

SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BOARD MEETING HELD IN MELBOURNE ON 18 & 19 OCTOBER 2025

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Kennel Council Limited held in Melbourne:

1. Election of ANKC Ltd Executive

- Ms Pam Campbell was elected as Vice President for a one-year term from 18 October 2025;
- Mr David Sales was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer for a one-year term from 18 October 2025;
- Mr Brian Parker was re-elected as a member of the Executive Committee for a one-year term from 18 October 2025.

At the October 2024 Dogs Australia Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

2. * Regulations Part 2 – Judges, Clause 3.7

It was resolved that Regulations Part 2 – Judges, Clause 3.7 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

- 3.7 Only All Breeds Judges shall judge General Specials at All Breed Championship Shows.
(Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

Amend to read:

- 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

This amendment is effective from 1 January 2026.

3. * Regulations Part 3 – Judges Training & Examination Program, Clause 7.2

It was resolved that Regulations Part 3 – Judges Training & Examination Program, Clause 7.2 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

- 7.2 Unless otherwise determined, at the discretion of the Member Body, a practical examination for a single breed license shall consist of one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) bitches over the age of six (6) months, and the Trainee Judge will be required to place the classes and select a Best of Breed and a Runner Up to Best of Breed. The Trainee must not be examined on dogs they own or co-own.

Amend to read:

- 7.2 Unless otherwise determined, at the discretion of the Member Body, a practical examination for a single breed license shall consist of one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and one (1) class of a minimum of five (5) bitches over the age of six (6) months, and the Trainee Judge will be required to place the classes and select a Best of Breed and a Runner Up to Best of Breed. The Trainee must not be examined on dogs they own or co-own.

In instances where there are fewer than ten dogs available or suitable of a particular Breed within a State, dogs that are owned or co-owned by the candidate may be used at the discretion of the Member Body.

This amendment is effective from the start of the commencement of each Member Bodies Judges Training Scheme.

4. * Regulations Part 3 – Judges Training & Examination Program, Clause 9.8

It was resolved that Regulations Part 3 – Judges Training & Examination Program, Clause 9.8 be amended as follows:

Currently the clause reads:

9.8 All Theory Examinations, once passed, are held for life.

Amend Clause 9.8 to read:

9.8 All Theory Examinations, once passed, are valid for a period of five (5) years. If a candidate has not attempted to advance to Championship Show level within this time, the examination must be re-sat to ensure continued competency.

This amendment is effective from the start of the commencement of each Member Bodies Judges Training Scheme in 2027.

5. * Regulations Part 3E(a) – Regulations for the Conduct of Tracking Trial Judges Training Scheme

It was resolved that Regulations Part 3E(a) – Regulations for the Conduct of Tracking Trial Judges Training Scheme, Clause 8 – Practical Assessment be amended as follows:

Currently the rule reads:

8. Practical Assessment

8.2.1 Trainees are required to judge a minimum of 2 dogs.

8.2.1.1 One (1) will be a Tracking Dog Excellent test level and one (1) will be a Tracking Champion test level.

Amend the rule to read

8. Practical Assessment

8.2.1 Trainees are required to judge a minimum of 2 dogs.

8.2.1.1 One (1) will be a Tracking Dog Excellent test level and one (1) will be a Tracking Grand Champion test level.

This amendment is effective from 1 January 2026.

6. * Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 2.7.3

It was resolved that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 2.7.3 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

Ramp Breeds

2.7.3 A judge requesting the use of a ramp must give notice to the show representative/show manager prior to judging. Dogs Australia/ member body approval is not required. Designated ramp breeds may be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp during breed judging at the sole discretion of the judge and not the exhibitor. The entire entry in that breed is to be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp. The ramp will be available at the discretion of the judge for all ramp optional breeds through all levels of competition including group and Best in Show judging.

Be amended to read:

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2.7.3 A judge requesting the use of a ramp must give notice to the show representative/show manager prior to judging. Dogs Australia / member body approval is not required. ~~Designated~~ Ramp breeds may be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp during breed judging at the ~~sole~~ discretion of the judge ~~and not the exhibitor. The entire entry in that breed is to be examined on the ground (table if applicable) or on a ramp.~~ The ramp will be available at the discretion of the Judge for all ramp ~~optional~~ breeds through all levels of competition including Group and Best in Show judging.

This amendment is effective from 1 January 2026.

7. * Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show – New Clause 9.10 - FCI World Challenge for Top Dogs

It was resolved that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows be amended with the addition of new Clause 9.10 for the selection of the Australian representative at the FCI World Challenge for Top Dogs. The new regulations to read as follows:

**9.10 Rules for the Selection of the FCI World Challenge Top Dog
(Added 10/25, 5.18 – Effective 01/01/26)**

- 9.10.1 Listed below are the rules for the selection of the dog to represent Australia at the FCI World Challenge Top Dog.
- 9.10.1.1 All dogs competing in a FCI CACIB event in Australia will automatically be entered in the point score.
- 9.10.1.2 Only FCI CACIB events shall be included in the point score.
- 9.10.1.3 The point score will run from any FCI CACIB show commencing on or after 01 January and will finish with any show commencing on 31 December of that year.
- 9.10.1.4 Points will be awarded as follows and shall not be accumulated at any 1 show:
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| a. Runner Up Best in Group | 1 |
| b. Best in Group | 2 |
| c. Runner up Best in Show | 3 |
| d. Best in Show | 4 |
- 9.10.1.5 The dog with the highest points at the end of the period will be declared the Top Dog and will be invited to represent Australia at the FCI World Challenge for Top Dogs the following year.
- 9.10.1.6 Should there be a tie for the Top Dog then the winner will be decided on a count back as follows:
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| a. The number of Best in Show, then; |
| b. The number of Runner up in Show, then; |
| c. The number of Best in Group, finally; and |
| d. The number of Runner Best in Group. |
- 9.10.1.7 Should the successful dog not elect to represent Australia then the invitation will be bestowed on the next dog on the list down to placing number 5. Should none of the placegetters down to 5 accept the invitation then Australia would not have a representative.
- 9.10.1.8 All the expenses related to the dog and owner's travel and accommodation, are under the responsibility of the relevant owner(s).

Effective from 1 January 2026.

8. * Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 9A.2.1

It was resolved that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 9A.2.1 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

9A.2.1 A maximum of four A2O shows may be held by each Member (each State or Territory) in a calendar year.

Amend to read:

9A.2.1 A maximum of six A2O shows may be held by each Member (each State or Territory) in a calendar year.

This amendment is effective from 1 January 2026.

9. * Dogs Australia Judges Contract

It was resolved that effective immediately page 4 (Judging Declaration for Additional Breeds) of the current Dogs Australia Judges Contract be removed.

10. * Dogs Australia Judges Contract

It was resolved that effective immediately the Dogs Australia Judges Contract be clearly marked "Dogs Australia Judges Contract (Australia and New Zealand Judges)".

11. * Dogs Australia Ramp Listing

It was resolved that the following amendments be made to the Ramp listing:

- Skye Terrier be given the option of Ramp or Table (effective 1 January 2026)
- Remove Harriers from the Ramp listing (effective immediately)

12. * Procedure to apply for Dogs Australia recognition of a breed for Herding

It was resolved that the following sentence in paragraph 3 of the Procedure to Apply for Dogs Australia Recognition of a Breed for Herding be removed:

"Final acceptance will be by the Dogs Australia Governing Council"

This amendment is effective from 1 January 2026.

13. * Spanish Water Dog – Recognition as a breed for Herding

It was resolved that the Spanish Water Dog be permitted to participate in Herding Trials.

Effective from 1 January 2026.

14. Registration of Kennel Names with FCI

It was resolved that all members be advised they must register their kennel name with the FCI in accordance with our agreement with the FCI.

Note: The Dogs Australia Administrative Procedure for the Registration of International Kennel Names with the FCI can be found on the Dogs Australia website under the heading FCI at the link below.

<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/about-dogs-australia/forms-guidelines-listings-and-procedures/>

15. * Dogs Australia Rules - Amendment

Amendments to the following rules have been endorsed and will be effective as noted below:

Rules for the Conduct of Agility Trials & Agility Games – (effective 1 January 2027)

Rules for the Conduct of Agility Teams Events – (effective 1 January 2027)

Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs (RATG) – (effective 1 January 2026)

Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs – (effective 1 January 2026)

16. * Dogs Australia Regulations - Amendment

Amendments to the following regulations have been endorsed and will be effective 1 January 2026.

Regulations Part 3L – Regulations for the conduct of Lure Coursing Judges Training & Assessment Program

- * New or amended regulations, policy statements, procedures, publications and listings will be made available from the Dogs Australia website.

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ADMINISTRATOR