

Trick Dog Judges training program -ACT

Participants will be provided with a logbook, and all tasks must be completed to successfully pass the program. Some elements may be completed out of order, or demonstrated by prior experience (ie conduct of classes)

Theory discussion sessions

1. Interview with Trick Dog coordinator or coordinators delegate
2. Judge Training - information session on Member Body Rules and the judge's role and responsibilities.
3. Judge Training – 2 hours discussion of Starters and Novice Tricks
4. Judge Training – 2 hours discussion of Intermediate Tricks
5. Judge Training – 2 hours discussion of Advanced Tricks
6. Judge Training – 2 hours discussion on scoring/deductions

Practical Requirements

7. Demonstrate ability to organize classes and train members to a standard of novice level (Verified by a Senior Judge) (either via regular conduct of classes or special session)
8. Steward at events either test or mock test – at least 3 trials
9. Manage Trick Dog test or mock test
10. Shadow Judge at least 3 trick tests for each level (one may be via video)
11. Provide demonstration of judging at least 4 [practical] mock trial sessions
12. Demonstrate knowledge of rules by judging each class level with mentor/Senior Judge/video for the relevant class

Assessment Requirements

13. Complete closed book exam for Member Body Rules
14. Complete theory exam on Trick Dog Rules and all classes (maybe individual classes)
15. Complete final practical assessment judging all required levels. At least two qualified judges to supervise.

Trick Dogs Judges Training Requirements (Rules 6-10 of Regulation 3Hb)

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

6.1. At the discretion of the relevant Member Body, trainees may be required to pass a preliminary theory examination based on Member Body Rules and Regulations and general requirements of the Rules for the Conduct of Trick Dog Tests prior to commencing or while undertaking the Judges Training Scheme.

6.2. Trainees will be required to:

6.2.1 educate themselves by being conversant with the Member Body Rules and Regulations relevant to Trick Dog Tests and updates to those Rules and Regulations; this may be through attendance at lectures and/or self education;

6.2.2 unless otherwise approved by the relevant Member Body, attend at least 80% of lectures and practical training sessions conducted as part of the Trick Dog Judges Training Scheme;

6.2.3 undertake practice judging at the relevant level under the supervision of an approved Trainer; a copy of the Judges Sheets completed during such practice judging must be forwarded to the Scheme Convener in accordance with the timelines specified by the Convener on behalf of the Member Body;

6.2.4 undertake stewarding responsibilities at a minimum of three sanctioned Trick Dog Tests.

7. PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSIONS

7.1 Normally, at least three practical training sessions, each of at least three hours duration, will be conducted in each calendar year.

7.2 The Convener or Trainer will notify trainees of training times and venues at least ten working days in advance of each training session. Such notification will normally be provided by email message to the email address provided by the trainee.

7.3 A Trainer must:

7.3.1 across the duration of Judges training, supervise trainees in all required aspects of performance in Trick Dog Tests. Sessions may include judging from DVDs and/or live run-outs;

7.3.2 provide feedback to trainees and be open to questions from trainees;

7.3.3 sign trainees' Practical Training Forms, including any comments or feedback. These forms are to be retained by the Scheme Convener. Copies may be retained by the trainees.

7.4 Trainees must provide documentation of attendance at all Judges Training sessions which they have attended and all stewarding appointments.

8. APPLICATION FOR ELEVATION AS A TRICK DOG JUDGE

8.1 A trainee who has completed the requirements of Sections 6 and 7 may apply to undertake the prescribed theory and practical examinations for elevation as a Trick Dog Judge.

8.2 Assessment will be carried out in the following sequential order:

8.2.1 written or oral theory examination;

8.2.2 practical examination.

9. THEORY EXAMINATION

9.1 The theory examination may be in either written or oral format as prescribed by the Convenor and is to be marked by a minimum of three members of the Judges Training Panel and/or Trick Dog Judges appointed by the Panel as examiners to mark examination papers independently.

9.2 The examination will consist of a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 50 questions set by the Convenor.

9.3 To pass the theory examination a trainee must achieve a minimum of 80% from the majority of the markers.

9.4 The Convenor or Trainer will provide feedback to the trainee on all examinations

9.5 A trainee who has failed a theory examination may make a written request, addressed to the Convenor, within fourteen (14) days of the advice of the results for their paper to be reviewed. A different panel of three markers appointed by the Judges Training Panel will, without conferring, separately remark the papers.

10. PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

10.1 The practical examination will be assessed by at least three assessors appointed by the Panel to assess trainee Judges' practical examinations independently.

10.2 A trainee must have passed the theory examination before undertaking the practical examination.

10.3 The following are the requirements for a pass in the practical examination:

10.3.1 A trainee must judge a minimum of four (4) Trick Dog run-outs covering at least three Trick Dog class levels.

10.3.2 At the assessors' discretion, a trainee may be asked to judge additional dog/s or to judge from DVDs if there are no dogs available for a particular class.

10.3.3 Each assessor will individually make a recommendation as to whether the trainee has passed or failed.

10.3.4 A recommendation by the majority of assessors is required in order for the trainee to pass the practical assessment.

10.4 Assessment sheets will be completed and submitted to the Convenor on behalf of the relevant Member Body for written notification to the trainee of their results

Interview with Trick Dog coordinator or coordinators delegate

This interview will establish a baseline for the judges training program, including understanding where trainees may have already met requirements through prior involvement in Trick Dog competition management or via experience with other dog sports. The logbook and all regulation requirements will be discussed. This may be face to face, or via telephone or online meeting.

Session 1: Information session on Member Body Rules and Judge's role and responsibilities – 2 hours

This session will be conducted by at least two experienced ACT judges (judges from other disciplines with some understanding of Trick Dogs may also assist the coordinator).

Trainees will complete an Open book exam after this session is concluded.

Regulations

Trainees should familiarise themselves with Dogs ACT regulations prior to the session.

ACT Regulations:

Part 7 (Entries – Shows and Trials), Part 8 (Obedience and Agility),

Part 9 (Judges), Part 14 (use of motorised vehicles and assistance to handlers),

Part 15 (Inclement Weather policies), Part 16 (Code of Ethics),

Part 17 (Aggressive Dogs), Part 18 (Discipline) and

Part 19 (Social Media Policy) will be the focus of this component, as the most relevant to a judge's responsibilities in the ACT.

ANKC Regulations, especially Part 2 (Judges), Part 3 (Judges Training), and Part 3Hb (Trick Dog Judges Training Scheme).

Pre- trial Requirements

Judges contracts

Appointment to judge

Trial Set Up

Rings

Equipment

Inspecting Ring

Ring Size

Appropriate set up

Reward station

Stewards

Dog Welfare

Dog Attire and protective clothing for dogs

Equipment Set up by Handler

Judging

Scoresheets

Judging Charts

Qualification certificates

Entire time in ring

Encouragement and praise

Rewards

Requirements

Use

Reward station

Session 2: Judge Training – 2 hour discussion of Starters and Novice Tricks Rulebook - S.1 to S. 15 and N.1 to N.20

At the conclusion of this session, trainees will demonstrate an understanding of the key points of all Starters and Novice level tricks.

This will include a practical component of at least 1 Starter and 1 Novice Trick dog video for scoring and review.

Trainees will be assigned at least 3 Starters and 3 Novice level Trick Dog videos to review and score.

Trick Dogs Rules - Introduction to Rule Book

Guide to Judges

Overview - Classes

Four levels

Number of Tricks

Leads



Session 3: Judge Training – 2 hours discussion of Intermediate Tricks

At the conclusion of this session, trainees will demonstrate an understanding of the key points of all Intermediate level tricks

Trainees will be assigned at least 3 Intermediate level Trick Dog videos to review and score

Session 4: Judge Theory Training 2 hours discussion of Advanced Tricks

At the conclusion of this session, trainees will demonstrate an understanding of the key points of all Advanced level tricks

Trainees will be assigned the equivalent of at least 3 Advanced level Trick Dog videos to review and score

Session 5: Judge Training – 1 ½ hours discussion on scoring/ deductions

Judge Training – review video judging homework and discuss scoring and deductions

Primary deductions for trick performance

Start and finish positions

Cues

Appropriate speed

Accuracy

Judging Criteria

Precedence order

Deductions

Barking

Equipment

Retries

Trick components

Physical management and verbal corrections

Cuing and trick performance

Dog disconnecting

Judges directions

Disqualifications

Dog fouling the ring

Leaving the ring

Harsh treatment of dog

Dog attire violation

Violent or threatening props

Misuse of rewards

Barking

Places and Ties

Set up and Trick Description Preamble

Defining cues, distance, stance, and duration

Judge's or stewards' responsibility for determination of above

Judges Instructions for performance of tricks

Session 6: Group Practical and discussion

Initial live practical demonstration.

Each trainee will demonstrate their ability to direct a competitor and manage a ring. Group discussion of scoring after each trick.

Follow up discussions may be conducted online.

Practical demonstration requirements (to be signed off in logbook)

- Demonstrate ability to organize classes and train members to a standard of novice level (Verified by a Senior Judge) (either via regular conduct of classes or special session)
- Steward at events either test or mock test – at least 3 trials
- Manage Trick Dog test or mock test
- Shadow Judge at least 3 times for each level (one may be via video) with 3 different judges
- Demonstrate the ability to organise and manage the ring (appoint stewards etc) Covid Checklist/site plan (If applicable) – this may be assisting at a competition, or a mock test
- Complete risk assessment before judging or any other position
- Check handler's equipment for safety and rule requirements. Demonstrate understanding of safety and welfare requirements
- Check handlers' numbers etc. agree with catalogue

- Demonstrate ability to monitor handlers placing and removing all necessary equipment in the ring
- When judging, give clear instructions to stewards and handlers
- Give clear instructions to the handlers regarding -Starting tricks, finishing of tricks, Timing and use of the reward station in starter and novice class
- Provide demonstration of at least 4 practical mock trial sessions with dogs at all required levels
- Demonstrate knowledge of rules by judging each class level with mentor/Senior Judge/video for the relevant class

Assessed Components

Complete closed book exam for Member Body Rules

Complete theory exam on Trick Dog Rules and all classes (may be individual classes)

Complete final practical assessment judging all required levels. At least two qualified judges to supervise.

Self-Study practical training

Candidates should practice working with Trick Dog teams at their club or where they train as often as they can, the more practice you get giving instructions and feedback, the easier it will be in the ring.

Mentoring

We have a list of judges who are willing to be mentors for candidates, they will be available to assist you any questions around judging and competitions

The following list of judges are available to be mentors.

Judge	Email	Phone	Located
Nicola Hardaker	anhardaker@internode.on.net	0411514182	Canberra
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