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## **PART I                      CLARIFICATION**

### **A.            DEFINITIONS**

Definitions of words not specifically defined in these Rules shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same respective meanings as in the Constitution of the South Australian Canine Association Inc.

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires;

“Affiliate or Affiliate Member” means a club, society, association or body admitted by the Association as an affiliate Member of the Association.

“Agent” means a SACA Member appointed in writing by a Member of a Controlling Body for the purpose of signing SACA documents.

“Agility Advisory Committee” means the Body referred to in Rules Part XIII of these Rules.

“Agility Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Agility Exhibitions.

“All Breeds Club” means a Club, recognised as such by Council, which conducts Exhibitions of all Breeds.

“ANKC Ltd” means Australian National Kennel Council, and rules and regulations as adopted by the SACA. **(01/06)**

“Approved/ Approval” A person may only approve or give approval within the context of the Constitution and these Rules if he is properly delegated authority by a quorum of the SACA Council.

“Associate Number” means an AR Number given to an unregistered purebred or crossbreed dog to enter an Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Herding, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Endurance Exhibition.

“Best of Breed” means the dog or bitch that is judged to be the best example of a particular breed exhibited at a Championship Show, Open Show, Parade or Sanction Show. It is eligible to represent its breed at the judging of “Best in Group”.

“Best of Breed Certificates” means certificates awarded to the Best of Breed winning dog or bitch at Championship Shows.

“Breed” means any breed of dog recognised by the ANKC Ltd as a pure bred dog or pure bred variety of dog which are assembled in group classifications in which points towards the title "Champion" may be scored at Championship Shows.

“Breeder” of a dog means an ordinary financial Member of the SACA who is the owner of its dam at the time of whelping, unless the dam is leased at the time of whelping in accordance with these rules and lease conditions, in which case it is the person to whom the dam was leased.

“Challenge Certificates” means certificates awarded to the best dog and bitch at Championship Shows at the discretion of the Judge.

“Championship Show” means an Exhibition at which Best of Breed/Challenge Certificates are offered to dogs and bitches of each breed over the age of six months.

“Commercial Activity” includes any activity by an individual, group of people or organisation that is of the following nature:

- Advertising, promoting, soliciting, or accepting orders for products or services;
- Receiving payment for such products or services; or
- Make delivery of products/or perform services that was ordered.

“Conformation Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliated Member approved by Council to conduct Conformation Exhibitions.

“Controlling Body” means an organisation recognised by the ANKC Ltd as the Body for the administration of Canine affairs in:

- (a) a particular State or Territory of Australia; or
- (b) any other Country in the World

“Council” means those financial Members of the Association who are elected by the Members or who are otherwise appointed to the various offices for the terms specified in the Constitution.

“Dances with Dogs Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Dances with Dogs Exhibitions.

“Double Handling” means the action of any person outside the ring whilst exhibits are being judged who attracts or attempts the attraction of the exhibits by verbalising or making signals or using any device.

“Earthdog Tests for Small Terriers and Dachshunds” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Earthdog Test Exhibitions.

“Endurance Test Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Endurance Test Exhibitions.

“Executive Officer” means the person for the time being employed in such capacity by the Association and shall extend to and include any Assistant Executive Officer, and can exercise the powers of Council where delegated.

“Exhibit” means a dog entered in a Show or Trial.

“Exhibited” means a dog exhibited at a Show or Trial.

“Exhibition” means a Show or Trial or similar activity approved by the Council.

“Exhibitor” means a Member of a Controlling Body who has submitted the appropriate entry form/s, together with fee/s, seeking approval to compete at an Exhibition.

“Family Member” whether or not they dwell together, means husband or wife including de facto partner (whether of the same sex or not), father/father in law or mother/mother in law, brother/brother in law, sister/sister in law, or child (whether natural, adopted, fostered or the like).

“Field Trials” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Field Trials.

“General Specials” means that part of the judging procedure where the best of Group winners compete for best in show awards.

“Group” means the classification of like Breeds, namely;

Group 1	Toys
Group 2	Terriers
Group 3	Gundogs
Group 4	Hounds
Group 5	Working Dogs
Group 6	Utility
Group 7	Non- Sporting

“Handled” means examined or exhibited.

“Herding Advisory Committee” means the Body referred to in Rules Part XIII of these Rules.

“Herding Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Herding Trials.

“Household Member” means any ‘family Member’ or other person residing in the same household.

“Journal” means the South Australian Canine Journal or such other official Journal as may be published by the Association.

“Judges Sheets” means reports, charts, sheets or books containing the results of an Exhibition and the awards granted.

“Judging Precinct” means the area in which judging of an Exhibit takes place, including the assembly area **(07/16)**.

“Lessee” means the Lessee of a dog is a person/s who has entered into a written agreement with the owner of a particular dog to lease the dog for a stated period of time and, where stated, conditions and is registered by the SACA or another Controlling Body as the Lessee of the dog.

“Lure Coursing Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Lure Coursing Exhibitions.

“Marshall” means a Judge for Sled Sport Events. **(06/17)**

“Members Competition” means the conducting of a competition by the Members of an Affiliate or Social Club.

“National Exhibition” means an Exhibition at which it has been approved for the use of the word "National" by the ANKC Ltd.

“Neutering” means a dog or bitch that has been de-sexed either by castration or ovarian hysterectomy and is rendered infertile. This does not include vasectomies.

“Obedience Advisory Committee” means the Body referred to in part XIII of these Rules.

“Obedience Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Obedience Exhibitions.

“Office Bearer” means the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or other positions as decided at an AGM of an Affiliate Member.

“Open Show” means an Exhibition of dogs at which no Best of Breed/Challenge Certificates are awarded.

“Owner” means the owner of the dog is the person/s who is registered by the SACA or another Controlling Body as the owner of a particular dog.

“Parade” means an Exhibition of dogs that have not attained the title of Champion and at which no Best of Breed/Challenge Certificates are awarded.

“Physically Entire” means;

- (a) A dog six months of age or over which has two apparently normal testicles descended and in the scrotum.
- (b) A bitch that has not been rendered incapable of producing progeny.

“Prefix” is the name approved by the ANKC Ltd to be used by a registered Breeder/Kennel. This name appears as the first word (or prefix) of the name of a dog or bitch registered with the SACA or another Controlling Body.

“Register” means the Register of dogs kept by the Association.

“RAFT Advisory Committee” means the body referred to in Part XIII of these Rules.

“Retrieving Trials” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Retrieving Trials.

“Runner Up to Best of Breed” means the dog or bitch that is judged to be the second best example of a particular breed exhibited at a Conformation Exhibition.

“SACA” means the South Australian Canine Association Incorporated.

“SACA Representative” means the Exhibition official responsible for advising the Affiliate and has the authority of Council to act on behalf of the Association to ensure that the Constitution and Rules are adhered to.

“Show/Trial Manager” which includes “Competition Manager”, “Race Secretary”, “Marshall” means a person who must be appointed by the Affiliate Member as the Exhibition Official who is responsible for the management of the Exhibition in accordance with the Rules and the direction of the Affiliate Member Committee. **(01/18)**

“Sled Sport Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Sled Sport Exhibitions. **(06/17)**

“Social Club” means a Club not yet affiliated.



“Specialist Club” means a Club recognised as such by the Council which conducts Exhibitions of a specified Breed or Breeds of dogs.

“Steward” means an Exhibition official responsible for the management of a judging precinct in accordance with the rules and direction of the Judge.

“Titles” means a title is confirmed when an application is lodged, and verified by the Executive Officer. This includes the payment of the application fee.

“Tracking Advisory Committee” means the body referred to in Part XIII of these Rules.

“Tracking Exhibition” means an Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct Tracking Exhibitions.

“Trainer Judge” means a Judge within the Obedience, Endurance, Agility, Herding and Tracking disciplines who has been appointed to have responsibility for training Aspiring Judges.

“Training” means either physically handling the dog or instructing pupils.

“Vaccination” means only those vaccinations recognised by the Australian Veterinary Association.

## **B. CONSTRUCTION**

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires;

- (a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) words importing any gender include the other genders;
- (c) references to a person include the legal personal representatives, successors and assigns of that person;
- (d) references to writing include any mode of representing or reproducing words in tangible and permanently visible form, and emails and facsimile transmission;
- (e) an obligation of two or more parties shall bind them jointly and separately; and
- (f) if a word or phrase is defined cognate words and phrases have corresponding definitions.

**ANKC LTD APPENDICES FORM PART OF THE RULES AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ANKC LTD WEBSITE - [www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au).**

## ***PART II MEMBERSHIP***

### **A. GENERAL**

#### **Classes of Membership**

1. In addition to any classes of Membership provided for in the Constitution the following classes of Membership shall exist;

**(a) Ordinary Membership:**

A person aged 18 years and over that has current financial full Membership of the South Australian Canine Association (SACA).

- (i) Ordinary Members shall have all the benefits, rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and these Rules upon such persons.

**(b) Junior Membership:**

A person 7 years and under 18 years of age that has current Membership having paid the fee for a Junior Membership.

- (i) Junior Members shall be entitled to show or trial dogs registered in their name, handle dogs and be a Member of the Junior Kennel Club and make application with the SACA for Champion or other titles but Junior Membership shall not confer any other benefits, rights or privileges under these Rules or the Constitution.

**(c) Associate Membership:**

A person 18 years and over that has a current Membership having paid the fee for an Associate Membership.

- (i) Associate Members shall be entitled to be a Member of a Committee of an Affiliate Member and participate in all activities of an Affiliated Member but shall not hold any Office Bearer position on the Committee of an Affiliate.

***Members are not entitled to;***

vote at any meeting of the Association;  
conduct any business with the Association;  
be elected or appointed to any office of the Association;  
enter in any SACA approved Exhibition;  
register a Kennel Prefix or apply for the registration of any puppies bred;  
handle a dog at any Exhibition;  
act as a Steward at any Exhibition; or  
Office Bearer includes President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- (ii) Associate Members who wish to join the Association as an Ordinary Member during the course of the Associate Member's duration may do so. The Associate Member fee will be deducted from the Ordinary Membership fee.

**(d) Kennel Membership:**

One or more people involved in having a registered kennel name, and who have a current Membership having paid the fee that equates to a single Membership for one person, a double Membership for two people who reside at the same address and half a double Membership for each subsequent individual beyond two.

- (i) Each Member of the Kennel Membership shall have voting rights however a nominated person will be otherwise recognised as the contact person for and on behalf of the Kennel Membership. (Only one Journal will be supplied to the nominated person and correspondence will be directed to that person).

- (ii) For the purpose of disciplinary action each person registered as part of the Kennel Membership shall be considered responsible for any breaches of the Constitution and/or Rules of the SACA.

**(e) Double Membership:**

Refers to two Ordinary Members that have current Membership, who reside at the same address, having paid the prescribed fee for a Double Membership.

**(f) Permanent or Life Membership:**

Permanent or Life Members shall have all the benefits, rights and privileges conferred upon such persons by the Constitution and these Rules and are regarded as Ordinary Members.

#### **Agents**

2. (a) A Member may appoint in writing another Member of the SACA to be his agent for the purpose of signing SACA documents.
- (b) The authority for that Agent to act must be lodged in writing to the Association and kept on file by the Association.

## **B AFFILIATE MEMBERS APPROVED BY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT EXHIBITIONS**

The following rule shall apply equally to Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Retrieving, Field, Agility, Herding, Earthdog, Endurance, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport activities unless otherwise specified. *(06/17)*

### **General**

- 1 To become an approved Affiliate Member an applicant must satisfy Council that it has the necessary expertise, personnel and, where necessary, equipment to conduct the activity relevant to their application and meets the requirements as set out in the SACA Constitution. The applicant must also satisfy Council that it has adopted the Standard Constitution and has a Committee constituted in accordance with the Standard Constitution.
2. In addition, the following will apply;
  - (a) any additional rules adopted by Clubs shall be consistent with the Standard Constitution and shall not contradict the SACA Constitution and Rules; *(01/18)*
  - (b) on the formation of a Club and prior to affiliation being granted, the Club must, within fourteen days of the inaugural Annual General Meeting, forward to the SACA Office; *(01/18)*
    - (i) names and addresses of Office Bearers and Committee;
    - (ii) a copy of its Financial Statement signed by an Auditor;
    - (iii) a copy of the clubs Incorporation with the Office of Business and Consumer Affairs *(01/18)*
    - (iv) a list of SACA financial Members;
  - (c) whilst an existing Affiliated Group or Specialist Club, involving the same breeds as that proposed by the applicant, remains an Affiliate Member, no application will be considered for a Group or Specialist Club in that breed/s; and
  - (d) on being granted affiliation, the Affiliate Member may conduct Members Competitions but not Sanction Shows.

### **Obedience, Tracking and Agility**

3. To become an Affiliate Member approved to conduct Obedience, Tracking and Agility exhibitions, an Affiliate Member must satisfy Council that;
  - (a) subject to Rule 1 and 2 hereof, the person in charge of training provided by the Affiliate Member has personally trained a dog to CD award (Obedience) or TD award (Tracking) or AD or JD award (Agility) level and has been an instructor for an Obedience, Tracking or Agility Club (which ever is relevant within the terms of the particular application) approved by an ANKC Ltd Member Body for such exhibitions for not less than twelve months;
  - (b) subject to the approval of the Council, the applicant has a designated training area which is not within a five kilometre radius of the training area of another Affiliate Member to conduct such exhibitions;
  - (c) the applicant has been conducting Obedience or Tracking or Agility activities for a minimum period of two financial years; and
  - (d) the applicant is conducting Obedience or Tracking or Agility training programs on a regular basis of sufficient standard to satisfy Council.
4. In respect of an applicant situated more than eighty kilometres from Adelaide the Council may, at its discretion, dispense with the requirements contained in paragraph 3(a).

### ***PART III APPLICATION FORMS***

1. All applications to the SACA must be;
  - (a) signed by all parties or their agent;
  - (b) completed in full;
  - (c) accompanied by the prescribed fee and by such other information and documents as may be required by the Constitution or the Rules; and
  - (d) lodged with the Executive Officer.
  
2. Where any document issued by the Executive Officer or an Affiliate Member is lost, stolen or destroyed Council or the Affiliate Member may require any Member requesting replacement of the document to provide a Statutory Declaration evidencing the loss, theft or destruction and may charge such fee for replacement as it thinks fit.

## ***PART IV                   REGISTRATION***

### **A.       GENERAL**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, any person who is a Member of a Controlling Body, or any dog registered with such Controlling Body shall be deemed to be registered with the SACA for the purposes of these Rules.
2. No person may register a Litter and an individual dog or transfer or lease a dog with or through the SACA unless such person shall have applied for and been granted Ordinary Membership of the SACA but nothing in this Rule shall prevent a non Member from transferring or leasing a dog to a Member.
3. Where a non-Member transfers or leases a dog to a Member the provisions of these Rules relating to the Transfer and Lease of a dog shall apply as if the non- Member were a Member.
4. Litters and individual dogs must be registered in the State/Territory of residency of the owner, irrespective of where the pups are born.

### **Kennel Prefix**

5. (a) A breeder wishing to register a dog must have registered a kennel prefix. **Refer ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 10 National Prefix Register.**
  - (b) A breeder may have more than one kennel prefix registered in his name at the one time, provided a particular prefix applies only to an individual breed.
  - (c) A registered prefix may only be transferred with;
    - (i) the written consent of the person in whose name such prefix is then registered on payment of the prescribed fee.
6. (a) The prescribed prefix renewal fee shall be payable by a person in whose name a prefix is registered;
  - (b) the prescribed prefix fee shall be such sum as is prescribed and shall be due and payable by each registered owner of a kennel prefix on or before the 1st day of each financial year; and
  - (c) where the prescribed prefix fee is not paid as required by this Rule the registration of that prefix shall automatically lapse.

### **Service Certificate**

#### **Refer ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 The Register and Registration.**

7. The Service Certificate that is included in the (*Application for Registration of Progeny*), shall be completed by the owner/s or lessee/s of the Sire and countersigned by the owner/s or lessee/s of the Dam. In any case where the breeder owns or leases the Sire and Dam, the breeder will sign in both capacities. All resultant Progeny must be registered on the Main or Limited Register (*01/10*)

### **Registration of Dogs**

8. A breeder who is an Ordinary Member of the SACA must make application to register a dog on either the Main or the Limited Register. (*01/10*)
9. Applications for the registration of the dogs shall be accepted only for Breeds recognised by the ANKC Ltd.
10. In addition to the requirements of Rules A 2 and 3 of this Part IV, no litter will be registered after eighteen months from date of birth. (*01/10*)
11. Every application for registration of a litter shall include the microchip numbers, the registered numbers of the Sire and Dam, and shall be signed by the breeder certifying the correctness of the information contained in the application. (*01/12*)

### **Limited Register Rules**

12. A breeder may make application to register a dog on the Limited Register and shall pay the prescribed fees when lodging the Application for Registration of the dog. A dog entered on the Limited Register shall be;
  - (a) ineligible for exhibition at a Conformation Exhibition;
  - (b) ineligible to be used for breeding purposes; and
  - (c) ineligible for an export certificate to be issued.
13. A dog may be transferred between the Main Register and the Limited Register, subject to the following conditions;
  - (a) application for transfer is lodged with the Executive Officer and;
  - (b) both the breeder and the registered owner(s) of the dog make written application for transfer in such form as approved by Council; and
  - (c) the dog meets the requirement to be included in the Main Register.

14. An application for transfer from the Main Register to the Limited Register is lodged with the Executive Officer, in writing, signed by the registered owner, on one occasion only.
15. Dogs on the Limited register may be transferred to the ownership of non-Members.  
A dog not nominated for the Limited Register will automatically be placed on the Main Register upon application for registration of progeny.

#### **Naming of Dogs (Main and Limited Registers)**

##### **Refer ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 The Register and Registration.**

16. In addition to the ANKC Ltd Regulations – The Register and Registration as adopted by the SACA, the following applies;
  - (a) a name, once registered, shall not again be re-registered in the same breed; and
  - (b) once a name has been registered and accepted, it shall not be altered or added to.

#### **Naming of Dogs (Associate Register)**

17. (a) The naming of dogs on the Associate Register is limited to one word of up to twelve characters and not being a registered prefix.
  - (b) No word that is in the nature of a prefix, and no kennel prefix except the breeder's registered prefix may be used as a name or part of a name.
18. Where the dog is registered in another State or Country and a prefix or a word that is in the nature of a prefix forms part of the name of that dog, the Executive Officer may, at his discretion, accept the existing registered name or may require it to be altered.

#### **Re-Registration**

19. Subject to these Rules, a dog registered with an Overseas Body recognised by the SACA shall be eligible for re-registration provided that;
  - (a) the person applying for the re-registration is a Member of the SACA and is the owner or lessee of the dog and;
  - (b) the application is in the form prescribed and is accompanied by an Export Certificate issued by the Country in which the dog was last registered; and
  - (c) the owner of any imported dog with the title of 'Champion' may apply to the SACA for recognition of this title.

#### **Transfers and Leases**

20. (a) When the ownership of a registered dog has been changed, or a lease arranged, the transferor or lessor as the case maybe shall lodge an application to register the transfer or lease accompanied by the prescribed fee with the Executive Officer within fourteen days of such disposition.
  - (b) The pedigree must not be given to the new owner until it has been transferred in accordance with these Rules.
  - (c) The application for registration of a transfer or lease of a dog shall be signed by the transferor or lessor as the case maybe.
  - (d) Any special conditions relating to the transfer or lease of a registered dog shall be set out on a Statutory Declaration and shall be signed by all parties involved in the agreement.
21. On the expiration of any lease all legal and equitable interests in the dog concerned shall automatically revert to the lessor.
22. A member shall register all puppies bred by that member that are living at the date of registration. Such registration must include all puppies from the litter on the one litter registration application form and must be applied for within eighteen [18] months of the date of whelping or prior to sale or re homing. *(02/17)*

#### **Application for De-Registration (including deceased dog)**

23. The owner of a dog registered with the SACA shall be entitled to apply for the de-registration of the dog at any time provided that the dog concerned is not then the subject of any registered lease.
24. Once a dog has been de-registered it may not later be re-registered, except with the approval of Council.

#### **Export Certificates**

25. In respect of a dog leaving Australia an Export Certificate may be issued Council upon lodgement of the Certificate of Registration signed and completed by the transferor and payment of the prescribed fee.

#### **Refusal or Cancellation or Suspension of Registration**

26. Council may for any fair and proper reason, refuse any application for the registration of a dog and may cancel, suspend, correct or amend any registration at any time.

27. (a) A dog over the age of six months shall not be accepted for registration or remain on the Main Register unless it is physically entire.
  - (b) Where the Council is not satisfied that a main registered dog is physically entire it may suspend the registration of that dog until such time as it is proved to the satisfaction of the Council that the dog is physically entire.
  - (c) Any dog suspended in accordance with this Rule shall not be accepted for Stud purposes and any litters sired by the dog will not be registered by the SACA.
  - (d) An application for review by the Council of a suspension under the preceding sub-paragraph (c) may be made at any time and shall be supported by Statutory Declarations from two qualified Veterinary Surgeons stating that they have examined the dog, that it is physically entire and there are no signs of any surgical or other artificial interference calculated to deceive.
28. Where a dog's suspension under the "Aggressive Dog" rules has been approved by Council, a report from two different accredited Animal Behaviourists stating the dog's suitability to return to the environment from which it was suspended will be required

**Rectification of Errors.**

29. Notice of any mistake in any application for entry in the records of the SACA must be given in writing to the Executive Officer and supported by a Statutory Declaration as soon as possible after it has been discovered and Council may, if it is satisfied that a mistake has been made, thereupon rectify the mistake.

**B. REGISTRATION OF DOGS FOR OBEDIENCE, TRACKING, AGILITY, ENDURANCE, HERDING, EARTHDOG, DANCES WITH DOGS, LURE COURSING AND SLED SPORT**

1. Any South Australian owned dog, whether pure bred or cross bred, may be registered for Obedience, Tracking, Agility, Endurance, Herding, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport work. *(06/17)*
2. To make application for an Associated Registered Number (AR) for an unregistered purebred or cross bred dog, written proof of neutering by a veterinarian must be provided. The ANKC Ltd registered pedigree number, or AR number shall be included on entry forms and all other documents required to be lodged with the SACA. *(08/08)*

## **PART V SCHEDULES**

### **A. GENERAL**

#### **Draft Schedules**

1. (a) Where an Exhibition is to be held by an Affiliate Member a copy of the draft schedule for the Exhibition shall be lodged with the SACA not later than three months prior to the proposed date thereof, except in the case of Retrieving, Field, Tracking, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport Exhibitions which shall be lodged not later than two months prior to the date thereof, for consideration by the Executive Officer. **(06/17)**  
(b) The draft schedule shall be accompanied by a copy of the contracts for the Judges who are to be involved in the Exhibition and the SACA Representative agreement. **(03/11)**  
(c) A copy of the contracts for the Stewards who are involved in the Exhibition shall be lodged with the SACA thirty days prior to the proposed date thereof. **(03/11)**
2. (a) Where a draft schedule is submitted late and is not in accordance with 1 (b), the Affiliate Member shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules and shall pay a fine as prescribed.  
(b) Where an Affiliate Member has been penalised in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of this Rule and subsequently submits a draft schedule late for another Exhibition, the Exhibition to which the draft schedule relates, may be cancelled.
3. The Executive Officer may approve the draft schedule submitted or may make such additions and alterations thereto as he considers appropriate and shall thereupon return the draft schedule to the Affiliate Member setting out any alteration or addition which is required.
4. A schedule will not be accepted for publication in the Journal if entries for the Exhibition to which it relates close in the same month as the publication of that edition of the Journal.
5. The conditions and particulars set out in the approved schedule must be strictly adhered to.

#### **Distribution of Schedules**

6. A schedule for any Exhibition may only be distributed;  
(a) when the Secretary or Convenor of the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition has been informed by the Executive Officer that the draft schedule has been approved; and  
(b) it conforms to the draft copy as approved by the Executive Officer.
7. Once a Schedule has been approved by the Executive Officer it may only be amended or altered with the express permission of the Executive Officer.
8. Upon return of the schedule the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition shall publish portions of, and information from, the schedule as the Executive Officer may require.
9. Where on the day of the Exhibition the Affiliate Member makes any changes to the persons listed in the Schedule as Judges or Veterinary Stewards, written notification of any change and the reasons therefore, shall be forwarded to the SACA within seven days of the date of the Exhibition.

### **B. SCHEDULES FOR CONFORMATION (CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS, OPEN SHOWS AND PARADES), OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, TRACKING, RETRIEVING, FIELD, ENDURANCE, HERDING, EARTHDOG, DANCES WITH DOGS, LURE COURSING AND SLED SPORT**

1. The Schedules for Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Retrieving, Field, Endurance, Herding, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport. **(06/17)**
  - (a) the type of Exhibition and the date time and place where it is to be conducted;
  - (b) that the body conducting the Exhibition is an Affiliate Member;
  - (c) that the Exhibition is to be conducted under the Rules of the SACA;
  - (d) the name of the Judge for each breed or group of breeds of dogs, trial, trial class, competition or test, for Retrieving and Field; the name of the Judge and the Stakes he will judge;
  - (e) the Club reserves the right to appoint a reserve Judge or replacement if necessary;
  - (f) order of judging;
  - (g) the name of the Show/Trial Manager;
  - (h) the name of the SACA Representative/s;
  - (i) the place, time and closing date for the receipt of entries and Lure Coursing and Sled Sport in accordance with ANKC Ltd rules; **(06/17)**
  - (j) a full list of the various classes for which entries are invited;



- (k) the entry fees to be charged;
  - (l) that a copy of the Rules of the SACA will be provided at the place where entries are received and at the Exhibition for the use and information of exhibitors;
  - (m) whether catering will be available at the Exhibition;
  - (n) the prize money, if any, to be awarded;
  - (o) the conditions under which trophies are offered for competition;
  - (p) the Hot Weather Rules when applicable **(07/10)**
  - (q) the date upon which the Affiliate Member's financial year ends (Conformation);
  - (r) full breeding is required on Conformation entry forms;
  - (s) Affiliates (Conformation) are to provide Exhibitors the option of online entries in addition to paper entries. The name of the online service provider is to be published in the schedule; **(01/16)**
  - (t) the name of the Veterinary Surgeon (where appointed);
  - (u) the manner in which and the time at which the Veterinary examination shall be conducted;
  - (v) the time by which the exhibits must pass a given check point;
  - (w) that exhibitors shall comply with all applicable firearms and gun legislation (Retrieving and Field only); and
  - (x) such other statements and information as Council may prescribe.
2. If it is intended that undersized rings be used in Obedience Trials a request for authority to do so must be submitted to the Executive Officer.

## **PART VI CATALOGUES**

### **A. GENERAL**

#### **Content**

1. The Catalogue for any Exhibition shall contain;
  - (a) the name of each Exhibitor, except for Lure Coursing ; **(01/16)**
  - (b) the name of each Judge and the Class, Breed, Trial, Competition, Test or Stake he is judging; and **(01/13)**
  - (c) a notification to the effect that;
    - (i) the Exhibition is conducted by an Affiliate Member of the SACA;
    - (ii) the Exhibition is held under the Rules of the SACA; and
    - (iii) a copy of the Rules of the SACA may be perused at the Office of the Secretary or Convenor of the Affiliate Member; and
  - (d) in the Conformation Exhibitions the date of birth and full breeding of each entry. **(01/13)**
  - (e) An official of any Affiliate Member shall not disclose information as to the entries or entrants for a Conformation Exhibition prior to the commencement of the Conformation Exhibition, other than in accordance with the Rules. This Rule shall not apply to the Adelaide Royal (RA&HS) where the catalogue may be published online not before the day preceding the commencement of the Conformation Exhibition. **(05/16)**

#### **Lodgement of Marked Catalogue**

2. The Secretary or Convenor of the Affiliate Member conducting an Exhibition shall submit to the Executive Officer, within fourteen days of the conclusion of the Exhibition;
  - (a) a copy of the Catalogue containing a full and correct list of all entries and marked with the points and placings awarded and details of any absentees; and
  - (b) each Judge's Sheet signed by the Judge and in (Conformation by the Steward as well).
3. Where a marked Catalogue or information is lodged late the Affiliate Member shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules and shall pay a fine as prescribed.

### **B. OBEDIENCE/AGILITY/ENDURANCE/RETRIEVING/FIELD/DANCES WITH DOGS/ HERDING/ EARTHDOG, LURE COURSING AND SLED SPORT**

1. The Catalogue for an Obedience, Agility, Endurance, Retrieving, Field, Herding, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport Exhibition may record the name of the Affiliate Member the Exhibitor is a Member of. **(06/17)**
2. Any Affiliate Member which prints the name of a non affiliated Club in the catalogue shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules.
3. Two marked Catalogues are required, one for the Executive Officer and one for either the Obedience Advisory Committee or the Agility Advisory Committee.
4. For Endurance/Retrieving/Field/Herding/Earthdog/ Dances with Dogs /Sled Sport, one marked Catalogue is required for the Executive Officer. **(06/17)**
5. For Lure Coursing, one marked catalogue is required for the Executive Officer and must include details of substitution dog/s when scheduled, in accordance with ANKC Ltd Lure Coursing Trials Rules **(07/16)**

### **C. TRACKING**

1. Catalogues need not be provided for Tracking Exhibitions however, the information required pursuant to Rule A 2 of this Part VI shall nevertheless be forwarded to the Executive Officer within fourteen days of the conclusion of the Tracking Exhibition.

## ***PART VII PRIZES AND AWARDS.***

### **GENERAL**

1. (a) Affiliate Members shall make available at all Exhibitions held under the Rules of the SACA first, second and third place ribbons or cards.  
(b) Each card awarded at an Exhibition must not display any more than the following information;
  - (i) the name and breed of the winning exhibit;
  - (ii) the name or description of the class or other competition in which the prize was won;
  - (iii) the name of the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition; and
  - (iv) the date of the Exhibition.  
(c) Council will promulgate set values for awards at Exhibitions and failure by Affiliates to comply with the values will be a breach of the Rules.
2. Where a card or ribbon is lost, or destroyed, the person who received the same may make application to the Affiliate Member who issued the card or ribbon for a duplicate and a fee may be charged. In the event that the Secretary/Convenor or Trial Manager of the Affiliate Member is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so, he shall issue a duplicate card or ribbon.
3. (a) In the event an exhibit is disqualified after a prize has been awarded that prize shall be forfeited and must be returned within thirty days to the Affiliate Member that awarded the prize or the Association as directed. In the event the prize is not returned the owner or lessee of the disqualified dog shall compensate the Affiliate Member.  
(b) Where an exhibit, having been judged as a winner at an Exhibition, is subsequently disqualified or withdrawn, the forfeited prize or award shall go to the runner-up.
4. Subject to the preceding Rule 3, all prizes and awards must be presented or forwarded to the successful exhibitors within sixty days of the conclusion of the Exhibition.
5. All events for which special prizes are to be awarded shall be judged by a Judge, or an odd number of Judges who shall act together and who are especially appointed for that purpose.
6. Each Affiliate Member shall be responsible for all prizes, or the monetary value thereof, offered for competition at its Exhibition.
7. Council will not keep records of perpetual trophies awarded by Affiliate Members and will not, as a matter of course, become involved in any dispute that might arise with regards to these trophies.
8. If a prize or trophy is donated for a competition at any Exhibition and notice of such donation is inserted in the catalogue or schedule of the Exhibition, and the donor fails to supply it, then the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition at which the prize or trophy is offered shall provide the winner with a prize or trophy of equal value to the one advertised.

### **Best of Breed and Challenge Certificates**

9. (a) Best of Breed, Challenge and Reserve Challenge Certificates are ANKC Ltd certificates offered at Championship Shows by the SACA for outstanding merit and, subject to these Rules, shall be awarded to the best dog and bitch of each breed. Exhibits eligible to compete at an Exhibition for a Challenge Certificate shall be;
  - (i) six months of age or over;
  - (ii) have competed in at least one ordinary class at that Exhibition; and
  - (iii) have remained unbeaten by dogs of their own breed and sex.  
(b) A Challenge Certificate shall not be awarded by a Judge to any exhibit that he considers lacks sufficient merit to qualify for the title of "Champion".  
(c) The Challenge winner awarded Best of Breed shall compete for Best Exhibit in Group (refer 13 (a) Competing for Major Awards). Failure to compete will result in the exhibit being disqualified and the Challenge Certificate being awarded to the Reserve Challenge winning exhibit and the Best of Breed Certificate being awarded to the Runner Up Best of Breed.  
(d) The Challenge Certificates for exhibits that have been eliminated during the breed judging can be issued as soon as practicable after breed judging has been completed. Best of Breed Certificates cannot be issued before the completion of Group Special Awards.
10. When preparing Best of Breed and Challenge Certificates the name of the relevant Judge must be typed or printed on the Certificates prior to them being signed by the Judge. They may be signed prior to the commencement of judging, subject to the following appearing on the Certificate at the time it is signed;
  - (a) the name of the breed;

- (b) the name of the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition;
- (c) the date of the Exhibition; but
  - (i) where a Challenge Certificate is withheld, or there is no competition for that Challenge Certificate, the Judge shall destroy the Best of Breed and Challenge Certificate forthwith after the completion of the Exhibition; and
  - (ii) in the event of the Challenge winner being ruled ineligible or disqualified, the Best of Breed or Challenge Certificate shall be returned to the SACA, to be awarded to the Reserve Challenge winner.

### **Reserve Challenge Certificates**

11. Affiliate Members need only issue Reserve Challenge Certificates on request.

### **Competing for Major Awards**

12. (a) Best of Breed winners shall compete for Group.  
 (b) Neuter of Breed where offered is to compete for Neuter in Group **((04/18))**  
 (c) Unless otherwise authorized by the Committee or Convener of the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition the winners of the Group class awards, who are eligible for the awards of 'Best in Show', 'Runner Up Best in Show', 'Best Baby Puppy in Show', 'Best Puppy in Show' or Best Neuter in Show, shall compete and continue to compete as required and directed. Best in Show, Puppy in Show, Best in Group and Puppy in Group Certificates shall be issued. **(04/18)**  
 (d) The awarding of 'Best in Group' and 'Best in Show' Certificates shall be in accordance with the approved ANKC Ltd procedures as does the order of 'In Group' and 'In Show' judging.  
 (e) Only unbeaten exhibits shall be eligible to compete for awards of 'Best Exhibit in Group' and 'Best Exhibit in Show' at an Exhibition.  
 (f) In the event of non-attendance of a 'Best Exhibit in Group' award winner, for the 'In Show' judging the group affected cannot be represented for either 'Best in Show' or 'Runner Up in Show' judging.
13. At a Championship Show, points shall be allocated in accordance with ANKC Ltd Rules. **Refer to Appendices ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 5 Show**  
 (a) The points awarded, pursuant to the ANKC Ltd Rules shall not accumulate, and no more than twenty five points shall be awarded to a dog at any one Exhibition.  
 (b) No Affiliate Member may offer group points unless the group is open to all dogs of the breeds defined in that group.
14. A dog that has been awarded one hundred or more Championship points, that has been confirmed on application to the to the SACA, shall not be exhibited at Parades in specials classes as Champions until the title has been confirmed and The Certificate awarded by Council.
15. **SACA Qualifying Certificates.**  
 Qualifying Certificates shall be awarded at Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Field, Retrieving, Herding, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport Exhibitions must display; **(06/17)**  
 (a) the name and breed of the qualifying Exhibit;  
 (b) the name or description of the class;  
 (c) the name of the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition;  
 (d) the date of the Exhibition;  
 (e) the name of the owner of the exhibit;  
 (f) the signature of the Judge;  
 (g) the catalogue number;  
 (h) in Agility, the course time;  
 (i) in Tracking, the rating;  
 (j) in Field and Retrieving meets the requirements of the ANKC Ltd Rules;  
 (k) in Obedience the number of qualifying points awarded;  
 (l) in Herding pass/number of qualifying points awarded; and  
 (m) in Earthdog, qualifying scores  
 (n) in Dances with Dogs, the number of qualifying points awarded  
 (o) in Lure Coursing qualifying points awarded  
 (p) in Sled Sport qualification awarded **(06/17)**
16. Qualifying Sashes where awarded at Trials are to be any colour decided by the Affiliate Member.

## ***PART VIII EXHIBITIONS***

### **A. GENERAL**

1. All Exhibitions shall be conducted in accordance with such rules approved by the SACA for that particular discipline.
2. In the event that the scheduled SACA Representative is unable to fulfil his/her role, and, an alternative in accordance with Rule 6 of Part XI "SACA Representatives" is unavailable, an Exhibition shall be postponed or cancelled.

### **Number of Exhibitions that may be held**

3. The number of Exhibitions authorised in any one year shall be decided by Council.
4. No Affiliate Member shall conduct any Exhibition without first having made application in writing to the SACA and being granted permission.

### **Alteration of Date Allotted to an Exhibition**

5. An Affiliate Member that desires to alter the date allotted for the purpose of conducting an Exhibition shall apply in writing to the SACA for permission giving the reasons for the changes sought.
6. Where an Exhibition being conducted is postponed due to extenuating circumstances the postponement shall not be for a period greater than 48 hours from the date/time originally set for the Exhibition without permission from the Executive Officer. *(07/16)*
7. If an Exhibition is postponed after the closing date for entries, then the age of the dogs entered in respect of class eligibility shall be computed to the original date of the Exhibition advertised in the Schedule.
8. Where a class/s is cancelled during an Exhibition due to extenuating circumstances or an Exhibition is postponed, there will be no refund of entry fees. *(01/18)*
9. All Rules, Regulations or instructions included in the Schedule for an Exhibition shall not be inconsistent with the SACA Rules. In the event that there is an inconsistency the SACA Rules shall prevail.

### **Hot Weather Rules for Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Earthdog, Herding, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport**

10. The following Exhibitions must be cancelled when the forecast temperature at 10.00a.m from the [eldersweather.com.au](http://eldersweather.com.au) site two days prior for *(07/10)*
  - (a) Conformation Exhibitions, is 37 degrees Celsius or higher;
  - (b) Obedience, Agility, Earthdog Lure Coursing Trials and Dances with Dogs Competitions, is 34 degrees Celsius or higher; and *(07/16)*
  - (c) Herding Trials, Tests and training, is 30 degrees Celsius or higher.
  - (d) Tracking Trials, is 32 degrees Celsius or higher *(01/16)*
  - (e) Sled Sport – Sled Racing 15 degrees Celsius or higher, BackPacking/Hiking 25 degrees Celsius or higher Weight Pull 20 degrees Celsius or higher. *(06/17)*This temperature and timeline will be final for the decision to cancel an Exhibition.
11. For multiple Exhibitions scheduled for a weekend, only those Exhibitions where the temperature does not comply with those specified in these rules, must be cancelled.
12. It is the responsibility of an exhibitor to check two days prior to the Exhibition that the [eldersweather.com.au](http://eldersweather.com.au) forecasted temperature for the day, at the locality where the Exhibition is to be held, is in accordance with these rules. *(07/10)*
13. All schedules must state that where an Exhibition is cancelled in accordance with the Hot Weather Rules, no entry fees will be refunded.
14. The Affiliate Member must notify SACA Office and officials of their decision to cancel immediately.
15. Where the Affiliate Member has cancelled an Exhibition the Secretary or Convenor must submit a copy of the catalogue to the Executive Officer within 14 days of the date of cancellation.
16. All levies from entries fees and ground hire fees where applicable will be paid to the SACA.

17. All contracted Judges, Stewards and SACA Representative fees must be paid.
18. Exception to these rules is where an Exhibition has been scheduled to be held in an air conditioned venue or where the Exhibition is scheduled to start not before 6.00pm *(07/10)*

### **Conditions of Entry**

19. (a) To enter a dog in an Exhibition a Member must complete an approved entry form that must be signed by at least one owner/lessee or his /their agent and forwarded to the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition, together with the prescribed fee. In Lure Coursing in accordance with ANKC Ltd Rules for the conduct of Lure Coursing Trials, permission must be granted in writing by all owners. *(01/16)*  
(b) Request for a particular Obedience Judge can only be made where a dog has gained two (2) qualifying scores under the same judge and requires a further qualification/s for that title in accordance with the ANKC LTD Rules. Photocopies of the two (2) qualifying certificates must be provided with the entry form. *(01/11)*
20. (a) Entry Forms shall be in the form approved by Council; and  
(b) Personalised, pre-printed entry forms may be approved by Council.
21. A dog may only be entered in an Exhibition if;  
(a) The owner or lessee of that dog is a financial Member of the SACA or another Controlling Body at the time of lodgement of the entry and remains a Member at the time of the Exhibition;  
(b) Where the owner or lessee of the dog is a resident of South Australia, the dog is registered with the SACA; or  
(c) Where the owner or lessee of the dog is not a resident of South Australia, the dog is registered with another Controlling Body.
22. No dog that has an infectious or contagious disease shall be entered or exhibited at an Exhibition.
23. Only one dog shall be entered on each entry form.
24. In cases where the information supplied on the entry form for an Exhibition differs from that in the Register, the information in the Register shall prevail for the purposes of the Exhibition.
25. An entry form is received which indicates that a registration number is pending and that number is not confirmed by the date of the Exhibition the dog shall be ineligible to compete at the Exhibition.
26. All entry forms submitted for an Exhibition shall be taken by the Secretary or Convenor of the Affiliate Member to the Exhibition and shall be kept by the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition for at least three months from conclusion of the Exhibition to which it relates and must be delivered to the Executive Officer on his request.
27. Entries for Exhibitions shall close on a date nominated by the Affiliated Member and approved by the Executive Officer.
28. All South Australian Exhibitors must be financial Members of the SACA at the time of lodgement of entries and at the time of the exhibition.
29. Membership numbers must be placed on all entry forms.
30. The ANKC Ltd registration number or AR number of the exhibit must be placed on all entry forms (Obedience, Agility, Herding, Endurance, Tracking, Earthdog Dances with Dogs and Sled Sport only). *(06/17)*
31. The only persons permitted to handle exhibits at any Exhibition conducted by an Affiliate Member of the SACA, other than child handlers entered in child handlers' classes are;  
(i) Members of the SACA other than Associate Members; or  
(ii) Members of a Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which the person is domiciled;

### **Late Entries**

32. Unless the closing date has been extended by approval of the Executive Officer, no entry shall be accepted after the closing date advertised in the Schedule.
33. It shall be a breach of these Rules for any Affiliate Member to accept a late entry.
34. Any late entry admitted by an Affiliate Member shall be disqualified and the owner or lessee of the disqualified dog shall forfeit any prize or award won by that exhibit.

### **Acceptance of Lost Entries**

35. Paper entries which have been sent by an exhibitor but not received by the Convenor/Secretary prior to the closing date of entries shall not be accepted by the Convenor/Secretary. Electronic entries not received by the Convenor/Secretary shall be accepted by the Convenor/Secretary where the exhibitor can provide the receipt (hard copy/Electronic) issued by the electronic service provider detailing the following:
- (a) Date entry submitted to the online entry system;
  - (b) Name and date of the exhibition;
  - (c) Name of the exhibitor;
  - (d) Dogs details;
  - (e) Name and date of the exhibition; and
  - (f) Class entered.

Where the catalogue has already been printed the exhibit shall be given an "A" number after the preceding exhibit.  
(07/16)

#### **Entries Confidential**

36. No official of an Affiliate Member, or any other person responsible for the organisation or conduct of an Exhibition, shall disclose any details of the entries for that Exhibition to any person except where that person is responsible for the organisation and conduct of the Exhibition or otherwise as required by these Rules.

#### **Correcting Errors in Entries**

37. (a) If a dog or bitch is entered under the wrong sex, but otherwise in the appropriate class, the exhibit shall be transferred to the correct sex class by an official of the Affiliate Member.
- (b) If a mistake has been caused by the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition, it shall be corrected by an official of the Affiliate Member.
- (c) If an Exhibit entered in an incorrect class or one for which it becomes ineligible (other than the wrong sex) shall be transferred to the Open Class.
- (d) An Exhibit that is entered in more than one class and is found to be ineligible for one of those classes shall only forfeit the prizes and awards for the class for which it was found to be ineligible.
- (e) Baby puppies entered in an incorrect class shall be transferred to the appropriate baby puppy class.

#### **Refusal of Entries**

38. (a) The Committee of any Affiliate Member conducting an Exhibition under these Rules shall have the right to refuse or return any entry provided that the decision to do so is made at a properly convened and constituted meeting of that Committee and such a decision is communicated, in writing giving reasons, to the intending exhibitor at least seven clear days before the Exhibition is scheduled to be held.
- (b) A Member whose entry has been refused may lodge an appeal with the Executive Officer who will consider the matter and, where appropriate, instruct the Affiliate Member to accept the entry.

#### **Exhibits present by Specified Time**

39. Where it is specified in the Schedule that exhibits shall be at an Exhibition by a certain time those Exhibits not at the place of Exhibition by the specified time shall not be permitted to be exhibited. The entry fee paid in respect of such Exhibits shall be forfeited.

#### **Conduct of an Exhibition**

40. Each Affiliate Member shall have a suitably equipped first aid kit available at all Exhibitions.
41. Where an official is required to examine a dog, suitable facilities shall be provided.
42. A Member of the SACA shall not have a dog under three months of age at an Exhibition.
43. Any Exhibition Official or Member of the SACA or other Controlling Body who becomes aware of a breach of these Rules or of the Constitution, at an Exhibition shall report the breach in writing to the SACA Representative. That report shall be forwarded to the Executive Officer within three working days of the completion of the Exhibition..
44. Where a person attempts to attract the attention of, or interferes with, an Exhibit or Dog Handler whilst the Exhibit is in the judging precinct (behaviour commonly known as double handling), This includes attracting or exciting the attention of, communicating with or touching, handling or in any way interfering with an Exhibit that is in the ring in which the judging is taking place, whether; (01/13)
- (a) such attempts or interference are successful or not and/or
  - (b) they were in an effort to disadvantage or give advantage to the Exhibit, the Steward in charge of the judging precinct may suspend judging and require that person and any Exhibit that he is handling to leave the vicinity of the judging precinct. A refusal to follow the directions of the Steward shall be an offence against these Rules.
  - (c) a person other than the Handler or Judge shall not attract the attention of Exhibits in the judging ring by verbalising, making signals, loud noises or using any device. In the event of such an occurrence, the Steward in

charge of the judging precinct will have the authority, if the offenders/s persists, after having been warned by the Steward, to suspend judging and report the matter immediately to the SACA Representative. The SACA Representative will forward a written report to the Executive Officer within three working days of the completion of the Exhibition.

(d) no Handler shall deliberately crowd or allow their Exhibit to crowd another Handler/Exhibit whilst in the judging precinct.

- 45 Any person who witnesses cruelty to a dog at an Exhibition shall forthwith report the incident in writing to the SACA Representative who shall forward the written report to the Executive Officer within three working days of the completion of the Exhibition.
46. Where the SACA Representative considers any person;
- (a) to be causing an annoyance by loud comments on a decision of the Judge; or
  - (b) has by a Judge's report made verbal comment or physical gestures regarding a decision which are considered offensive or disrespectful by the Judge; or
  - (c) subjects any person present to repeated behaviour that is unwelcome and unsolicited, which that person/s may consider to be offensive, humiliating, intimidating or threatening; or
  - (d) is behaving in an un-sportsman like or unseemly manner while present at an Exhibition, the person and any exhibit owned/co-owned may be removed from the Exhibition by the SACA Representative, who shall then report the incident in writing to the Executive Officer within seven days of the completion of the Exhibition.
47. In relation to the conduct of an Exhibition, a Member must carry out any reasonable request by the SACA Representative and if this request is not complied with it shall be a breach of the Rules of the SACA.
48. The minimum size of a Conformation Ring shall be twenty metres by twenty metres, except in extenuating circumstances, where the size shall be as close to the required size as possible.
- (a) Assembly areas are required to be erected at all Exhibitions and are only to be used as part of the judging precinct in exceptional circumstances and at the request of the Judge and with the express permission of the Show manager.
49. To ensure that any congestion at Ring entry and exit points is minimised, the entrances and exits shall be kept clear at all times.
50. A Member of the SACA, shall in the precincts of an Exhibition;
- (a) promptly clean up and remove all dropping left by any dog under their control; and
  - (b) promptly clean up and remove all rubbish left by that Member/s.

#### **Setting up of Equipment at Exhibitions**

51. Except where the equipment is being utilised by the Affiliate for the conduct of an Exhibition, tents gazebos, crates, guy ropes or other equipment being used by the Exhibitor/s is not to be set up/extend within three metres (Conformation), five metres (Trials) of the judging precinct or within one metre of the concrete paths, except where the crates/trolleys are being used to restrain dogs during judging of the breed.  
Guy ropes are not to extend greater than 500mm from the extremity of the item they are securing and must be of a high visibility colour .

#### **Show/Trial Manager of the Affiliate Member conducting an Exhibition.**

52. Show/Trial Manager shall be appointed for an Exhibition and that person must be an Ordinary Member of the SACA. (02/17)

#### **Restraint of Dogs – General**

53. No dog shall at any time wear a knobbed, spiked, pronged or electric collar. Any Member using such collars shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.

#### **Restraint of Dogs at all Exhibitions**

54. Except as necessary for the proper conduct of an Exhibition as provided in these Rules, all dogs shall wear a slip, an adjustable slip, or fixed collar and a lead no longer than two metres, unless being judged, and be in the control of a responsible person at all times. No dog shall wear a muzzle (except Lure Coursing Trials in accordance with the ANKC Ltd Rules) or head collar in the judging precinct. At an Exhibition head collars shall be attached to a slip or fixed collar. (01/16)

#### **Dogs not Under Effective Control at an Exhibition.**

55. It is the obligation of each owner or handler at an Exhibition to ensure their dog is under effective control. Where a dog which is competing in the judging precinct, chases, persistently interferes with another exhibit, does not obey its handler or leaves the judging precinct and fails to return immediately, will be dismissed by the Judge in the presence of the Steward and disqualified from all competition at that Exhibition. A written report must be



provided to the SACA Representative by the Judge as soon as practicable, but no later than the completion of that exhibition. (05/17)

#### **Sanction Shows**

56. (a) An unaffiliated body that desires to hold an Exhibition of dogs, may seek agreement in writing from the Executive Officer ninety days prior to the Exhibition, that shall be known as a Sanction Show.
- (b) The request for a Sanction Show shall state the name and address of the proposed Judge for approval by the Executive Officer.
- (c) Only Aspiring and Trainee Judges may judge at these Shows, but Conformation Trainee Judges may not judge the Groups for which they are currently training or for which they are licensed.
- (d) A request to hold a Sanction Show agreed to by Council shall be subject to;
  - (i) The Exhibition being held under the Rules of the SACA;
  - (ii) The Exhibition being referred to in the Schedule and Catalogue and any other documents relating to the Exhibition as "Sanctioned by the SACA"; and
  - (iii) Approval of the Schedule for the Exhibition by the SACA.
- (e) No awards made at a Sanction Show will be recognised by the SACA.

#### **Display of Cards / Identification / Signs**

##### **Conformation, Obedience, Endurance, Earthdog and Dances with Dogs (01/16)**

57. No exhibitor or handler of any Exhibit at an Exhibition, while in the assembly area or judging precinct, may;
  - (a) display any card, ribbon or trophy won at any previous Exhibition; or
  - (b) display or cause or permit to be displayed on his clothing or any other material worn by him;
    - (i) any other form of identification other than the name of a Member Body the Affiliate Club; (01/14)
    - (ii) the name of any kennel prefix;
    - (iii) the name of any Exhibit; or
    - (iv) his name;

58. Trolleys/ Umbrellas and any other items bearing the name of a kennel prefix, or other identifying wording, are not permitted in the assembly area or judging precinct.

59. No Exhibit shall enter the judging precinct wearing a collar, lead or other article on which the name of the Exhibit, kennel prefix or its owner appears.

#### **60. Commercial Activity**

- (a) Any person, persons or organisation, whether a Member or Affiliate, that operate a Commercial Activity in or on the grounds or buildings of the South Australian Canine Association Incorporated, without written approval of the Council and having paid the approved fee, shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules.
- (b) All applications shall be on the prescribed form.
- (c) An Affiliate is exempt from the provisions of this Rule when they operate Commercial Activities on the day of an Exhibition that they are running on the SACA grounds except where their activity conflicts with the SACA's own Commercial Activity on the same day. Notwithstanding this exemption an Affiliate is required to obtain written approval from Council.
- (d) Members are exempt from this Rule in the case of the buying, selling or leasing of dogs and the private sale of items of used equipment.

#### **B. CLASSES**

##### **ANKC Ltd Conformation Classes refer Appendices ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 5 Show**

#### **1. Brace**

For two dogs six months of age or over and of the same breed, each of which is competing in at least one other Ordinary Class at the same Exhibition. Both must be handled in the judging precinct by one person.

#### **2. Team**

For three or more dogs six months of age or over and of the same breed, each of which is competing in at least one other Ordinary Class at the same Exhibition. All must be handled in the judging precinct by one person unless the number of dogs in the team makes single-person handling inappropriate, in which case more than one handler may be used.

3. Other Special Classes shall be at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

#### **4. Sweepstake Classes**

- (a) Affiliate Members may conduct Sweepstakes during a Championship Exhibition and are to be held prior to the commencement of the Exhibition or during the lunch break. A minimum of sixty percent of the entry fee is required to be returned as prize money to the exhibitors for all Sweepstakes classes. All entrants must be entered in one Ordinary Class or Veteran Class.
- (b) Only Judges qualified to judge exhibits placed before them shall judge a Sweepstake Class. Classes can be

separated between two or more Judges.

## **C OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, TRACKING, RETRIEVING, FIELD, ENDURANCE TEST, HERDING, EARTHDOG, DANCES WITH DOGS, LURE COURSING AND SLED SPORT**

1. All Trialling Exhibitions shall be conducted in accordance with the rules approved by the ANKC Ltd for that particular discipline and such rules shall be deemed to be the rules of the SACA.
2. **Transferring to the next Class**
  - (a) Subject to ANKC Ltd Obedience, Agility, Earthdog, Herding, Tracking, Dances with Dogs Rules, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport an Exhibit may be transferred to the next titled class in which it is eligible to compete where it is entered in an Exhibition and an application has been submitted for a title qualification for a particular class in which it was entered prior to the date of the Exhibition. Proof of application must be presented on the day of the Exhibition. *(06/17)*
  - (b) If a mistake has been caused by the Exhibitor or his agent and an Exhibit is entered in the incorrect class, the Exhibit shall not be transferred to the correct class after the closing date for entries, nor shall any refund of entry fee/s be made. However, if any other inadvertent error is made on the entry form, the Exhibitor may be permitted to make corrections.
  - (c) The Exhibit can only be entered once in the class/s for which it is eligible at any Exhibition.
3. **Handlers in Obedience Group Exercises**

Once a Handler enters the ring with the Exhibit under the direction of the Judge/Steward for the Group Exercise/s, they must remain the Handler of that Exhibit for the duration of the Group Exercise/s.
4. **Definition of Non Titled Utility Open A and B Classes**
  - (a) Obedience – Open B Class is for dogs granted a CD title and which are not eligible for the title of CDX at the closing date of entries.
  - (b) Open A Class is for dogs eligible to be granted the title of CDX at the closing date of entries.
  - (c) Non titled Utility is for dogs granted a CDX title and which are not eligible for the title of UD at the closing date of entries.
5. **Agility Dogs running out of Catalogue Order.**

Agility dogs may be run out of catalogue order in a class but where there is more than one dog being handled by the same handler in that class, those dogs must be run in catalogue order. *(01/18)*
- 6.. **Height Cards for Obedience Dogs**
  - (a) A dog must obtain an official SACA Height Card, signed by two ANKC Ltd Obedience or Agility Judges, specifying the height of the dog, before being eligible to enter an Open, Advanced Rally A or higher classes.. *(01/18)*.
  - (b) The height of the dog must be measured at the highest point of the withers using an ANKC Ltd approved measuring device on a hard level surface. The dog may be measured three times, with the measurement to be recorded being the lowest height for the benefit of the dog. The height measurement is to be recorded on the Height Card which will be signed by the two measuring Judges.
  - (c) If the dog is less than eighteen months of age at the time of measuring, the Height Card will be provisional only and the dog must be re-measured once it is eighteen months of age.
  - (d) The Height Card issued after the dog has reached eighteen months of age will remain valid for the life of the dog.
  - (e) A Judge may request to re-measure a dog at a trial if they are of the clear opinion the height recorded in the catalogue appears inappropriate for that dog.
7. **Demonstrations**

An Affiliate Member may conduct demonstrations of their own discipline/s without specific approval of Council, provided that the demonstration is conducted under the supervision of Officials of the Affiliate Member.
8. **Restricted Exhibitions**

Specialist Affiliate Members which have a National Breed Council may be given permission to conduct Restricted Obedience/ Agility/Tracking Exhibitions by Council and entries will be restricted to those breed/s provided for by the Affiliate Member.
9. **Sanctioned Exhibitions**

An Affiliate Member may apply to hold a Sanctioned Trial. Council may at its discretion grant or deny an application.
- 10 **Agility Safety Guidelines**
  - (a) Affiliate Members training and/or conducting Trials shall be responsible for ensuring that all Club Members are made aware of and provided a copy of the Agility Safety Guidelines.

- (b) Each Affiliate Member conducting Agility training and trials shall be responsible for ensuring that all aspects of safety outlined in the Agility Safety Guidelines are adhered to.
  - (c) Each Exhibitor shall be responsible for abiding by the Agility Safety Guidelines.
11. **Safety Rule for Firearms – Field and Retrieving Trials** – All guns must be maintained in a clean and safe working condition and secured in accordance with the current South Australian Legislation.
12. **Field Trials – Safety Rules for Firearms**  
The following rules must be observed at all times while a Field Trial is underway.
- (a) The Gun Steward and competitor must have a current Firearms Licence of the appropriate class.
  - (b) Gun Licences to be shown prior to the commencement of the Trial.
  - (c) No gun bags or shotgun slings to be used on the Trial site.
  - (d) Access gate to be closed and sign posted – “No entry shooting in progress” – and a red flag must be displayed. (A red flag is a world wide recognised signal for shooting in progress).
  - (e) No shooting to take place within two hundred metres of roads, houses, footpaths etc.
  - (f) All shotguns carried by spectators must be carried broken with no cartridges in the firearm.
  - (g) Competitors’ firearms (eg those shooting in the trial) will carry their firearms in the ready position, in the recognised safe manner, which is, the firearms broken with cartridges in the breech.
  - (h) Gun Stewards will check the competitors’ firearms after the competitor has finished shooting to ensure that the firearm is clear.
  - (i) Unused guns to be unloaded and locked out of sight in a vehicle.
13. **Retrieving Trials – Gun Safety at Trials for Gundogs.**  
The following must be printed in each catalogue at all Retrieving Trials for Gundogs
14. **Competitors:**  
It is the responsibility of any competitor in a Stake at a Retrieving Trial for Gundogs to observe Gun Safety at all times.
15. **Affiliate Member:**
- (a) The Affiliate Member conducting a Retrieving Trial for Gundogs should ensure that all competitors are familiar with Gun Safety and Gun Handling.
  - (b) The Affiliate Member shall conduct gun safety instruction to each competitor before each stake. This instruction shall cover the following points;
    - (i) The competitor must be familiar with the gun being used in the Stake;
    - (ii) It is the competitor’s responsibility to ensure the barrel is clear of any obstruction before moving from the Control Point;
    - (iii) The gun must never be pointed towards any person; and
    - (iv) The gun must be broken before returning it to the Gun Steward.
  - (c) The Affiliate Member must ensure the Gun Steward possesses a bona fide firearms licence of the appropriate class. Gun Stewards and their licence numbers are to be added to the SACA marked catalogue.
  - (d) Safety of the general public must be observed at all times.
  - (e) Unused guns to be unloaded and securely locked away out of sight at all times.

## ***PART IX JUDGES***

### **A. GENERAL**

1. No person shall act as a Judge unless he is licensed to do so for that discipline.
2. The SACA shall maintain a register of persons licensed by it as;
  - (a) Judges;
  - (b) Aspiring Judges; and
  - (c) Trainee Judges.
3. No person shall be licensed as a Judge or Trainee Judge unless that person;
  - (a) is permanently domiciled in South Australia or other place, approved on written application to Council;
  - (b) is a financial Member of the SACA; and
  - (c) has completed the training as required by the ANKC Ltd and SACA Rules or, being a person who has been recognised by a Controlling Body as a Judge or Trainee Judge (or the equivalent thereof) and in the opinion of Council is sufficiently well qualified to be licensed as a Judge or Trainee Judge.
4.
  - (a) All appointments to the Panel of licensed Judges shall take effect immediately following Council's approval. However, where a Trainee Judge has an existing agreement with an Affiliate Member to Judge that Group/Part Group within three months of the elevation to the panel, the said agreement must be fulfilled.
  - (b) A person to whom a licence is granted shall pay an annual licence fee as prescribed by Council.
  - (c) A license to judge shall remain in force until the 31st December following the date on which the license was granted.
  - (d) A licensed judge may apply to renew their license and the license shall continue in force for a further period of twelve months.
  - (e) Every application to renew shall be lodged with the Executive Officer prior to the date stipulated by Council for the lodgement of such applications.
5. Council may for any reasonable cause;
  - (a) refuse any application for a licence;
  - (b) cancel any licence;
  - (c) suspend any licence for such a period as it thinks fit; or
  - (d) vary the terms and conditions upon which any licence is granted.

### **Conduct of Judges**

6. No Judge shall adjudicate upon or judge any dog within a period of twelve calendar months after;
  - (a) that Judge or any family Member of that Judge has owned or leased the dog concerned (either solely or in conjunction with any other person);
  - (b) that Judge has trained or handled the dog concerned in any activity including Conformation and grooming salons but excluding Veterinary care or attention and Obedience, Agility, Endurance Tests, Tracking, Herding, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Retrieving and Field, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport instructions at any Affiliate Member activity, any official Judges Training Scheme, SACA Ring training and Junior Handlers competitions sanctioned by the SACA (Training for the purpose of this rule means physically handling the dog, instructing people for reward, gift or favour); or **(06/17)**
  - (c) that Judge has boarded the dog concerned either privately or in any boarding kennel in which that Judge has an interest or is employed.
7. No Member or other exhibitor shall enter or exhibit any dog in an Exhibition where a Judge who may be involved in the judging of that dog has within a period of twelve calendar months preceding the date of that Exhibition;
  - (a) owned or leased (either solely or in conjunction with any other person) the dog concerned;
  - (b) trained or handled the dog concerned in any activity including Conformation and grooming salons but excluding Veterinary care or attention and Obedience, Agility, Endurance Tests, Tracking, Herding, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Retrieving and Field, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport instructions at any Affiliate Member activity, any official Judges Training Scheme, **(06/17)**  
SACA Ring training and Junior Handlers competitions sanctioned by the SACA. (Training for the purpose of this rule means physically handling the dog, instructing people for reward, gift or favour); or **(01/09)**
  - (c) boarded the dog concerned either privately or in any boarding kennel in which that Judge has an interest or is employed. **(07/09)**
8. No Member of a judge's family or household shall exhibit or handle a dog at any Conformation Exhibition at which the Judge officiates or in the same ring or test at an Obedience, Retrieving, Endurance Test, Tracking, Field, Herding, Agility, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing and Sled Sport activity. **(06/17)**

9. The above Rule numbers 7 to 9 do not apply to;
  - (a) elimination awards where due to a Judges decision on the day an exhibitor assists another exhibitor by handling a dog for an award such as the Challenge award or a Best of Class in Breed award etc, where the owner has two or more dogs to be judged for that award;
  - (b) people holding dogs in an assembly area assisting a person who is showing two or more dogs at the time; or
  - (c) emergency circumstances.
10. No Judge shall handle any dog at any Exhibition for fee or reward. This includes Aspirant and Trainee judges.
11. No person shall act as a Handler at or enter or exhibit a dog in a Conformation Exhibition at which he is appointed to judge.
12. (a) No Judge shall judge a dog which is registered in his name/s at an Exhibition for Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Retrieving, Field, Herding, Earthdog, Endurance Tests, Dances with Dogs, Lure Coursing or Sled Sport at which they are appointed to judge. **(06/17)**
  - (b) A Judge may enter a dog/s registered in his name/s at an Exhibition for Obedience, Agility, Herding, Earthdog, Endurance Tests at which they are appointed to judge but shall not act as a Handler at the Exhibition at which they are appointed to judge.
  - (c) A Judge may enter and act as a Handler for a dog/s registered in his name/s at an Exhibition for Tracking, Retrieving, Field, Dances with Dogs or Lure Coursing, at which they are appointed to judge **(06/17)**.
  - (d) For Retrieving a Judge shall not enter in any Stake at which they are appointed to judge and their entry in other Stakes must not interfere with the judging duties. **(01/15)**
  - (e) For Tracking a Judge's Track must be laid in a different area to where they are judging at that trial. **(01/14)**
  - (f) For Dances with Dogs the judging panel shall consist of 3 different Judges from the panel for which they are appointed to judge.
  - (g) For Lure Coursing in accordance with the ANKC Ltd Rules for the conduct of Lure Coursing Trials – 11.Judging 11.1.3 **(06/17)**
13. Any Judge invited to judge at an Exhibition shall reply to that invitation within fourteen days of the date of receipt of same.
14. Any Judge having accepted an appointment as a Judge at any Exhibition who fails, without just cause, to attend and judge at an Exhibition at the appointed time (or within fifteen minutes thereof) shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules and;
  - (a) the Affiliate Member Officials shall appoint the Reserve Judge or an Emergency Judge in his position;
  - (b) no person may be appointed as an Emergency Judge unless that person is licensed by the SACA as a Judge or an Aspiring/Trainee Judge;
  - (c) where the name of the Reserve Judge has been included in the Schedule and that Reserve Judge substitutes for a Judge otherwise named in the Schedule, that Reserve Judge may only judge those class/s allocated to the Judge he is replacing and the entry fee will not be refunded;
  - (d) where a Reserve Judge has not been named on the Schedule and that Judge is unable to adjudicate upon or judge a dog/s in accordance with Rule 7 (a) Conduct of Judges, that entry fee/s will be refunded; and
  - (e) where a Judge is unable to meet the requirements of his agreement, he shall within seven days of the date of the appointment advise the Executive Officer in writing of the circumstances.
15. Each Judge will be issued with Judges Sheets at each Exhibition. The Judges Sheets shall be in a form prescribed by Council. The Judge shall sign each sheet and complete in full as required by their discipline. Judging of a particular class is deemed to be completed when the Judge has completed judging all dogs present and has signed the Judges Sheet for that class. **(01/15)**
16. Unless such decision is contrary to the Rules, a Judge's decision on the merits of an exhibit shall be final.
  - (a) A Judge may rectify a bona fide mistake, or correct an error, provided such mistake or error is discovered and corrected before the completion of the judging of the class in question. **(01/15)**
  - (b) Where any person considers the decision of a Judge to be contrary to the Rules he may notify the Executive Officer in writing within seven days of the date of the Exhibition and Council shall enquire into the matter.
17. Any alterations made in the Judge's Sheets must be initialled by the Judge (except Conformation).
18. A Judge may not place two or more separate exhibits as equal for any award.
19. A Judge shall not re-judge or resume judging any Exhibit because of the absence from the Judging Precinct of that Exhibit at the time of judging a class in which that Exhibit is entered. **(01/15)**

20. Lists of South Australian Judges licensed by Council shall be made available to Affiliate Members. Such lists shall specify what breed/s, group/s of breeds of dogs or the disciplines the Judge is licensed to judge.
21. Any Affiliate Member that permits any person, whom the Council has not approved as a Judge, to act in that capacity shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules and all awards made by such person shall be null and void.
22. No person licensed as a Judge may judge at an Exhibition, which is held under the Rules of the SACA, unless that Exhibition is approved by Council.
23. No Judge shall adjudicate upon or judge any dog outside the confines of the judging precinct. The assembly area is to be used for the assembly of dogs and only in exceptional circumstances is it to be used as a judging precinct.
24. No person shall either for himself or for any other person;
  - (a) solicit an appointment to Judge; or
  - (b) solicit or seek the entry of any particular dog or dogs at any fixture conducted or to be conducted under the Rules of the SACA or another Controlling Body.
25. A Judge shall not act or comment on an exhibit or exhibitor in a manner which is disrespectful or abusive.

## **B. CONFORMATION**

1. Excluding Rules applicable to Trainee Judges, Judges granted a licence for a Breed or Breeds may only judge that Breed or those Breeds at Championship Shows and special event activities endorsed by Council.
2. (a) Excluding the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of S.A. Championship Dog Show, no Judge shall adjudicate on more than two hundred and fifty dogs in Breed Classes on any one day. Where a Judge is scheduled to judge Breed Classes on a day in which more than two hundred and fifty dogs are entered in those classes, the Committee of the Affiliate Member conducting such Exhibition shall transfer the surplus to another Judge.  
 (b) Every Judge shall, as far as practicable, allocate equal time to the judging of each individual of the breeds of dog adjudicated upon at an Exhibition.
3. (a) Where a Judge considers that there is no Exhibit in the Class being judged of sufficient merit to warrant the award of a first place the Judge shall be entitled to refuse to do so. In that event no other award shall be made in respect of that Class.  
 (b) Where a Judge considers an Exhibit over the age of six months is not physically entire, that Judge is required to report that finding in writing to the Secretary / Convenor responsible for the conduct of the Exhibition. In which case the Council may suspend the Registration.

### **Aspiring Judges**

4. In addition to the **ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3 Judges Training and Examination Program** applying to Aspiring Judges, the following will apply.
5. An Aspiring Judge must attend all lectures and practical sessions required by Council, including breed and revision lectures for the Group, for which he intends to train to be eligible for examination.
6. To be eligible for examination to become a Trainee Judge, an Aspiring Judge must, during the calendar year in which the examination is to be taken;
  - (a) be a financial Ordinary Member of the SACA;
  - (b) must not miss the lecture for rules, anatomy and glossary of terms in accordance with ANKC Ltd Rules.
7. Leave of absence from any Judges lecture program may be granted upon application, in writing, to the Executive Office, at his discretion for the following reasons: pregnancy, judging appointments, absence due to holidays (long service or annual leave), employment courses (verification from the employer may be required, employment commitments, compassionate grounds, illness or any other reasons approved in writing by the Executive Officer.
8. Aspiring Judges who fail to pass either a theory or practical examination after three attempts at such an examination shall be removed from the Panel of Aspiring Judges for a period of two years. After the expiration of that period a person may reapply for inclusion on the Panel of Aspiring Judges.

### **Trainee Judges**

9. In addition to the **ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3 Judges Training and Examination Program** applying to Trainee Judges, the following will apply.
  - (a) An appointment to the Panel of Trainee Judges shall be effective from 1st January in the year following the Trainee's eligibility.
10. (a) A Trainee Judge shall not be credited with attendance at a lecture or practical session if the Trainee

Judge is not present within fifteen minutes after the advertised starting time or leaves, without extenuating circumstances, prior to the conclusion of the lecture or session.

(b) A Trainee Judge must attend lectures and practical sessions until a pass has been achieved in both the Theoretical and Practical examination.

11. All Trainees to be formally assessed at least twice at Open Shows or Sweepstakes Classes by an Accredited ANKC Ltd Examiner/Assessor before being eligible for examination.

12. A Trainee Judge who has been appointed as a Licensed Judge for four or more Groups may officiate as a Judge for Special Puppy and Novelty Classes at Championship Shows.

#### **Qualifications to judge General Specials at All Breeds Parades/Open Shows**

13. (a) To be eligible to judge General Specials at a Parade or Open Show in the metropolitan area, the Judge must be a Trainee Judge already licensed to judge at least three Groups.

(b) To be eligible to judge General Specials at a Parade or Open Show in the Country the Judge must be a Trainee Judge already licensed to judge at least one Group.

(c) At a Country Exhibition each Trainee Judge must judge at least one Group for which he is training, but may judge further Groups.

14. At Specialist Club Parades and Open Shows, where more than one Group is involved, the General Specials Judge must be licensed or a Trainee Judge for all groups concerned.

15. (a) No Trainee Judge may be an Office Bearer, (ex officio or otherwise), or a Member of the Committee of more than two Affiliate Members and of those Affiliate Members not more than one may be an All Breeds Club.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall not apply to a person occupying the position of Convenor of the Dog Section of an Agricultural Society Championship Show.

16. At each metropolitan All Breeds Parade or Open Show seven or more Trainee Judges shall be appointed and each shall be appointed to a Group for which he is training.

#### **17. Failure of Examinations**

(a) A Trainee Judge who fails in a practical examination shall attend lectures and must judge and critique a further twenty five dogs before being permitted to undertake further examination for that Group.

(b) No Trainee Judge will be permitted to apply for or be examined for the same Group on more than one occasion in any one calendar year, apart from the supplementary Examination.

(c) Trainee Judges who fail to pass either a theory or practical examination after three attempts at such an examination shall be removed from the Panel of Trainee Judges for that Group for a period of two years. After the expiration of that period a failed Trainee Judge shall be reinstated to the Trainee Judges Panel for that Group or Groups upon application. No previous appointments will be credited to the reinstated Trainee Judge.

(d) Trainee Judges who fail to pass either a theory or practical examination after three attempts shall be removed from the Panel of Trainee Judges for that Group for a period of two years, and will not be permitted to transfer

### **C. AGILITY, JUMPING, SNOOKER, GAMBLERS, STRATEGIC PAIRS, HERDING, RETRIEVING, FIELD, OBEDIENCE, ENDURANCE, TRACKING, EARTHDOG, DANCES WITH DOGS, LURE COURSING AND SLED SPORT BECOMING A JUDGE**

1. **Herding**, to become a Judge a person; *(03/11)*

(a) must be over 18 years of age and a financial Ordinary Member of the Association for a period not less than three years at the time of application; *(01/10)*

(b) must have personally trained and trialed a dog and obtained a Herding Test or Pre Trial Title by competing in official trials *(03/11)*

2. Written proof of the requirements of (a) and (b) must be provided *(03/11)*

3. Complete the prescribed application form *(03/11)*

4. **Herding Test/Trial Judges Licence.**

To be eligible to apply for a Herding Test/Trial Judges Licence the applicant must;

(a) attend a minimum of one theory lecture and one practical training session to be eligible to apply for a Herding Test/Trial Judge's Licence; and *(03/07)*

(b) in the twelve months prior to the practical assessment have acted as a Scribe for at least one Test/Trial for the class/s that the applicant is aspiring for. Written proof of scribing must be provided. *(03/07)*

## 5. Eligibility for Assessment (03/11)

All applicants for a Herding licence must pass a written examination. (01/11).

- (a) Herding written examinations must be appropriate to the Class/s that the applicant is aspiring for. (03/07)
  - (b) The Herding examination papers will be;
    - (i) for a Herding Test Judges Licence: all Test Classes; and
    - (ii) for a Herding Trial Judges Licence: for each Course undertaken a pass of 80% is required. These courses will be;
      - (a) "A" Course, all classes
      - (a) "B" Course, all classes
      - (c) "C" Course, all classes
- The aspirant may sit for the three Courses or nominate either a single or a combination of two Courses.

6. A Pass in a written examination will remain valid until adoption of the next ANKC Ltd Rule change for Herding, (01/10)

7. Prior to being granted a licence, all applicants who pass a written examination must pass a practical assessment. The assessing ANKC Ltd Herding Judge must provide a written assessment report for each Class/s, Course/s undertaken. (03/11)

## 15. Written and Practical Examinations

**Rules 15 to 18 and D Appeals 1 and 2 shall apply unless otherwise stated in the ANKC Ltd Regulations for that particular discipline (03/11)**

- (a) Except for ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3C Obedience Trial Judges Training Scheme 7.5.1 Principle Features, all written (theoretical) examinations papers shall consist of 'short answer questions' of approximately 20 words and/or 'multi choice question' only; (03/11)
    - (i) should an aspirant request an oral examination, the questions shall remain the same, but will be read to the aspirant by an approved independent person; and
    - (ii) the aspirant may write the answers or dictate the answers to the reader, who will then record the answers as dictated. Oral papers will be marked as for written papers. (03/11)
  - (b) There shall be two independent persons appointed to mark the papers. For "multi choice questions" one person only is required to mark the papers. (03/11)
  - (c) All written examinations shall require an 80 % pass mark. (03/11)
16. Results of Practical Examinations must be collated by an independent person (eg the Executive Officer) and Candidates must be notified of their results by the Executive Officer. Examiners must not at any time divulge their individual assessment of a Candidate. Results must not be given at the time of the Practical Examinations.
17. A Trainee Judge who fails to pass either the theory or practical examinations for any of the disciplines after three attempts at such examinations shall be removed from the Panel of Trainee Judges for that discipline for a period of two years. After expiration of that period a failed trainee shall be reinstated to the Trainee Judges Panel for that discipline upon application.
18. Under no circumstances can a Candidate be granted a license/pass for any examination unless the Candidate has actually been passed by the required number of examiners at a properly convened examination.

## D APPEALS

1. Appeals against the results of Practical Examinations shall not be allowed unless it is alleged that the SACA did not conduct the Practical Examination in accordance with the Rules and Regulations .
2. If it is found that the SACA has conducted a Judges Examination contrary to ANKC Ltd Regulations and/or policy, and a Candidate has appealed against the result of the examination, the examination is to be null and void. A new examination is to be scheduled as soon as practicable without the Candidate being requested to gain further qualifications.

## E RETRIEVING - Refer ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3A Retrieving Trial Judges.

## F FIELD - Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3B Field Trial Judges.

Retrieving and Field Trial Judges are to note that all guns must be maintained in a clean and safe working condition and secured in accordance with the current South Australian legislation.

## G OBEDIENCE – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3C Obedience Trial Judges

**In accordance with ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3C Obedience Trial Judges 1.5, the following higher standards shall apply.**



**1. Application – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 2: 2.1**

Written proof of the requirements for all classes must be provided, including Titles gained, Instructing and Stewarding with an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct an Exhibition. (01/15)

**2. Eligibility - Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 3: 3.5 3.5.2 3.5.2.1**

To be eligible to apply for a CCD/Novice Judging Licence the applicant must;

Have personally trained and trialed a dog in Obedience and accumulated a minimum of 100 points from combinations of the following achievements. (01/15)

**(Mandatory)**

Gained one CD Title	25 points
Instructed at an Affiliated Obedience Club at trial class level for at least 2 years	50 points

**(Optional)**

Gained a CD title with more than one dog	25 points
Gained a CDX Title	25 points
Acted as Chief Ring Steward in at least 10 official Obedience trials	25 points
Currently hold an ANKC Ltd licence to judge in another discipline	25 points

**3. Method of Education (Self Education) - Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 4:**

3.1 The aspirant should also arrange for a judge(s) licensed for the relevant class to observe them judging on other occasions on an informal basis to assess their performance and to give advice

3.2 The aspirant must act as Chief Steward in at least 3 classes at sanctioned Obedience Trials at the level for which they are aspiring during the 12 months prior to the practical examination date. Written proof of stewarding appointments must be provided before the date of the examination

**4. Practical Training Sessions – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 5: 5.2**

The trainer must, for each practical training session:

Supervise the aspirant's judging of at least 5 dogs for all classes except UDX where a minimum of one dog can be judged

**5. Application for Assessment – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 6: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 -**

**5.1 CCD/Novice**

Provide documentation of at least 3 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5)

**5.2 Open**

Provide documentation of at least 3 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5)

Provide details of 3 Novice judging appointments at sanctioned Obedience trials including Affiliate and date.

**5.3 Utility**

Provide documentation of at least 3 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5)

Provide details of 3 Open judging appointments at sanctioned Obedience trials including Affiliate and date.

**5.4 Utility Dog Excellent**

Provide documentation of at least 3 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5)

Provide details of 3 Utility judging appointments at sanctioned Obedience trials including Affiliate and date.

**6. Practical Assessment – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 8: 8.2.1**

Aspirants are required to judge a minimum of 5 dogs except in the case of UDX where a minimum of 2 dogs may suffice.

**H ENDURANCE – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3D Endurance Trial Judges**

**I TRACKING – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3E Tracking Trial Judges**

**In accordance with ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3E Tracking Trial Judges 1.4 the following higher standard and additional rule shall apply.**

**1. Eligibility – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 3:3.5, 3.5.1 and 3.5.1.1**

To be eligible to apply for a Tracking Dog Judging Licence, the applicant must have personally trained and trialed a dog to a Tracking Dog Excellent Title. (02/17)

**2. Practical Assessment – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 8**

In addition to the Tracking Assessors Panel an independent Referee will be appointed by the Tracking Advisory Committee. The assessing Panel will carry out the practical assessments and the fourth appointed person shall act as the Referee only. At the conclusion of each part of the assessment the Referee has the authority to collect the assessments from the assessing Judges and advise the Aspirant of a pass or fail for that part of the examination. The Referee must not indicate the exact result of the assessment. If an Aspirant fails a part of the examination the remaining part/s of the examination will not be conducted. (03/11)

**J RALLY OBEDIENCE - Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3F Rally Obedience Trial Judges  
In accordance with ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3F Rally Obedience Trial Judges 1.5, the following higher standards shall apply.**

**1. Application – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 2: 2.1**

Written proof of the requirements for all classes must be provided, including Titles gained, Instructing and Stewarding with an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct an Exhibition. (01/15)

**2. Eligibility - Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 3: 3.5 and 3.5.1**

To be eligible to apply for a Rally Obedience Judges licence the applicant must;

Have personally trained and trialled a dog in Obedience or Rally Obedience and accumulated a minimum of 100 points from combinations of the following achievements. (01/15)

**(Mandatory)**

Gained a CD or RN Title 25 points

Instructed at an Affiliated Obedience Club at trial class level in either Rally or traditional Obedience for at least 2 years 50 points

**(Optional)**

Gained a CD or RN title with more than one dog 25 points

Gained a RA Title 25 points

Acted as Chief Ring Steward in at least 10 official Obedience or Rally trials 25 points

Currently hold an ANKC Ltd licence to judge in another discipline 25 points

**3. Method of Education (Self Education) Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 4.**

3.1 The aspirant should also arrange for a judge(s) licensed for Rally Obedience to observe them judging on other occasions on an informal basis to assess their performance and to give advice.

3.2 The aspirant must act as Chief Steward in at 3 sanctioned Rally Obedience Trials during the 12 months prior to the practical examination date. Written proof of stewarding appointments must be provided before the date of the examination.

**4. Practical Training Sessions – Refer To ANKC Ltd Regulation 5: 5.2.1**

The trainer must, for each practical training session:

Supervise the aspirant's judging of at least 5 dogs for all classes.

**5. Application for Assessment – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 6: 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4**

5.1 Rally Novice

Provide documentation of at least 3 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5)

5.2 Rally Advanced

Provide documentation of at least 3 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5)

5.3 Rally Excellent

Provide documentation of at least 3 Practical Judges Training sessions (point 5)

**6. Practical Assessment – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 8: 8.2**

6.1 Aspirants are required to judge a minimum of 5 dogs in each class. (01/15)

6.2 In the RE class, the aspirant must set a course which includes all stations 46 to 50.

**K Agility – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3 G Agility Jumping and Games Trial Judges**

**In accordance with ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3G Agility Jumping and Games Trial Judges 1.6, the following higher standards shall apply.**

**1. Application – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 2**

Written proof of the requirements for all classes must be provided, Stewarding, Instructing, Titles and Trial Managing with an Affiliate Member approved by Council to conduct an Exhibition.

**2. Eligibility – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 3: 3.6.1 and 3.6.2**

The Applicant must:

Applying to be a judge in Agility, Jumping, Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs must have personally trained and trialled a dog and obtained a total of one hundred points from combinations of the following requirements.

An AD or JD Title (Mandatory) 30 pts

One year instructing (aspiring time does not qualify) 15 pts

Two years or more instructing 30 pts

Trial Manager (for a minimum of four official trials) 20 pts

Other Agility Title: AD/JD, ADX/JDX, ADM/JDM, ADO/JDO, GD/GDX/GDM,

SD/SDX/SDM, SPD/SPDX/SPDM per Title (each Title only counted once)	15 pts
Chief Ring Stewarding (Mandatory minimum of three to a maximum of five at ten points per appointment)	30 to 50 pts

An Aspiring Judge may aspire for the Agility, Jumping, Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs licences or nominate either a single or any combination of the available licences.

**3. Method of Education (Self Education) – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 4**

To be eligible to apply for an Agility, Jumping, Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs Judges Licence the applicant must have attended a minimum of four lectures.

**4 Practical Training Sessions - Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 5**

The applicant must attend three practical training sessions.

**5. Theoretical Examinations – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 7**

A Pass in a written examination will remain valid until adoption of the next ANKC LTD Rule change except where a Trainee Judge for Agility, Jumping, Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs fails the practical examination after three attempts will be required to undertake the Theory examination again.

**6. Practical Assessment – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulation 8**

Agility, Jumping, Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs practical examination the Trainee Judge must provide copies for the Examining Panel of all their course designs appropriate to the licence/s that the Trainee Judge has nominated;

the Examining Panel will determine the classes which the Trainee Judge will be assessed;

the Agility Judges Licence will be assessed on at least two of the four available classes;

the Jumping Judges Licence will be assessed on at least two of the four available classes;

the Snooker Judges Licence will be assessed on at least two of the three available classes;

the Gamblers Judges Licence will be assessed on at least two of the three available classes;

the Strategic Pairs Judges Licence will be assessed on at least two of the three available classes;

the Trainee Judge must be tested on at least five dogs for each determined class.

Failure in any part of the practical assessment for the nominated licence means that the entire examination for that licence is failed.

Agility, Jumping, Snooker, Gamblers, Strategic Pairs Examining Panel will consist of three qualified Judges and an independent Referee appointed by the Agility Advisory Committee. Three Judges will carry out the practical assessments and the fourth appointed person shall act as the Referee only. At the conclusion of each part of the assessment the Referee has the authority to collect the assessments from the three examining Judges and advise the Trainee Judge of a pass or fail for that part of the examination. The Referee must not indicate the exact result of the assessment. If a Trainee Judge fails a part of the examination the remaining part/s of the examination will not be conducted.

The Trainer Judge must not communicate with the Trainee Judge once the setting up of the first course for each licence has commenced and until the completion of the entire practical examination for that licence. The Referee will advise the Stewards and the helpers that they must not offer assistance or advice beyond that which the Trainee Judge has requested.

**L EARTHDOG – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 4 Selection and Training of Earthdog Judges**

**M DANCES WITH DOGS – Refer to ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3H Dances with Dogs Competition judges Training Scheme**

**N LURE COURSING – Refer to ANKC Ltd Rules for the conduct of Lure Coursing**

**O SLED SPORT – Refer to ANKC Ltd Rules for the conduct to Sled Sport Events**

## **PART X      STEWARDS**

### **A. GENERAL**

1. No person shall act as a Steward unless he is approved by the SACA.
2. No person shall be approved as a Steward or act in that capacity at any Exhibition conducted under the Rules of the SACA unless that person is a financial Ordinary Member of the SACA, except those persons acting as Stewards Assistants, refer to C. Obedience, Tracking, Retrieving, Field, Agility, Earthdog, Endurance, Herding, Dances with Dogs and Sled Sport part (b). *(06/17)*
3. Any person acting as a Steward shall be contracted by the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition.
4. (a) If for any reason a Steward cannot fulfil his contract he must inform the relevant Affiliate Member as soon as possible.  
(b) Any person who enters into a contract to steward at an Exhibition and breaches that contract shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules.  
(c) If a Steward is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances and is unable to comply with sub clause (a), he shall within seven days of the date of the Exhibition advise the Executive Officer in writing of the circumstances.
5. Any Affiliate Member who enters into a contract to engage a Steward at an Exhibition and breaches that contract shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules.
6. Any person who acts as a Steward at an Exhibition shall not act as a handler of any Exhibit at that Exhibition. However, an Exhibit owned by the Steward may be exhibited at that Exhibition by another handler or the Steward's family Member.
7. No Member of a Steward's household or family Member shall exhibit or handle a dog in the same ring in which the Steward officiates.  
(a) No person shall exhibit a dog owned or leased by the Steward in the same ring in which that Steward officiates.
8. Other than for Tracking Exhibitions;  
(a) the Steward shall, unless satisfied that all entries have been presented, call entries in the class to be judged three times prior to commencement of judging. Failures to answer should be marked absent;  
(b) upon compliance with sub clause (a), the Steward shall present the entire class of entries to the Judge whereupon any Exhibit not then present for judging shall not be permitted to enter the Judging Precinct; and  
(c) judging shall not be unduly delayed in one ring awaiting the arrival of the handler of an Exhibit who is handling a dog in another ring at that time. In the event that the handler of an Exhibit is likely to be engaged in another ring, exhibitors shall ensure that they have an alternate handler available.
9. With the exception of Tracking Exhibitions, no person shall be allowed into the Judging Precinct at the time of judging except the Judge, the contracted Steward or Stewards and the exhibitors or the handlers of the dogs eligible to compete in the class or other competition.
10. Every Steward shall as far as practicable ensure that equal time is allocated to the examination of each Breed of Dog to be judged at a Conformation Exhibition.

### **B. CONFORMATION STEWARDS**

1. To become a Steward a person must;  
(a) be a financial Ordinary Member of the SACA;  
(b) have successfully passed the required SACA Stewards Examination.
2. Stewards shall not discuss Exhibits and exhibitors with the Judge, or in the vicinity of the Judge.

### **C. OBEDIENCE, TRACKING, RETRIEVING, FIELD, AGILITY, HERDING, EARTHDOG, ENDURANCE, DANCES WITH DOGS, LURE COURSING AND SLED SPORT**

In addition to the requirements of these Rules, Stewards shall comply with all requirements contained in the ANKC Ltd Rules.

#### **(a) Chief Stewards**

- (i) Chief Stewards shall be financial Ordinary Members of the SACA and be contracted by the Affiliate Member conducting the exhibition.

- (ii) No person shall be eligible to act as a handler of any Exhibit at any Exhibition at which he officiates as a Chief Steward.
- (iii) Unless directed by the Judge, the Chief Steward shall remain in the judging precinct while judging is in progress.

**(b) Steward's Assistant**

- (i) Steward's Assistants must be a current financial Member of an Affiliated Club, aged 18 years of age and over, but will not be required to be contracted. *(01/10)*
- (ii) A person who acts as a Steward's Assistant may act as a handler of an Exhibit at the Exhibition in which he is officiating, provided that he does not compete in the same class for which he is stewarding.

**D. VETERINARY STEWARDS**

1. A person with the appropriate skills may be appointed by an Affiliate Member to act as a Veterinary Steward at an Exhibition/Trial to;
  - (a) assist the Veterinary Surgeon with examinations; or
  - (b) carry out the duties of the duly appointed Veterinary Surgeon in the event that he is unable to attend.
2. The Committee of the Affiliate Member conducting the Exhibition may elect that, when submitting a Draft Schedule for approval, either a Veterinary Surgeon or two Veterinary Stewards shall examine bitches to ascertain whether the bitches are in oestrus and if a bitch is found to be in oestrus it shall be automatically disqualified and required to be moved as far as possible from the judging precinct.

## ***PART XI SACA REPRESENTATIVES***

### **A GENERAL**

1. At the beginning of each calendar year, Council shall appoint, for a period of twelve months, appropriately qualified Ordinary Members of the SACA, as SACA Representatives to undertake the duties of that role outlined in these rules.
2. A Judge, Steward or Steward's Assistant who has a function to perform at an Exhibition, and the Show Manager, Trial Manager, Show Convener or Committee Member of an Affiliate conducting the Exhibition shall not be assigned the duties of a SACA Representative at that Exhibition. **(07/16)**
3. A SACA Representative shall be over 18 years of age and a financial Ordinary Member of the Association for a period not less than five years at the time of application. They shall attend any training session/s convened by Council each year. **(01/15)**
4. The SACA Representative will have the authority of Council to ensure that the Rules of the SACA are adhered to. They shall have the authority to report a person who refuses to obey the SACA Representative's direction so long as the direction is in accordance with the SACA Rules.
5. In the event that a SACA Representative is unable to, due to extenuating circumstances, attend an Exhibition for which he has signed an Agreement, he shall within seven days of the Exhibition, advise the Executive Officer of the circumstances in writing.
6. Should the appointed SACA Representative on the day of the Exhibition advise that he is unable to attend or complete his duties; as an emergency procedure, an Exhibition official, as outlined in (2), who is an Ordinary SACA Member may complete the duties for that day.

### **B REPORTING**

1. It is the obligation of any Judge, Exhibition Official or Member of the SACA or other Controlling Body who observes a breach of the SACA Rules to report the incident orally and where further action is considered appropriate, in writing to the SACA Representative. Any such report must be made as soon as practicable but within one hour of an aggressive dog/s alleged breach and on the day of the Exhibition for any other alleged breach. The SACA Representative will then deal with the report. **(01/14)**
2. In the event that a SACA Representative is perceived to have a conflict of interest another Member present at the exhibition being a trained SACA Representative or, in their absence, the Show/ Trial Manager, being an Ordinary Member of the SACA shall undertake the role of the SACA Representative. If any of these have a conflict of interest another Committee person, being an ordinary Member of the SACA, not having a conflict of interest shall perform the duties. The mere fact that a SACA Representative has observed, and may be the only witness of an incident does not, of itself, constitute a conflict of interest. **(01/17)**
3. Take written statements from the complainant, the person who is alleged to have breach the rules and any other person/s who may have observed the incident.
4. All written statements and relevant facts must be forwarded, as soon as possible, but no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> ordinary business day following the Exhibition, to the SACA Executive Officer.

## **PART XII        INSTRUCTORS**

### **A. OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY**

#### **Instructors**

1. A person who is trained in the theory and practice of teaching basic Obedience/Agility Training skills may be appointed to be an Obedience /Agility Instructor of an Affiliate Member. *(01/13)*
2. When the Head Instructor and Committee of the Affiliate Member consider an Aspiring Obedience/Agility Instructor has demonstrated that he can train a person/s in a group with their dog/s to Novice Obedience/Agility Standard they may appoint the person as an Obedience/Agility Instructor.

#### **Head Instructor**

3. Every Affiliate Member conducting Obedience and/or Agility training must have a Head Instructor in charge of training. *(01/13)*
  - (a) To become a Head Instructor of an Affiliate Member, a person must have been a qualified Obedience/Agility Instructor with an Affiliate Member training in Obedience/Agility in Australia that has been recognised by a Controlling Body for a period not less than twelve months; *(01/13)*
  - (b) have personally trained and trialed a dog and that has obtained an Obedience CD title and/or an Agility AD or JD title; or *(01/13)*
  - (c) be otherwise considered by Council to have special qualifications or knowledge to be entitled to be a Head Instructor/Trainer-in-Charge; and
  - (d) ensure that puppies re being trained in Agility in accordance with the Agility Training Guidelines.
4. A Head Instructor shall;
  - (a) be responsible for Obedience training including Puppy to Utility Dog Excellent Class, Demonstration Team Work, Endurance Test training, and/or Agility training; and *(01/13)*
  - (b) ensure that he has sufficient qualified Instructors to teach each discipline.

5. In the event that an Affiliate Obedience Club appoints only one Head Instructor to cover all disciplines and that Head Instructor fails to meet the Agility requirements of 3(b), a Trainer-in-Charge, with the necessary qualifications, shall be appointed as head of Agility training, but shall be responsible to the Head Instructor appointed by the Affiliate. *(01/13)*

### **B. OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTORS APPROVED BY THE SACA**

1. SACA Approved Obedience Instructors must be current financial Ordinary Members of the SACA or an Affiliated Obedience Club and instructing on a regular basis.
2. An oral and practical test requiring 80 per cent pass must be achieved for each of the following levels;  
Level one – Beginners/puppy and up to and including Grade 5 class.  
Level two – Beginners/puppy and up to and including Open class.  
Level three – Beginners/puppy and up to and including Utility class.
3. The Affiliated Club is to provide annually a list of their SACA Approved Instructors who are regularly instructing.
4. If an instructor's approval lapses for more than three years they will be required to do a refresher course.
5. If an instructor who is a Member of the SACA or is a Member of an Affiliated Club, uses the 'approval' to instruct privately or with a non Affiliated Club, the SACA Member or Affiliate Club of which that person is a Member, shall be charged with a breach of these rules.

## ***PART XIII      ADVISORY COMMITTEES***

### **OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, TRACKING, RAFT, HERDING, EARTHDOG AND DANCES WITH DOGS ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

1. These Advisory Committees shall advise and assist the Council in the management and control of their respective disciplines. The Obedience Advisory Committee will also manage and control Endurance Test Exhibitions. **(01/09)**
2. An Advisory Committees shall;
  - (a) meet when necessary or as directed by the Council; **(01/09)**
  - (b) submit full details of proceedings at their Advisory Committee meetings, including recommendations to the Council, within seven days of such meetings; **(01/09)**
  - (c) submit an Annual Report to the Council reviewing the work of their Committees and advising of matters relative to their discipline; and **(01/09)**
  - (d) conduct Special Meetings annually at which a report reviewing the work of the Advisory Committee shall be presented.
3. An Advisory Committee shall consist of;
  - (a) a Chairperson appointed by Council;
  - (b) Four Committee Members elected annually at the Special Meeting of Members **(07/16)**
4. There will be no vice Chairpersons and if required a Chairperson will be elected by the Committee to conduct the meeting for that night.
5. Not less than seven days notice shall be given of all meetings.
6. Each Member of respective Committees shall have one vote and the Chairperson in addition to his/her vote shall have the casting vote.
7. Any Members of the Committees absent without any apology from three consecutive meetings may be replaced by Members appointed by Council.
8. Special Meetings of the Committees shall be held during November in each year and at least fourteen days notice of such meetings shall be published in at least one edition of the Journal of the Association. Agendas for these Special Meetings are to be published at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. **(01/14)**
9. All business to be dealt with at the Special Meetings shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer not later than 1<sup>st</sup> September prior to the date of the meetings. **(04/13)**
10. A person entitled to attend a Special Meeting means a financial Ordinary Member of the SACA.



## *PART XIV      OFFENCES*

### **A. GENERAL**

1. A Member who commits a breach of these Rules, or the Constitution, shall be guilty of an offence.
2. A Member shall be guilty of an offence if a dog owned, or leased, by the Member and exhibited at an Exhibition is or was;
  - (a) exhibited or handled by a person who is not entitled to do so;
  - (b) exhibited at an Exhibition which Council has not recognised or approved, or is conducted by a Club or Body which is not an Affiliate Member;
  - (c) bred overseas and was not re-registered by the SACA;
  - (d) not registered as being owned or leased by the Exhibitor;
  - (e) not physically entire with the exception of dogs under the age of six months or those competing in Obedience, Tracking, Endurance Tests, Agility, Herding, Field, Retrieving, Earthdog, Dances with Dogs and Neuter Classes; *(01/13)*
  - (f) suffering from an infectious or contagious disease or had been exposed to the risk of such disease during the period dating from five weeks prior to the Exhibition. This also includes a dog brought onto the grounds at an Exhibition and is not exhibited;
  - (g) exhibited on an occasion when it can be proved that;
    - (i) any preparation or powder has been used and remains on the exhibit thereby altering the texture or appearance of its coat during the time of the Exhibition;
    - (ii) cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissue of the ears or alters their natural formation or carriage has occurred;
  - (h) any cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind or act which shortens the tail or alters the carriage of the tail has been practiced, except the traditionally docked breeds; or
  - (i) any act which otherwise alters the natural formation of the exhibit that is calculated to deceive except for;
    - (i) the cutting or trimming of coats or hairs;
    - (ii) the administering of any operations considered necessary by a Veterinary Surgeon;
    - (iii) the removal of dew claws.
3.
  - (a) A Member who commits cruelty to a dog shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.
  - (b) Any Member who witnesses cruelty to a dog by another Member and fails to report the incident to the Executive Officer forthwith shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.
4. Any Member promoting, judging, making an entry for, or in any way officiating at an Event conducted by an unrecognised organisation, shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.

**Note: The following are recognised organisations;**  
Australian Sled Dog Sports Association, the Australian Flyball Association and the ANKC Ltd Listing of Recognised Working Dog Associations or Kindred Bodies *(04/18)*
5. Any Affiliate Member that knowingly accepts an entry for a suspended, disqualified or otherwise ineligible dog shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.
6. Any Member of the SACA suspended, disqualified or otherwise ineligible to be a Member of the SACA shall not be entitled to the return of any portion of his annual subscription or other fees.
7. Any person causing annoyance by loud comments on a decision of a Judge or exhibits unsportsmanlike or unseemly behaviour while present at an Exhibition shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.
8. Except where otherwise provided by the ANKC Ltd Rules, if a Member attempts to attract the attention of or interferes with an Exhibit or handler whilst the dog or handler is in the judging precinct, he shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.
9. Any Member of the SACA who engages in any action or conduct that is discreditable or injurious to those involved in the activities of the SACA shall be guilty of an offence.
10. Members shall at all times and in all forums (including at Dogs SA events, in dealings in wider forums including chat lists on the internet and in all other communications) conduct themselves in a manner respectful of the reputation of the ANKC Ltd and Dogs SA Members, Judges, workers and officials.
11. A Member shall not to contact a Judge after the announcement of that Judge's appointment by any means that may be interpreted as promoting that Member or Member's Exhibits. This includes social networking sites, email and all electronic forms of communication as well as traditional forms of communication. Should a Judge receive such

an approach, they must report the matter to the appropriate Member Body and disciplinary action may be taken against the Member.

12. A Member, including an Affiliate Member, who fails to remove an electronic communication posted on any of, but not limited to, social networking sites, all and other electronic forms of communication, when requested by the Executive Officer or their representative, shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.
13. A Member who;
  - (a) forges the signature of another Member or person on any document relating to the activities of the SACA;
  - (b) provides false information on any official document relating to the activities of the SACA;shall be guilty of an offence.
14. A Member or Affiliate Member, when requested to provide information or documents, relating to the activities of the SACA, to Council or an Affiliate Member, unreasonably fails to do so without just cause, shall be guilty of an offence.
15. Where a Member or Affiliate Member, is indebted to the SACA or an Affiliate Member and that debt remains outstanding for more than sixty days after that date on which it was due that person or Affiliate Member may be guilty of an offence.
16. (a) It shall be a breach of these Rules for an Exhibit at any Exhibition to attack another dog or a person or display any undue aggressive or savage disposition or aggressive or savage tendency towards another dog or person and the Owner/s and Handler of the Exhibit shall be guilty of an offence. Where such a breach has been reported in writing the Exhibit may be suspended within the terms of the Constitution and Rules pending the outcome of the proceedings. *(01/13)*
  - (b) Any Judge, Exhibition Official or Member of the SACA or other Controlling Body who witnesses an exhibit acting in breach of the Constitution and Rules of the SACA shall forthwith report the incident in writing to the SACA Representative. Any failure to do so shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.
17. No Member shall promote, buy, sell, lease, exhibit or in any manner deal with or have an interest in any banned breed of dog listed in the ANKC Ltd Rules.
18. No Member shall use or otherwise deal with a knobbed, spiked, pronged or electric collar.
19. (a) No meeting of Council or the Committee of an Affiliate or any Sub committee of the Council may be held in a private home without the prior approval of Council.
  - (b) Where a meeting is held in contravention of sub paragraph (a) of this Rule each Member of Council, the Committee of an Affiliate or the Sub Committee present at the meeting shall be guilty of an offence.
20. Where a person who is not a Member of the SACA but is in charge of a dog that is acting aggressively at an SACA Exhibition or other activity, but the owner of the dog is either present or at the Exhibition/Activity, the owner will be required to take control of the dog and remove it to a place where it can be safely secured to the satisfaction of the SACA Representative.
21. Any termination, suspension or disqualification of a person or dog by another Controlling Body shall constitute a simultaneous termination, suspension or disqualification by the SACA.
22. Smoking is prohibited within all buildings, covered areas of permanent structure and within the defined Exhibition area of the SACA grounds.
23. Where a member has been investigated for a possible breach of the SACA Constitution or Rules and the direction of the Investigative Committee is that the member be charged in accordance with Clause (8)(a) of the Constitution, the member shall immediately have a restriction in conducting business with the SACA placed on them. That restriction shall be that the member will not be eligible to transfer dogs from their name whether in part or wholly until the matter has been resolved through the findings of the Disciplinary Committee. *(02/17)*

## **B. AGGRESSIVE DOGS**

### **General**

1. It is the obligation of each owner, Exhibitor or Handler whether a Member of the SACA or other Controlling Body at an Exhibition, to take all responsible steps to ensure that any dog/s for which they are responsible or under their control does not behave in an aggressive manner towards any person, dog and in the case of Herding, livestock.
2. Any Member of the SACA or other Controlling Body who is responsible for, or who has, an aggressive dog under their control shall ensure that the dog/s is removed to a place where it/they cannot act aggressively towards

another person, dog or livestock. The person responsible for, or who has, an aggressive dog under their control shall obey any reasonable instruction from the SACA Representative with regards to removing the offending dog/s.

### **Reporting**

3. It is the obligation of any Judge, Exhibition Official or Member of the SACA or other Controlling Body who observes a dog/s behaving in an aggressive manner at an Exhibition to report the incident orally and where further action is considered appropriate, in writing, to the SACA Representative Any such report must be made as soon as practicable but within one hour of the alleged incident. The SACA Representative will then deal with the report.
4. When an Exhibit that is competing in the judging precinct acts aggressively or in a savage manner towards any person, dog or livestock, or bites or attempts to bite the Judge, the Judge shall in the presence of the Ring Steward, excuse the Exhibit from the judging precinct. The Judge shall immediately report the matter to SACA Representative.
5. The SACA Representative on receiving a report/s shall investigate the matter immediately and take action according to the SACA Rules on this topic.
6. The SACA Representative on receiving a report concerning an aggressive dog shall;
  - (a) ensure that the offending dog/s are safely secured to his or her satisfaction;
  - (b) if the matter is considered to be of a trivial nature he or she may call both parties together to attempt to reconcile the matter. If successful, a written report signed by the SACA Representative and both parties must be sent to the Executive Officer as soon as possible or within 7 days of the offence;
  - (c) take written witness statements from the complainant, the owner and/or the handler of the offending dog/s and any other person who may have observed the incident;
  - (d) after the SACA Representative has taken all statements and concluded his investigation he will temporarily suspend the dog/s involved immediately. The dog/s must be safely secured to his satisfaction or removed from the exhibition. He will advise all relevant people that a hearing shall be conducted within 10 working days of the SACA Office. All statements and relevant facts must be taken; and **(04/18)**
  - (e) in the event that the SACA Representative is unable to obtain a written witness account that supports the written report of an aggressive dog incident he should, unless the report has been made by a Judge or Steward, avoid suspending the dog on the day and send the written report of the incident, including his comments, to the SACA Executive Officer, who may then suspend the offending dog.
7. All written statements and relevant facts must be forwarded, as soon as possible, but no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> ordinary business day following the Exhibition /Trial, to the SACA Executive Officer.
8. The SACA Representative will notify all Affiliates holding Exhibitions on that weekend that the dog/dogs have been suspended.

## ***PART XV      CODES***

### **A.      CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS**

Each Member shall comply with the following Code of Ethics and any Member who fails to do so shall be guilty of an offence against these Rules.

As a Member of the South Australian Canine Association:

1. I shall ensure that at all times all dogs under my control are properly and effectively contained by fencing or enclosure, and are properly housed, fed, watered, exercised and given proper Veterinary attention if and when required.
2. I shall not allow any dogs under my care to roam at large, and, when away from home, ensure they are kept fully leashed and under effective control, or otherwise under effective control at all times. *(01/16)*
3. I shall breed only for the purpose of improving the quality of the breed in line with the breed standard and strive to eliminate hereditary diseases in the breed/s that I produce.
4. I shall strive to have all my breeding stock tested, where tests are available, for hereditary diseases.
5.
  - (a) I shall not allow any bitch owned by me and/or under my control being mated before she is twelve months of age. *(01/15)*
  - (b) I understand that to mate the same bitch in consecutive seasons is not a recommended breeding practice and should only be undertaken in exceptional circumstances.
  - (c) If exceptional circumstances exist which I consider make it necessary to mate a bitch causing it to whelp in consecutive seasons, I will not mate that bitch for a period of twelve months from the date of the birth of the puppies from that second season.
  - (d) I shall not conduct or permit mother/son, father/daughter or brother/sister matings. I shall be fully aware that puppies as a result of such matings will not be registered without first gaining approval from the SACA for the mating for scientifically proven welfare or veterinary reasons. *(01/12)*
  - (e) All bitches eight years of age and over at the time of a mating must have a current veterinary certificate stating that the bitch is in good health at the time of breeding. This certificate must be presented at the time of registration of the litter resulting from this mating. A current veterinarian certificate is defined as being within three months prior to the mating.
6. I shall not knowingly permit any of my pure bred dogs to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross bred dog, or to an unregistered dog of the same breed, or to a dog of the same breed which is entered on the Limited Register, unless specific permission is given by the SACA.
7. I shall not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccination to be given at six weeks of age and thereby allowing for the ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect. Upon the disposal of the dog I shall provide the owner with a current vaccination certificate of that dog issued by a Veterinary Surgeon.
8. I shall not knowingly sell or otherwise transfer from my care any dog that is not in good health.
9. I shall ensure that any puppy that is to be exported shall be a minimum of eleven weeks of age and micro-chipped. *(01/12)*
10. I shall ensure that all persons acquiring dogs from me clearly understand their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal as defined in Clause 1 and 2 above. I shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any dog. I shall provide to all purchasers of dogs or those placed by me, written details of all dietary and vaccination requirements and responsible dog ownership and/or an appropriate publication relating to such requirements.
11. I shall not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly to allow a dog to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind or to be auctioned. *(01/12)*

### **B.      CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS AND EMPLOYEES**

#### **Honesty and Integrity**

1. To uphold the trust and confidence in the Association by its Members and the general public, Councillors and Employees shall conduct themselves with honesty and integrity while conducting the business of the Association and dealing with Members and the public.

2. Councillors and Employees shall abide by the Constitution and Rules while representing the Association and;
  - (a) comply with the legal and regulatory requirements of the State;
  - (b) maintain the principle of 'confidentiality' which underlines all functions of the Association's business and activities;
  - (c) shall not accept a bribe, gift, favour or form of entertainment except in the case of a gift or form of entertainment where approval has been given by Council; and
  - (d) shall not use or convert to their own or others benefit, the funds, information or property of the Association.

**Conflict of Interest**

3. Councillors and Employees shall show loyalty to the Association and avoid participating in any decisions and activities which conflict with their duties and responsibilities within the Association.
4. Where a conflict of interest may arise the Councillor or Employee shall disclose details of it to Council at their earliest opportunity and any conflict of interest accepted by Council shall be declared in the Annual Report of the Association.

**Consequences of Breaching the Code of Conduct**

5. If the standards of conduct as listed under the above Code of Conduct for Councillors and Employees are breached, Councillors or Employees may face legal or disciplinary action by the Association or, in some circumstances, face criminal charges.

## ***APPENDICES***

**ANKC Ltd Regulations and Rule Books are available on the ANKC Ltd Website**  
**www.ankc.org.au**

### **ANKC LTD CODE OF ETHICS**

National Code of Ethics of Responsible Dog Ownership  
National Judge's Code of Practice and Conduct  
National Code of Practice for Hereditary Diseases  
National Judges' Code of Practice for Field and Retrieving Trials

## **ANKC LTD REGULATIONS**

### **PART 1 COMMITTEES**

Committee Structure, Meetings, Meeting Procedure, Observers, Voting, Role of ANKC Ltd Committees, Expenses, Voting for President, Preferential Voting System Procedure, Returning Officer.

### **PART 2 JUDGES**

General, List of Approved Judges, Judging Appointments, Overseas Judges, Responsibilities of Judges, Cancellation of Appointment to Judge, Misconduct, Junior Handler Judges.

### **PART 3 JUDGES TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS SCHEME**

#### **Regulations taken from the ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3 for the SACA CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

1.Terminology, 2.Method of Education, 3.Teaching Aids and Materials, 4.Aspiring Judge Entrance Program (1<sup>st</sup> Group) or Single Breed excluding German Shepherd Dog Single Breed, 5.Aspiring Judge Training Program, 6.Trainee Judge Program (1<sup>st</sup>and Subsequent Groups), Module 1 Breed Lectures/Field Events/Seminars, Module 2 Practical Experience, Module 3 Breed Speciality Show, 7. Single Breed Training Program, 8. Appointment of Assessors, 9.Theory Examinations, 10. Practical Examinations, 11 General, 12. Appeals, 13. Program Fees.

#### **PART 3A RETRIEVING TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Requirements for acceptance as a Trainee Judge - Eligibility, Applications, Entrance Examination.

Training Course for Aspiring Retrieving Trial Judges – Theory, Practical, Practical Examination.

Examinations

Novice Judges Aspiring to Judge Restricted Stakes and Restricted Judges aspiring to Judge All Age Stakes – Theory, Practical, Examination.

All Age Judges aspiring to Judge Championship Stakes – Practical.

Examiners for Elevation in Judging Status.

Application for elevation.

Accepting Appointments.

#### **PART 3B FIELD TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Requirements for acceptance as a Trainee Judge – Eligibility, Applications.

Training Requirements for Field Trainee Judges.

Eligibility for Practical Tests.

Practical Test.

#### **PART 3 C OBEDIENCE TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Overview, Application, Eligibility, Method of Education (Self Education), Practical Training Sessions, Application for Assessment, Written or Oral Examination, Practical Assessment, Re-Assessment, Dress Code, Fitness to Judge, Maintenance of Skills and Knowledge.

#### **PART 3 D ENDURANCE TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Overview, Application, Eligibility, Method of Education (Self Education), Practical Training Sessions, Application for Assessment, Oral or Written Examination, Practical Assessment, Re-Assessment, Dress Code, Fitness to Judge, Maintenance of Skills and Knowledge.

#### **PART 3 E TRACKING TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Overview, Application, Eligibility, Method of Education (Self Education), Practical Training Sessions, Application for Assessment, Oral or Written Examination, Practical Assessment, Re-Assessment, Dress Code, Fitness to Judge, Maintenance of Skills and Knowledge.

### **PART 3 F RALLY OBEDIENCE JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Overview, Application, Eligibility, Method of Education (Self Education), Practical Training Sessions, Application for Assessment, Written or Oral Examination, Practical Assessment, Re-Assessment, Dress Code, Fitness to Judge, Maintenance of Skills and Knowledge.

### **PART 3G AGILITY, JUMPING AND GAMES TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Overview, Application, Eligibility, Method of Education (Self Education), Practical Training Sessions, Application for Final Assessment, Theoretical Examination, Practical Assessment, Re-Assessment, Dress Code, Fitness to Judge, Maintenance of Skills and Knowledge.

### **PART 3H DANCES WITH DOGS COMPETITION JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

Overview, Definitions, Application for Admission as a Trainee, Eligibility, Training Requirements, Practical Training Sessions, Application for Elevation as a Dances with Dogs Judge, Theory Examination, Practical Examination, Re-Assessment, Dress Code, Fitness to Judge, Maintenance of Skills and Knowledge.

### **PART 4 SELECTION AND TRAINING OF EARTHDOG JUDGES**

Training of Earthdog Judges, General, Definitions, Entry requirements for aspiring trainee Earthdog Judges, Training requirements for trainee Earthdog Judges, Elevation as a Novice Earthdog Judge, Examinations, Elevation as a Senior Earthdog Judge, Examinations, Elevation as a Master Earthdog Judge, Examinations.

### **PART 5 SHOW**

Classes for Exhibit at a Show, General Classes, Classification of the Groups of Breeds of Dogs, Neuter Classes, Order of Judging, In Group and In Show Placing System, Shows offering only Puppy in Show and Best in Show, Awards and Titles, Exhibit, Disqualification from Conformation Exhibition, Access to Exhibition Grounds, Use of Firearms, Use of Breed Standards at Shows, Responsibilities of Club, Double Handling and Definitions.

### **PART 6 THE REGISTER AND REGISTRATION**

General, Testing of Dogs, ANKC Ltd Protocols for DNA-based Disease Testing, Imported Dogs, Inspections of Dogs, Endorsement on Registration Certificates, Rules for Registration, Title Endorsements on Registration Certificates, Breeding, Breed Varieties – Judging and Interbreeding), Recognition of New Breeds, Guidelines for producing Breed Standard Extensions.

### **PART 7 TRIALS**

General, National Trials

### **PART 8 MEMBER BODIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

General, Membership, Members Officiating, Exhibiting or Competing outside their State or Territory, Reciprocal Arrangements, Affiliated Clubs, Stationary Certificates

### **PART 9 NON RESIDENT JUDGES (Visiting Overseas Judges)**

### **PART 10 NATIONAL PREFIX REGISTER**

A Prefix name shall, Appeals, Guidelines for the conduct of the lifetime prefix register, Protection of overseas prefixes

### **PART 11 EARTHDOG TESTS FOR SMALL TERRIERS AND DACHSHUNDS**

Regulations for Earthdog Tests for Small Terriers and Dachshunds, Instructions for Test Committees and Judges, Classes, Qualifying Scores, Awarding Titles, Den Specification, Running and Judging, Test and Performance Descriptions, Strong Dog Earthdog Test.

### **PART 13 NATIONAL BREED COUNCILS USE OF THE WORD ‘NATIONAL’ IN THE NAME OF AN EVENT (Championship Show)**

National Breed Councils, Regulations for Registration of National Breed Councils, Application for Registration of a National Breed Council, Conditions for the use of the word “National” in the name of a Breed Club’s Championship Show. Coordination of Affiliated Club Shows, General, Delegates, Executive (National Breed Council) National Breed

Council Meetings, Administration, Correspondence.

**PART 14 USE OF THE WORD ‘NATIONAL’ IN THE NAME OF AN EVENT (Other than a Championship Show)**

**PART 15 REGULATIONS FOR JUNIOR HANDLER COMPETITION AND ANKC LTD JUNIOR HANDLER MANUAL**

Introduction, Age Groups and Heat Wins, Interpretations of Terminology, Rules and Advice for Junior Handlers, Rules and Advice for Judges, Handlers should be penalised for, Entering the Ring and Setting up the Dogs Head to Tail, Setting up a Dog, Setting up a Dog’s front and rear views, Holding of Dog’s Head, Holding the Dog’s Tail, Table Dogs, Showing Dog’s Bite, Out and Back Exercise, The Triangle Exercise, Around the Ring, Out and back together with the Dogs on the left side, Out and back together with the Dogs Side-by-Side, ‘T’ Exercise, Reverse Triangle, Junior Handlers Judges Score sheet (optional), ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 15 A and Part, 15B.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF AGILITY TRIALS.**

Introduction, Definitions, Agility Trials, Exhibits Requirements, Equipment, Obstacles, Handler Requirements, Judging Procedures, Descriptions of Trial, Classes, Ready Reference Guide, Judging chart.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF AGILITY GAMES**

*Snooker*, Introduction, Opening sequence, Combination obstacle, Cease of Scoring in opening sequence, Closing sequence, Cease of scoring in closing sequence, Scoring, Equipment, The Course, Timing, Tables, *Gamblers*, Point accumulation Period, Gamble Period, Starting, Finishing, Qualification, Scoring, The Gamble, Obstacle Points, Gamble Faults, General Rules, Timing, Equipment, The Course. *Strategic Pairs*, Introduction, Competition Classes, Performance, Penalties, Scoring, Equipment, the course, Timing, qualifying, Maximum Course time, Titles.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF NATIONAL AGILITY TEAMS EVENTS**

The Event, Eligibility, Entry, Scoring.

**ANKC LTD DANCES WITH DOGS COMPETITIONS (Encompassing Freestyle & Heelwork to Music)**

Introduction, Definitions, Dances with Dogs Competitions, Titles, Rings, Exhibit requirements, Removal of a dog, Withdrawal of a dog, The Routine, Competing, Judges and Judging.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ENDURANCE TEST (formerly ANKC Regulations Part 12)**

Disclaimer, Introduction, Decisions, Object, Title, Equipment, The Test, Inspection, Exhibits, Judging, Terrain, Guide to Judges, Removal of a Dog, General Rules.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF HERDING TRIALS**

General Regulations, Regulations applying to both Herding Tests and Trials, Herding Tests, Herding Trials, Course A, Course B, Course C.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF OBEDIENCE TRIALS.**

Introduction, Titles, Classes, Decisions (Affiliate and Judge) Rings, Exhibits, Exhibitors and Handlers, Penalties, Judging Procedures, Guide to Judges, Equipment, Classes.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIALS**

Introduction, Titles, Decisions, Rings, Exhibits, Exhibitors and Handlers, Judging Procedures, Guide to Judges, Ring Procedure, Equipment, Trial Procedure, Appendix A and Appendix B.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF TRACKING TRIALS.**

Introduction, Decisions, Removal of the Dog, Withdrawal of Dog, Disqualification, Eligibility, Titles, Exhibits, Inspection, Judges, Tracklayer, General, Change of Direction, Grading, Notes for Affiliates, Classes.

**ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF TRACK AND SEARCH TRIALS**

Eligibility, Titles, Equipment, Exhibits, Inspection, Judges, Tracklayer, General, Safety and the Tracklayer, Grading, Test Descriptions, Guidelines for the Conduct of Track and Search Dog Trials.



#### **ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF RETRIEVING ABILITY TESTS FOR GUNDOGS**

Purpose, Eligibility, Titles, General Regulations, Procedures, Rules and Exercises Novice and Open, Retrieves, Definition of Terms, Novice Score Sheet, Open Score Sheet.

#### **ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF RETREIVING TRIALS FOR GUNDOGS**

Purpose, Definition of Terms, Retrieves, Retrieving Stake and Test Eligibility, Required Number of Entries, Eligibility/Responsibility of Judges, Duties of Trial Manager and Stake Managers, Duties of Gun Steward, Duties of Game Stewards, General Regulations for the Conduct of a Trial, Procedures for Conducting Trials, Allocation of Points, Awards, Retrieving Trial Judging Sheet.

#### **ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF FIELDS TRIALS FOR POINTERS AND SETTERS**

General, Awards, Eligibility of Judges, Duties of Field Trial Stewards, Procedure for Testing Dogs, Scoring and Definition of Terms.

#### **ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF FIELDS TRIALS FOR SPANIELS AND RETRIEVERS**

Breeds Eligible to Compete, Field Trial, Stake, Novice Stake, Open Stake, Championship Stake, Water Test, Diploma of Merit, Certificate of Merit, Qualifying Certificate, The Draw, Judges, Eligibility of Judges, Duties of Field Trial Stewards, Trials, Grounds for Elimination, Major Faults, Major Credits and Definition of Terms.

#### **ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF FIELD TRIAL FOR UTILITY GUNDOGS**

Introduction, Stakes, Awards, Judges, Field Stewards, Draw and Bracing – Land Runs, Field Rules, Field Test Procedure, Water Test Requirement, Dog Assessment, Elimination, Faults, Credits, Definition of Terms, Guide for Judges of Utility Gundogs, Judges' Code of Practice- Retrieving and Field Trials, Field Trial Committee Mission Statement and Utility Gundog Field Trial Score Sheet.

#### **ANKC LTD RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF UTILITY GUNDOG ABILITY TESTS**

Objectives, General Requirements, A Novice Test, B open Test.

#### **ANKC RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LURE COURSING TRIALS**

Introduction, Decisions, Lure Coursing Tests and Trials Explained, Eligibility for Dogs, Eligibility for Entering a Lure Coursing Meet, Disqualifications, Lure Coursing Titles and Awards, Officials, Running the Meet, Judging, Lure Coursing Judges, Glossary of Terms, Appendices.

#### **ANKC RULES FOR THE CONDUCT SLED SPORT EVENTS**

Chapter 1 - General Rules, Entries, Medication and Drug Testing. Chapter 2 – Sled Racing, Entries, Equipment, Starting Procedure, Trail Rules, Conduct, Rule Violation, Titles, Qualification. Chapter 3 – Backpacking/Hiking, Eligibility, Exclusions, Entries, Equipment, Fitness, Temperature, Titles. Chapter 4 – Weight Pull, Eligibility, Entries, Equipment, Temperature, Weight Classes, Surface, Chute, Chute Marking, Weight Increment, Competition, Disqualifications, Titles, Annexes.

## **RULES FOR NON-TITLED OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

### **Winner of Winners**

If a Club schedules this class, the schedule must state which class winners are required to compete, either all titled class winners only or titled and non-titled class winners, excluding the veteran class winner.

A dog may be withdrawn before or during judging (any non-titled class) with the consent of the Judge, but must not take any further part in that class.

## **RULES FOR NOT FOR COMPETITION AGILITY CLASSES**

'Not for Competition' class/s may be run with a regular qualifying class but shall be at the end of the appropriate height category for that class.

Entry form/s must clearly state 'Not for Competition'.

Competition numbers must include the notation 'NFC'.

'Results may be recorded but Qualification Cards will not be issued.

Prizes for 'Not for Competition Classes' are at the discretion of the Affiliate conducting the Trial.

### **Not for Competition Class**

This is a non qualifying class for dogs who have gained a minimum of an Agility/Jumping/Games Novice title.

Dogs may enter any class/s up to and including the highest title class gained by that dog but shall not enter a higher class or any Open Classes.

The exhibitor may nominate the dog's Jump Height which shall not exceed the dog's Heights Card.

In Strategic Pairs, where one dog is entered as 'Not for Competition', the Pair is classified as 'Not for Competition'.

### **Veterans Class**

This is a non qualifying class for dogs eight years of age and over who have gained a minimum of an Agility/Jumping/Games Novice title.

The dog shall not enter in any other Agility, Jumping or Games class/s at that Trial.

The dog shall only compete in the Novice Jumping class.

The Exhibitor will nominate the dog's Jump Height which shall be less than the dog's Height Card. Where the Height Card is 200mm - one end of each Hurdle bar shall be set at 200mm and the other end must be on the ground.

### **Junior Handler Class**

This is a non qualifying class for Junior Handlers who must be 7 years of age and under 18 years of age, having a current Membership with either the SACA or an Affiliate who conducts Agility training.

Only Novice Courses will be used for the Junior Handler class/s.

Rates as described in the ANKC Ltd Guide to Judges will apply.

ANKC Ltd Jump and Table Heights will apply.

This class may be conducted as a separate class and must be listed in the schedule.

# AGILITY TRAINING GUIDELINES

FOR HEAD/CHIEF AND ALL AGILITY INSTRUCTORS  
FOR PUPPIES FROM 14 WEEKS OF AGE.

## General Guidelines for Puppy Agility Training

It is recommended that clubs have the appropriate puppy training equipment before commencing puppy agility classes. Most puppy classes are held in the evenings and advise the handlers that it would be wise for puppies to have rested prior to coming to a puppy class. The puppy can start training 2 weeks after their final vaccination, recommend that a veterinarian check the puppy before commencing puppy Agility training.

Training a puppy should be FUN, with plenty of positive interaction between puppy and handler. It has to be mentally stimulating. The handler must be the puppies world, with plenty of positive treats and praise, also the puppy should never be allowed to fail, encourage him, but never force him to do anything, remember the majority of puppies are fearless, they will try most things, keep this confidence up. This will lead to a playful and skillful mode for the rest of puppies' Agility years.

When training a puppy on Agility equipment, there *must* be no impact on its body whatsoever, growing joints are easily damaged. Many years will go into training to become an Agility dog, do not abuse the puppy physically or mentally. Training should not include jumping until the minimum age of 12 months and longer for the larger breeds in consultation with their vet.

When puppies become adult dogs, it is advisable to take them to a veterinarian for a physical checkup i.e. hips, elbows, patella's and eyes.

## Training the Agility Puppy

When training puppies, it is very important that you remember four things.

**It must be FUN at all times.**

Plenty of praise and rewards.

Always work puppies on both sides of the handler and the equipment.

Always keep training sessions short.

## Basic Obedience Skills for an Agility Puppy

The Kindergarten Agility puppy should be socialized with friendly people and other puppies in the class along with their owners, instructors and observers. Some basic obedience skills are highly recommended for the puppy before starting puppy Agility training including;

Name recognition

\* Sits

\* Walking on lead in a nice manner on both sides

\* Learn how to handle your puppy

\* Recalls

\* Drops

These puppy exercises can be taught in a positive manner with plenty of praise, treats and toys.

After the puppy has gained the basic Obedience skills, start on confidence building exercises, introducing puppy to some Agility equipment.

## TRAINING WITH CLUB EQUIPMENT

### PIPE TUNNEL

A puppy of any age can learn how to go through a piped tunnel (*a puppy tunnel is recommended:- i.e. a tunnel with little or no internal ridges*). Make the tunnel straight and to it's minimum size (making sure it is fixed well) give the puppy to someone to hold at the entrance of the tunnel, the handler goes to the other end, bending down, calling him through with plenty of encouragement and a treat.

To encourage him to go through the tunnel with more confidence, use lots of praise and treats, (this speed will be needed at a later date). You can gradually increase the length of the tunnel but never overpower the puppy with the length of it. When the puppy has gained confidence you can introduce a slight curve a little bit at a time. Remember, never set a puppy up to fail an obstacle, puppy's must always succeed

### THE COLLAPSIBLE TUNNEL

The Fabric for this tunnel should be of very light weight such as a fine shade cloth material. When using the tunnel start with the cloth pushed right up to the solid part of the tunnel. Give the puppy to someone to hold at the entrance of the tunnel, the handler goes to the other end, bending down and calling him through with plenty of encouragement and a treat. Once the puppy gains confidence, extend the collapsible part by ½ a metre, this may take a puppy a few sessions to do or a few weeks, it all depends on how confident he is finally have the tunnel at full length and fully opened so that the puppy can always see you at the exit of the chute. After the puppy has gained confidence with this exercise you can start to gently drop the chute onto the puppy just as it is about to exit the chute. When the puppy has gained confidence

you may extend the collapsible part a little at a time. Remember, do not set the puppy up to fail, always remember to give plenty of praise and treats.

### **DOG WALK**

Get the puppy to walk across the dog walk while it is resting directly on the ground, don't forget to give plenty of praise and treats. At this stage, the dog walk looks wide to the puppy, this will help with the larger breed of dog, giving him lots of confidence when he is an adult dog. Raise the platform to a maximum height of 300mm to get some elevation until the puppy is 6 months old, then progressively raise the height as the puppy matures and grows in confidence. *Puppy maturity is to be determined in consultation with the owner and/or their vet. If clubs do not have adjustable dog walks, then it is to remain flat on the ground.* Contact colors can be taught. There are many ways of teaching contacts, make sure they are positive, plenty of praise and treats.

### **SEE-SAW**

A puppy see-saw will have to be constructed; this is not very hard to do. All that is needed is a short piece of PVC pipe 25mm to 40 mm in diameter. One piece of Plywood 300mm wide. Fix pipe just off centre to the plywood. Remember the board should only rock a few millimeters, and controlled at all times so that the puppy is not thrown off balance. With this exercise he gets used to the movement under his feet. Remember do not set the puppy up for failure.

### **WEAVE POLES**

A puppy MUST NEVER do inline weave poles until he is at least 12 months of age for small to medium size breeds and at least 18 months for larger breeds. The poles should be set apart in two lines so that the puppy runs straight through the middle of the poles and does not flex it's spine in anyway. Make sure the handler goes on both left and right sides of the weave poles. With the weave poles you must show a very high amount of enthusiasm, lots of praise and treats, playtime with a toy etc. All of these practices will benefit both the handler and puppy when he starts weaving as an adult dog.

### **JUMPS**

Jumping is not for a growing puppy. Only the basics of jumping are taught to a puppy. This is taught by placing one or two poles on the ground with the jump uprights in place. Start by getting someone to hold the puppy at the start, and then have the handler call the puppy over the poles with plenty of praise and treats or its favorite toy. Have the handler running along side the puppy, and then gradually start sending him ahead of the handler to go over the two ground poles. As the puppy gains confidence and is at least 12 months of age for small to medium size breeds and at least 18 months for larger breeds, the ground poles can be raised a few millimeters. Never go too high as you will do irreparable damage to the growth plates of the puppy. Remember, the puppy will not be jumping at its full height until it is an adult.

### **GROUND POLES**

Place 4 or 5 poles on the ground. They should be introduced to puppies amply and unevenly spaced and the distances and set-ups should be changed regularly. Let the puppy also discover angled poles and recalls do not forget to give puppy plenty of praise. Have the handler walk along the side the bars with the puppy not forgetting to go in both directions. You will see a marked improvement in its walk.

The other exercise that can be done with these poles, is to put them into the shape of a wheel and the handler taking the puppy round the out side of the wheel in both directions, as he gets closer to the centre the puppy will alter its footwork while on the move. When your puppy gains confidence you can alter the design of wheel to make it more interesting by placing more poles in the circle or by taking some out. Remember exercises should go for about 5 or 10 minutes, do not tire your puppy out. It must be fun at all times .

### **DISTANCE WORK.**

This is a fun game where the handler sends the puppy away from them. Have the handler place a white jam jar lid about a metre in front of them, have them show the puppy the treat, and place it on the lid, he will want to get away from the handler to get the treat, as the handler release's him to get the treat, have them use a word like "Go Out", "Out", "Away". After some time, the distance can be increased and also introduce curves. Remember, this fun for both the puppy and handler.

### **THINK POSITIVE.**

Be positive at all times. Never let the puppy have a bad experience on equipment. If you are uncertain about the puppy on a piece of equipment, always err on the safe side and speak to your Head/Chief Instructor for advice. It is well to remember that a puppy has no fear at this stage in his life, it is a learning experience, he is relying and trusting in all things positive from his handler, and for the negative ones he will experience, he needs plenty of reassurance.

### **THE PARTNERSHIP**

By Working Together,  
Pooling our Resources and Building on Our Strengths,  
We can accomplish Great Things

## **Hot Weather Guidelines for Clubs and Exhibitors**

Where the temperature is 30 degrees Celsius or higher, all Affiliate Members must provide; *(07/09)*

1. Adequate shade in each ring for Judges and in the assembly area for the Stewards and Exhibits;
2. A seat for all Stewards;
3. Cool refreshments at ringside for Judges and Stewards;
4. Hourly announcements must be provided to notify exhibitors to be alert about dogs in cars, dog trailers, tents, heat exhaustion and where a tap is located for water for dogs;
5. A towel or similar for the examination table; and
6. Conformation Clubs should consider judging through the lunch break in consultation with the Judge/s. Where there is no lunchbreak, Junior Handler classes will not be conducted unless scheduled prior to the commencement of the Exhibition.

## GUIDELINES RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY ON SACA GROUNDS

*Commercial Activity* includes any activity by an individual, group of people or organisation that is of the following nature:

- advertising, promoting, soliciting or accepting orders for products or services,
- receiving payment for such products or services,
- the delivery of products and/or performs the service that was ordered.

These guidelines apply to all grounds and buildings used by the SACA in its activities including those that are owned as well as those that are leased or hired.

1. This Rule shall be implemented in a fair, reasonable and just manner taking into account the rights of the collective Membership that will have priority over the applicant.
2. The Rule is intended to ensure that Members benefit collectively from the SACA's commercial rights and that individuals do not benefit unfairly at the expense of the majority.
3. The Rule and these guidelines are to be implemented in an open manner with decisions to be made on behalf of the Council by the Executive Officer. In the event of doubt or conflict the Executive Officer will refer the matter to Council for a decision.
4. For the purpose of the Rule and these guidelines, *Commercial Activity* will, as a rule, involve activities in at least two of the above dot points.
5. Affiliates are exempt from this Rule where the Commercial Activity is part of their conduct of an Exhibition on the SACA grounds unless the *Commercial Activity* conflicts with the SACA's own commercial interests operating on that day (eg the Dog Shop operation and the Canteen/Barbecue). Notwithstanding this exemption the Affiliate shall obtain written approval from Council. The most appropriate time for this approval to be arranged is when Exhibition Schedules are submitted.
6. Members are advised to seek advice from the SACA before committing to arrangements that might be considered *Commercial Activity*.
7. Where an applicant is a *Non Member* of the SACA similar consideration shall be given to the application as you would a Member or Affiliate Member
8. People wishing to operate a *Commercial Activity* shall make application on the prescribed form and pay the required fee.
9. The applicant will be required to sign a clause that expressly exempts the SACA from any liability or obligation to any party for any loss, injury that might be suffered as a result of the *Commercial Activity* conducted by the applicant.
10. Before granting approval the SACA shall ensure that the applicant has current third party personal and property liability insurance of a sufficient cover.
11. In granting approval, account shall be taken of the ongoing or occasional activities of the SACA and any arrangements already approved.
12. In the event that a *Non Member* attempts to operate a Commercial Activity on the SACA premises without appropriate approval and refuse to cease the activity recourse should be taken through the Police.
13. Provide the applicant with a copy of the Application (Form 9) indicating 'approval' or 'non approval'.