



Australian National Kennel Council Ltd ABN 77 151 544 679 trading as Dogs Australia

REGULATIONS

PART 1

COMMITTEES

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SECTION 1

Committee Structure

Members of the various Committees/Working Parties are appointed annually at the October Board meeting. **(05/97)**

Member Bodies, who fail to fill their position(s) on any ANKC Ltd committees, at the time of appointment of the committees, are required to do so within thirty (30) days of the relative Board meeting. If nomination is not made within the thirty (30) day time frame, then the position will remain vacant. **(10/07, 7.20)**

All ANKC Ltd committees are to have a nominated Deputy Chairperson who is appointed by the committee at the first committee meeting. **(10/09, 8.16)**

The following Committees/Working Parties have been established:

- 1.1 National Agility Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(10/01)**
- 1.2 National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party, shall consist of three Representative, plus a non-voting Convenor **(10/97, 6.8)**
(Rescinded 05/98) (Amended 10/10) (Amended 10/19)
- 1.3 National Breed Standards Coordination Group, shall consist of six Coordinators, plus a non-voting Chairperson.
- 1.4 National Business Systems Working Party shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Convenor **(Formed 06/19, 5.10)**
- 1.5 National Canine Disc Working Party shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Convenor **(Formed 10/24, 7.5.2)**
- 1.6 National Canine Grooming Committee shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 02/24, 6.4)**
- 1.7 National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(10/95, 4.8.1)**
(Amended 10/09, 10.1.5), (Amended 10/13, 6.5.1)
- 1.8 National Dances with Dogs Committee (incorporating Trick Dog), shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/08)**
- 1.9 National Draft Test Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/14, 9.1.22)**
- 1.10 National Earth Dog Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/10, 9.1.19)**
- 1.11 National Flyball Working Party, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Convenor. **(Formed 06/18, 5.9)**
- 1.12 National Herding Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson.
- 1.13 National Junior Handler Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/08)**
- 1.14 National Legislative Committee, shall consist of five Representatives, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/10, 9.1.20)**

- 1.15 National Lure Coursing Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/14, 9.1.24)**
- 1.16 National Obedience & Tracking Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(10/97, 6.10)**
- 1.17 Overseas Judges Approval Board, shall consist of five Representatives, plus a non-voting Convenor. **(10/97, 6.14) (Amended 10/12)**
- 1.18 National Retrieving & Field Trials Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(10/95, 4.8.1)**
- 1.19 National Scent Work Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/17)**
- 1.20 National Show Judges Training Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(10/95, 4.8.1)**
- 1.21 National Show Judges Training Regulations Review Working Party shall consist of Representatives co-opted by the National Show Judges Training Committee Chairperson, plus a non-voting Convenor **(Formed 10/16, 6.17.1)**
- 1.22 National Sled Sports Events Committee, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Chairperson. **(Formed 10/10, 9.1.18)**
- 1.23 National SprintDog TM Working Party, shall consist of one Representative from each Member Body, plus a non-voting Convenor. **(Formed 02/23, 5.5)**

SECTION 2

Meetings

- 2.1 No items are to be accepted by the ANKC Ltd Administrator for inclusion on any ANKC Ltd Board, Committee, or Subcommittee Agenda unless a detailed explanation concerning the reason/rationale for submitting the item is provided in agenda format electronically in MS Word or similar by the Member Body proposing the Agenda item. **(10/96, 5.13) (Amended 11/03)**
- 2.2 Immediately following each Board Meeting, the Administrator of the ANKC Ltd shall draw the attention of the Secretary of each Member Body to decisions made at the meeting and request the Member Body to advise the action taken by them within three months. If the action is not uniform the Administrator is to refer the matter to the next ANKC Ltd meeting. **(09/72)**
- 2.3 (a) Member Bodies make copies of the Minutes of ANKC Ltd Committees available to their Members on request, and from the same time as they are available to the Member Bodies, and that the cost to Members is not to exceed the cost of copying plus postage where applicable, but not including a salary nor a profit component.

If a meeting declares an item to be in-camera at the time of the meeting, that this item not be made available to Members.

- (b) Member Bodies make available to Members on request copies of Minutes and the like documents provided to the ANKC Ltd by overseas organisations with which the ANKC Ltd has liaison or reciprocal rights or agreements. Such documents to be available at the same time as they are available to the Member Bodies, and that the cost to Members is not to exceed the cost of copying plus postage where applicable, but not including a salary nor a profit component. **(05/98)**
- 2.4 In accordance with Renton's, a motion being resolved and carried is in force until the rescission motion is voted on at the subsequent meeting. **(05/01)**

SECTION 3

Meeting Procedure (10/00)

- 3.1 The meeting procedures and protocols adopted by the ANKC Ltd shall be applicable to all Committees and Working Parties of the ANKC Ltd.

3.2 Observers

- (a) If observers are present at any meeting of the ANKC Ltd or its Committees/Working Parties, it must be moved, seconded and carried according to the voting system applicable, "That they be permitted to attend as observers".
- (b) Observers at any meeting of the ANKC Ltd or its Committees/Working Parties shall not be permitted to sit in the main body of the meeting; an area specifically designated shall be set aside for observers.
- (c) Observers at any meeting of the ANKC Ltd or its Committee/Working Parties shall not be permitted to enter or leave the meeting except at the beginning or end of the meeting or during specific breaks.
- (d) Observers at any meeting of the ANKC Ltd shall not be permitted to take part in the meeting or to speak except by invitation of the meeting, they shall also not be permitted to speak to individual Delegates during the meeting.

3.3 Voting

- (a) Voting at Committee Working Party meetings of the ANKC Ltd where all Member Bodies are designated to have Representatives shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the ANKC Ltd, Section 50. **(05/03) (Updated 01/15 to align with ANKC Ltd Constitution)**
- (b) Voting at Committee/Working Party meetings of the ANKC Ltd where all Member Bodies are not designated to have Representatives shall be on a one vote one value basis.
- (c) Voting shall be in accordance with the usual ANKC Ltd procedure (refer Section 50 of the Constitution). **(Updated 01/15 to align with ANKC Ltd Constitution)**

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.

Where a new activity has been adopted by the ANKC Ltd, for the first (3) three years that delegate will have a voting right for motions concerning that activity irrespective of whether schedules have been submitted or approved by their State or Territory body. **(Amended 10/07, 7.1) (Amended 10/10, 7.40)**

A majority shall be the first number in excess of 50%.

SECTION 4

Role of ANKC Ltd Committees (05/02)

- (1) The Committees are empowered to make recommendations only to the ANKC Ltd Board of Directors.
- (2) The Chairperson has no voting rights and no decision-making powers.
- (3) The role of the Chairperson is to run ANKC Ltd meetings and ensure the successful completion of work tasked to the Committee. **(Amended 10/07)**
- (4) All Chairperson/Convenors of ANKC Ltd Committees and Working Parties are to write an annual report of their activities, detailing work completed, outstanding matters and any difficulties encountered for that year. The reports to be placed on the agenda of the annual ANKC Ltd Board meeting. **(10/06)**
- (5) Each State Representative has voting rights at the Committee meeting.
- (6) All correspondence between these Committees and Member Bodies must either be sent via the ANKC Ltd on their official letterhead, or a copy of any correspondence cc'd to the ANKC Ltd.
- (7) All work (other than rule reviews): to be sent to the relevant Committee Chairperson by the ANKC Ltd Administrator confirming when a submission is required. The Committee Chairperson will be responsible for carrying out the successful completion of this work and submission of the Committee response to the ANKC Ltd Administrator. **(10/07)**
- (8) Rule reviews: a timetable for the review to be sent to the relevant Committee Chairperson by the ANKC Ltd Administrator together with the budget allocation for the Committee to complete the review. The allocation will include all expenses relating to meetings (confer link or face-to-face conferences). The timetable will include a date by which the Committee submission containing copies of relevant committee meeting minutes/draft amended rules is to be received by the ANKC Ltd Administrator. The Committee Chairperson will be responsible for carrying out the successful completion of the rule review within budget and ensuring the Committee submission is received by the due date. Any expenditure over budget will be divided evenly between all Member Bodies for reimbursement back to the ANKC Ltd. **(10/07)**
- (9) Reviews to all existing ANKC Ltd rules and document must be dealt with by all relevant committees and Member Bodies in accordance with the ANKC Ltd Procedure for Reviewing Existing Rules and Documents. Copy of procedure attached to these regulations.

SECTION 5

Expenses (10/05)

ANKC Ltd Committee Chairperson/Convenors/Coordinators are not to be reimbursed any administrative/miscellaneous expenses such as telephone, facsimile, email. **(10/05)**

SECTION 6

(Updated 01/15 to align with ANKC Ltd Constitution)

6.1 Voting for President

All elections for elected Office Bearers of the Australian National Kennel Council Limited shall be by secret ballot using the full preferential voting system. Directors may cast votes in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Constitution. **(05/03)**

6.2 Returning Officer

The ANKC Ltd Administrator shall be the Returning Officer for all elections and ballots held by the ANKC Ltd unless otherwise determined by the full Board of the ANKC Ltd. **(05/97, 11.10)**



**PROCEDURE FOR
REVIEWING
EXISTING RULES AND DOCUMENTS**

Adopted
October 2012

To assist with what at times is a complex process, the following procedure is to be followed for all Rule and Document reviews.

Step 1. ANKC Ltd sends to all Directors the rules for review in, MS Word format (not PDF) along with the procedure that must be followed.

Step 2. A closing date is set for each state to submit their proposed changes and no late submissions will be accepted.

Step 3. The proposed changes must be in the format as described below.

Step 4. On or before the closing date the state sends their submission back the ANKC Ltd in both MS Word and PDF format.

Step 5. Changes shall be recorded as follows;

Black – Current Rules

Blue – Repeat existing rule (Qld – place your state at the beginning)

Blue Unlined – proposed additions

Blue Strikethrough – proposed deletions

Red - Rationale

Blue – and shaded in yellow State has accepted the proposal

Step 6. When the ANKC Ltd has received the proposed changes from each state they combine these into one document. Check that each change begins with the state making the submission eg. (Vic) or (WA).

Step 7. When the combined document has been collated it is sent to each state (in MS Word and PDF format) for the state to discuss and vote on. This will establish a single master document to which everyone is referring.

Step 8. As a state decides which option they are voting to adopt they can highlight it and make any notes under 'comments' that they wish their delegate to raise during the ANKC Ltd face to face review meeting.

Step 9. The scribe at the ANKC Ltd face to face review meeting can record the decisions in a similar manner.

Examples are shown on the following pages.

EXAMPLE 1: An individual State submission of proposed changes as described in Step 4.

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Wherever the word 'dog' is used in these Regulations it includes both sexes.

Section 1. Purpose.

1.1.1 The purpose of non competitive Herding Tests is to offer herding breed owners a standardised gauge by which a dog's basic instinct and trainability are measured.

(WA) Proposed Changes 1.1.1

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(WA) Rationale 1.1.1

To further substantiate the Introduction's explanation of the Programs Purpose

1.1.2 The purpose of the competitive Herding Trial program is to preserve and develop the herding skills inherent in the herding breeds and to demonstrate that they can perform the useful function for which they were originally bred. Although Herding Trials are artificial simulations of pastoral or farm situations, they are standardised Tests to measure and develop the characteristics of the Herding breeds.

(WA) Proposed Changes 1.1.2

1.1.2 The purpose of the competitive Herding Trial program is to preserve and develop the herding skills inherent in the ANKC Ltd herding breeds and to demonstrate that they can perform the useful function for which they were originally bred. The layout of the three courses, when judged as appropriate, set three very different courses. One, at least, should suite any ANKC Ltd Herding breed. Although Herding Trials are artificial simulations, they are standardised tests to measure and develop the characteristics of the Herding breeds.

(WA) Rationale 1.1.2

To better describe the intent of the trial program.

1.1.3 Dogs MUST have herding training and prior exposure to the appropriate livestock before entering in a Test and/or Trial.

1.1.4 A dog is not required to work in a particular breed style according to its breed.

1.1.5 A dog may compete on which ever course the handler chooses.

1.1.6 Herding Tests and Trials are sports and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both in and outside of the Test and Trial arenas.

(WA) Propose New Rule 1.1.7

1.1.7 Where interpretation or clarification of any rules is required, then a letter or email can be sent through the member body to the ANKC Ltd for consultation with the national ANKC Ltd herding committee. Once a definition has been created, it shall then be circulated to all herding committees Australia wide.

(WA) Rationale 1.1.7

Currently there is no clause stating what actions are required when a club or members of a club have questions about the rules. This new clause states what needs to be done.

EXAMPLE 2: ANKC Ltd produce a document showing all suggested changes including an area to record comments as described in Step 6.

1.4.3 An Affiliate Member may be approved to hold a Herding Test and Trial on the same day provided that the total number of livestock available meets the requirements for both events. If the anticipated combined entry numbers more than forty (40) dogs, the Affiliate Member must provide a separate Judge for the Test and Trial.

(TA) Proposed New Rule 1.4.4

1.4.4 An affiliate member may be approved to conduct multiple trials on the same day provided that the rules 2.10.1 - 2.10.16 are adhered to.

(TA) Rationale 1.4.4

This new clause allows for HIT and RHIT to be awarded under each judge for all stock types on one day and shows that the welfare of the animals at trials is excellent.

Comments.....
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Section 5. Veterinarian.

1.5.1 Every Affiliate Member holding herding events shall arrange to have one or more veterinarians in attendance or on call throughout the duration of the event. If the veterinarian(s) are "on call", the Affiliate Member must ensure that veterinary assistance will be available within a reasonable time should it be needed.

Section 6. Ribbons and Rosettes etc.

1.6.1 If more than one type of stock is used, High in Trial and Reserve are awarded for each kind of stock.

(NSW) Proposed changes (Also see 1.4.2 & 1.6.2 & 4.2.2)

Remove 1.6.1

~~1.6.1 If more than one type of stock is used, High in Trial and Reserve are awarded for each kind of stock.~~

(NSW) Rationale 1.6.1

(i) The mandatory awarding of High in Trial over three different difficulty levels of 3 different courses often being judged by 3 different judges is inequitable. The courses are not directly comparable, nor is the level of skill required at each level. This has caused ill feeling amongst exhibitors

(ii) Putting emphasis on personal achievement at each level and each course is more in keeping with the whole aim of ANKC Ltd Herding.

Comments.....
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EXAMPLE 3: Each state would then record the vote and add comments to be raised by their representative at the face to face meeting as described in Step 8.

1.12.3 The Judge must also remove any dog which after a period of 5 minutes fails to show productive work or is unable to move stock forward on the course of a Test or Trial.

(WA) Proposed Changes 1.12.3

1.12.3 The Judge must also remove any dog which after a period of 3 minutes fails to show productive work or is unable to move stock forward on the course of a Test or Trial.

(WA) Rationale 1.12.3

1.12.3 Five minutes is too long for stock to suffer overworking.

Comments: .No .Unless modified to read 3-5min and at the judges discretion.....

1.12.4 The Judge must order the removal and disqualification from all Competition on the day any dog which wilfully, aggressively or viciously attacks livestock, and must lodge a report with the Controlling Body in accordance with their rules.

1.12.5 A dog that grips abusively without purpose shall be immediately excused. The Judge shall complete and sign an ANKC Ltd excusal form (attached) that must be lodged with the Controlling Body within 3 days. Any excusal by a Judge will be recorded on the ANKC Ltd Computer system.

(Qld) Proposed Change 1.12.5

A dog that grips abusively shall be immediately excused. The Judge shall complete and sign an ANKC Ltd excusal form (attached) that must be lodged with the Controlling Body within 3 days. Any excusal by a Judge will be recorded on the ANKC Ltd Computer system.

If a dog is excused, the judge must notify the exhibitor of the excusal, notify the stock owner and inspect the stock for damage.

(Qld) Rationale 1.12.5

The consequences of an excusal must be told to the exhibitor. This has not been happening. It is also courteous to inform the stock owner. If a judge excuses a dog for an unacceptable grip, it would make sense that the stock may have been injured. Therefore inspection of the stock AT THE TIME of the incident MUST take place. The stock owner MUST be informed. Without purpose removed as it can't be quantified.

Comments.....Yes but change to 'any dog that grips shall be immediately excused.' To comply with the no gripping policy.....

(WA) Proposed Change 1.12.5

1.12.5 A dog that grips abusively without purpose shall be immediately excused. The exhibitor of the excused dog shall be notified immediately of the excusal and the report to be made. The Judge shall complete and sign an ANKC Ltd excusal form (attached) that must be lodged with the Controlling Body within 3 days. Any excusal by a Judge will be recorded on the ANKC Ltd Computer system.

(WA) Rationale 1.12.5

1.12.5 There have been occasions where handlers have been unaware of their dog had been excused and reported.

Comments.....No.....

EXAMPLE 4: Showing how the ANKC Ltd record of the face to face meeting would be recorded as described in Step 9.

2.11.3 Obstacles for sheep and cattle should be constructed of slatted wood, pipe panels or equivalent. Obstacle panels for ducks should be approximately 1.2 metres long and 0.6 metres high and may be reinforced with wire fencing to keep the ducks from escaping.

(VIC) Proposed Change 2.11.3

2.11.3 Obstacles for sheep and cattle should be constructed of slatted wood, pipe panels or equivalent. Obstacle panels for sheep should be approximately 1.2 metres at height. Obstacle panels for cattle should be approximately 1.3 metres at height. Obstacle panels for ducks should be approximately 1.2 metres long and 0.6 metres at height, and may be reinforced with wire fencing to keep the ducks from escaping.

(VIC) Rationale 2.11.3

The approximate obstacle height for sheep and cattle was omitted in rules review 2008, and this proposed height conforms with arena fencing..

Comments.....

For: WA , VIC, SA.....

Against: QLD.....

Abstain: NSW.....

Carried.....

(13) CHAPTER 3 HERDING TESTS

Section 1. Scoring, Announcements of scores

3.1.1 Herding Tests shall be judged on a pass or fail basis. Judges may start judging Herding Tests from inside or outside the arena, and may leave the arena or stay in the arena at their own discretion.

3.1.2 Only the dog, the Judge, the stock and the handler are permitted in the Test arena.

(Qld) Proposed New Rule 3.1.3

3.1.3 Clubs may or may not choose to offer HT/PT boundary style. The schedule must state if HT/PT boundary will or will not be offered.

(Qld) Rationale 3.1.3

Clubs may not be prepared if they were to receive an entry for HIC / PT boundary style. The proposed change allows clubs the option as to which style PT test they wish to offer. If this type of PT test is limited, it must be stated in the schedule.

Comments.....

For: QLD, SA, .NSW, VIC., TAS.....

Against: WA.....

Carried.....