

# DOGS QUEENSLAND

## Herding Judges Training and Assessment Scheme

2019

**Current Dogs Queensland Judges Regulations are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, and will be reviewed annually. This means that the Scheme may be amended each January to reflect ANKC and Dogs Queensland Rules and Regulations.**

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## **Dogs Queensland Judges Regulations**

### **1. HOW TO BECOME A HERDING TEST/TRIAL JUDGE**

#### **1.1 Application Procedure**

All applications for Herding Judge Training must be made on the required application form, available on Dogs Queensland website, and pay the scheduled application fee.

#### **1.2 To be eligible to enter the Herding Test/Trial Program the applicant must:**

1. Reside in Queensland and have been a member of Dogs Queensland or a member of an ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory of prior residence for a total period of not less than two (2) years;
2. Be over eighteen (18) years of age;
3. Have been a member of a herding affiliate/club or similar for a period of at least one (1) year;
4. Have been involved with herding activities (including tests and trials) for at least one year prior to application. A Log Book recording all herding activities must be kept for this year and this record must be submitted for review by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee upon application; and
5. Be eligible under the ANKC Herding Judges Training Scheme.

#### **1.3 General Conditions Applicable to all Applicants**

1. All Applicants are to fulfil the requirements of the Herding Judges Training Program as determined by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. Applicants will also be required to educate themselves by studying the *Rules for the Conduct of Herding Trials* as well as the current ANKC *Rules and Regulations for Herding Trials*;
2. An Applicant may cease training after the completion of any level or course, i.e. an Applicant may wish to only be a Test Judge, or may only wish to judge at Test level and only one of the courses or only up to one of the levels of Trial judging;
3. It is anticipated that the time required to complete the training for all Test and Trial levels will be about one (1) year. However this may depend on circumstances beyond the control of the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee;
4. For training for Trial levels, an Applicant must have gained their Test qualification;

5. Two pathways may be offered to Applicants –
  - a. To train at the Started (plus Novice level for A Course) of all three courses. Once this is completed, to train at the Intermediate levels of all three courses. Once this is completed, to train at the Advanced levels of all three courses; or
  - b. To train for all levels of a single course, i.e. either A Course, B Course or C Course. Commencement of training for another course cannot occur until successful completion of the previous course.
  
6. A Log Book recording all herding activities must be kept while training for all Test and Trial levels. This record must be submitted for review by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee prior to taking the final examination for the level/course that is being undertaken. The Log Book should record since the commencement of training –
  - a. Records of all Time Keeping, Scribing and stock handling that the Applicant has performed at Tests and/or Trials run by Affiliates – these tasks are all very important and Candidates should endeavour to perform all these as many times as possible. All these are considered to be a compulsory part of the Candidate's training;
  - b. Any Trial Manager positions or other responsible positions for an Affiliate running a Test and/or Trial;
  - c. Assistance with or organising any herding activities undertaken by an affiliated herding club or similar that are practice days, training days, or similar to promote herding for its members or visitors. These could be practical or theoretical sessions or a combination of both;
  - d. Any other record that may be required by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee;
  - e. It is up to the Candidate to offer their services, especially for the Time Keeping, Scribing and stock handling (detailed above) to the respective Affiliates conducting Herding Tests and/or Trials. If the Affiliate's contact details are not known, they are shown in the Schedule published in *The Queensland Dog World* prior to the event being held;
  - f. The Log Book is available on the Dogs Queensland web-site. The entries should list the activity or activities undertaken, the name of the Affiliate and be signed by a member of the Affiliate's executive and/or a Judge at a Herding Test or Trial;
  
7. Applicants should compete in Herding Tests and/or Trials during the training period;
  
8. Applicants must attend all theoretical training sessions that are conducted. If these cannot be attended, the Applicant must arrange and undertake alternative training sessions;
  
9. Applicants must attend all practical training sessions that are conducted. If these cannot be attended, the Applicant must arrange and undertake alternative training

sessions. As part of these practical training sessions, Candidates must conduct Handlers Meetings to both the trainers and to the handlers present;

10. Applicants must attend the theoretical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) may be open-book or closed-book or a combination of these. The pass mark shall be 80%. The Applicant must be successful in the theoretical examination(s) before the practical examination(s) may be undertaken;
11. Applicants must attend the practical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) will consist of as many practice Tests or Trials as the examiners see fit. Applicants will also be required to conduct Handlers Meetings prior to the practice Tests or Trials being assessed. At least two (2) Senior Herding Judges will assess the Applicant for the practical examination(s) and will confer and agree on the result before making their decision;
12. Once an Applicant is considered to have reached the required standard in the Test or Trial level or course undertaken, the Candidate's name is put forward to Dogs Queensland for final approval. After this, their name is forwarded to the ANKC to be included on the ANKC Judges list.

## **2. HIC, HT and PT TEST LEVELS**

- 1 Holders of HIC, HT and PT Test Level Licence will be licensed to judge the HIC, HT and PT levels. Training and assessment for the Herding Test Level Licence will include the relevant ANKC and Dogs Queensland Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics and rules and exercises of the Test classes;
- 2 In addition to the conditions stated at 1.3 above, Trainee Judges for this level must –
  1. Attend an initial interview conducted by at least one (1) Senior Herding Judge and one (1) other member of the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee where the whole program is explained and discussed and any questions answered;
  2. Attend a theoretical training session where the following are discussed –
    - a. Importance of keeping a Log Book;
    - b. Dogs Queensland Code of Ethics;
    - c. Dogs Queensland Rules, as amended;
    - d. The ANKC *Rules and for Herding Trials Regulations*– Chapter 1, General Regulations and Chapter 2, Regulations Applying to Both Herding Tests and Trials;
  3. Attend a theoretical training session to discuss the ANKC *Rules and Regulations for Herding Trials* – Chapter 3, Herding Tests, and other relevant sections;

4. Attend several practical training sessions where the Candidate is instructed in and is required to demonstrate all aspects of the Herding Tests. This includes giving Handlers Meetings, laying out and building the Test courses, and conducting practice Tests. These practical sessions are conducted only when the interview, and the above two theoretical training sessions have been completed;
5. The theoretical examination(s) will include questions covering all aspects of the Dogs Queensland Code of Ethics, Rules as amended and the relevant chapters in the ANKC *Rules and for Herding Trials Regulation*;
6. Before a Candidate can be considered to be a holder of an HIC, HT and PT Test Level Licence, the Candidate must have gained all Test Levels and also the Started Level Title on either A Course, B Course or C Course with a dog. This means that he/she must have gained all these passes themselves without any other handler gaining these qualifications prior to the Candidate gaining them. In other words, where the PT qualification requires two passes, these must both be gained by the Candidate. Similarly, the three Started passes must be gained by the Candidate. In both cases, all these passes must be gained before another handler can gain a pass at these levels with this dog;
7. Proof of the above requirements will be required. This would normally be photocopies or scans of the duplicate Official Judge's Evaluation Forms and Official Score Sheets showing the Handler's Name, Date, Dog's Name and whether the dog qualified. Also the Title Certificate for the dog. These titles may be gained before Judges Training is commenced. A Statutory Declaration may also be required detailing these requirements.

### **3. TRAINING AND JUDGING FOR TRIALS**

As stated above, two pathways may be offered to Applicants –

- a To train at the Started level (plus Novice level for A Course) of all three courses. Once this is completed, to train at the Intermediate levels of all three courses. Once this is completed, to train at the Advanced levels of all three courses; or
  - b To train for all levels of a single course, i.e. either A Course, B Course or C Course. Commencement of training for another course cannot occur until successful completion of the previous course.
- a. STARTED A, B, C and NOVICE A TRIALS.**
1. Holders of a Started A, B, C and Novice Licence will be licensed to judge all Started A, B, C and Novice A Classes. Training and assessment for the Started and Novice Licence will include the rules and exercises for Started and Novice and the general Herding Rules. Self education is expected from the Candidates at all times at all levels.

2. To be eligible to apply for a Started and Novice Licence, the Candidate must have:
  1. A current Test Licence or have been accepted by Dogs Queensland as a licensed Test Judge;
  2. Have gained at least either a Novice A course title or Intermediate B or C course titles with a dog (i.e. the Candidate's dog must have moved up and gained a title on a higher level course). This would be under the same conditions and requirements as per 2.6 and 2.7 above, i.e. the Candidate must gain all the passes themselves prior to any other handler gaining a pass with the same dog;
  3. The Candidate must attend a theoretical training session to discuss the ANKC *Rules and Regulations for Herding Trials* – Chapter 4, Herding Trials and the relevant sections of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 as well as other relevant sections;
  4. Attend several practical training sessions where the Candidate is instructed in and is required to demonstrate all aspects of these levels of Herding Trials. This includes giving Handlers Meetings, laying out and building the Trial courses, and conducting practice Trials. These practical sessions are conducted only when the theoretical training session has been completed;
  5. Prior to qualifying at this level, the Candidate must have judged at least 12 dogs at Test levels (including at least five at PT level) at two or more Affiliates' Tests or Trials;
  6. Applicants must attend the theoretical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) may be open-book or closed-book or a combination of these. The pass mark shall be 80%. The Applicant must be successful in the theoretical examination(s) before the practical examination(s) may be undertaken;
  7. Applicants must attend the practical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) will consist of as many practice Trials as the examiners see fit. Applicants will also be required to conduct Handlers Meetings prior to the practice Trials being assessed. At least two (2) Senior Herding Judges will assess the Applicant for the practical examination(s) and will confer and agree on the result before making their decision;
  8. Once an Applicant is considered to have reached the required standard in the Trial level undertaken, the Candidate's name is put forward to Dogs Queensland for final approval. After this, their name is forwarded to the ANKC to be included on the ANKC Judges list.

## **b. INTERMEDIATE A, B and C TRIALS.**

1. Holders of an Intermediate A, B and C Licence will be licensed to judge all Intermediate A, B and C Classes. Training and assessment for the Intermediate Licence will include the rules and exercises for Intermediate level and the general Herding Rules. Self education is expected from the Candidates at all times at all levels.
2. To be eligible to apply for an Intermediate Licence, the Candidate must:
  1. Have the Started and Novice Licence;
  2. Attend a theoretical training session to discuss the ANKC *Rules and Regulations for Herding Trials* – Chapter 4, Herding Trials and the relevant sections of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 as well as other relevant sections;
  3. Attend several practical training sessions where the Candidate is instructed in and is required to demonstrate all aspects of this level of Herding Trials. This includes giving Handlers Meetings, laying out and building the Trial courses, and conducting practice Trials. These practical sessions are conducted only when the theoretical training session has been completed;
  4. Prior to qualifying at this level and since gaining their Started and Novice licence, the Candidate must have judged at least a further 10 dogs at Test levels (including at least four at PT level) at one or more Affiliates' Tests or Trials;
  5. Attend the theoretical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) may be open-book or closed-book or a combination of these. The pass mark shall be 80%. The Applicant must be successful in the theoretical examination(s) before the practical examination(s) may be undertaken;
  6. Attend the practical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) will consist of as many practice Trials as the examiners see fit. Applicants will also be required to conduct Handlers Meetings prior to the practice Trials being assessed. At least two (2) Senior Herding Judges will assess the Applicant for the practical examination and will confer and agree on the result before making their decision;
  7. Once an Applicant is considered to have reached the required standard in the Trial level undertaken, the Candidate's name is put forward to Dogs Queensland for final approval. After this, their name is forwarded to the ANKC to be included on the ANKC Judges list.

**c. ADVANCED A, B and C TRIALS.**

1. Holders of an Advanced A, B and C Licence will be licensed to judge all Advanced A, B and C Classes. Training and assessment for the Advanced

Licence will include the rules and exercises for Advanced Level and the general Herding Rules. Self education is expected from the Candidates at all times at all levels.

2. To be eligible to apply for an Advanced Licence, the Candidate must:
  1. Have an Intermediate Licence;
  2. Attend a theoretical training session to discuss the ANKC *Rules and Regulations for Herding Trials* – Chapter 4, Herding Trials and the relevant sections of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 as well as other relevant sections;
  3. Attend several practical training sessions where the Candidate is instructed in and is required to demonstrate all aspects of this level of Herding Trials. This includes giving Handlers Meetings, laying out and building the Trial courses, and conducting practice Trials. These practical sessions are conducted only when the theoretical training session has been completed;
  4. Prior to qualifying at this level and since gaining their Intermediate licence, the Candidate must have judged at least a further 10 dogs at Test levels (including at least four at PT level) at one or more Affiliates' Tests or Trials;
  5. Attend the theoretical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) may be open-book or closed-book or a combination of these. The pass mark shall be 80%. The Applicant must be successful in the theoretical examination(s) before the practical examination(s) may be undertaken;
  6. Attend the practical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) will consist of as many practice Trials as the examiners see fit. Applicants will also be required to conduct Handlers Meetings prior to the practice Trials being assessed. At least two (2) Senior Herding Judges will assess the Applicant for the practical examination and will confer and agree on the result before making their decision;
  7. Once an Applicant is considered to have reached the required standard in the Trial level undertaken, the Candidate's name is put forward to Dogs Queensland for final approval. After this, their name is forwarded to the ANKC to be included on the ANKC Judges list.

#### **d. ALL LEVELS OF A SINGLE COURSE**

1. Holders of a single course Licence will be eligible to judge at all levels of that course only. Training and assessment for that course will include the rules and exercises for that course and the general Herding rules. Self education is expected from the Candidates at all times for all courses;

2. Have gained at least either a Novice A course title or Intermediate B or C course titles with a dog (i.e. the Candidate's dog must have moved up and gained a title on a higher level course). This would be under the same conditions and requirements as per 2.6 and 2.7 above, i.e. the Candidate must gain all the passes themselves prior to any other handler gaining a pass with the same dog;
3. A Candidate may chose to apply for and gain their licence in any one of these courses to start. However if the first course chosen was not A Course, then the second course to be gained must be the A Course;
4. A Candidate may only wish to gain their Licence in one or two courses.
5. To be eligible to apply for an A, B or C course licence, the Candidate must have –
  1. A current Test Licence or have been accepted by Dogs Queensland as a licensed Test Judge;
  2. Attend a theoretical training session to discuss the ANKC *Rules and Regulations for Herding Trials* – Chapter 4, Herding Trials, and Chapter 5 (for A Course), Chapter 6 (for B Course) or Chapter 7 (for C Course) as well as other relevant sections;
  3. Attend several practical training sessions where the Candidate is instructed in and is required to demonstrate all aspects of this course. This includes giving Handlers Meetings, laying out and building the courses (for all levels), and conducting practice Trials. These practical sessions are conducted only when the theoretical training session has been completed;
  4. Prior to qualifying at their first course, the Candidate must have judged at least 12 dogs at Test levels (including at least five at PT level) at one or more Affiliates' Tests or Trials;
  5. Prior to qualifying at their second course, the Candidate must have judged at least 8 dogs in at least 2 levels in their first course at one or more Affiliates' Trials;
  6. Prior to qualifying at their third course, the Candidate must have judged at least 8 dogs in at least 2 levels in their second course at one or more Affiliates' Trials;
  7. Attend the theoretical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) may be open-book or closed-book or a combination of these. The pass mark shall be 80%. The Applicant must be successful in the theoretical examination(s) before the practical examination(s) may be undertaken;

8. Attend the practical examination(s) when conducted by the Dogs Queensland Herding Sub-committee. The examination(s) will consist of as many practice Trials as the examiners see fit. Applicants will also be required to conduct Handlers Meetings prior to the practice Trials being assessed. At least two (2) Senior Herding Judges will assess the Applicant for the practical examination and will confer and agree on the result before making their decision;
  
9. Once an Applicant is considered to have reached the required standard in the Trial course undertaken, the Candidate's name is put forward to Dogs Queensland for final approval. After this, their name is forwarded to the ANKC to be included on the ANKC Judges list.