



**REGULATIONS
PART V**

**NON-SLIP RETRIEVING & FIELD TRIAL
JUDGES PANELS**

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PART 3i: RETRIEVING ABILITY TEST FOR GUNDOGS JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME
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SECTION 1

Constitution of Judges Panels

1.1 Until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors the following Judges Panels are hereby constituted:-

(a) Championship Stake Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside and outside the State all stakes including Championship Events at Non-Slip Retrieving & Field Trials for Pointers and Setter, Utility Trials, Spaniels and Retrievers.

NON-SLIP RETRIEVING TRIAL JUDGES PANELS.

(a) Championship Stake Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside and outside the State, all stakes at Non-Slip Retrieving Trials.

(b) All Age Stake Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside, and outside the State, all exercises other than a Championship Stake at a Non-Slip Retrieving Trial.

(c) Restricted Stake Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside, and outside the State, a Restricted or Novice Stake at a Non-Slip Retrieving Trial.

(d) Novice Stake Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside, and outside the State, a Novice Stake at a Non-Slip Retrieving Trial.

(e) Gun Dog Obedience Tests Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside, and outside the State, Gun Dog Obedience Tests (Novice and Open).

FIELD TRIAL JUDGES PANEL

1.2 (a) Pointers & Setters Trial Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside and outside the State at Pointer & Setter Trials. Before being eligible to adjudicate at an Open Stake, a Judge must have completed at least two Novice Trial judging appointments. Eligibility to adjudicate at Championship Stakes shall be determined by the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee of a DOGS NSW.

(b) Spaniels & Retrievers Trial Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside and outside the State at Spaniel and Retriever Trials. Before being eligible to adjudicate at an Open Stake, a Judge must have completed at least two Novice Trial judging appointments. Eligibility to adjudicate at Championship Stakes shall be determined by the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee of a DOGS NSW.

(c) Utility Gun Dogs Field Trial Judges Panel

A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge inside and outside the State at Utility Field Trials. Before being eligible to adjudicate at Open or All Age Stakes, a Judge must have completed at least two Novice Trial judging appointments. Eligibility to adjudicate at Championship Stakes shall be determined by the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee of a DOGS NSW.

SECTION 2

Registrar

2.1 The DOGS NSW Secretary shall be the Registrar of the Judges Panels. He shall keep a record of the names and addresses of the persons appointed to and record all resignations or removals from the respective Judges Panels and at least once in each year shall publish in the Journal a list of the names and addresses of the members of each Judges Panel and of subsequent appointments thereto as soon as practicable after the Board of Directors has approved the licences of the existing Judges for the ensuring year and each subsequent appointment.

SECTION 3

Trials Examinations

- 3.1 Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors Examinations for the appointment of a person to Field, A Non-Slip Retrieving Trial and Gun Dog Obedience Tests Judges Panel shall be under the control of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee which shall be responsible, subject to the approval of Board of Directors for setting syllabi, conducting Examinations, appointments for Examiners, confidential setting and Marking of Examination papers, the fixing of pass standards and where applicable the provision of the instruction.
- 3.2 Examination Procedures
- (a) A person who is a candidate for an examination shall not be appointed to the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee and a Member of such Committee shall not enrol for or submit himself for examination. Provided that this rule shall not apply to a member who is involved in an official capacity in a programme if that member enrolls for tuition and examination in a Training Programme other than that in which he is so involved.
 - (b) Examinations for approval as a Judge shall include both theoretical examinations, either written and/or oral and a practical test or tests.
 - (c) All written examinations shall be conducted so that the examiner does not know the name of the candidate whose paper he marks.
 - (d) All examination papers shall be treated as confidential by the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee which shall inform the candidate whether he has passed or failed and shall, if requested by the candidate, discuss with him the results of his examination.
 - (e) A candidate who fails an examination may request, upon payment of a prescribed fee, after the aforesaid discussion, that the marks awarded to him in such examination be reviewed by the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee.
 - (f) A candidate who gains less marks than the required percentage of the possible marks to be awarded in an examination as determined by the Retrieving and Field Trials Committee prior to holding of an examination shall fail such examination.

SECTION 4

Eligibility for Enrolment for Examination

4.1 A member who satisfies the requirements as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors for the particular Examination for which he applies may apply in writing on the prescribed form to enrol as a candidate for examination for appointment to:-

- (a) The Novice Stake Non-Slip Retrieving or Field Trial Judges Panel if:-

- (i) he has trained and handled within the previous five (5) years a registered Gun Dog in the Class of Trial for which he applies; **11/89**
 - (ii) he has proof acceptable to the Board of Directors that he has equivalent experience in the field or has owned a registered Gun Dog for not less than five (5) consecutive years;
 - (iii) his application is recommended by an Affiliated Gun Dog Club conducting Non-Slip Retrieving or Field Trials; and
 - (iv) (a) has acted as a field steward at least four times as a game steward at least four times at a Non-Slip Retrieving Trial; or Field Trial;
 - (b) in the opinion of the Board of Directors has equivalent qualifications to (a) above.
 - (c) has trained and handled a registered Gun Dog in Non-Slip Trials or Field Trials at least five (5) years previously;
- (b) A Gun Dog Obedience Tests Judges Panel if he:-
- (i) has trained and handled a registered Gun Dog in the Class of Trial for which he is being tested;
 - (ii) has owned a registered Gun Dog/s for at least five (5) years;
 - (iii) be recommended by an Affiliated Gun Dog Club conducting Gun Dog Obedience tests; and
 - (iv) (a) has acted as a Steward for Gun Dog Obedience tests at least twice; or
 - (b) in the opinion of the Board of Directors has equivalent qualifications to (a) above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion enrol a person who is not qualified as aforesaid but has other special qualifications acceptable to the Board of Directors.

(c) The Restricted Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trial Judges Panel.

if he:-

- (i) has been a member of the Novice Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trial Judges Panel;
- (ii) has judged the Novice Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trial at not less than three (3) Recognised Trials;
- (iii) has trained and handled a registered Gun Dog in the class of trial for which he applies.

- (d) All Age Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trial Judges Panel if he:-
- (i) has been a member of the Restricted Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trial Judges Panel;
 - (ii) has judged Restricted Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trials at not less than three (3) Recognised Trials;
 - (iii) has trained and handled a registered Gun Dog in the class of trial for which he applies.
- 4.2 A person who has been a member of the All Age Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trial Judges Panel and has judged the All Age Stake at not less than four (4) Recognised Trials within the area aforesaid of a standard as aforesaid shall be entitled to apply or appointment to the Championship Stake Non-Slip Retrieving Trial Judges Panel.
- 4.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion, and on written request by a person who has gained judging qualifications in another State or Country, appoint such person to a Judges Panel equivalent to that for which he is qualified, provided that such person is a resident of the State, and undertakes to take such instruction or examination as the Board of Directors deems necessary.
- 4.4 The Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor refuse to appoint an applicant to the Panel for which he applies or to which he applies to be elevated, or it may require such applicant to take further instruction of a special nature, or gain further experience.
- 4.5 An application for elevation to a Judges Panel made pursuant to this Section of this Part of the Regulations shall be in writing and shall give full particulars of the qualifications on which the applicant relies and such other information as the Board of Directors may require from time to time.
- 4.6 An application which is refused shall be deemed to be an application for the renewal of the current Approval to Judge.

SECTION 5

Approval to Judge - Responsibilities and Privileges of Judges

- 5.1 A Member who has been approved as a Judge shall be entitled to judge in accordance with such approval for a period of one (1) year commencing on the first day of July and may apply for further approval annually by lodging with the DOGS NSW Secretary the prescribed application for such approval on or before the 30th day of June in each year together with the prescribed fee. Such an application received after such date may be granted by the Board of Directors at its sole discretion but subject to the payment of the applicant of the prescribed additional fee.

- 5.2 Approval to Judge shall be given annually for the year commencing on the first day of July. Until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors an application for renewal of such Approval shall be lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary on or before the preceding 30th day of June together with the prescribed fee. Such an application received after such date may be granted by the Board of Directors at its sole discretion but subject to the payment by the applicant of the prescribed additional fee.
- 5.3 A person shall not be entitled to judge at a Recognised Trial unless he has been approved to Judge or unless he has received the permission of the Board of Directors to judge at a nominated Trial.
- 5.4 A Judge shall not be entitled to Judge outside the State unless he has been approved to Judge the Trial he is asked to judge or if not so appointed unless he receives the prior written permission of the Board of Directors to judge at a nominated Trial outside the State.
- 5.5 A financial member of a DOGS NSW who is twenty-one (21) years of age who:-
- (i) qualifies by examination in accordance with this part of the Regulations to be a Judge may apply to the Board of Directors for the relevant Judges Panel for which he is eligible to become a Member; or
 - (ii) shows cause why his Approval to Judge which has lapsed and is not otherwise renewable should be renewed may apply to the Board of Directors for the relevant Judges Panel to which he was appointed prior to the time such approval elapsed.
- 5.6 A Judge who is not available to accept judging appointments by reason of absence from the State or for other reasons acceptable to the Board of Directors may apply to the Board of Directors to have his name placed on a reserve list for the Panel. A person whose name has been placed on the reserve list may at any time apply to the Board of Directors to be reinstated on payment of the appropriate fee.
- 5.7 The Board of Directors may require a Judge to show cause why his approval to Judge should not be suspended, cancelled or refused, or it may suspend, cancel or refuse to grant approval to Judge without giving or being required to give any reason for so doing. The Board of Directors in its absolute discretion may grant its approval to Judge subject to such terms and conditions as it may see fit either generally or in a particular circumstance.
- 5.8 A Member whose approval to Judge has been cancelled, refused or suspended may appeal to the Board of Directors for its reinstatement. The Board of Directors shall hear or at its discretion may appoint a Committee to hear such appeal and the decision of the Council or of such Committee shall be final and binding on the appellant.
- 5.9 The Board of Directors or such Committee may require the appellant and any witnesses to make statements on oath or by way of Statutory Declaration. The proceedings of the appeal shall be strictly confidential and without regard to the normal rules of evidence and a member of the Board of Directors or of such Committee or a person who appears as a witness before it who is a member of the RNSWCC shall not make any reference to, or statement concerning matters dealt with by the Board of Directors or such Committee other than by way of report to the Board of Directors.

- 5.10 A person who applies for approval to Judge shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the Regulations and hereby agrees to indemnify a DOGS NSW, the Board of Directors and members from all claims and demands which may arise in consequence of his being granted approval to Judge or having the same suspended, cancelled or refused.
- 5.11 The granting of approval to judge shall not confer any rights or entitlements on the holder thereof except as hereinafter provided, and the cancellation, suspension or refusal thereof shall not entitle the former holder thereof to any claim for damages, compensation or right of reinstatement except in accordance with Regulation 5.8 of this Part of the Regulations.

SECTION 6

Judging Appointments - Judging at Recognised Trials

- 6.1 (a) A Judge shall not:-
- (i) judge an exhibit which he directly or indirectly owns or leases alone or jointly with another;
 - (ii) act as a handler of an exhibit or exhibit a dog at a Trial at which he officiates as a Judge;
 - (iii) judge an exhibit which, during the previous six (6) months, has been used at stud over a bitch which he directly or indirectly owns or leases alone or jointly with another Member or which, during that period, has been mated to a dog which he directly or indirectly owns or leases alone or jointly with another Member. **(6/03)**
 - (iv) judge an exhibit exhibited or handled contrary to Show Regulation 12.18. **(6/03)**
- (b) An exhibit shall be deemed to be owned by or to be leased to a Judge if it is an exhibit in which, at any time during the previous six (6) months, he or his spouse, his children, parents, brothers, sisters, or their children or the parents of his spouse, their children or grand children, or Members who are members of his household, or in any case any one or more of them, have any interest. **6/90 (amended 9/02)**
- (c) An exhibit causing or likely to cause a contravention of this regulation shall be disqualified with effect from the commencing day of the Trial.
- (d) A Judge shall not be in breach of Regulation six (6)(a)(ii) if any member of his family exhibits a dog in a "Stake" of which he is not the Judge.
- 6.2 At each judging appointment a Judge shall properly maintain the Judges Score Sheet as provided by a DOGS NSW. The Judge shall initial any alteration made in the record and sign entries of awards at the conclusion of each Stake.

- 6.3 At the conclusion of the Trial the Judge shall ensure that he retains the copy of his Judges Book and he shall retain the same without alteration for at least six (6) weeks from the closing date of the Trial.
- 6.4 At the conclusion of the judging of each Stake a Judge shall make his awards in a clear and decisive fashion and record the same on the Judges Score Sheet. Such decision shall be final and binding on the exhibitors unless an exhibit given an award is or should have been disqualified by the Trial Committee.

Order of Merit

- 6.5 (a) Upon the making of an award by a Judge at the completion of the judging of a class the award winners shall be lined up in order of merit.
- (b) A Judge shall not make the same award to two exhibits in the same class.