

AFA Flyball Title Recognition Procedure prepared by the ANKC's National Flyball Working Party for the ANKC Member Bodies.



Flyball Title Application Procedure for ANKC Member Bodies

The Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) and the Australian Flyball Association (AFA) reached an agreement at the February 2019 ANKC meeting whereby the ANKC will recognise AFA titles achieved in the sport of flyball, provided the dog and handler meet the requirements for an ANKC title application. In order for the ANKC Member Bodies to fulfil their end of the agreement, the Member Bodies will accept applications for Flyball titles, upon receipt of an AFA title certificate, along with the Member Body's usual title application and payment requirements.

While the agreement is different to the agreement that was discontinued in 2012, it includes provisions for titles to be recognised retroactively, provided that the above conditions are met. Should an owner apply for a title that was achieved between the 1st July, 2012 and the 10th February 2019, Member Body staff will need to check the date on the AFA title certificate to ensure that the dog was ANKC registered and the owner was a financial member of a ANKC Member Body on that date.

Under Section 11.1 of the AFA's rules and policies, the AFA recognises the following titles. Their abbreviations are provided in brackets.

Flyball Dog (FD)

Flyball Dog Excellent (FDX)

Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh)

Australian Flyball Champion (AFCh)

Flyball Master (FM)

Flyball Master Excellent (FMX)

Flyball Master Champion (FMCh)

Flyball Master Champion - Onyx Award (ONYX)

Flyball Dog Grand Champion (FDGCh)

Flyball Dog Grand Champion – Jeddah Award (JEDDAH)

Flyball Dog Grand Champion – Ezri Award (EZRI)

It is noted that the ANKC and AFA had an agreement in place in the past, that was discontinued in 2012. Some dogs who had AFA titles recognised by an ANKC Member Body during the previous agreement, may still be competing in the sport. In this case, the most recent title is to replace the one previously recognised.

There are several titles in flyball which include the term "champion" – though championship titles are generally included before the dog's name (e.g. OCh Prefix Dogs Name for a dog with an obedience championship), all flyball titles are suffix titles and are to be included on the end of the dog's name (eg Prefix Dogs Name AFCh).

If you require more information regarding the title application process or flyball in general, please contact the Convenor of the ANKC Flyball Working Party, Michelle Gurney on shell@pawformance.com.au.