, ticks, crosses, etc) by the applicant.
- 7) When notified of their results, applicants will receive copies of their incorrect answers accompanied by the correct answers.
- 8) An oral examination may be required at the Obedience Judges Training Panels discretion.
- 9) Unsuccessful candidates may request a review of their written examination, subject to meeting the published criteria. Panel members should be available to attend review interviews on an "as required" basis. Outside of the interview process, the assessments and their results must not be discussed.

PROCEDURE FOR OBEDIENCE JUDGES PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT

The following instructions are provided for the information of Candidates, Stewards and Assessment Panel members. It is intended that all officials and candidates be provided with a copy of these instructions prior to the day of the Assessment.

The successful conduct and outcome of this assessment is largely dependent on compliance with the following:-

- It will be the responsibility of the appointed Judges Training Panel Co-ordinator to arrange the venue and stationery.
- It will be the responsibility of the applicant to supply at least 3 appropriate dogs and handlers for assessment. Suitably qualified dogs are necessary to enable all candidates to be properly and fairly assessed.
- Each ring will be free standing. ie. there will not be a common rope dividing any two rings.
- Panel members will comprise members of the Obedience Judges Training Panel and may include licensed judges appointed by the panel.
- The members of each panel, together with the stewards will be arranged by the Co-ordinator.
- Panel members will be chosen from the current Judges Training and Assessment Panel.
- The same panel will assess all candidates aspiring for a particular licence.
- Assessment times will be staggered if considered necessary.
- The stewards must be experienced for the class in which they will be required to assist, apart from their nominated duties, stewards must not become involved in the assessment proceedings.
- The assessment panel must not move around unnecessarily and shall be positioned so that they can independently assess each dog.
- While the necessity of brief discussion between the panel members for the purpose of clarification is understood, there must be no collaboration or unnecessary discussion between the panel prior to their scores being recorded.
- Each panel member's score must be entered on an Assessment Sheet immediately the exercise is completed, prior to interviewing the candidate. Should an alteration to the panel member's score be necessary because of circumstances unknown at the time of its recording, the amended score is to be initialled and the reasons for the alteration stated in the comments column.
- The candidate will record his/her points on an obedience score sheet, which must be signed.

Three dogs are usually sufficient to assess each candidate. This does not preclude additional dog/s being given to a candidate to score should circumstances warrant.

- At the completion of the assessments, the panel members shall not confer. Each panel member will individually make a recommendation as to whether the candidate has passed or failed. The Assessment Sheet is then completed and handed to the convenor.
- Alterations to assessment sheets must include time, date and signature.
- Candidates may not be advised officially of the outcome of the assessment on the day.
- The convenor is responsible to notify the Controlling Body of the results and the panels recommendations.
- The Member Body will promptly advise the candidates and all results must remain confidential until such time as all candidates have been notified.
- The necessity to question candidates with regard to the awarded score is appreciated.
- Panel members must understand that prolonged and intimidating questioning and particularly "what if" situations are inappropriate and must not be carried out under any circumstances.
- Stress on the candidate must be minimised, and the dog and handler should be able to complete the exercises without unnecessary delay.

Unsuccessful candidates may request a review of their practical assessment, subject to meeting the published criteria. Panel members should be available to attend review interviews on an "as required" basis. Outside of the interview process, the assessments and their results, must not be discussed by the Panel Members.

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT DATES

Lectures / Training Days

As advised

Practical Training

Obedience applicants must complete practical training over the period nominated by the panel or co-ordinator

Structured Workshops Obedience (*must be attended*)

As advised

Unstructured Workshops

These workshops may be organised by the Training Panel and or Co-ordinator utilising people from the nominated Panel. The workshops may be carried out at a time and venue organised between a training panel member and the applicant. The training may be carried out at an event such as a club competition or club training day. To maximise the desired educational experience, workshops may be completed over a period of time. In addition, advice from as many people as possible should be sought. At least two trainers should be involved in the unstructured workshop program, preferably more.

Assessment Dates and Venues:

Written Assessments: As directed by the Training Panel

Practical Obedience Assessment: As directed by the Training Panel (Refer Checklist)

Obedience Judges Training Panel reserves the right to offer additional dates for workshops and assessments where extenuating circumstances arise.

Mentors must be chosen by the Obedience Judges Training and Assessment Panel in consultation with both the Co-ordinators and the trainees.

MAINTAINANCE OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:

Refer to ANKC Regulations:
Committees 3C

ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST OBEDIENCE JUDGES COURSE

Name of Trainee Judge: _____ Date _____

The Trainee demonstrated that they are able to:	Yes	No
1. Fulfil the self education criteria set out by Judges Training Panel.		
2. Deliver the completed Log Book to the Panel.		
3. Arrive in time to assess the grounds and set the ring.		
3. Complete the theory exam with at least 80% pass.		
4. Give clear instructions to the stewards of their requirements.		
5. Give clear instructions to the competitors according to the rules.		
6. Position yourself to your best advantage without disturbing the competitor and their dog.		
7. Judge accurately demonstrating knowledge of the rules and the handler and dogs ability to work according to the rules.		
7. During judging, give everyone equal opportunity always keeping an eye on competitors.		
8. Give clear instructions to steward at the end of each exercise.		
9. Check between each run to ensure all obstacles are correct.		
10. Judge efficiently without wasting too much time and within four (4) points of the panel in each class.		

We (Assessors) _____ agree that _____
has completed this practical assessment successfully.