



## **NATIONAL DANCES WITH DOGS COMMITTEE**

### **CHARTER**

**Adopted  
October 2009**

**Amended  
October 2024**

#### **1. Objective**

The objective of the National Dances with Dogs Committee is the successful conduct of competitions and activities relating to the performance of all ANKC Ltd members and registered dogs and the development and improvement of the sports of both Dances With Dogs and Trick Dog.

#### **2. Structure and Voting of the Committee**

- 2.1 The Committee shall consist of one member appointed by each Member Body.
- 2.2 The Chairperson shall be selected by ANKC Ltd from the appointed committee members and he/she shall have no vote. The Member Body from which the Chairperson comes shall then appoint a voting member to the Committee.
- 2.3 Voting shall be in accordance with the usual ANKC Ltd procedure (refer Clause 3G of the Constitution). However, where an activity is not conducted in a particular State or Territory, that delegate does not have a voting right for motions concerning that activity unless schedules for a said activity have been submitted and approved by their State or Territory body.

#### **3. Functions of the Committee**

The functions of the Committee are –

- (a) to be responsible to ANKC Ltd for setting policies and making decisions on administrative matters relating to the activities associated with Dances with Dogs Competitions and Trick Dog Tests;
- (b) to develop and determine minimum qualifications for applicants for judging licences and to determine minimum requirements for testing and approval of Trainee Judges;
- (c) to set the program for review of the Rules for the Conduct of Dances with Dogs Competitions and Trick Dog Tests and to recommend any changes in those rules;

- (d) to conduct dialogue as often as necessary, electronically if required, to make initial decisions regarding Dances with Dogs and Trick Dog procedures, competitions and judges' training methods; the Committee may meet together or by telephone link as deemed necessary by the Administrator of ANKC Ltd in consultation with the Chairperson.

**4. Responsibility and Authority of the Committee**

The Committee has the responsibility to achieve the above objective within financial or other ANKC Ltd parameters and the authority required to carry out the relevant functions and duties. Specialist advice may be taken as appropriate.

**5. Conduct of Meetings**

- 5.1 Meeting dates will be scheduled four months in advance and agenda items are to be submitted to the ANKC Ltd Secretary two months in advance for distribution of the agenda by the ANKC Ltd Secretary one month prior to the meeting. Agenda items must have explanatory information attached.
- 5.2 Listed agenda items may be resolved at such meetings. With the specific approval of the Chairperson prior to a meeting, other items raised as matters of urgency may be discussed with voting postponed for a maximum of forty days by the method agreed to at the meeting.
- 5.3 The Dances with Dogs Committee is empowered to make recommendations only to the ANKC Ltd.

## TIMETABLE FOR RULES REVIEW

The recommended steps to follow are:

Action	Timing
<b>Rule Change Review (face to face)</b>	
Request from ANKC Ltd Administrator for rule change proposals to be submitted by January	January 2027
Drafting completed by State/Territory DWD and submitted to the ANKC Ltd Administrator	July 2027
All submissions distributed to Canine Controls by ANKC Ltd Administrator	October 2027
National DWD discussions and decisions (face to face)	March 2028
Final draft completed and submitted to ANKC Ltd Administrator	July 2028
ANKC Ltd ratification	October 2028
Printing and distribution completed	November 2028
Effective date	January 2029