

DOGS VICTORIA

**JUDGES'
TRAINING
PROGRAM 2017**

**TRAINEE
MANUAL**

CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING

COMPLETE PROGRAM

Can anyone be a conformation dog judge? Becoming a dog judge requires more than just membership of the ANKC. People need experience with dogs. They need to breed and show; they need to understand the form and function of dog breeds; and they need to understand the structure of dogs and their mechanics.

People interested in dog conformation judging need to consider what is suitable for them. Are they interested in judging only their breed, or the many breeds in each group or each of the groups? Each of the various 7 groups of dogs, as classified in Australia, are sets of dogs with many similar functions and are often clearly differentiated in form and function. Moving beyond a person's own breed or group often requires a different mindset and new knowledge. Judging a Terrier is not the same as judging a Gundog. This needs to be understood.

Dog judging requires clear, consistent and efficient decision-making skills. Without knowledge and expertise this becomes very difficult. Dog judging requires those involved to listen to others, take constructive feedback, accept weaknesses and differences as well as recognising strengths. Successful judges and trainees are required to constantly attend to learning new knowledge, not running with the 'obvious', participating in shows and showing and constantly revising.

The Conformation Judges Training Program is a voluntary, self-learning program for training ANKC members, assisted by provision of breed lectures, seminars, general lectures, field days and practical judging. This requires attendance and participation to be effective. The program means more than just attendance. It also requires reading, talking, watching and observation, discussion and visits to kennels.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASPIRING AND TRAINEE JUDGES

1. Acquire and share knowledge – reading, searching, observing, questioning discussing and debating
2. Participate: in lectures, seminars, at dog shows
3. Be active: in practising judging, writing critiques, searching opinions and information about breeds, observing judging and dogs at shows, reading, discussing, listening, and providing and accepting feedback
4. Be a role model: be respectful and act in a sportsman-like manner at all times and in all situations.

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APPLICATION AND PROGRAM DATES 2017

ASPIRING & GROUP THEORY EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

Close at 4pm. on Friday 4th August, 2017

ROYAL MELB. SHOW TRAINEE CLASS APPLICATIONS

Close on Friday 1st September, 2017

ASPIRING, BREED & GROUP THEORY TEST

Aspiring and Groups 1, 2 and 3 – Tuesday 12th September, 2017

Groups 4, 5, 6 and 7 – Wednesday 13th September, 2017

ASPIRING, BREED & GROUP PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Close at 4pm. on Tuesday 3rd October, 2017

ASPIRING, BREED & GROUP PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS

Monday 20th November – Group 7 (Non-sporting)

Tuesday 21st November – Group 6 (Utility)

Wednesday 22nd November – Group 5 (Working Dogs)

Thursday 23rd November – Group 4 (Hounds)

Monday 27th November – Group 3 (Gundogs)

Tuesday 28th November – Group 2 (Terriers)

Wednesday 29th November – Group 1 (Toys)

ASPIRING PROGRAM 2018 APPLICATIONS

Close at 4pm on Friday 17th November, 2017

TRAINEE PROGRAM 2018 APPLICATIONS

Close on Friday 15th December, 2017

TRAINEE FORMS AND INFORMATION

The following forms are available to download and print from the official Dogs Victoria website;

www.dogsvictoria.org.au

- Lecture Attendance Record
- Critique Form
- Specialty Critique Form
- Judging Record
- Aspiring Theory Examination Application Form
- Group/Breed Theory Examination Application Form
- Aspiring Practical Assessment Application Form
- Group/Breed Practical Assessment Application Form

If you go to 'Judges and Officials' and then click on 'How to become a judge – Conformation' this will open the information page.

It is recommended that Aspirants and Trainees check this page on a regular basis as it is the best way to notify of changes and/or updates.

Enquiries to Group Leaders or the Chairperson are welcomed if Aspirants or Trainees require assistance with Regulation clarifications or any other facets of the Judges Training Program.

Aspirants and Trainees can access the ANKC Breed Standards and ANKC Breed Standard Extensions on the ANKC website by going to the 'Breeds' pages.

LECTURE DATES

Lectures commence at **7.30 sharp**. Trainees arriving later than 8pm, or consistently late, will not be credited with attendance.

ASPIRING LEARNING PROGRAM BULLA – 2017

All Aspiring Lectures to commence at 7.30pm

Co-ordinator: Mathew Morse

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ALL ASPIRING LECTURES ARE COMPULSORY

Tues 7th Feb	INTRODUCTION, ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITY
Tues 21st Feb	ANATOMY – Skeletal and Glossary of Terms
Tues 28th Feb	RULES AND REGULATIONS
Tues 7th Mar	REVISION
Tues 21st Mar	CONSTRUCTION FOR FUNCTION
Tues 28th Mar	GAIT & MOVEMENT
Tues 2nd May	INTERPRETING STANDARDS
Tues 9th May	CRITIQUING
Tues 23rd May	RINGCRAFT THEORY – USING THE RING
Tues 20th June	RINGCRAFT – EXAMINING DOGS ON TABLE
Tues 27th June	RINGCRAFT – EXAMINING DOGS ON GROUND
Tues 25th July	REVISION

All Licensed and Trainee judges are welcome to contact the co-ordinator and attend any of these lectures.

TOYS (GROUP 1)

All Toy lectures commence promptly at 7.30pm

Co-Ordinator : John Hutchison

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Thurs 2nd Feb	Introduction – Anatomy As It Relates To Toy Dogs
Thurs 9th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Chihuahuas, Papillons
Thurs 16th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Chinese Crested, Italian Greyhounds
Thurs 23rd Feb	Compulsory Theory – Miniature Pinschers, English Toy Terriers
Thurs 2nd March	Compulsory Practical – Chihuahuas, Papillons, Chinese Crested, Italian Greyhounds, Miniature Pinschers, English Toy Terriers
Thurs 9th March	Compulsory Theory – Havanese, Lowchens, Coton De Tulear
Thurs 16th March	Compulsory Theory – Maltese, Bichon Frise
Thurs 23rd March	Compulsory Theory – Griffon Bruxellois, Affenpinscher
Thurs 30th March	Compulsory Practical – Havanese, Lowchens, Maltese, Bichon Frise, Griffon Bruxellois, Affenpinscher, Coton De Tulear
Thurs 6th April	Compulsory Theory – Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, King Charles Spaniel
Thurs 11th May	Compulsory Theory – Pugs, Japanese Chins
Thurs 18th May	Compulsory Practical – Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, King Charles Spaniel, Pugs, Japanese Chins
Thurs 25th May	Compulsory Theory – Australian Silky Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers
Thurs 1st June	Compulsory Theory – Pomeranians, Russian Toy
Thurs 8th June	Compulsory Theory – Pekingese, Tibetan Spaniels
Thurs 15th June	Compulsory Practical – Australian Silky Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers, Pomeranians, Russian Toy, Pekingese, Tibetan Spaniels

REVISION NIGHTS TO BE ADVISED AT LECTURES

TERRIERS (Group 2)

All Terrier Lectures to commence at 7.30pm SHARP.

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Thurs 2nd Feb	Introduction – Terrier Talk
Thurs 9th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Fox Terrier (Smooth), Fox Terrier (Wire)
Thurs 16th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Airedale Terrier, Welsh Terrier
Thurs 23rd Feb	Compulsory – Lakeland Terrier, Irish Terrier
Thurs 2nd March	Compulsory Theory – Kerry Blue Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Thurs 9th March	Compulsory Practical – Fox Terrier (Smooth), Fox Terrier (Wire), Airedale Terrier, Welsh Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Thurs 16th March	Compulsory Theory – Australian Terrier, Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terrier
Thurs 23rd March	Compulsory Theory – Cairn Terrier, West Highland White Terrier
Thurs 30th March	Compulsory Practical – Australian Terrier, Norfolk Terrier, Norwich Terrier, Cairn Terrier, West Highland White Terrier
Thurs 6th April	Compulsory Theory – Border Terrier, German Hunting Terrier
Thurs 20th April	Compulsory Theory – Jack Russell Terrier, Parson Russell Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier
Thurs 27th April	Compulsory Practical – Border Terrier, German Hunting Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier, Parson Russell Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier
Thurs 4th May	Compulsory – Scottish Terrier, Sealyham Terrier, Skye Terrier
Thurs 11th May	Compulsory – Cesky Terrier, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Dandie Dinmont Terrier, American Hairless Terrier
Thurs 18th May	Compulsory – Bedlington Terrier, Manchester Terrier
Thurs 25th May	Compulsory Theory – Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier (Miniature)

- Thurs 1st June** Compulsory Theory – American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- 10th, 11th, 12th June** Terrier Shows Field Days
- Thurs 15th June** Compulsory Practical – Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier (Miniature), American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Revisions to be advised after consultation with Trainees

GUNDOGS (GROUP 3)

All Gundog Lectures to commence at 7.30pm SHARP.

Co-ordinator: Stephanie Rickard
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- Wed 1st Feb** Introduction. It is strongly advised that in order to gain the most benefit from the program, Trainees attend this lecture.
- Wed 8th Feb** Compulsory Theory – Cocker Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel (American)
- Wed 15th Feb** Compulsory Theory – English Springer Spaniel, Welsh Springer Spaniel
- Wed 22nd Feb** Compulsory Theory – Field Spaniel, Irish Water Spaniel
- Wed 1st March** Compulsory Theory – Clumber Spaniel, Sussex Spaniel
- Wed 8th March** Compulsory Practical – Cocker Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel American, English Springer Spaniel, Welsh Springer Spaniel, Clumber Spaniel, Sussex Spaniel, Field Spaniel and Irish Water Spaniel
- Wed 15th March** Compulsory Theory – Irish Setter, Irish Red & White Setter
- Wed 22nd March** Compulsory Theory – English Setter, Gordon Setter
- Wed 29th March** Compulsory Theory – Pointer
- Wed 5th April** Compulsory Practical – Irish and Irish Red & White Setter, English and Gordon Setter, Pointer
- Wed 19th April** Compulsory Theory – Bracco Italiano, Italian Spinone

Wed 26th April	Compulsory Theory – German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Large Munsterlander
Wed 3rd May	Compulsory Theory – Weimaraner, Weimaraner LH,
Wed 10th May	Hungarian Vizsla, Hungarian Vizsla WH Brittany,
Wed 17th May	Compulsory Practical – Brittany, Bracco Italiano, Italian Spinone, German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Hungarian Vizsla, Hungarian Vizsla WH, Weimaraner, Weimaraner LH, Large Munsterlander
Wed 31st May	Compulsory Theory – Labrador Retriever
Wed 7th June	Compulsory Theory – Flat Coated Retriever, Golden Retriever
Wed 14th June	Compulsory Theory – Curly Coated Retriever, Chesapeake Bay Retriever,
Wed. 21st June	Compulsory Theory – Lagotto Romagnolo, Nova Scotian Duck Tolling Retriever
Wed 28th June	Compulsory Practical – Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, Curly Coated Retriever, Flat Coated Retriever, Lagotto Romagnolo, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Nova Scotian Duck Tolling Retriever

Revision dates will be decided in conjunction with the Trainees

HOUNDS (GROUP 4)

All Hound Lectures to commence at 7.30pm SHARP.

Co-ordinator: Judith Oliver
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Wed 1st Feb	Introduction.
Wed 8th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Greyhounds, Whippets
Wed 15th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Afghan Hounds, Saluki
Wed 22nd Feb	Compulsory Practical – Afghan, Saluki, Greyhound, Whippet

Wed 1st March	Compulsory Theory – Borzoi, Azawakh, Compulsory – Sloughi
Wed 8th March	Compulsory Theory – Deerhounds, Irish Wolfhounds
Wed 15th March	Compulsory Practical – Borzoi, Azawakh, Deerhound, Irish Wolfhound
Wed 22nd March	Compulsory Theory – All Dachshunds
Wed 29th March	Compulsory Practical – All Dachshunds)
Wed 5th April	Compulsory – Peruvian Hairless, Podengos
Wed 19th April	Compulsory Theory – Basset Hounds, Bloodhounds, Compulsory – Otterhounds
Wed 26th April	Compulsory Theory – GBGV, PBGV, Basset Fauve de Bretagne
Wed 3rd May	Compulsory Practical – Basset, Bloodhound, GBGV, PBGV
Wed 10th May	Compulsory Theory – Beagles, Harriers, Foxhounds
Wed 17th May	Compulsory Theory – Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Pharaohs, Compulsory – Ibizan Hounds
Wed 31st May	Compulsory Practical – Beagles, Harriers, Foxhounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Pharaoh Hounds
Wed 7th June	Compulsory Theory – Basenji, Finnish Spitz, Norwegian Elkhound
Wed 14th June	Compulsory Practical – Basenji, Finnish Spitz, Norwegian Elkhounds
Wed 21st June	Compulsory – Coonhounds, Hamiltonstovare.

WORKING DOGS (GROUP 5)

All Working Lectures to commence at 7.30pm SHARP.

Co-ordinator: Jill Hocking

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Tues 7th Feb	Introduction
Tues 14th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Welsh Corgi (Pembroke,) Welsh Corgi (Cardigan), Swedish Vallhund,
Tues 21st Feb	Compulsory Theory – Bouvier Des Flandres, Australian Cattle Dog, Australian Kelpie, Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
Tues 28th Feb	Compulsory Theory – Puli, Komondor, Bergamasco Shepherd, Pyrenean Sheepdog (Longhaired)
Tues 7th March	Compulsory Practical – Welsh Corgi (Pembroke) Welsh Corgi (Cardigan) Swedish Vallhund, Puli, Australian Cattle Dog, Australian Kelpie, Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog, Bouvier Des Flandres, Komondor, Bergamasco Shepherd, Pyrenean Sheepdog (Longhaired)
Tues 14th March	Compulsory Theory – German Shepherd Dog, German Shepherd Dog (Long Stock Coat), Briard, White Swiss Shepherd, Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groendael, Turveuren, Malinois, Lakenois)
Tues 21st March	Compulsory – Kuvasz, Dutch Shepherd, Tatra Shepherd , Pumi, Maremma Sheepdog
Tues 28th March	Compulsory Practical – German Shepherd Dog, German Shepherd Dog (Long Stock Coat)
Tues 1st April	Compulsory Practical – White Swiss Shepherd, Belgian Shepherd Dog (all varieties), Briard,
Tues 2nd May	Compulsory Theory – Australian Shepherd, Border Collie
Tues 9th May	Compulsory Theory – Collie (Rough), Collie (Smooth), Shetland Sheepdog,
Tues 16th May	Compulsory Theory – Old English Sheepdog, Bearded Collie, Finnish Lapphund, Swedish Lapphund, Norwegian Buhund, Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Tues 23rd May	Compulsory Practical – Old English Sheepdog, Bearded Collie, Finnish & Swedish Lapphund, Norwegian Buhund, Polish Lowland Sheepdog

Tues 30th May Compulsory Practical – Australian Shepherd, Border Collie, Collie (Rough), Collie (Smooth), Shetland Sheepdog

Tues 5th Sept Theory Revision

FIELD DAYS TO BE ADVISED

TRAINEE SWEEPSTAKES TO BE HELD AT SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ACCORDING TO TRAINEE/DOGS AVAILABILITY. TRAINEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING CLASSES OF DOGS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GROUP 5 COORDINATOR.

UTILITY (GROUP 6)

All Utility Lectures to commence at 7.30pm SHARP.

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Tues 7th Feb Introduction

Tues 14th Feb Compulsory Theory – Dobermann, German Pinscher

Tues 21st Feb Compulsory Theory – Schnauzer (All varieties), Russian Black Terriers

Tues 28th Feb Compulsory Practical – Dobermann, German Pinscher, Schnauzer (All varieties), Russian Black Terriers

Tues 7th March Compulsory Theory – Rottweiler, Neapolitan Mastiff

Tues 14th March Compulsory Theory – Bullmastiff, Mastiff

Tues 21st March Compulsory Practical – Rottweiler, Neapolitan Mastiff, Bullmastiff, Mastiff

Tues 28th March Compulsory Theory – Boxer, Cane Corso, Dogue De Bordeaux

Tues 4th April Compulsory Theory – Tibetan Mastiff
Compulsory – Pyrenean Mastiff, Spanish Mastiff

- Tues 11th April** Compulsory – Practical – Boxer, Cane Corso, Dogue De Bordeaux, Tibetan Mastiff
- Tues 2nd May** Compulsory Theory – Central Asian Shepherd Dog, Anatolian Shepherd Dog
Compulsory – Estrela Mountain Dog
- Tues 9th May** Compulsory Theory – St Bernard, Leonberger, Pyrenean Mountain Dog
- Tues 16th May** Compulsory Theory – Newfoundland, Portuguese Water Dog
- Tues 23rd May** Compulsory Practical – Central Asian Shepherd Dog, Anatolian Shepherd Dog, Pyrenean Mountain Dog, St Bernard, Leonberger, Newfoundland, Portuguese Water Dog
- Tues 30th May** Compulsory Theory – Alaskan Malamute
Compulsory – Canadian Eskimo Dog
- Tues 6th June** Compulsory Theory – Samoyed, Siberian Husky
- Tues 20th June** Compulsory Theory – Akita, Shiba Inu
Compulsory – Akita (Japanese)
- Tues 27th June** Compulsory Practical – Alaskan Malamute, Samoyed, Siberian Husky, Akita, Shiba Inu
- Sunday 30th July** Field day Utility Championship Show at KCC Park

Revision nights to be added after consultation with Trainees

NON SPORTING (GROUP 7)

All Non Sporting Lectures to commence at 7.30pm SHARP.

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Wed 1st Feb Introduction – it is strongly recommended that in order to gain the most benefit from the program, Trainees attend this night

Wed 8th Feb	Compulsory Theory: Dalmatian and Great Dane
Wed 15th Feb	Compulsory Practical Night: Dalmatian and Great Dane
Wed 22nd Feb	Compulsory Theory: Chow Chow and Sharpei
Wed 1st March	Compulsory Practical Night: Chow Chow and Sharpei
Wed 8th March	Compulsory Theory: German Spitz (Mittel and Klein), Japanese Spitz
Wed 15th March	Compulsory Theory: Keeshond and Schipperke
Wed 22nd March	Compulsory Practical Night: German Spitz (Mittel and Klein), Japanese Spitz, Keeshond and Schipperke
Wed 29th March	Compulsory - Eurasier, Canaan Dog, Xoloitzcuintle
Wed 19th April	Compulsory Theory: British Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, and French Bulldogs
Wed 26th April	Compulsory Practical Night: British Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, and French Bulldogs
Wed 3rd May	Compulsory Theory: Poodle (All Varieties)
Wed 10th May	Compulsory Practical Night: Poodle (All Varieties)
Wed 17th May	Compulsory Theory: Tibetan Terrier, Shih Tzu and Lhasa Apso
Wed 31st May	Compulsory Practical Night: Tibetan Terrier, Shih Tzu and Lhasa Apso
Wed 7th June	Revision One
Wed 14 June	Revision Two

FIELD DAYS TO BE ADVISED AT LECTURES

DOGS VICTORIA

CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM REGULATIONS

This Program is designed to assist members of an ANKC Member Body to become Championship Show Judges by graduating through specific stages of training applicable to Aspiring Judge, Trainee Judge, and Championship Show Judge and ultimately, Championship Show Judge.

Clarifications/explanations are displayed in

BLUE BOXES

Changes to the Regulations are displayed in

RED BOXES

1. TERMINOLOGY

1.1 Member Body The relevant authority in each State or Territory.

1.2 ANKC Australian National Kennel Council Ltd

1.3 CJTC The Member Body's Conformation Judges Training Committee

1.4 Judges Education Program A Training Program for Conformation Judges conducted by the Member Body in accordance with the current ANKC Regulations and Member Body's Supplementary Regulations at the time of the commencement of the Program. **(Added 10/11)**

1.5 Enrolment Form A form approved by the Member Body to be completed by the Aspiring and/or Trainee Judge which clearly indicates the date and time that the enrolment form is to be in the hands of the Member Body as well as the applicable enrolment fee.

1.6 Aspiring Judge A person accepted into the Judges Education Program, for their 1st Group or single breed, but not yet qualified to judge the relevant Breeds or Groups at any fixture.

1.7 Trainee Judge A person having fulfilled the Aspiring Judge's syllabus and passed the relevant examinations is qualified to enter the Trainee Judge's phase of the Education Program.

1.8 ANKC Championship Show Judge A person who has successfully completed the required Trainee Judge Theory and Practical Examinations **and**, is qualified to apply to be elevated to ANKC status whereby they may then judge individual breeds and/or one or more Groups for which they are qualified at Championship Shows conducted anywhere in Australia and Overseas. **(Amended 10/12 - 7.4.1)**

1.9 Accredited Assessor A person licensed as a Judge by ANKC who complies with Section 8 of these Regulations.

1.10 Mentor An ANKC Championship Show Judge who has completed the ANKC Assessor Accreditation Program as outlined in Section 8.1 of these regulations.

1.11 Learning modules Refer 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3 6.1.4 and 6.1.5

1.12 Clerk of Examinations A person approved by the Member Body to oversee all aspects of the Practical Examinations. **(Amended 10/09, 7.1)**

1.13 Distant Trainee Trainee Judges who are considered by a Member Body CJTC to reside a distance from the normal venue for lectures and theory examinations, that would pose a travelling risk, may apply to study through “Distance Training”. **(Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

2. METHOD OF EDUCATION

2.1 Self Education Trainee Judges will be required to educate themselves to examination standards by studying Breed Standards, ANKC Ltd approved Breed Standard Extensions, the ANKC Ltd Glossary of Canine Terms and other appropriate material, researching breeds and presenting their findings, attending appropriate Lectures, Seminars and Field Events as arranged by the Member Body CJC, writing critiques, visiting kennels, discussing breeds with breeders and exhibitors, attending Group and Breed Championship Shows, thereby acquiring as wide and as sound a knowledge as possible of the breed, or breeds in the relevant Group. Education and Examinations will incorporate the principles of Competency Based Training and accreditation of Assessors.

(a) The competencies, which Trainees will be expected to achieve through the program are:

- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the Breed Standards.
- Ability to identify characteristics in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to recognise soundness in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to use Breed specific language and apply it correctly in their description of the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to approach and examine the exhibits correctly and appropriately for the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to place the better dogs at the front of the class in the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Demonstrate control, organisation and effective use of the judging ring.
- Demonstrate an ability to make decisions in an effective way and in an efficient time frame.
- Demonstrate a practical knowledge of stewarding.
- Demonstrate an ability to understand and apply the Regulations relevant to dog judging. **(Amended 10/09, 7.2)**

2.2 State Controlling Body Contribution. Each Member Body shall assist by providing Lectures, Field Events, equipment, teaching aids and examinations.

2.3 Record Keeping. Trainee Judges shall maintain their own records and submit signed originals of the applicable records when applying for an Examination.

3. TEACHING AIDS AND MATERIALS

- 3.1 **Rules and Regulations.** As authorized by the ANKC Ltd Regulations and the Member Body Rules & Regulations.
- 3.2 **Anatomy.** The publication/s approved by the ANKC Ltd shall be the references for Anatomy.
- 3.3 **Canine Terms.** The Glossary of Terms as published by the ANKC Ltd.
- 3.4 **Breed Standards** as approved by the ANKC Ltd.
- 3.5 **Extensions to Breed Standards** as approved by the ANKC Ltd, where available must form the basis of all lectures.
- 3.6 Any other material as authorized by the ANKC Ltd from time to time.

4. **ASPIRING JUDGE ENTRANCE PROGRAM (1ST GROUP or Single Breed)**

- 4.1 To enter the Program as an Aspiring Judge, a member must fulfil the following criteria:
 - 4.1.1 be 18 years of age or over;
 - 4.1.2 Have been a member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.
 - 4.1.3 Have bred at least three (3) litters under their own or shared Prefix.
 - 4.1.4 Have bred at least two (2) champions under their own or shared Prefix.
 - 4.1.5 The application shall be for the Group or Breed in which the requirements of 4.1.1.3 and 4.1.1.4 above have been met or partially met. **(Amended 10/12 – 7.4.1)**
 - 4.1.6 **(a)** Where a Member Body requires formal training to become a Steward, a Member must successfully complete that training in the two (2) years prior to applying to become an Aspiring Judge and continue with that training whilst in the Aspiring Judge program.
(b) In any State where no formal training is offered an Aspiring Judge must officiate as a ring steward on no less than six (6) occasions of which three (3) must be full groups.
 - 4.1.7 In the previous two years prior to enrolling, have successfully completed and have demonstrated a history of ongoing commitment to dog showing through the various aspect of the sport such as Show Management and other aspects of Affiliate and Show Administration. This commitment is to continue for the duration of training.
 - 4.1.8 the application must include evidence of the criteria and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- 4.2 **Aspiring Judge Entrance Program (German Shepherd Dog as approved by GSDCA)**
 - 4.2.1 To enrol in the Program as an Aspiring Judge for the Single Breed of German Shepherd Dog, a member must fulfil the following criteria:
 - 4.2.1.1 be 18 years of age or over;

- 4.2.1.2 Have been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.
- 4.2.1.3 Have bred at least five (5) litters under their own or shared Prefix.
- 4.2.1.4 Have bred at least five (5) animals under their own or shared Prefix that have received the GSDCA grading of Excellent in the conformation ring.
- 4.2.1.5 Have acted as a Steward on at least three (3) occasions at GSDCA Specialist and or 'All Breeds' or 'Group' judged events. **(Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)**
- 4.2.1.6 The applicant will provide a supporting statement from their Club/s of domicile. This should include details of their involvement in their GSDCA Member Club. The information that must be detailed and confirmed by the Club will be but is not limited to:
1. Current financial member of a Member Body and GSDCA Member Club.
 2. Years of membership of club and Member Body.
 3. History of involvement both current and past in Club i.e. ALL positions held including length of time served in that position. The supporting statement shall accompany the application form. **(Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)**
- 4.2.1.7 Complete and submit the approved enrolment form which must include evidence of the criteria of 4.2.1.1 – 4.2.1.6 above and be accompanied by the prescribed fee. A copy of this enrolment form and supporting evidence should be forwarded to the GSDCA by the applicant. **(Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

All the criteria must be completed BEFORE applying. This includes Stewarding appointments.

5. ASPIRING JUDGE TRAINING PROGRAM

- 5.1 Once approved to enter the Program, the applicant must:
- 5.1.1 Attend all lectures and pass the Theory Examination on Rules & Regulations, Anatomy, Glossary of Terms, Judging Procedure and Show Management.
- 5.1.2 The Member Body shall have the option of including a practical examination which may be on the Aspiring Judges primary breed. The examination shall comprise one (1) class, consisting of a minimum of five (5) dogs of either sex and over the age of six (6) months.
- 5.1.3 Pay the applicable fees.
- 5.2 Successful completion of the training will qualify the Aspiring Judge to apply, with the appropriate fee, for the Group Entrance Theory Examination on Breeds in the Group for which they are training.
- 5.3 A pass in the Group Entrance Theory Examination will enable the Aspiring Judge to apply to enter the Trainee Judge Program.
- 5.4 There shall be only one (1) Theory Examination per calendar year for Aspiring Judges.
- 5.5 There shall be only one (1) Practical Examination per calendar year for Aspiring Judges.

An Aspiring Judge is NOT permitted to Judge at ANY fixture until the successful completion of the Group Entrance Examination

6. TRAINEE JUDGE PROGRAM (1ST AND SUBSEQUENT GROUPS)

- 6.1 A Trainee Judge acknowledges, upon submitting a signed enrolment form to their Member Body to enrol into a new Judges Education Program, that upon approval of their application by their Member Body they are governed by the current ANKC Ltd Regulations and their Member Body's Supplementary Regulations operational at the time of their enrolment. **(Amended 10/11)**
- (a) To qualify for a Group Theory Examination in their first and subsequent Groups the Trainee Judge must have completed and met all of the requirements of Module 1 below and have submitted an enrolment form. **(Amended 10/10)**
- (b) To qualify for a Group Practical Examination in their first and subsequent Groups the Trainee Judge must pass a Group Theory Examination, completed the following Modules **2 and 3** and have submitted an enrolment form. **(Amended 10/10)**
- (c) A Trainee Judge can only train for one (1) group initially. After passing their Initial group, a Trainee judge can train for no more than three (3) groups at any one time may only undertake one (1) Practical examination per year. **(Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**
- (d) A Trainee shall not be permitted to attempt more than (1) Theory examination per group in any Judges Education Program. **(Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

A Group Theory Examination cannot be undertaken before the completion of the lecture module.

6.1.1 **MODULE 1. BREED LECTURES / FIELD EVENTS / SEMINARS**

With the exception of Distance Trainee Judges, Trainee judges must attend a lecture on every breed in the Group at least once within in the previous 2 years before applying for a Theory Examination. Trainee Judges are encouraged to attend any other Field Days and Seminars arranged by the Member Body. **(Amended EAP 05/10, 10/10)** The breed lecture series is to be run by the controlling body over a **minimum** 12 months period with a lecture for every breed in the group to be presented over that time.

- (a) A Trainee Judge must be present for and participate in the entire lecture in order to be credited with attendance.
- (b) Should a Trainee judge miss any Breed Lecture, they must within 14 days, of the lecture, submit to the Member Body, a minimum one

thousand (1,000) word essay on the Breeds dealt with in the missed lectures. Essays on a maximum of 25% of the breeds within the Group may be submitted over the period of the lecture series for missed lectures. **(Amended 10/10)**

(c) In the event that a lecture for a particular breed is not offered, a written essay of a minimum one thousand word (1,000) word essay on that breed will be required by the end of the Lecture Series. **(Amended 10/10)**

(d) Essays are to contain a history and description of the breed, its purpose and all relevant requirements contained in the Breed Standard and are to be illustrated with drawings/pictures.

All essays are subject to approval of the CJTC as conforming with the conditions of this clause and achieving the required level of competency.

(e) Failure to submit the essays, in accordance with 6.1.1 (b), (c) and (d), will render the Trainee ineligible to sit the Group Theory Examination in the current Training Program. **(Amended 10/10)**

If a lecture is listed as 'Compulsory' it must be completed prior to applying for a Group Theory Examination.

A Trainee Judge must be present for and participate in the entire lecture in order to be credited with attendance.

A Trainee Judge may complete and submit an essay with the Dogs Victoria office within 14 days of any missed lecture.

It is recommended that Trainees continue to attend lectures, after qualifications have been met, to ensure continuing education and maintaining currency of knowledge.

6.1.2 MODULE 2. PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Judge a minimum of fifty (50) dogs and additionally examine and critique a minimum fifty dogs (50) from the relevant Group. The breeds covered must be from, as wide a range as possible, but will include at least five (5) 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 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)**

A Trainee must judge at least 50 dogs at Open Shows, Members Competitions or approved Trainee Classes.

DOGS EXAMINED AT LECTURES WILL NOT COUNT.

A Trainee Judge must EXAMINE and critique (in writing on the current official forms), a FURTHER 50 dogs. These critiques must be dated, completed and signed, on the day, by a licensed Judge who has also examined the dogs and discussed the critiques with the Trainee.

The Licensed Judge MUST NOT be an immediate family member or reside in the same household.

The 50 critiques must be signed by a minimum of 3 DIFFERENT Licensed Judges with a maximum of 20 critiques signed by an

6.1.3 MODULE 3 BREED SPECIALTY SHOW

Trainee Judges are to attend a minimum of one (1) Breed Specialty Show for the Group or other numbers as set by the Member Body. A written critique on five (5) dogs examined at each event is to be submitted to the Member Body. The critique is to be countersigned by a licensed judge for that group present on the day.

(Amended EM#076 - 02/14)

Trainees in remote areas are to submit to the member Body photos of five (5) dogs of five (5) specified breeds in the group accompanied by critiques on each of the dogs. These may be obtained from the Internet. Mentors will be appointed (where possible) to countersign the critiques for the Trainees.

6.1.4 Failure to complete any components of Modules 2 & 3, i.e. judge fifty (50) dogs and submission of the required number of critiques dated during the program for which the Trainee is enrolled will render the Trainee ineligible for a Practical examination. **(Amended 10/10, 10/12 - 7.4.1)**

A Trainee must attend at least one Breed Specialty Championship Show (NOT Semi Specialties and Group Shows) and EXAMINE and critique (in writing on the official forms) a minimum of 5 dogs. These critiques must be dated, completed and signed, on the day, by a licensed Judge who has also examined the dogs and discussed the critiques with the Trainee.

These are IN ADDITION to the fifty critiques in Module 2.

THESE CRITIQUES ARE TO BE ATTACHED TO THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION FORM

A Trainee Judge must complete ALL the Modules to be granted a Practical Examination.

Module 1 Attendance Record must be attached to the Group Theory Examination Application Form.

Module 2 AND 3 (Judging Record and 50 Critiques PLUS 5 Specialty critiques must be attached to the Practical Examination Application Form

6.1.5 Trainee Judges who are considered by a Member Body CJTC to reside a distance from the normal venue for lectures and theory examinations, that would pose a travelling risk, may apply to study through "Distance Training". This would involve a minimum 1,000 word essay, as set out in 6.1.1, as a substitute for any lecture not attended, and completion of Modules 2 and 3. In addition, to obtain hands on experience Distant Trainee Judges must attend, each year, at least one (1) Field Day organised by the Group Leaders or judge two (2) Open Shows

A Trainee Judge who resides more than 100 kilometres from the Lecture venue can apply to the CJC for Distance Education.

7. SINGLE BREED TRAINING PROGRAM

7.1 To enrol in the Single Breed Training Program, an Aspiring Judge must:

7.1.1 Comply with Regulation 5.1.1.

7.1.2 Submit a minimum of a one thousand (1,000) word illustrated essay on the relevant breed which is to contain a history and description of the breed, its purpose and all relevant requirements contained in the Breed Standard and attend the breed lecture offered in the Training Program at the time of applying for the Theory Examination.

The essay is subject to approval of the CJTC as conforming with the conditions of this clause and achieving the required level of competency.
(Amended 10/10)

Where conducted, attend, (at the discretion of the Member Body) the breed club's Open and Championship Show, the Group club's Open and Championship Show and the breed judging at an approved major Show. i.e.: Royal Show or the major Non Royal Show in each State.

7.1.3 To qualify for a Single Breed Theory Examination the Trainee Judge must have completed and met the requirements of 7.1.2 above and have submitted an enrolment form.

7.1.4 To qualify for a Single Breed Practical Examination the Trainee Judge must have attained a pass in the Single Breed Theory Examination and have submitted an enrolment form.

7.2 Unless otherwise determined, at the discretion of the Member Body, a practical examination for a single breed license shall consist of one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) bitches over the age of six (6) months, and the Trainee Judge will be required to place the classes and select a Best of Breed and a Runner Up to Best of Breed. The Trainee must not be examined on dogs they own or co-own.

7.3 Upon passing the Single Breed Practical Examination, the Trainee Judge shall be listed as an ANKC Championship Show Judge for that breed.

7.4 Where a Trainee Judge fails a Single Breed Practical Examination, that person shall not be required to obtain additional practical experience to be eligible for another examination the following year, providing he/she submits an enrolment form and the examination is for the breed on which the applicant previously failed.

- 7.5 A Trainee Judge may only undertake one (1) Single Breed Practical Examination per calendar year. **(Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**
- 7.6 A Trainee shall not be permitted to attempt more than (1) Theory examination per group in any Judges Education Program. **(Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

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 Hold a Certificate of Approval issued under the ANKC Accreditation Program stating that the Assessor has completed the competency training.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Have judged the Group or Breed being used in the examination on at least three (3) occasions.

9. **THEORY EXAMINATIONS**

- 9.1 With the Exception of Single Breed Theory Examination, all theory examinations shall consist only of “short answer” and/or “multi choice question. Except for multi choice questions examinations where one (1) examiner is required, there shall be at least two (2) examiners appointed to separately mark the papers, without conferring. The results shall be separately forwarded to the Chairperson of the Member Body CJTC. In the case of a split decision (equal pass and fail) an additional examiner shall mark the papers and that mark shall decide the result.

All theory examinations shall require a 75% pass mark. The ANKC Breed Standards, ANKC Glossary of Canine Terms and any other references authorised by the ANKC shall be the only basis for the theory examinations for elevation to Championship status. **(Amended 10/07 - 7.4)**

- 9.2 A Trainee Judge who has failed a theory examination (other than multi choice) may request a remark of their paper. Such requests are to be in writing within 14 days of advice of the result of the paper. Two (2) Examiners appointed by the Chairman of the Member Body CJTC to separately remark the paper. The Examiners shall not be the original markers of the paper concerned.
- 9.3 Should a Trainee Judge not attain a pass in the Group Theory Examination, to progress, they will be required to enrol in the next available or other future Judges Education Program.

- 9.4** A Trainee Judge must sit the Theory Examination within 3 years. They must also pass within five (5) attempts. If either of the previous criteria is not met or achieved then they may not re-sit that examination for a period of two (2) years. **(Amended 10/12 - 7.4.10)**
- 9.5** Theory Examinations are only to be set by an accredited Assessor nominated by the Member Body CJTC.
- 9.6** Should a Candidate provide proof, to the satisfaction of the Clerk of Examinations that they will be overseas or were incapacitated on the date of a scheduled Theory Examination they may be permitted to apply for and complete one of the following: that is a Pre or Post Examination. **(Amended 10/10, 10/12 – 7.4.11)**
- 9.7** Should a Trainee provide proof, to the satisfaction of the Member Body that they will be Interstate on the date of the theory examination they be permitted to sit the theory examination in that State on the same date and time as the scheduled theory examination. This is to be organised between the relevant State Member Bodies with the initial request being from the Trainee’s State Member Body.
- 9.8** All Theory Examinations, once passed, are held for life.

10. PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

- 10.1** Practical Examinations must be undertaken at a venue nominated by the Member Body CJTC and be supervised by the Clerk of Examinations.
- 10.2** There shall be no more than one (1) Practical Examination per Group per calendar year apart from any new examination conducted as a consequence of 10.9(b) or other relevant Member Body Regulation. Trainees may not undertake a Practical Examination for more than one (1) Group per year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there is no obligation on a Member Body to conduct a Practical Examination for any Group in every calendar year. **(Amended 10/09 - 7.4) (Amended 10/14, 7.4.3)**
- 10.3** The examination shall be conducted on two (2) classes, each class of a different breed and consisting of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and a third mixed class of five (5) different breeds over the age of six (6) months, excluding the two (2) breeds previously used.
- 10.4** A dog owned or co-owned by a member of an Examination Panel shall not be used in an examination class in which that Examiner is participating.
- 10.5** Three (3) Assessors shall be appointed as a Panel for each class in a Practical Examinations. They must not be a Trainee Judge in the current

training scheme. After the commencement of the Examination they shall not confer, on the merits or otherwise, of the dogs presented for examination. Assessors are required to mark the placings of all dogs in a class from first to last on the prescribed form. Trainee Judges are to be encouraged not to spend more than two (2) minutes on each dog.

- 10.6** The Trainee Judge shall place the exhibits in order of merit, record the placings and will be required to answer questions on the class.
- 10.7** To gain a pass in a class, the Trainee Judge must be passed by at least two of the Assessors. It is not necessary for the Trainee Judge's and Assessors' placings to be the same, but Assessors must consider all aspects of the Trainee Judge's reasons for the placings, and whether the Trainee Judge has the better dogs at the front of the class and the poorer at the back. The Examiner must make his/her own independent assessment of Pass or Fail.
- 10.8** To be granted an overall pass, the Trainee Judge must pass the two (2) Breed Classes and the one (1) Group Class.
- 10.9** The results of Practical Examinations shall be collated by the Clerk of Examinations. Trainee Judges will be notified of their results by the Administration of the Member Body as soon as possible after the expiration of the appeal period. Examiners shall not divulge their individual assessment of a Trainee Judge prior to the results being distributed. Results shall not be given at the time of the Practical Examination. **(Amended 10/12 - 7.4.1)**
- (a) In the case of a failed result, should the Clerk of Examinations have any concerns in regard to the inappropriateness of the Practical Examination paperwork, the concerns will be reported to the next available ANKC Member Body's Management/Board meeting.
- (b) Should the ANKC Member Body's Management/Board concur with the Clerk of Examinations concerns a new Practical Examination will be conducted for the relevant Trainee Judge. **(Amended 10/10)**
- 10.10** Where a Trainee Judge believes they have a legitimate reason for not wishing to be examined by particular Assessor/s, they may submit a maximum of (2) two names to the Member Body of those they do not wish to be examined by in writing at the time of applying for a practical examination. They must set out the reasons for such request. The Member Body will retain the right to refuse any such request. Any additional costs incurred by the Member Body are to be at the expense of the Trainee Judge.
- 10.11** The member Body, when approaching an Assessor to examine Trainee Judges at a practical examination, shall advise the Assessor of the names of the potential Trainee Judges and the Assessor shall advise the Member Body,

as soon as practicable, if there are any Trainee Judges they do not wish to examine or for whom it would be inappropriate for them to examine due to any contractual or ethical reason.

- 10.12** No person shall make any photographic or video record of any part of a Practical Examination except with the prior permission of the State Controlling Body.
- 10.13** Should a Trainee not achieve a pass result in a Practical Examination, then to qualify to take a further Group Practical Examination a Trainee judge must judge a further twenty five (25) dogs and examine and critique a further fifty (50) dogs, in accordance with 6.1.2 and submit the approved enrolment form accompanied by the requirements of this clause. They may then attempt the next available Practical Examination. **(Amended 10/07 - 7.5)**

A Trainee Judge must Judge 25 dogs at Open Shows, Members Competitions or approved Trainee Classes in order to apply for a further Practical Assessment.

Dogs examined at Lectures will not count.

A Trainee Judge must EXAMINE and critique (in writing on the official form), a further 50 dogs in order to apply for a further Practical Assessment. These critiques must be signed, on the day, by a licensed Judge.

The Licensed Judge MUST NOT be an immediate family member or reside in the same household.

The 50 critiques must be signed by a minimum of 3 DIFFERENT Licensed Judges with a maximum of 20 critiques signed by an individual Judge.

11. GENERAL

- 11.1** A Member Body may consider an application from a person transferring from another State or Territory of Australia or overseas, who can provide evidence of their eligibility.
- 11.2** A Member Body may consider for approval an application from an applicant over the age of eighteen (18) years, who otherwise would not qualify under

Regulations 4.1 or 7.1, provided such applicant demonstrates an active involvement in canine activity for the minimum period/or as a handler for parents and others in ordinary classes and supply such other evidence of experience as the Member Body may require.

- 11.3 Subject to the approval of the Member Body in the State of the applicant's residence, that applicant may be approved to enrol in a Judges Education Program of another State or Territory where it is established that the Program is more convenient.
- 11.4 A Member Body may recognise an occasional attendance by a Trainee Judge at a lecture, Field Day or other training instruction conducted by another Member Body and if so recognized, the member shall receive a credit from their member Body for that attendance.
- 11.5 A candidate shall not undertake a concurrent Judges Education Program in another State or Territory.
- 11.6 Members of a Trainee's household (i.e. a person who resides at the same address) or members of the Trainee's immediate family (i.e. mother, father, sibling or spouse) are ineligible to countersign the said Trainee's critiques or be mentors, assessors or examiners at exams (Practical or Theory) being taken by the trainee. [NOTE: Clause 11.6 is effective from 1 January 2015.]
(Added 09/14 EAP)

12. **APPEALS**

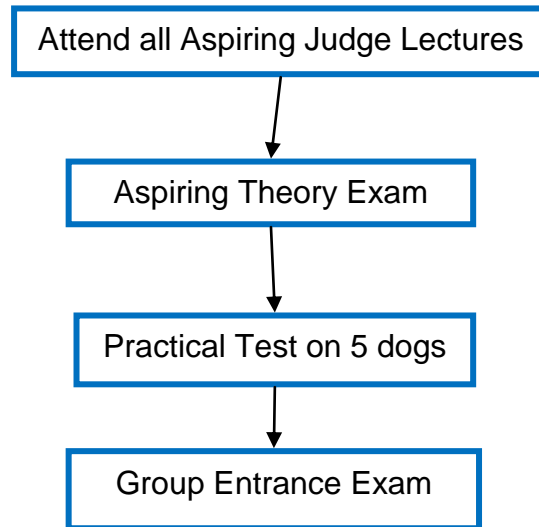
- 12.1 Appeals against the decisions of the Examinations will not be permitted.
- 12.2 Where a Trainee Judge believes that the Practical Examination for which they were a participant was not conducted in accordance with the Regulations they must lodge an appeal with the Clerk of Examinations no later than a period determined by the Member Body after the conclusion of said practical examination and should detail the Regulation/s that are alleged to have been breached. Appeals received after this time will not be considered. (Amended 10/07, 10/06, 10/12 - 7.4.1)

13. **PROGRAM FEES**

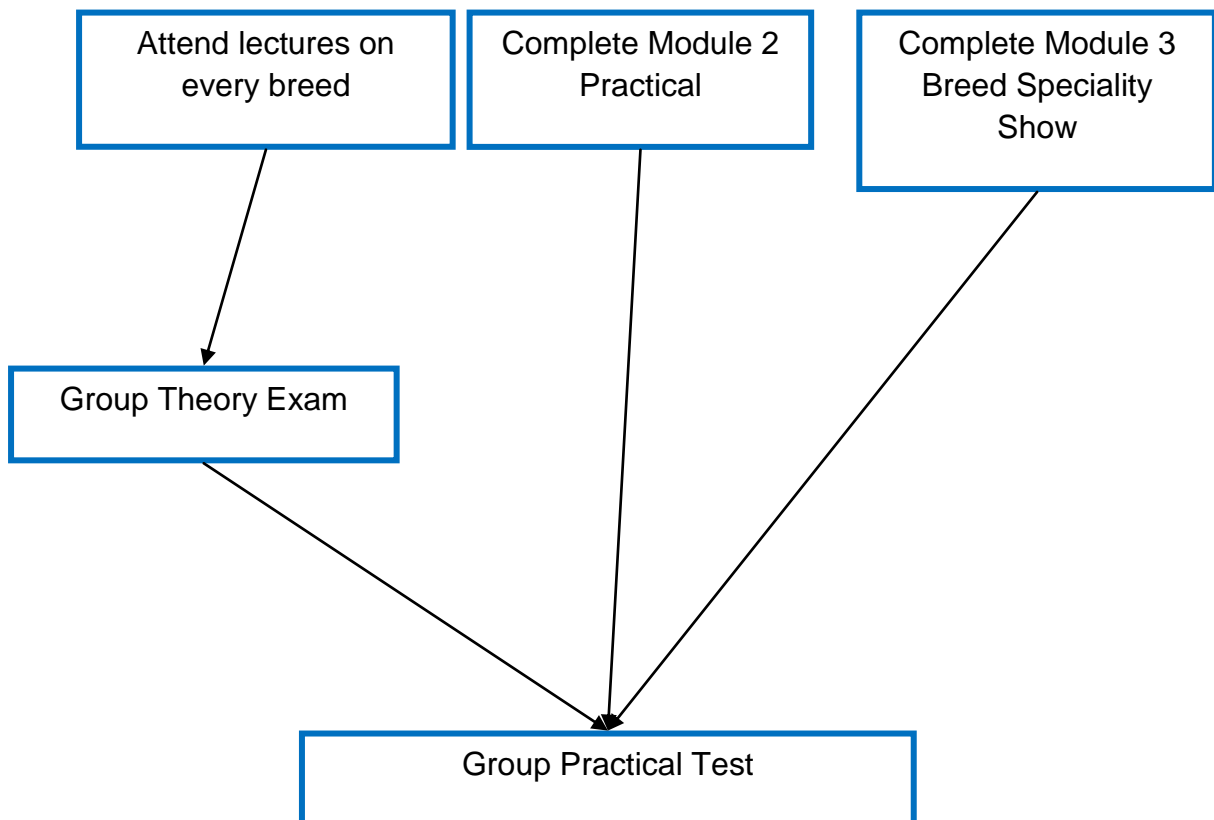
- 13.1 The fee structure for all phases of the ANKC Ltd Conformation Judges Education Program will be as published in the Member Body.

FLOW CHART

Aspiring Judges Program



Trainee Judges Program



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I find a list of Lecture Dates?

ANSWER – There is a list of Lecture Dates in the Trainee Manual and updates/alterations are available on the Dogs Victoria website Trainee Info Page. It is also published in the Gazette each month but this is often out of date. To keep current please check the website regularly.

Where do I get the Critique Forms / Attendance Forms / Judging Record forms?

ANSWER – These are available to download and Print on the Dogs Victoria website Trainee Info Page. Critiques written after 1/1/17 will only be accepted on these forms.

Where do I find the Theory/Practical Examination Application forms?

ANSWER – These are available to download and Print on the Dogs Victoria website Trainee Info Page, well before the closing dates.

Where do I find the Theory / Practical Examination Application Closing Dates?

ANSWER – You will find a complete list of Program Dates in the Trainee Manual.

Where do I find current Breed Standards and Breed Standard Extensions?

ANSWER – These are available to download and Print on the ANKC website.

Can I count dogs I examine at Breed Lectures on my Judging Record?

ANSWER – No. You can only count dogs that you judge at Open Shows, Members Competitions, Dog Matches, Trainee Classes and specifically designated Field Days.

Can I count dogs I critique at Breed Lectures?

ANSWER – Only when approval is given by the Co-ordinator.

Can any Licensed Judge sign critiques?

ANSWER – All ANKC licensed Judges can sign critiques, with the exception of an immediate family member or person residing at the same address as the Trainee. If it is an interstate judge please indicate this on the critique form so it can be verified at the time of Practical Application.

Can I write critiques at a Licensed Judge's private residence?

ANSWER – Yes. ANKC licensed Judges can mentor, examine, discuss dogs, sign critiques etc., anywhere, **ON THE DAY**.

Can I sit outside the ring and write critiques and then, without mentoring or discussion on each and every dog, ask the Judge to sign them?

ANSWER – NO! The Regulations state that the dogs must be **EXAMINED**. The critiques need to be read and discussed with the Licensed Judge before signing **ON THE DAY**.

Do I have to use the official critique forms?

ANSWER – YES.

If I judge a Trainee Class at a show can I ask the Show Secretary to sign the ‘Dogs Judged Form’?

ANSWER – NO! The form **MUST** be signed by the Mentor/Licensed Judge

Do I have to sign the Group Attendance forms AND maintain my personal Trainee Attendance form?

ANSWER – Yes. It is necessary to have both types of Attendance Records to cross-check the information should there be a dispute.

What do I do with Specialty Critiques?

ANSWER – Attach Specialty Critiques to the Practical application Form.

Are the Specialty Critiques included in the 50 Critiques?

ANSWER – NO! They are a different Module and are separate and in addition to the 50 Critiques required in Module 2.

What do I do with essays?

ANSWER – Lodge them with the Dogs Victoria Office within the 14 day period. (Attention J. Davidson)

If I’m sitting a re-test and don’t want to attend lectures do I have to pay the Training Fees?

ANSWER – If you wish to PARTICIPATE in the Training Program you **MUST** complete and lodge the Trainee Application form and pay the fees. The Training fees are used to help cover the costs of the whole Training Program.

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS PER GROUP

TOYS (GROUP 1)

23 BREEDS IN THE GROUP

TRAINEES NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 18 BREEDS. If you miss a theory or practical 'component' it is considered to be .5 (or ½) of a breed lecture.

A maximum of 5 breeds or 10 Components can be substituted for essays

TERRIERS (GROUP 2)

30 BREEDS IN THE GROUP

TRAINEES NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 23 BREEDS. If you miss a theory or practical 'component' it is considered to be .5 (or ½) of a breed lecture.

A maximum of 7 breeds or 14 Components can be substituted for essays

GUNDOGS (GROUP 3)

30 BREEDS IN THE GROUP

TRAINEES NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 23 BREEDS. If you miss a theory or practical 'component' it is considered to be .5 (or ½) of a breed lecture

A maximum of 7 breeds or 14 components can be substituted for essays

HOUNDS (GROUP 4)

30 BREEDS IN THE GROUP

TRAINEES NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 23 BREEDS. If you miss a theory or practical 'component' it is considered to be .5 (or ½) of a breed lecture

A maximum of 7 breeds or 14 components can be substituted for essays

WORKING DOGS (GROUP 5)

31 BREEDS IN THE GROUP

TRAINEES NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 23 BREEDS

A maximum of 8 breeds can be substituted for essays

UTILITY (GROUP 6)

32 BREEDS IN THE GROUP

TRAINEES NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 24 BREEDS. If you miss a theory or practical 'component' it is considered to be .5 (or ½) of a breed lecture

A maximum of 8 breeds or 16 components can be substituted for essays

NON SPORTING (GROUP 7)

18 BREEDS IN THE GROUP

TRAINEES NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 14 BREEDS. If you miss a theory or practical 'component' it is considered to be .5 (or ½) of a breed lecture

A maximum of 4 breeds or 8 components can be substituted for essays

NATIONAL JUDGE'S CODE OF PRACTICE AND CONDUCT

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.
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.
7. A Judge shall not enter or exhibit any dog at any Conformation Show at which he or she is appointed to judge.
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.
13. A Judge shall not allow entries for a Conformation Show at which that person is judging to be received at the Judge's address.
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.

16. A Judge must not duplicate assignments in the same breeds and or group within a minimum of 3 months of each other and within a minimum of 200 kilometers at Championship Shows. **(10/97), (02/15), (10/15)**

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.

23. All judges must judge exhibits in accordance with their relevant ANKC Ltd breed standard. **(10/16)**

ANKC GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

PRIOR TO THE SHOW

Assignments

Do not solicit or promote assignments for yourself.

Invitations

Clubs should send you written invitations and contracts for assignments. Contracts should clearly specify the breeds and/or groups you are being asked to judge.

It is your responsibility to acknowledge judging invitations promptly. Careful record keeping and prompt written response to invitations helps eliminate unnecessary confusion and conflict for both judges and show-giving clubs Take your copy of the original contract to the show.

Travel Between Assignments

In consideration of the possibility of delays, you should not accept assignments on consecutive days where more than a few hours travel by ground transportation is involved. When you accept an invitation, you are committing yourself to the show-giving club for your entire assignment as scheduled.

Expenses

When you accept an invitation, clearly inform club officials in your contract what your fee is and what your expenses will likely be. The more specifics you include in the contract, the less potential for misunderstanding there will be. When you sign a contract, you and the club are responsible.

Attending Shows

If you attend shows in the area before events you are to judge, for the benefit of perception, it is recommended that you do not watch the breeds you are scheduled to judge.

You can combine exhibiting and judging without a problem if you are prudent as to how and when you exhibit. If you choose to exhibit, you should expect to be subject to scrutiny.

Social Functions

It is proper to attend a function given by the host club. You have the option of attending club dinners and other social functions where exhibitors will be present. Take care to avoid even the appearance of impropriety with any exhibitor who might appear in your ring. You may occasionally find that you will have to tactfully change the subject or excuse yourself from a conversation that involves breeds or exhibitors whom you are likely to judge.

'Grey areas'

When faced with such a dilemma, ask yourself whether the situation, however innocent, projects an outward appearance of impropriety. A good rule of thumb is: If you have concerns about whether something is inappropriate, you probably should avoid the situation.

Fitness to Judge

It is essential that a dog show judge be physically capable of performing the functions necessary to properly judge dogs. You must have:

- The manoeuvrability to negotiate a ring both indoors and outdoors, with or without mechanical assistance, e.g., a wheelchair, crutches or a cane.
- The flexibility to examine all parts of a dog's anatomy where each breed is typically presented (i.e. on the ground, or on a table).
- The dexterity to move at a sufficient speed to adhere to the schedule of the show-giving club.
- The capability to remain focused on task and control the ring for the duration of the assignment.
- Normal vision (correctable by eyeglasses or contact lenses).

Illness

Judges are expected to be physically fit and capable of completing their contracted assignment. If you learn that you will not be able to fulfil an assignment because of illness or other serious occurrence, immediately notify the Show Secretary by telephone, e-mail or fax.

Always travel with contact information. If you are delayed en route to a show, immediately make every effort to contact the Show Secretary or other club official.

Be on Time

Allow at least one half hour to report to the Show Secretary or Chief Steward prior to the show.

During your judging assignment

Mobile Phones and other electronic devices must be turned off while judging.

Telephone calls should never be made or received by the judge while in the ring.

Proper Attire

Judges should wear professional attire suitable for the job at hand.

Gentlemen should wear coats and ties (weather permitting), and ladies should dress accordingly. Ties, scarves, hats, vests, jewellery or anything else that may dangle into the dogs' line of vision should be secured away from proximity to the dogs.

Above all, avoid inappropriate, conspicuous or outlandish dress. Women should not wear skirts that are too short or too cumbersome, and they should avoid noisy, dangling jewellery.

In the judging Ring

You have the responsibility to be thoughtful and considerate as you judge according to all ANKC Rules, Policies and Guidelines. Be as systematic in your ring procedure from dog to dog and class to class as conditions permit, but do take the time to encourage apparent newcomers and novices.

Avoid making inappropriate comments to exhibitors in or out of the ring. Be polite, but generally limit your conversation with exhibitors to instructions on positioning or gaiting the dogs.

Check the Ring

Before starting to judge, quickly inspect the ring you have been assigned. Determine how you intend to use the ring and look for unsafe conditions, whether it is a loose mat or a depression in the grass. Always double check the security of the legs on the examination table and its stability. When outdoors, consider how to best take advantage of shade or shelter in order to provide the most comfort for the dogs and the exhibitors. Do not direct dogs or exhibitors to stand in the elements for any longer than is absolutely necessary.

Speed of Judging

Never delay your judging at the request of an exhibitor. A new breed judge is expected to be capable of judging a minimum of 30 dogs an hour, and experienced judges at least 35 dogs an hour. It would be unreasonable to expect a Judge to judge more than 45 dogs per hour.

Develop a consistent, methodical, efficient ring procedure that will help you maintain the proper pace.

Individual Examination of Dogs

Examine every dog in the same objective, breed-specific manner even if a poor specimen may clearly be out of the ribbons. Approach dogs calmly. Examine each with a gentle but sure touch and no sudden, surprising moves.

Examine table breeds on the table only. To re-examine them, have them put back on the table. A thorough and complete breed-specific examination does not include excessive touching beyond feeling for breed-specific characteristics and specific points of reference. Touch and examine only as much as is necessary to complete a thorough, breed-specific examination, but touch no more. Always judge dogs solely on the basis of their condition and as they are presented in the ring on the day of the show.

Give no consideration to what a dog's quality or condition could be at some future time. Avoid excessive rearranging of a dog's coat, whistling, gesturing or baiting. However, do not hesitate to feel for breed specific traits or reference points to determine actual structure especially beneath a highly groomed coat. Know and utilize the breed Standard effective on the date of judging. Be systematic in your ring procedure, but do not be afraid to make adjustments when conditions warrant it. Make all your instructions to exhibitors absolutely clear. Line up the dogs first, second, third, in front of the markers before marking the judge's book or handing out the ribbons. As a judge, you may ask your steward to mark your judge's book but you are ultimately responsible for the correctness of the entries.

At the conclusion of judging

Prior to leaving the showground, check with the Secretary to ensure that all your paperwork is in order.

When settling your expenses ensure that the club is not left to pay hotel/motel bills for phone calls, alcohol or meals that were not authorised by the club.

LIST OF COMPETENCIES

Level 1 Aspiring Judges Competencies

DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO:

1. Talk in appropriate canine terminology
2. Understand anatomical construction relevant to each breed
3. Approach a dog correctly and appropriately for the breed
4. Properly handle a dog in a purposeful manner
5. Assess all parts of the dog
6. Mouth a dog correctly
7. Control, organise and use the judging ring effectively
8. Have a practical knowledge of stewarding
9. Understand and apply the Rules and Regulations relevant to dog judging

Level 2 Trainee Judges Competencies

DEMONSTRATE TO A HIGH LEVEL THE ABILITY TO:

10. Interpret a breed standard
11. Correctly describe breed characteristics
12. Consistently recognise correct breed type
13. Evaluate correct balance for each breed and how this relates to breed function
14. Recognise balance as it relates to gait/movement of a particular breed
15. Recognise and assess the differences between breeds and/or exhibits
16. Recognise and assess specific breed gait/movement
17. Recognise correct coats, correct coat texture and correct coat preparation
18. Make decisions in an effective way and in an efficient time frame
19. Correctly examine and critique using breed specific language
20. Justify placings in both breed and Group Judging

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
2. Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
3. Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behaviour.
4. The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
5. The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
6. The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
7. The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
8. The sportsman respects the rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
9. Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
10. Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
11. Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
12. Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
13. Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
14. Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
15. Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the ANKC, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

CONDUCT WITHIN THE PROGRAM

It is the responsibility of all Aspiring and Trainee Judges to behave with decorum and in a respectful manner at all times.

Any information pertaining to the merits, or otherwise, of dogs is to remain confidential within the Program.

Any breach of conduct will be sent to CJC and/or Management Committee for investigation and possible disciplinary action.

HOW TO CRITIQUE

- Make it simple
- Make it factual
- Don't say what you want but what the dog has
- Say it when you see it
- Make it systematic
- Take an overall impression first, then start with the head, and work down through the body. Finish with fore and aft movement, side gait and then look at the overall impression again

GENERAL CRITIQUING FORMAT

- Age and gender
- Type
- Substance, bone, proportions
- Head, expression and mouth
- Neck and forequarters
- Body
- Hindquarters and tail
- Movement
- Coat

DETAILED CRITIQUING FORMAT

- Age, sex
- Comment on type and carriage (breed specific)
- Size, substance, bone, proportions
- Head, skull, stop, muzzle, cheek (Head form)
- Ears, eyes, lips, pigment, bite and teeth
- Neck, throat, withers, topline, underline, ribbing and forechest
- Fore and hind quarters with angulation
- Pasterns, hocks and feet
- Coat, colour and markings
- Tail length, substance and set. Tail carriage (moving and standing)
- Movement fore and aft, side movement (Remember the outside and inside principles)
- Temperament and character

RULES FOR TRAINEE CLASSES AT SHOWS

1. Approval must be obtained from the Affiliate conducting the Show.
2. Trainee Judges are responsible for organising a Mentor.
3. Trainee Judges are responsible for organising the exhibitors and dogs.
4. There must be only one (1) Trainee Judge in the ring when the placings are decided and the exhibits will be physically placed.
5. There will be a written record kept by the Trainee Judge of the Date, Fixture, Exhibit numbers and Placings.
6. The Trainee Judge's Judging Record Card must be signed by the Mentor after a discussion on the dogs and the number of dogs has been recorded. (Not by a Show official)