**REGULATIONS**

**PART 3H**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF**

**DANCES WITH DOGS COMPETITION**

**JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

**RULES SUBMISSION**

**OLD RULE**

### OVERVIEW

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		2. Novice
		3. Intermediate
		4. Advanced.
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1.6 A Dances With Dogs Judging licence may be approved to judge class levels up to

 and including Starter and Novice in Freestyle and Heelwork to Music prior to training,

 testing and assessment for a Dances With Dogs Judging licence to judge all class

 levels in Freestyle and Heelwork to Music.

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**RATIONALE**

Over time it has been found that it would be advantageous to the discipline and to the training of judges if there was the option to licence judges for the lower level classes instead of all classes at once. Some trainees would have found it more suitable to gain a licence to judge the lower levels and then to gain experience at judging while completing their training for a licence to judge all levels.