

SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 8 FEBRUARY 2025

At the February 2025 Dogs Australia Special Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

1. * Regulations Part 2 – Judges, Section 3 - Rescission

It was RESOLVED that the following amendment to Regulations Part 2 – Judges, Section 3 passed at the October 2024 Board meeting be rescinded:

Currently reads:

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)

Be amended to read:

3.2.1 The number of dogs any one judge may judge on any day where that judge is only contracted to judge no more 1 Group (excluding Group and General Specials) is 250 exhibits including Sweepstakes Classes, 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)

3.2.2 Where a Judge is contracted to judge more than 1 Group on any day (excluding Group and General Specials) is 200 exhibits including Sweepstakes Classes, except in extenuating circumstances with the prior approval of the judge and the Member Body.”

Therefore, effective from 1 July 2025 the regulation will revert back to the original wording prior to the October 2024 Board meeting – noted above.

2. * Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership, Clause 14 - Amendment

It was RESOLVED that the National Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership, Clause 14 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

14. A member shall not breed a bitch causing it to whelp more than six times. (Amended 06/22, 4.2 – effective 01/01/2023)

Be amended to read:-

14. A member shall not breed a bitch causing it to whelp more than **five (5)** times. (Effective 01/06/25)

A breach will result in all progeny of the litter being registered on the Limited Register and marked “never to be upgraded”.

This amendment is effective from 1 June 2025.

3. Overseas Judges Register

It was RESOLVED that a permanent register be established on the Dogs Australia website of all overseas judges approved to judge in Australia.

Once approved, the judge remains on the list until they retire or are suspended, i.e. a further application is not required when a judge returns for another assignment.

If the approved judge, has a change in qualifications, i.e. new breed/group, the judge’s listing should be appropriately updated by Dogs Australia.

This register will be effective from 1 July 2025.



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4. * Dogs Australia Rules for the Conduct of SprintDog™

Clarification amendments to the following rules and regulations have been endorsed and will be effective from 1 July 2025:

Rules for the Conduct of SprintDog™

Part 3P - Regulations for the Conduct of SprintDog™ Judges Training & Assessment Program

SprintDog™ Lure Operator Competency Standards

5. * Dogs Australia SprintDog™ Committee - Charter

It was RESOLVED that the National SprintDog™ Committee Charter be endorsed.

This charter will be made available on the Committee/Working Party page of our website at:
<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/about-dogs-australia/committees-working-parties/>

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

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