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Rule changes to ANKC Retrieving Trial Judges Training Scheme

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE AS A TRAINEE JUDGE

(a) Eligibility:

3. Have officiated as a Trial Manager, Judge's Steward, or Gun Steward at five (5) ANKC Ltd recognised Trials in the preceding three (3) years.
3. Have officiated as a Trial Manager, Judge's Steward, Run Manager, Game Steward or Gun Steward at five (5) ANKC Ltd recognised Trials in the preceding three (3) years.

Rationale:

Adding the title of Run Manager to be included as additional steward that is being utilised within trials and should be recognised so as to be included as part of the eligibility criteria.

RT2. TRAINING COURSE FOR ASPIRING RETRIEVING TRIAL JUDGES

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A minimum of twenty (20) dogs must have been assessed by the aspirant before a practical examination can be organised.

Rationale:

The requirement is for the marking of sheets at a minimum of three (3) relevant stakes. Whilst it is convenient at times (for whatever reason) to mark sheets at a higher level the minimum number should be marked at the level the aspirant is aspiring to. Additional sheets can be marked at a higher stake.

There is an immense difference between states as to the number of dogs being assessed by an aspirant. For example some aspirants in one state may mark sheets at three stakes but only assess fifteen (15) dogs where as in another state an aspirant may assess sixty (60) dogs over three stakes. By adding the additional requirement of a requisite number of dogs to be assessed in addition to the requisite number of sheets all aspirants nationally will have assessed the same number of dogs to be considered for a practical examination.

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RT3. NOVICE JUDGES ASPIRING TO JUDGE RESTRICTED STAKES & RESTRICTED JUDGES ASPIRING TO JUDGE ALL AGE STAKES

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A minimum of thirty dogs (30) for Restricted aspirants and forty dogs (40) for All Age aspirants must have been assessed by the aspirant before a practical examination can be organised.

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(c) Practical Examination:

The Practical Examination is to consist of a mock Novice Retrieving Trial with at least six (6) competing dogs. The Novice aspirant judge will set and judge a simulated Novice Stake and will be required to mark retrieving trial score sheets and make an oral report to the examiners giving reasons for points awarded and/or deducted where required by the examiners.

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

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

A pass will be awarded if the candidate satisfies the approved examiners as to his/her knowledge and ability.

SUCCESSFUL candidates will be recommended to the Member Body to be eligible to judge up to and including ~~Novice Stakes~~ they are aspiring to.

Rationale:

Simplifies and clearly outlines the process to be followed before a practical examination can occur.