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SECTION 1

General

1.1 At any Championship Show approved by a Member Body of ANKC Ltd, no more than one judge shall be appointed to judge or adjudicate any General Class, Group Specials Class or General Specials Class. **(Added 07/14, EM#087)**

1.2 There shall be a uniform classification of Judges and only one class or status of Judge shall be approved to award Challenge Certificates. **(09/81)**

1.3 The Judge's declaration on the Challenge Certificate shall read:

"I am clearly of the opinion that this exhibit is of such outstanding merit as to be worthy to qualify for the title 'Champion'". (**10/99)**

1.4 All Judges Application Forms, both new and renewal, shall contain the following declaration to be signed by the applicant:

"I declare that I am physically fit and capable of judging in accordance with the Rules and if required I am prepared to undergo a medical fitness test and/or vision test at the discretion of the Member Body of ANKC Ltd. I further accept that my Member Body may at its absolute discretion refuse to grant any renewal of licence and may cancel or suspend for any period or vary in any way any licence already granted or to be granted." **(05/93, 7.2.1) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended 10/14, 7.5.12) (Amended 08/15, EM#117) (Amended 10/15, 7.5.1.1)**

1.5 Judge's invitation/contract forms shall be uniform amongst all Member Bodies. **(09/80)**

1.6 The judge for each show must sign an Official ANKC Ltd Judges Contract. The contract must also be signed by an official of each club issuing the contract. **(Added 10/09, 10.2) (Amended 10/13, 5.6.4)**

1.7 A copy of the completed contract, as above, must accompany the Prize Schedule when it is submitted to the Member Body's office. **(Added 10/09, 10.2)**

1.8 Clauses 1.5 and 1.6 apply to all judges including non-resident judges. **(Added 10/09, 10.2)**

1.9 The ANKC Ltd shall make available an official Judges Badge. **(09/86) (Amended 10/09, 10.2)**

1.10 Open Show Judge - a person who has been granted trainee judge or open show judge status by the relevant member body to judge at sanctioned Open Shows or Parades as outlined in ANKC Ltd Regulations Part - 5. This person is not eligible to award championship points to an exhibit or to judge at any championship show in the breed or group to which the Open Show license relates. **(Added 10/13 – 7.5.3)**

SECTION 2

List of Approved Judges

2.1 A national listing of all Judges shall be prepared annually by the ANKC Ltd. **(04/84)**

2.2 A separate Emeritus General Specials Judges Panel shall be formed and published by the ANKC Ltd. **(10/96, 7.11)**

2.3 That Australian judges who permanently reside overseas shall, after a period of three (3) years, have their names removed from the Dogs Australia Judges List. When and if such a person returns to Australia, they can after a period of residence of six (6) months apply to be reinstated to the Dogs Australia Judges List. **(10/95, 7.1) (Amended 10/26, 5.5.7 – Effective 01/01/27)**

2.4 The date of birth of a Judge shall not be included on the Panel Listing. **(03/73)**

SECTION 3

Judging Appointments

3.1 Judges approved by ANKC Ltd. must not officiate at events organised by associations not recognized by ANKC Ltd except ANKC Ltd Judges other than ANKC Ltd Conformation Judges who may be exempted from this Rule at the discretion of their Member Body. **(Amended 10/13 - 5.6.4) (Amended 10/16, 7.5.2)**

3.2 The number of dogs any one judge may judge on any day (excluding Group and General Specials) is 250 exhibits, except in extenuating circumstances with the prior approval of the judge and the Member Body. **(09/71) (Amended 10/12 – 7.5.3, 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended 10/17, 7.5.7 – Effective 01/01/18) (Amended 02/25, 5.3 – Effective 01/07/25)**

3.3 Best of Breed must be judged by a person judging breed classes. **(09/80)**

3.4 The Judge may decide to have the Judge's Book marked by the Ring Steward. **(09/83)**

3.5 Open Show Judges may judge in other States and Territories. **(10/96, 7.11)**

3.6 Substitute or emergency judges who are licensed for the relevant Breeds/Groups may be appointed if need be. **(Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

3.7 All Breeds Judges or Judges with a minimum of 6 Groups at Championship Level may judge General Specials at All Breeds Championship Shows. Those Judges that are not all Breeds Judges must also be currently listed as a Trainee Judge within their State. **(Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended 10/25, 5.11 - Effective 01/01/26)**

3.8 A Judge may under no circumstances agree to judge a breed at any show for which they are not approved for by the ANKC. The same applies for judging Best of Group and Best in Show. This excludes being approved to Judge a breed not recognised by ANKC by an overseas Controlling Body upon the completion of an exam or being invited to Judge a breed that is indigenous to an overseas country but not listed as an approved breed by ANKC. **(Added 12/13 – EM#072) (Amended 10/18, 6.15.4)**

SECTION 4

Overseas Judges

4.1 Any person who is not approved to judge any Breed of dog in their country of residence, shall not be approved to judge dogs in Australia at Championship Shows. **(10/91, 4.18.4) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

4.2 Where an overseas Judge defaults, full details of the incident shall be advised to other Member Bodies to enable a National decision to be made regarding future appointments in this country. **(04/88, 5.2.3)**

4.3 Deleted **(05/23 EM#205 - Effective 01/07/23)**

4.4 Overseas persons judging in Australia must judge in accordance with Australian standards and recognised principals and procedures with the exemption of the FCI CACIB show which is to be judged under FCI statutes. **(03/83) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended EM#205 05/23 – Effective 01/07/23)**

4.5 New Zealand Judges and any overseas Judge holding an Australian Permanent Resident Visa shall be exempt from completing the approved Overseas Judges Application Form. **(03/86) (Amended EAP 07/11)**

4.6 All overseas Judges, other than those to which 4.5 relates, shall be required to complete an official ANKC Ltd Overseas Judges Contract. **(09/83) (Amended EAP 07/11)**

4.7 Following approval by the ANKC Ltd of an official Overseas Judges Contract, the overseas Judge is entitled to accept further appointments by way of sub-contract in accordance with that approval during the period one calendar month before and one calendar month after the date of the approved appointment. **(Added EAP 07/11) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended EM#205 05/23 – Effective 01/07/23)**

4.8 Overseas Judges holding an Australian Permanent Resident Visa shall be entitled to complete the "Permanent Resident Overseas Judge Registration Form" in July of each year in respect of the following calendar year or relevant part thereof and pay such registration fee as is determined by the ANKC Ltd. **(Added EAP 07/11)**

4.9 New Zealand Judges and registered Permanent Resident Overseas Judges are entitled to contract their services by completion of the standard ANKC Ltd Judges Contracts. **(Added EAP 07/11)**

SECTION 5

Responsibilities of Judges

5.1 All Judges are required to report any incidents of dogs, from six months of age, suspected of not being entire, or of dogs of any age showing aggressive tendencies. **(10/96, 7.9) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

5.2 All Judges are to be directed to consider the original purpose for which a dog was bred and if necessary, refer to ANKC Ltd standards at ring-side. **(Added 10/09, 7.4) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

5.3 No Judge shall handle any dog at any Exhibition for financial gain. This includes Aspiring and Trainee Judges. **(Added 10/15, 7.5.6)**

Cancellation of Appointment to Judge

5.4 Where any person cancels an agreement to judge at any fixture conducted in Australia, the affiliate conducting the fixture shall be required to submit full details of the reason for the cancellation to their Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which the fixture is to be conducted, within seven days of receipt of the notice of cancellation.

The Controlling Body on receipt of the notice of cancellation shall forward a copy to the Control in the State or Territory in which the invited Judge resides, who shall be required to investigate the reason for cancellation and if necessary take appropriate action. **(04/88, 4.10)**

5.5 A Judge who withdraws from a 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 original contracted event. **(05/97, 7.5)**

SECTION 6

Misconduct

6.1 Where a Member is suspended in any State or Territory and if they are a Judge they will be unable to fulfill any judging contracts in their home State or any other State or Territory in Australia, or any overseas country. **(05/97, 7.1)**

6.2 If a Judge is accused of misbehaviour, outside his/her State or Territory, an inquiry shall be conducted into the allegations and a report forwarded to the home body, who shall deal with the Judge, if any discipline is necessary. **(04/74)**

SECTION 7

Junior Handler Judges

7.1 That no person under the age of eighteen years of age shall be permitted to officiate as Judge at Junior Handler Classes. **(04/84)**

7.2 Junior Handler Judges shall be eligible to enroll in a Junior Handler Judges Training Scheme whilst they are 17 years of age. **(10/98)**