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DOGS NSW CONFORMATION JUDGES EDUCATION PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION TO JUDGING

“When judging dogs you must not be swayed by any consideration, except by the relative merit of the dogs in front of you. You have but one duty: to judge the dogs. Forget the handlers and forget what the dogs have won previously. Place the dogs as you think they should stand, never mind if the winner belongs to your best friend or your worst enemy. Disregard the fact that you won under one of the exhibitors last week and that another is judging at the next show. Be completely selfish – please yourself and simply judge the dogs and safeguard your reputation. That is the only way to gain respect from your peers”. He went on.....“If you are going to judge dogs, a full understanding of the breed standard is a bottom line essential. The Judge must not only know what the standard actually says but understand its implications as well.” (Tom Horner UK)

Can anyone be a Conformation Dog Judge?

Becoming a dog Judge requires more than just membership of Dogs Australia. People need experience with dogs. They need to breed and show; they need to understand the form and function of dog breeds; and they need to understand the structure of dogs and their mechanics.

What dogs do you want to judge?

People interested in dog conformation judging need to consider what is suitable for them. Are they interested in judging only their breed, or the many breeds in each Group or each of the Groups? Each of the various 7 Groups of dogs, as classified in Australia, are sets of dogs with many similar functions and are often clearly differentiated in form and function. Moving beyond a person's own breed or Group often requires a different mindset and new knowledge. Judging a Terrier is not the same as judging a Gundog. This needs to be understood.

What skills do you need to be a Dog Judge?

Dog judging requires clear, consistent and efficient decision-making skills. Without knowledge and expertise this becomes very difficult. Dog judging requires those involved to listen to others, take constructive feedback, accept weaknesses and differences as well as recognising strengths. Successful Judges and Trainees are required to constantly attend to learning new knowledge, not running with the 'obvious', participating in shows and showing and constantly revising.

The Conformation Judges Education Program (CJEP)

The CJEP is a voluntary, self-learning program for training Dogs Australia members, assisted by provision of breed lectures, seminars, general lectures, field events and practical judging. This requires attendance and participation to be effective. The Program means more than just attendance. It also requires reading books and articles on each breed, talking, watching other Judges and watching many examples of each breed, watching videos of conformation shows both in Australia and overseas and observation, discussion, accessing online locations where there is discussion of dogs and various breeds and visits to kennels. The CJEP requires you then to apply that knowledge to understanding each of the Breed Standards.

The DOGS NSW CJEP lecture program is conducted over a two-year period with Theory Exams held over those two years. (These 2 years do not have to be consecutive).

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASPIRING AND TRAINEE JUDGES

The responsibilities of all dog conformation judges are:-

1. Acquire and share knowledge: reading, searching, observing, questioning discussing and debating
2. Participate: in lectures, seminars, and field events, and at dog shows
3. Be active: in practising judging, writing critiques, searching opinions and information about breeds, observing judging and dogs at shows and online, reading, discussing, listening, and providing and accepting feedback
4. Be a role model: be respectful and act in a sportsman-like manner at all times and in all situations.

Our participation in the Conformation Judges Education Program embraces the following values:



- Integrity
- Commitment
- Progressive
- Consistency
- Proactive
- Respect
- Understanding

Conduct within the Program

- It is the responsibility of all Aspiring and Trainee Judges to always behave with decorum and in a respectful manner.
- Any information pertaining to the merits, or otherwise, of dogs is to remain confidential within the Program.
- Any breach of conduct will be sent to the Conformation Judges Training Committee for investigation and possible referral to the DOGS NSW Board of Directors.

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONFORMATION JUDGES EDUCATION PROGRAM (CJEP)



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PART III – CONFORMATION JUDGES EDUCATION PROGRAM

This Program is designed to assist members to become Championship Show Judges by graduating through specific stages of training applicable to levels known as Aspiring Judge and Trainee Judge.

1. Terminology

1.1 Member Body: DOGS NSW

1.2 Dogs Australia: Australian National Kennel Council Ltd

1.3 CJTC: Conformation Judges Training Committee

1.4 CJEP Examinations Committee: Conformation Judges Education Program Examination Committee

1.5 Conformation Judges Education Program: A Self Learning training program for Conformation Judges conducted by DOGS NSW in accordance with these Regulations.

1.6 Enrolment Form: A form approved by the Member Body to be completed by the Aspiring and/or Trainee Judge which clearly indicates the date and time that the enrolment form is to be in the hands of the Member Body as well as the applicable enrolment fee.

1.7 Aspiring Judge: A person accepted into the Conformation Judges Education Program, for their 1st Group, but not yet qualified to judge the relevant Breeds or Groups at any fixture.

1.8 Trainee Judge: A person having fulfilled the Aspiring Judges syllabus and passed the relevant examinations is qualified to enter the Trainee Judges phase of the Conformation Judges Education Program.

1.9 Dogs Australia Championship Show Judge: A person who has successfully completed the required Trainee Judge Theory and Practical Examinations may then judge individual breeds and/or one or more Groups for which they are qualified at Championship Shows conducted anywhere in Australia and Overseas.

1.10 Accredited Assessor: A person licensed for a minimum of 5 years as a Judge by Dogs Australia who complies with Section 8 of these Regulations and must hold a Certificate of Approval issued under the Dogs Australia Accreditation Program stating that the Assessor has completed the competency training. An Assessor Accreditation Training Program is to be offered at least once every two years.

1.11 Mentor: A Dogs Australia Championship Show Judge who has completed the Dogs Australia Assessor Accreditation Program as outlined in Section 8.1 of these Regulations or who has held a Championship Show licence for the breeds being mentored for.

1.12 Learning modules: (Refer 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3 6.1.4 and 6.1.5)

1.13 Clerk of Examinations: A person approved by the Member Body to oversee all aspects of the Practical Examinations.

1.14 Distance Trainee: Trainee Judges who are considered by a Member Body CJTC to reside a distance from the normal venue for lectures and Theory Examinations, that would pose a travelling risk, or if ZOOM or other electronic forms of lecture delivery are NOT possible, may apply to study through distance training. (Refer 6.1.5)

1.15 Primary Residence: A member's main residence is the dwelling where they usually live. A member can only have one primary residence at any given time.
(06/19)

2. Method of Education

2.1 Self Learning

The Conformation Judges Training Program is a voluntary, flexible, self learning Program for training Dogs Australia members, assisted by provision of breed lectures, seminars, general lectures, field events and practical judging. This requires attendance and participation to be effective. The Program means more than just attendance. It also requires reading, talking, watching and observation, discussion, and visits to kennels.

Trainee Judges will be required to learn to examination standards by studying Breed Standards, Dogs Australia approved Breed Standard Extensions, the Dogs Australia Glossary of Canine Terms and other appropriate material, researching breeds and presenting their findings, attending appropriate Lectures, Seminars and Field Events as arranged by the Member Body CJTC, writing critiques, visiting kennels, discussing breeds with breeders and exhibitors, attending Group and Breed Championship Shows, thereby acquiring as wide and as sound a knowledge as possible of the breed, or breeds in the relevant Group. Education and Examinations will incorporate the principles of Competency Based Training and accreditation of Assessors.

(a) The competencies which Trainees will be expected to achieve through the Program are:-

- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the Breed Standards.
- Ability to identify characteristics in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to recognise soundness in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to use breed specific language and apply it correctly in their description of the breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to approach and examine the exhibits correctly and appropriately for the breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Ability to place the better dogs at the front of the class in the breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
- Demonstrate control, organisation and effective use of the judging ring.
- Demonstrate an ability to make decisions in an effective way and in an efficient time frame.
- Demonstrate a practical knowledge of stewarding.
- Demonstrate an ability to understand and apply the Regulations relevant to dog judging.

2.2 State Controlling Body Contribution. The Member Body shall assist by providing Lectures either using online delivery or by a combination of online and face to face, Field Events, equipment, teaching aids and examinations.

2.3 Record Keeping. Trainee Judges shall maintain their own records and submit signed originals of the applicable records when applying for a Practical Examination.

2.4 Flexible enrolment: Modern life requires people to change lifestyle or work requirements or illness, more immediately and thus participation in the CJEP should reflect the greater agility possibly needed by participants. Upon formal request in writing to the Chairperson of the CJTC, a Trainee judge can request recognition of passed modules and attendance at lectures and/or field nights and/or critiques written and/or attendance at Specialty shows or large shows, as designated from time to time. The granting of this formal request will enable that person to re-enter the CJEP at a later time with previous achievement recognised.

The maximum time for completion of a Group as a whole is normally three years. After that time the Trainee will re-apply for re-entry and may have to undertake an open book exam on any changes to Standards or on newly recognised breeds. In exceptional circumstance, candidates may apply with detailed justification to the CJTC for exemption from this rule.

3. Teaching Aids and Materials

3.1 Rules and Regulations: DOGS NSW Regulations Part III

3.2 Anatomy: The publication/s approved by Dogs Australia shall be the references for Anatomy.

3.3 Canine Terms: The Glossary of Terms as published by Dogs Australia.

3.4 Breed Standards as approved by Dogs Australia.

3.5 Extensions to Breed Standards as approved by Dogs Australia, where available, should be used in the preparation of all lectures, but must not be used as the basis in Theory Examinations, excepting for a Single Breed Theory Examination.

3.6 Any other material as authorised by Dogs Australia from time to time.

SECTION A

ASPIRING JUDGES PROGRAM

4. Aspiring Judges Entrance Program

4.1 Aspiring Judges Entrance Program (1st Group or Single Breed)

To enrol in the Program as an Aspiring Judge, a member must fulfill the following criteria:-

- 4.1.1** be 18 years of age or over.
- 4.1.2** Have been a member of a Dogs Australia Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.
- 4.1.3** be a resident in the State of New South Wales and provide proof of that primary residence or with written approval from the relevant Member Body in which State they reside. **(06/19)**
- 4.1.4** Have bred at least three (3) litters under their own or shared Prefix.
- 4.1.5** Have bred at least two (2) champions under their own or shared Prefix.
- 4.1.6** (a) Where a Member Body requires formal training to become a Steward, a member must successfully complete that training on line prior to applying to become an Aspiring Judge and continue with that training whilst in the Aspiring Judges Program.

(b) Aspiring Judges must supply a DOGS NSW Stewards Card evidencing that they have completed six stewarding appointments at 6 separate shows within the two (2) preceding years, four (4) of which must be full Group appointments.
- 4.1.7** (a) In the previous two years prior to enrolling, have successfully completed and have demonstrated a history of ongoing commitment to dog showing through the various aspects of the sport such as Show Management and other aspects of Affiliate and Show Administration. This commitment is to continue for the duration of training.
- 4.1.8** Complete and submit the approved enrolment form which must include evidence of the criteria of 4.1.1–4.1.7, above, and be accompanied by the prescribed fee. **(06/19)**
- 4.1.9** Aspiring Judges must enrol in the Group that they have been associated with as their first Group.

4.2 Aspiring Judges Entrance Program (German Shepherd Dog as approved by GSDCA)

To enrol in the Program as an Aspiring Judge for the German Shepherd Dog, a member must fulfill the following criteria:-

- 4.2.1** be 18 years of age or over.
- 4.2.2** Have been a member of a Dogs Australia Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.
- 4.2.3** be a resident in the State of New South Wales and provide proof of that primary residence or with written approval from the relevant Member Body in which State they reside. **(06/19)**
- 4.2.4** Have bred at least five (5) litters under their own or shared Prefix.
- 4.2.5** Have bred at least five (5) animals under their own or shared Prefix that have received the GSDCA grading of Excellent in the conformation ring.
- 4.2.6** Have acted as a Steward on at least three (3) occasions at GSDCA Specialist and/or "All Breeds" or "Group" judged events.
- 4.2.7** The applicant will provide a supporting statement from their Club/s of domicile. This should include details of their involvement in the GSDCA Member Club. The information that must be detailed and confirmed by the Club will be, but is not limited to:-
 - 1. Current financial member of a Member Body and GSDCA Member Club.
 - 2. Years of membership of Club and Member Body.
 - 3. History of involvement both current and past in Club, ie, ALL positions held including length of time served in that position.The supporting statement shall accompany the application form.
- 4.2.8** Complete and submit the approved enrolment form which must include evidence of the criteria of 4.2.1–4.2.7, above, and be accompanied by the prescribed fee. A copy of this enrolment form and supporting evidence should be forwarded to the GSDCA by the applicant.

5. Aspiring Judges Training Program

- 5.1** Once accepted into the Program, the applicant must attend all lectures either by online and face to face, or online and pass the Theory Examination on Rules & Regulations, Anatomy, Glossary of Terms, Judging Procedure and Show Management.

5.1.1 Distance Aspiring Trainees

Aspiring Judges who are considered by the Member Body Conformation Judges Training Committee to reside a distance from the normal venue for Lectures and Examinations, that would pose a travelling risk, and/or if electronic forms of lecture delivery are NOT possible, may apply to study through "Distance Training". This would involve the Member Body providing the Trainee the details of the Aspiring Judges Program (lecture material), and the Trainee sitting the required Theory Examinations on DOGS NSW Rules & Regulations, Anatomy, Glossary of Terms, Judging Procedure, Show Management and, finally, the Group Entrance Examination, on the dates as scheduled in the Timetable for Aspiring Judges.

Distance Aspiring Trainees may sit these examinations at an alternative location (other than a private residence) and with a suitable qualified Supervisor, both of which must be approved by the Member Body.

- 5.2** Successful completion of the training will qualify the Aspiring Judge to complete and submit the approved enrolment form, with the appropriate fee, for the Group Entrance Theory Examination on Breeds in the Group for which they are training. There shall be no more than one (1) Group Entrance Examination per calendar Year for Aspiring Judges.
- 5.3** A 75% pass in the Group Entrance Theory Examination for their first Group will enable the Aspiring Judge to apply to enrol in the Conformation Judges Education Program. There are no Group Entrance Examinations for subsequent Groups. **(Noting there will be no Group Entrance Examination in the 2022/2023 Aspiring Judges Program.)**

SECTION B

TRAINEE JUDGES PROGRAM

6. Trainee Judges Program (1st and Subsequent Groups)

6.1 A Trainee Judge acknowledges, upon submitting a signed enrolment form to their Member Body to enrol into the Conformation Judges Education Program that, upon approval of their application by their Member Body, they are governed by the DOGS NSW Regulations Part III, including Clause 4.1.3 above, which is operational at the time of their enrolment. **(06/19)**

- (a) To qualify for the four (4) Subgroup Theory Examinations in their first and subsequent Groups, the Trainee Judge must have submitted the enrolment form "Trainee Judges Application (Group and Single Breed) - Module 1 & Theory Examination" together with the prescribed fee and have met all of the requirements of Module 1 below for each Subgroup.
- (b) To qualify for a Group Practical Examination in their first and subsequent Groups, the Trainee Judge must have attained an overall pass in the Group Theory Examinations as detailed in Section 9, completed Modules 2 and 3, have submitted an application to sit the Practical Examination and paid the appropriate fee.
- (c) A Trainee Judge may only undertake one (1) Group Practical Examination per calendar year, subject to meeting all requirements.
- (d) A Trainee Judge shall not be permitted to attempt more than one (1) Theory Examination per Subgroup in the Conformation Judges Education Program.
- (e) A Trainee can undertake to study a maximum of two (2) Subgroups simultaneously after successful completion of all elements of their first Group.
- (f) A Trainee Judge shall not be permitted to attempt more than one (1) Group Practical Examination in any calendar year.

6.1.1 Module 1. Breed Lectures/Field Events/Seminars

- (a) A Trainee Judge must be present at and participate in the entire lecture, either online or online plus face to face) in order to be credited with attendance.
- (b) Should a Trainee Judge miss any Breed Lecture, they must, before the end of the Lecture program of the Subgroup they are enrolled in, submit to one of the Group Co-ordinators, a minimum one thousand (1,000) word essay on the Breeds dealt with at the missed lectures. A Trainee Judge must attend **both** 75% of breed lectures and, at a minimum, one (1) Field Event offered by the Member Body. Essays will only be accepted on a maximum of 25% of the breeds within the Group.

- (c) In the event that a lecture for a breed is not offered, a written essay of a minimum one thousand words (1,000) on that breed will be required and is to be submitted within seven (7) days of the date of the scheduled breed lecture.
- (d) Essays are to contain a history, a description of the breed, its purpose and all relevant requirements contained within the Breed Standard. It is to be supported with drawings and/or pictures. The standard of essays must comply with Section 7.1.2.

Failure to submit the essays in accordance with 6.1.1(b),(c)&(d) will render the Trainee ineligible to sit the Sub-Group Theory Examinations in the current training Program.

- (e) Trainees should attend Lectures in each Subgroup from the first lecture.

6.1.2 Module 2. Practical Experience

All Trainee Judges must:-

- 6.1.2.1 Judge a minimum of fifty (50) dogs. **Breeds judged must be from as wide a range of breeds in the Group as possible.** Judging may be in the form of hands-on experience by placing dogs at Open Shows, Sweepstakes or Field Events, but not at Breed Lectures.
- 6.1.2.2 Examine and critique fifty (50) dogs from the relevant Group. The breeds critiqued must be from as wide a range as possible, but **MUST** include at least five (5) critiques from each of the five (5) Major Breeds as determined by the Member Body CJTC. This may be achieved by attending field events or shows. All critiques are to be countersigned by a licensed Judge for that breed who have, themselves, examined the dogs being critiqued, and who have discussed the dog and critique with the Trainee. Once the critique sheet is signed by the Trainee and Mentor, the form is to be sent to the Co-ordinator or Assistant Co-ordinator for signing. **(05/22)**
- 6.1.2.3 All Trainee Judges shall commence completing written critiques at the conclusion of each Subgroup.

All hands-on examinations and written critiques must be executed and dated within the time frame of the study of the four Subgroups required to complete that Group.

6.1.3 Module 3. Breed Specialty Show

All Trainee Judges are to attend a minimum of one (1) Breed Specialty Show for the Group. A written critique on five (5) dogs examined at the event is to be submitted to the Group Co-ordinator within fourteen (14) days of the event. The critiques are to be countersigned by a Licensed Judge for that Group present on the day. These five (5) critiques are in addition to the fifty (50) required in Section 6.1.2.2, above.

6.1.4 Failure to complete any components of Modules 2 & 3 will render the Trainee Judge ineligible for the Practical Examination in the current training Program.

6.1.5 DISTANCE TRAINEES. Trainee Judges who are considered by the Member Body CJTC to reside a distance from the normal venue for Lectures and Theory Examinations, that would pose a travelling risk, and/or online Lectures cannot be accessed, may apply to study through "Distance Training". This would involve a minimum one thousand (1,000) word essay, as set in 6.1.1, submitted within seven (7) days as a substitute for any lecture not attended. Notwithstanding this, if a Lecture is being live streamed, a Trainee Judge may access this where their participation will be acknowledged by the relevant Group Co-ordinator to permit the Trainee to be credited with lecture attendance. **(09/19)**

Approved Distance Trainees, where necessary, may complete the critiques as required in 6.1.2 by downloading photos of dogs from the internet/publications and have them signed off by a Licensed Judge.

Distance Trainees may sit the four (4) Subgroup Theory Examinations at an alternative location (other than a private residence) and with a suitably qualified Supervisor, both of which must be approved by the Member Body.

Distance Trainees are required to attend a minimum of one (1) Field event as required in accordance with 6.1.1(b), but may still choose to attend others. **(4/17)**

Distance Trainees must also attend, during the Program in which they are enrolled, a minimum of one (1) Specialty Show and critique five (5) dogs at that show in accordance with 6.1.3.

7. Single Breed Training Program

7.1 To enrol in the Single Breed Training Program, an Aspiring Judge must:-

7.1.1 Comply with Regulation 5.1, above.

- 7.1.2** Submit a minimum of a one thousand (1,000) word illustrated essay on the relevant breed and attend the breed lecture in the year of applying for the Theory Examination after being ratified by the Member Body. The essay is subject to approval of the CJTC as conforming with the conditions of this clause and achieving the required level of competency.
- 7.1.3** Where conducted, attend (at the discretion of the Member Body) the Breed Club's Open and Championship Show, the Group Club's Open and Championship Show and the breed judging at an approved major Show, eg, Sydney Royal Show, or the DOGS NSW Spring Fair Dog Show. A written critique on five (5) dogs examined at the event is to be submitted to the Member Body within fourteen (14) days of each event. The critiques are to be countersigned by a Licensed Judge who examined the breed and was present on the day.
- 7.1.4** To qualify for a Single Breed Theory Examination, the Trainee Judge must have completed and met the requirements of 7.1.2, above, and have submitted an enrolment form with the appropriate fee.
- 7.1.5** To qualify for a Single Breed Practical Examination, the Trainee Judge must have attained a pass in the Single Breed Theory Examination and have submitted an application to sit the Practical Examination.
- 7.2** Unless otherwise determined, at the discretion of the Member Body, a Practical Examination for a Single Breed Licence shall consist of one (1) class of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and one (1) class of five (5) bitches over the age of six (6) months and the Trainee Judge will be required to place the classes and select a Best of Breed and a Runner Up to Best of Breed. The Trainee must not be examined on dogs they own or co-own. Single Breed Practical Examinations will be conducted using the three (3) same Assessors for both dogs and bitches, Best of Breed and Runner Up Best of Breed.
- 7.3** Upon passing the Single Breed Practical Examination, the Trainee Judge shall be listed as a Dogs Australia Championship Show Judge for that breed.
- 7.4** Where a Trainee Judge fails a Single Breed Practical Examination, to be eligible to undertake the next available Practical Examination they must submit a further five (5) written critiques on the breed, an application to sit the Practical Examination and pay the required fee.
- 7.5** A Trainee Judge may only undertake one (1) Single Breed Practical Examination per calendar year.

8. Appointment of Assessors.

To be appointed by the CJEP Examinations Committee, an Assessor must not be a Trainee Judge in the current training Program and must:-

- 8.1** Hold an Accredited Assessors Certificate issued under the Dogs Australia Accredited Assessors Program stating that the Assessor has completed the competency training;
- 8.2** Have held the Dogs Australia Breed or Group Championship Licence for a minimum of five (5) years for the Group or Breed being used in the examination; and
- 8.3** Have judged the Group or Breed being used in the examination on at least three (3) occasions.

9. Theory Examinations

Theory Examinations must be undertaken at a venue nominated by the Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee and be supervised by the Clerk of Examinations.

- 9.1** All Group/Breed Theory Examinations shall consist only of “short answer” and/or “multi choice” questions. All Theory Examinations will be undertaken online. Where this is not possible and an examination is taken as hard copy, except for multi choice question examinations, where one (1) Examiner is required, there shall be at least two (2) Examiners appointed to separately mark the papers, without conferring. The results shall be separately forwarded to the Chairperson of the Member Body’s CJEP Examinations Committee. In the case of a split decision (equal pass and fail) an additional Examiner shall mark the papers and that mark shall decide the result.

- 9.1.2** Where a trainee is enrolled in two (2) Groups and the Theory examinations is held on the same night, the Trainee will complete one examination, have a 10 minute break then commence the second Theory Examination.

- 9.2** The Group Theory Examination will consist of four (4) Subgroup papers. To obtain an overall pass in the Group Theory Examination, a Trainee Judge must obtain a 75% aggregate pass over the four (4) Subgroups to be eligible to continue towards a Practical Examination. All Trainee Judges will be required to sit the four (4) Subgroup Theory Examinations. The Dogs Australia Breed Standards shall be the only basis for the Group Theory Examinations EXCEPT for Single Breed Aspirants where the Dogs Australia Extended Breed Standards may be used.

- 9.3** Where there is an FCI approved breed that is rarely seen in the show ring and has few or nil registrations (eg, Caanan Dog, Eurasier, Canadian Eskimo Dog, Shikoku), after attending a breed lecture, Trainees will sit an online open book examination for the selected breeds to be completed by the end of the relevant Subgroup. These breeds will not form part of the examined breeds in the Subgroup Theory Examination.

- 9.4** A Trainee Judge who has failed a Theory Examination (other than multi choice) may request a remark of their paper. Such requests are to be in writing within fourteen (14) days of advice of the result of the paper. Two (2) Examiners appointed by the Chairman of the Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee to separately remark the paper. The Examiners shall not be the original markers of the paper concerned (if the examination was completed as a hard copy exam).
- 9.5** Should a Trainee Judge not attain an overall pass in the Group Theory Examination, to progress they will be required to enrol in the next available or other future Conformation Judges Education Programs, complete all of the requirements outlined in 6.1.1, above, and sit for all four (4) Subgroup examinations.
- 9.6** A Trainee Judge must successfully complete the Group Theory Examination in the chosen Group before proceeding to a further Group. They must also pass within three (3) attempts. If the previous criteria is not met or achieved, then they may not re-sit the examination for that Group for a period of two (2) years.
- 9.7** All Subgroup Theory Examinations are only to be set by an Accredited Assessor nominated by the Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee.
- 9.8** Should a Trainee Judge provide documentation, to the satisfaction of the Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee, that they were incapacitated or have a significant reason for their inability to attend on the date of a scheduled Theory Examination, the CJEP Examinations Committee may then permit the Trainees Judge to complete a Post Examination at a time to be scheduled by the CJEP Examinations Committee.
- 9.9** Should a Trainee Judge provide proof, to the satisfaction of the CJEP Examinations Committee of DOGS NSW, that they will be Interstate on the date of the Theory Examination they may then be permitted to sit the Theory Examination in that State on the same date and time as the scheduled Theory Examination. This is to be organised between the relevant State Member Bodies with the initial request being from the Trainee Judge's CJEP Examinations Committee of DOGS NSW.
- 9.10** The Group Theory Examination (as described in 9.2, above), once passed, with an overall 75% aggregate for the four (4) Subgroups will be held for life. (This applies to Subgroup examination results from 2019/2020. DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2019/2020 CJEP-Amended September 2019.

10. Practical Examinations

10.1 Practical Examinations must be undertaken at a venue nominated by the Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee and be supervised by the Clerk of Examinations.

10.1.1 The CJEP Examinations Committee may, at its discretion, allocate Practical Examinations to be held in Regional areas where there is a number of candidates residing and enrolled and be supervised by the Clerk of Examinations.

10.2 There shall be no more than one (1) Practical Examination per Group per calendar year apart from any new examination conducted as a consequence of 10.1.1, 10.9(b), below, or other relevant Member Body Regulation. Trainees may not undertake a Practical Examination for more than one (1) Group per calendar year. Trainee Judges, once enrolled in the DOGS NSW Conformation Judges Education Program may only undertake a Practical Examination conducted by DOGS NSW except with the consent of DOGS NSW Board of Directors.

10.3 The examination shall be conducted on two (2) classes, each class of a different breed and consisting of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and a third (3rd) mixed class of five (5) different breeds over the age of six (6) months, excluding the two (2) breeds previously used.

10.4 A dog owned or co-owned by a member of any Examination Panel shall not be used in an examination class in which that Examiner is participating.

10.5 Three (3) Assessors shall be appointed as a Panel for each class in a Practical Examination (see 8.1, 8.2, 8.3). They must not be a Trainee Judge in the current training Program. After the commencement of the Examination, they shall not confer on the merits, or otherwise, of the dogs presented for examination. Assessors are required to mark the placings of all dogs in a class from first to last on the prescribed form. Trainee Judges are to be encouraged not to spend more than five (5) minutes on each dog, which is the time allocated to examine, move and critique each exhibit.

10.6 The Trainee Judge for the breed classes shall place the exhibits in order of merit, record the placings and will be required to answer questions on the class. Group Class, the Trainee Judge shall place Best, Runner Up and Last and will be required to answer questions on the class.

- 10.7** To gain a pass in a class, the Trainee Judge must be passed by at least two (2) of the Assessors. It is not necessary for the Trainee Judge's and Assessors' placings to be the same, but Assessors must consider all aspects of the Trainee Judge's reasons for the placings and whether the Trainee Judge has the better dogs at the front of the class and the poorer at the back. The Assessor must make his/her own independent assessment of Pass or Fail.
- 10.8** Number of Breed Classes
To be granted an overall pass, the Trainee Judge must pass two (2) Breed classes and then one (1) Group Class.
- 10.9** The results of Practical Examinations shall be collated by the Clerk of Examinations. Trainee Judges will be notified of their results by the Administration of DOGS NSW as soon as possible but no earlier than one (1) working day (24 hours) from the date of the examination. Examiners shall not divulge their individual assessment of a Trainee Judge prior to the results being distributed. Results shall not be given at the time of the Practical Examination.
- (a) In the case of a failed result, should the Clerk of Examinations have any concerns in regard to the inappropriateness of the Practical Examination paperwork or the conduct of the examination, the concerns will be reported to the next available DOGS NSW Board meeting.
 - (b) Should DOGS NSW Board concur with the Clerk of Examination's concerns, a new Practical Examination will be conducted for the relevant Trainee Judge.
- 10.10** Where a Trainee Judge believes they have a legitimate reason for not wishing to be examined by a particular Assessor/s, they may submit a maximum of two (2) names to the Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee of those they do not wish to be examined by, in writing at the time of applying for a Practical Examination. They must set out the reasons for such request. The Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee will retain the right to refuse any such request. Any additional costs incurred by the Member Body are to be at the expense of the Trainee Judge.
- 10.11** The Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee, when approaching an Assessor to examine Trainee Judges at a Practical Examination, shall advise the Assessor of the names of the potential Trainee Judges and the Assessor shall advise the Member Body, as soon as practicable, if there are any Trainee Judges they do not wish to examine or for whom it would be inappropriate for them to examine due to any contractual or ethical reason.
- 10.12** A Trainee must not travel to or from a Practical Examination with an Assessor/s who has been engaged to assess the Group for which the Trainee will be undertaking a Practical Examination. **(12/18)**
- 10.13** No person shall make any photographic or video record of any part of a Practical

Examination except with the prior permission of DOGS NSW.

- 10.14** Whilst undertaking a Practical Examination, a Trainee Judge must not have in his/her possession, at ring side or during the examination, a mobile telephone, an electronic device or a copy of the breed standard. The only document allowed is the Examination Placement Sheet provided by the CJEP Examinations Committee. Any Trainee found to be in breach of this Regulation shall be immediately dismissed/expelled from the current training Program.
- 10.15** Should a Trainee not achieve a pass result in a Practical Examination, then to qualify to take a further Group Practical Examination a Trainee Judge must judge a further twenty five (25) dogs and examine and critique a further fifty (50) dogs concurrent with the training Program in progress, in accordance with 6.1.2, above, and submit the approved enrolment form accompanied by the requirements of this clause. They may then attempt the next available Practical Examination in that training Program.
- 10.16** Should a Trainee hold a pass result in the Theory Examination, in the 2019/2020 CJEP but did not enrol to sit the Practical Examination, then to qualify to take a Group Practical Examination a Trainee Judge must complete all requirements for Clause 6.1.2: Module 2-Practical Experience and Clause 6.1.3: Module 3-Breed Specialty Show concurrent with the training program in progress and submit the approved enrolment form accompanied by the requirements of this clause. The Trainee may then attempt the next available Practical Examination in that training program.
- 10.17** Upon passing a Group Practical Examination the Trainee Judge shall be listed as a Dogs Australia Championship Show Judge for that Group.
- 10.18** A Trainee Judge who has failed a Practical Examination may request a review. Such requests are to be in writing within seven (7) days of advice of the result of the examination. An Accredited Assessor appointed by the Chairman of the CJEP Examinations Committee, as well as where possible the Co-ordinators and/or Assistant Co-ordinators, will mentor the Trainee and provide feedback that may assist the Trainee in future exams.

11. General

- 11.1** The Member Body may consider an application from a person transferring residence from another State or Territory of Australia or overseas, who can provide evidence of their eligibility.

- 11.2** A Member Body may consider for approval an application from an applicant over the age of eighteen (18) years, who otherwise would not qualify under Regulations 4.1 or 7.1, above, provided such applicant demonstrates an active involvement in canine activities for the minimum period/or as a handler for parents and others in ordinary classes and supply such other evidence of experience as the Member Body CJTC may require.
- 11.3** Subject to the approval of the Member Body in the State of the applicant's residence, that applicant may be approved to enrol in a Conformation Judges Education Program of another State or Territory where it is established that the Program is more convenient.
- 11.4** A Member Body may recognise an occasional attendance by a Trainee Judge at a lecture, Field event or other training instruction conducted by another Member Body and if so recognised, the member shall receive a credit from their Member Body for that attendance.
- 11.5** A Trainee Judge shall not undertake a concurrent training Program in another State or Territory and once enrolled in the Member Body Conformation Judges Education Program they must complete the program with that Member Body except where the Trainee Judge relocates to another State or Territory.
- 11.6** Members of a Trainee Judge's household (ie, a person who resides at the same address) or members of the Trainee Judge's immediate family (ie, mother, father, sibling or spouse) are ineligible to countersign the said Trainee's critiques or be Mentors, Assessors or Examiners or Assistants at examinations (Practical or Theory) being taken by the Trainee Judge.
- 11.7** The CJTC reserves the right not to conduct metropolitan training for any Group that does not attract applications for the Conformation Judges Education Program from at least five (5) applicants who are not Distance Trainee Judges.
- 11.8** A Member who is enrolled in a Training Scheme shall be entitled to judge at a Sanction Show under the supervision of an official of such scheme or of a Judge appointed for that purpose by the Examinations Committee.

12. Appeals

- 12.1** Appeals against the decisions of the CJEP Examinations Committee when Theory Examinations have been reviewed will not be permitted.

12.2 Where a Trainee Judge believes that the Practical Examination for which they were a participant was not conducted in accordance with the Regulations, they must lodge an appeal with the Clerk of Examinations before the conclusion of said Practical Examination or no later than forty eight (48) hours after the conclusion of said Practical Examination and should detail the Regulation/s that are alleged to have been breached. Appeals received after this time will not be considered.

13. Code of Conduct

13.1 No Trainee Judge will disclose any information from a Mentor, Assessor or fellow Trainee Judge prior to, during or after any Practical Examination, Field Day, Sweepstakes, Open Show or lecture, as this information must remain confidential. Any alleged breach may be referred to the CJTC who may recommend disciplinary action against the Trainee Judge.

14. Program Fees

14.1 Fees which are commensurate with administrative and actual costs shall apply to each level of Examination until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the fees (including GST) will be:-

- Aspiring Judge Training Program 1st Group only (includes Examinations) **\$99.00 (incl GST)**
- Trainee Judge Group Program (Lectures, Theory & Practical Examinations) per subgroup **\$110 (incl GST)** payable when enrolling in each Subgroup
- Trainee Judge Single Breed Program (Lecture, Theory & Practical Examinations) **\$200.00 (incl GST)**
- Trainee Judge Practical Examination per Group (for Candidates who hold a credit for a pass from a previous Group Theory Examination) **\$99.00 (incl GST)**

14.2 Should a Trainee Judge fail to achieve a **PASS** in the Theory Examinations for the Group or withdraw from the Training Program, **NO** refunds of the above fees shall be allowed.

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9. LINKS TO TRAINEE INFORMATION AND FORMS

It is recommended that Aspirant and Trainee Judges check these pages on a regular basis as it is the best way to notify of changes and/or updates.

Enquiries to Group Co-ordinators or the Chairpersons are welcomed if Aspirant or Trainee Judges require assistance with Regulation clarifications or any other facets of the Conformation Judges Training Program.

DOGS AUSTRALIA LINKS

- [DOGS AUSTRALIA Standards](#)
- [DOGS AUSTRALIA Glossary of Canine Terms](#)
- [DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulation Part 2 Judges](#)
- [DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulation Part 3 Judges Training & Examination Scheme](#)
- [DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulation Part 5 Conformation Show](#)
- [National Judge's Code of Practice](#)
- [DOGS AUSTRALIA Judges Guidelines](#)

DOGS NSW LINKS

- **DOGS NSW:** <https://www.dogsnsw.org.au>
- **DOGS NSW Rules and Regulations:**
<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/members/regulations/>
- [All Lecture and Theory Exam Dates for 2022](#)

Forms

- **Aspiring Judges Application to Join:** <https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/4315/cjep-aspiring-judge-application.pdf>
- **Critique Form:**
https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/1367/critique_form-1.pdf
- **Stewarding:** <https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/3056/stewards-handbook-2020.pdf>
- **Sub-Group Application Form** TBA
- **Conformation Judges Training Practical Exam Application Form:**
https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/forms/conformationjudges_training

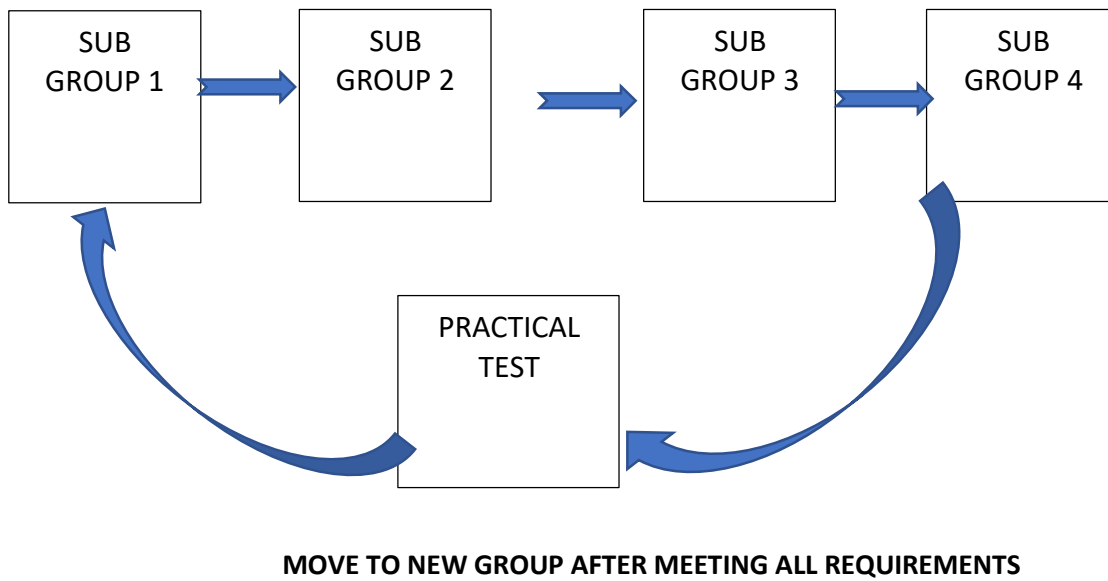
10. ORGANISATION OF THE DOGS NSW CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING

Principles:

1. Flexible Program where Trainees can study the four (4) required Subgroups in each Group in a sequence that suits their lifestyle and demands.
2. Normally Trainees will join the Program at Subgroup 1 of their Group and study the rest sequentially.
3. After passing all elements of their 1st Group, Trainees may opt to study two Subgroups in different Groups at the same time; noting that the Rules stipulate Trainees can only sit one Practical Examination in any calendar year.
4. The focus is a balance of building knowledge about each breed through the Breed Standards, Extensions to the Standards where they exist, through reading, through Lectures on each breed, through kennel visits, through observation of Licensed Judges at dog shows; through practice writing critiques; through practice judging dogs at field events, or judging Open Shows or competitions, or at events organised at dog shows. You can never read too much, discuss dogs too much, listen to breeders and other Judges too much or practice too much.
5. In New South Wales, the four (4) Subgroups required to be studied are offered over a two-(2) year period. Subgroups 1 and 2 are offered in even numbered years and Subgroups 3 and 4 are offered in odd numbered years. The list of the Subgroups on the next page will change over time as new breeds are allowed to be shown in Australia.

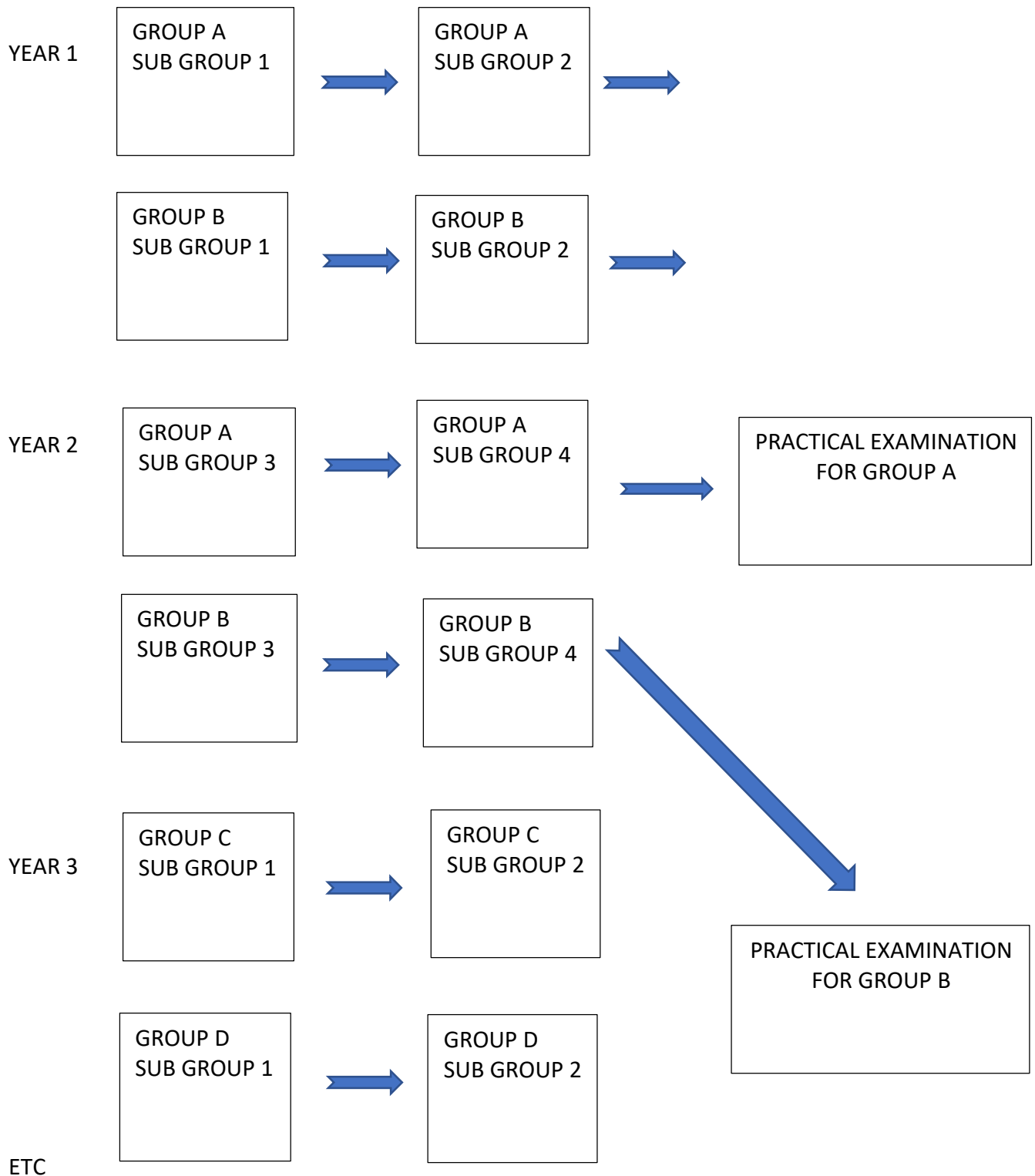
The Process

(This sequence would be normal for most people, but circumstances may require the order of the Subgroups to differ for some)



WHAT IS THE PROCESS WHEN YOU STUDY TWO SUBGROUPS AT ONCE?

If you wish to take up the option of studying two Groups simultaneously you would be well advised to discuss this with the Chair of the Conformation Judges Training Committee beforehand.



11. ASPIRING JUDGES PROGRAM

CO- ORDINATORS

Brian Corbitt and Sue Bownds

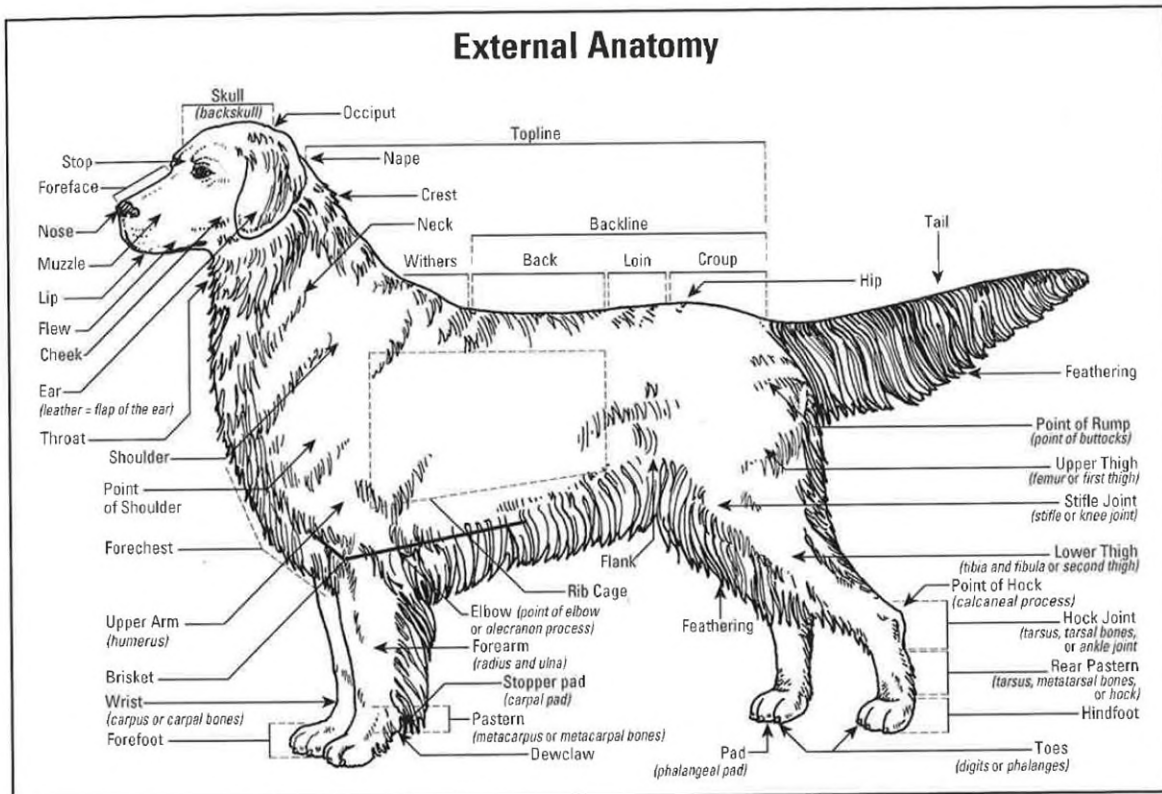
Applications open: Wednesday 22 December 2021
Applications close: Monday 24 January 2022, **10.00am**

Tue 25 January 2022	Introduction – The Art and Science of Judging; and Responsibilities of a Judge
Thurs 27 January 2022	Rules and Regulations for Judges
Mon 31 January 2022	Canine Structure 1
Wed 2 February 2022	Canine Structure 2
Mon 7 February 2022	Breeds Standards, Glossary of Terms and 1st Group
Wed 9 February 2022	Ringcraft and Examining a Dog and 1st Group
Mon 14 February 2022	Aspiring Judges Program Theory Examination
Mon 21 February 2022	Aspiring Judges Program First Group Examination

Aspiring Judges Training Program Syllabus

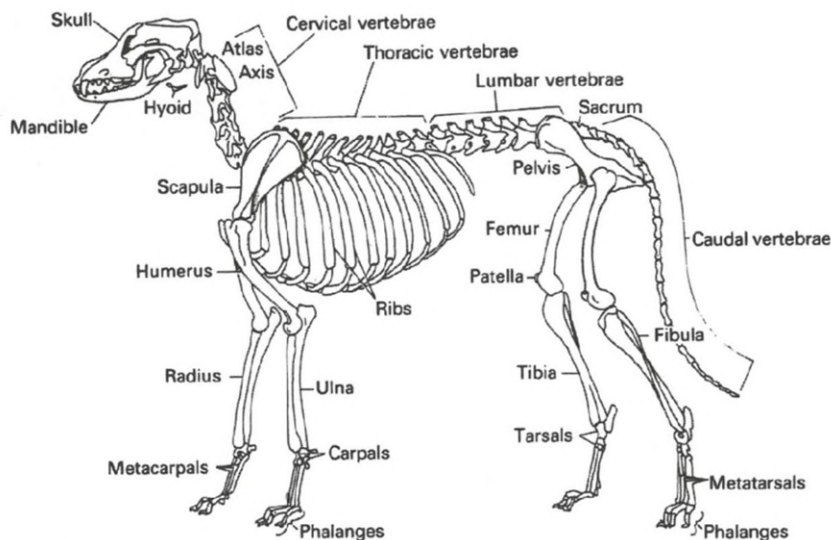
At the conclusion of this Aspiring Judges Training Program you will be able to:

1. Understand and explain the responsibilities of a dog Judge (Lecture 1)
2. Understand and recall the Dogs Australia Competencies of a Licensed Dog Judge (Lecture 1)
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the Rules and Regulations relating to Judges: All of DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges (Lecture 2)
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the DOGS NSW Rules and Regulations relating to Part II-Shows relevant to Judges: Section 2.1, Section 6.1-6.6, Section 7, Section 8.1-8.8; Section 10.2; 10.7; 10.9; 10.11-10.16, 10.20, 12.1, 12.4, 12.6-12.8, 12.20-12.21, 14.2-14.5, 14.6, 14.10, 16.1, 16.9-16.15, 19.1.7–19.2, 20.1A (Lecture 2)
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the DOGS NSW Rules and Regulations relating to Part IV-Judges Sections 1.8, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Lecture 2)
6. Define each of the exhibition classes possible at a Championship dog show (Rules and Regulations Part II, Section 6) (Lecture 2)
7. Identify and define the key structural/anatomical points of a dog (Lectures 3 and 4)



Courtesy of Curriculum Materials Service, The Ohio State University.

8. Identify and define the key skeletal anatomical points of a dog (Lectures 3 and 4)



9. Explain the structure of a dogs front and rear and describe the function of each in a dog's movement (Lectures 3 and 4)

10. Define and identify the three (3) structural forms of a dog's head: brachycephalic, dolicocephalic and mesocephalic (Lectures 3 and 4)
11. Identify and describe the various types of eyelid shape in dogs (Lectures 3 and 4)
12. Identify and describe the various shapes and sets of dogs ears (Lectures 3 and 4)
13. Describe the structure of a dogs mouth, its dentition and the various bites found in dog breeds (Lectures 3 and 4)
14. Explain the adage and define the terms: type, balance, soundness and forgiveness (Lectures 3 and 4)
15. Define and Differentiate between Type and Style (Lectures 3 and 4 and 5)
16. Define the purpose of a Breed Standard (Lectures 3 and 4 and 5)
17. Define the key Terms listed in the Dogs Australia Glossary of Terms that are raised under 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,and 14 above (Lectures 3 and 4 and 5 and 6)
18. Know how to examine a dog in the judging ring using your eye, and hands (Lectures 5 and 6)
19. Know how to differentiate how you judge breeds, eg, Toy breeds, or Brachicephalic dogs, or Sighthounds, or coated breeds (Lectures 5 and 6)
20. Know how to correctly mouth a dog. (Lectures 5 and 6)
21. List all of the breeds in your 1st Group (Lectures 5 and 6)
22. Explain the purpose of each breed in your 1st Group (Lectures 5 and 6)
23. Recall and explain 3-5 characteristics of each breed in your 1st Group. (Lectures 5 and 6)
24. Understand the purpose of a critique and be able to write a critique (Lectures 5 and 6)

LECTURE/SEMINAR PROGRAM

Start Time 7.30PM for about 2 hours on Zoom

The sessions will be a mixture of lecture/exercises/tests and discussion.

Tue 25 January 2022	Introduction and Responsibilities of a Judge
Thurs 27 January 2022	Rules and Regulations
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Mon 21 February 2022	Aspiring Judges Program Theory Examination

DOGS NSW Aspiring Judges Training Program

GETTING STARTED - BE PREPARED

Starting to learn to be a Judge: getting ready to study.

1. This is a good starting point: It is an Introduction to everything a Judge has to consider:
https://Dogs Australia.org.au/media/1030/22517judging_dogs_in_australia_oct11.pdf
2. Anatomy and Structure: This power-point covers the key concepts you need to know. About how a dog is built and how it works.
https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/1541/anatomy_of_the_dog.pdf
3. Anatomy and Structure/Type and Style: This expands on the details in 2.
<https://kusa.co.za/images/Gallery/structural%20.pdf>
4. Glossary of Canine Terms: These are the important terms you will learn over time but they give specific definitions for the terms used in 2 and 3 above.
https://Dogs Australia.org.au/media/1031/103052glossary_of_canine_terms.pdf
5. These are the Key Rules and Regulations about Judges which you will need to know - Just read Sections 2 and 6 at this stage:
<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/3761/part-04-judges-march-2021.pdf>
6. Finally: make a list of all the Breeds in your 1st Group and try and find three to four things about each breed that make it what it is, eg, an Old English Sheepdog is large, profusely double coated, grey grizzle or blue in colour, and squarely shaped; eg, a Papillion is small and dainty, silky single coat, large fringed ears.

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TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 - MONDAYS

2022	17 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications open</i>
	17 March	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	28 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications close</i>
	4 April	Overview of Course Requirements & Introduction to Toy Group
	11 April	Bolognese
	18 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	25 April	ANZAC DAY – no lecture
	2 May	Coton De Tulear /Bichon Frise
	9 May	Havanese
	16 May	Lowchen
	23 May	Maltese
	30 May	Revision
	6 June	Revision/ Subgroup Field Event
	13 June	Subgroup Field Event
	20-23 June	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 - MONDAYS

2022	13 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications open</i>
	23 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications close</i>
	27 June	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
	4 July	Critique Lecture
	11 July	Italian Greyhound
	18 July	Chinese Crested
	25 July	Papillon
	1 August	Pomeranian
	8 August	BRISBANE ROYAL
	15 August	King Charles Spaniel
	22 August	Chihuahua Long/ Smooth Coat
	29 August	Revision
	5 September	Subgroup Field Event
	12-15 September	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	12 September	<i>Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	10-24 October	<i>Practical Examinations (Continuing Trainees only)</i>

TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 - MONDAYS

2023	20 February	Subgroup 3 applications open
	20 February	Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)
	2 March	Subgroup 3 applications close
	6 March	Australian Silky Terrier
	13 March	Yorkshire Terrier / Biewer Terrier
	20 March	English Toy Terrier
	27 March	Miniature Pinscher
	3 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	10 April	EASTER MONDAY SYDNEY ROYAL
	17 April	Russian Toy (Long & Smooth)
	24 April	Prague Ratter
	1 May	Subgroup Field Event
	8 May	Subgroup Field Event
	15 May	Subgroup Field Event
	29 May- 1 June	Subgroup 3 Theory Examination

TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – MONDAYS

2023	29 May	Subgroup 4 applications open
	8 June	Subgroup 4 applications close
	12 June	Free
	19 June	Affenpinscher
	26 June	Griffon Bruxellois
	3 July	Japanese Chin
	10 July	Pug
	17 July	Pekingese
	24 July	Tibetan Spaniel
	31 July	Revision
	7 August	Subgroup Field Event
	14 August	Subgroup Field Event
	21 – 24 August	Subgroup 4 Theory Examination
	29 August	Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)
	11 September	All Practical Examination applications close
	October/November 2023	2022/2023 Practical Examinations

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TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – TUESDAYS

2022	17 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications open</i>
	17 March	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	28 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications close</i>
	5 April	Overview of Course Requirements & Introduction to Terriers
	12 April	Fox Terriers (Smooth & Wire)
	19 April	Tenterfield Terrier
	26 April	German Hunting Terriers
	3 May	Glen of Imaal Terrier
	10 May	Lakeland Terrier
	17 May	Welsh Terrier
	24 May	Irish Terrier
	31 May	American Hairless Terrier
	7 June	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	20-23 June	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – TUESDAYS

2022	13 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications open</i>
	23 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications close</i>
	28 June	Border Terrier
	5 July	Jack Russell Terrier
	12 July	Parson Russell Terrier
	19 July	Airedale Terrier
	26 July	Kerry Blue Terrier
	2 August	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
	9 August	Skye Terrier
	16 August	No lecture
	23 August	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	12-15 September	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	<i>12 September</i>	<i>Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	10-24 October	<i>Practical Examination (Continuing Trainees only)</i>

TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – TUESDAYS

2023	20 February	<i>Subgroup 3 applications open</i>
	20 February	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only. Subgroup 3 application open)</i>
	2 March	<i>Subgroup 3 applications close</i>
	7 March	American Staffordshire Terrier
	14 March	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
	21 March	Bull Terrier / Bull Terrier Miniature
	28 March	Bedlington Terrier
	4 April	Sydney Royal
	11 April	Dandie Dinmont Terrier
	18 April	Manchester Terrier
	25 April	ANZAC DAY No lecture
	2 May	Cesky Terrier
	9 May	Revision
	16 May	Critique Writing/Handling Night
	23 May	Subgroup Field Event
	29 May- 1 June	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – TUESDAYS

2023	29 May	<i>Subgroup 4 applications open</i>
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 applications close</i>
	13 June	Australian Terrier
	20 June	Cairn Terrier
	27 June	Scottish Terrier
	4 July	West Highland Terrier
	11 July	Norfolk / Norwich Terriers
	18 July	Sealyham Terrier
	25 July	Revision
	1 Aug	Subgroup Field Event
	15 Aug	Subgroup Field Event
	21 – 24 August	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
	29 August	<i>Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)</i>
	11 September	<i>All Practical Examination applications close</i>
	October/November 2023	<i>2022/2023 Practical Examinations</i>

14. GROUP 3 GUNDOGS

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GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – TUESDAYS

2022	17 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications open</i>
	17 March	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	28 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications close</i>
	5 April	Overview of Course Requirements & Introduction to Gundog Group & Subgroup 1 - Spaniels
	12 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	19 April	Cocker Spaniel
	26 April	Cocker Spaniel American
	3 May	English Springer Spaniel
	10 May	Welsh Springer Spaniel/Field Spaniel
	17 May	Clumber Spaniel/Irish Water Spaniel
	24 May	Sussex Spaniel
	31 May	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	20-23 June	Subgroup 1 Theory Examination

GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – TUESDAYS

2022	13 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications open</i>
	23 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications close</i>
	28 June	Intro to Subgroup 2 – Setter/Pointer/Water Dogs
	5 July	English Setter
	12 July	Irish Setter & Irish Red / White Setter
	19 July	Gordon Setter
	26 July	Pointer/Brittany
	2 August	Lagotto/Spanish Water Dog
	9 August	Bracco Italiano
	16 August	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	12-15 September	Subgroup 2 Theory Examination
	12 September	<i>Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	10-24 October	Practical Examinations (Continuing Trainees only)

GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – TUESDAYS

2023	20 February	<i>Subgroup 3 applications open</i>
	20 February	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	2 March	<i>Subgroup 3 applications close</i>
	7 March	Intro to Subgroup 3 - Retrievers
	14 March	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
	21 March	Chesapeake Bay Retriever/Curly Coated Retriever
	28 March	Murray River Retriever
	10 April	Easter Monday SYDNEY ROYAL
	11 April	Labrador Retriever
	18 April	Golden Retriever
	25 April	ANZAC DAY No lecture
	2 May	Flat Coat Retriever
	9 May	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	29 May- 1 June	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – TUESDAYS

2023	29 May	<i>Subgroup 4 applications open</i>
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 applications close</i>
	13 June	Subgroup 4 Introduction- Hunting Pointing Retrievers
	20 June	Weimaraner / Weimaraner Long Coat
	27 June	Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer
	4 July	Hungarian Vizsla / Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla
	11 July	German Shorthaired Pointer/German Wirehaired Pointer
	18 July	Italian Spinone
	25 July	Large Munsterlander
	1 August	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	21 – 24 August	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
	29 August	<i>Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)</i>
	11 September	<i>All Practical Examination applications close</i>
	October/November 2023	<i>2022/2023 Practical Examinations</i>

15. GROUP 4 HOUNDS

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HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – WEDNESDAYS

2022	17 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications open</i>
	17 March	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	28 March	Subgroup 1 applications close
	6 April	Overview of Course Requirements & Intro to Hound Group
	13 April	Sydney Royal - No lecture
	20 April	Borzoi
	27 April	Afghan Hound
	4 May	Saluki
	11 May	Azawakh / Sloughi
	18 May	Pharaoh Hound
	25 May	Critique Writing/Handling Dogs
	1 June	Cirneco Dell Etna
	8 June	Subgroup Field Event
	15 June	Subgroup Field Event
	20-23 June	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – WEDNESDAYS

2022	13 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications open</i>
	23 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications close</i>
	29 June	Irish Wolfhound / Deerhound
	6 July	Greyhound
	13 July	Whippet
	20 July	Portuguese Podengo (all sizes)
	27 July	Ibizan Hound
	3 August	Rhodesian Ridgeback
	10 August	Revision
	17 August	Revision
	24 August	Subgroup Field Event
	31 August	Subgroup Field Event
	12-15 September	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	12 September	<i>Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	10-24 October	<i>Practical Examinations (Continuing Trainees only)</i>

HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – WEDNESDAYS

2023	20 February	Subgroup 3 applications open
	20 February	Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)
	2 March	Subgroup 3 applications close
	8 March	Dachshunds (all varieties)
	15 March	Kaninchens (all varieties)
	22 March	Basenji
	29 March	Norwegian Elkhound / Finnish Spitz
	5 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	12 April	Finnish Spitz
	19 April	Bluetick Coonhound / Black & Tan Coonhound
	26 April	Bloodhound & Otterhound
	3 May	Revision
	10 May	Subgroup Field Event
	17 May	Subgroup Field Event
	24 May	Subgroup Field Event
	29 May- 1 June	Subgroup 3 Theory Examination

HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – WEDNESDAYS

2023	29 May	<i>Subgroup 4 applications open</i>
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 applications close</i>
	14 June	Beagle & Foxhound
	21 June	Hamiltonstovare & Harrier
	28 June	Basset Hound
	5 July	PBGV & GBGV / Basset Fauve de Bretagne
	12 July	Revision
	19 July	Revision
	13 August	Revision
	21 – 24 August	Subgroup 4 Theory Examination
	29 August	<i>Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)</i>
	11 September	<i>All Practical Examination applications close</i>
	October/November 2023	2022/2023 Practical Examinations

16. GROUP 5 WORKING DOGS

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WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 - MONDAYS

2022	17 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications open</i>
	17 March	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	28 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications close</i>
	4 April	Overview of Course Requirements & Introduction to Working Dog Group
	11 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	18 April	Easter Monday SYDNEY ROYAL
	25 April	ANZAC DAY (no lecture)
	2 May	Australian Kelpie
	9 May	Border Collie
	16 May	Australian Shepherd
	23 May	Australian Cattle Dog
	30 May	Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
	6 June	Subgroup Field Event
	13 June	Working Dog Club of NSW Champ Show – Field Event
	20-23 June	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 - MONDAYS

2022	13 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications open</i>
	23 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications close</i>
	27 June	Welsh Corgi Cardigan & Pembroke
	4 July	Critique Lecture
	11 July	Swedish Vallhund / Norwegian Buhund
	18 July	Maremma Sheepdog
	25 July	Kuvasz / Icelandic Sheepdog
	1 August	Puli & Pumi
	8 August	Finnish Lapphund / Swedish Lapphund
	15 August	Subgroup Field Event
	22 August	Subgroup Field Event
	29 August	Subgroup Field Event
	5 September	Subgroup Field Event
	12-15 September	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	<i>12 September</i>	<i>Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees)</i>
	3 October	Working Dog Club Of NSW Champ Show – Field Event
	10-24 October	<i>Practical Examinations (Continuing Trainees only)</i>

WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – MONDAYS

2023	20 February	<i>Subgroup 3 applications open</i>
	20 February	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	2 March	<i>Subgroup 3 applications close</i>
	6 March	Belgian Shepherd (all varieties)
	13 March	Beauceron / Bergamasco Sheepdog
	20 March	Dutch Shepherd
	27 March	German Shepherd Dog (SC & LSC)
	3 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	10 April	Easter Monday SYDNEY ROYAL
	17 April	Tatra Shepherd Dog & Komondor
	24 April	White Swiss Shepherd Dog
	1 May	Revision
	8 May	Subgroup Field Event
	15 May	Subgroup Field Event
	22 May	Review
	29 May- 1 June	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 - MONDAYS

2023	29 May	<i>Subgroup 4 applications open</i>
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 applications close</i>
	12 June	Working Dog Club of NSW Champ Show – Field Event
	19 June	Shetland Sheepdog
	26 June	Collie Rough / Collie Smooth
	3 July	Old English Sheepdog
	10 July	Polish Lowland Sheepdog / Pyrenean Sheepdog (Longhair)
	17 July	Bearded Collie
	24 July	Briard & Bouvier Des Flanders
	31 July	Revision
	7 August	Subgroup Field Event
	14 August	Subgroup Field Event
	21 – 24 August	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
	29 August	<i>Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)</i>
	11 September	<i>All Practical Examination applications close</i>
	2 October	Working Dog Club of NSW Champ Show – Field Event
	October/November 2023	<i>2022/2023 Practical Examinations</i>

17. GROUP 6 UTILITY GROUP

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UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 - THURSDAYS

2022	17 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications open</i>
	17 March	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	28 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications close</i>
	7 April	Overview of Course Requirements & Introduction to Utility Group
	14 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	21 April	Shikoku & Shiba Inu
	28 April	Siberian Husky
	5 May	Canadian Eskimo Dog & Yakutian Laika
	12 May	Samoyed
	19 May	Akita / Japanese Akita
	26 May	Alaskan Malamute
	2 June	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	20-23 June	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 - THURSDAYS

2022	13 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications open</i>
	23 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications close</i>
	30 June	Mastiff
	7 July	Estrela Mountain Dog & Caucasian Shepherd Dog
	14 July	Bullmastiff
	21 July	Dogue de Bordeaux
	28 July	Neapolitan Mastiff / Spanish Mastiff
	4 August	Anatolian Shepherd Dog 1 Kangal Shepherd Dog
	11 August	Central Asian Shepherd Dog & Cane Corso
	18 August	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	12-15 September	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	12 September	<i>Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	10-24 October	<i>Practical Examinations</i>

UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 - THURSDAYS

2023	20 February	<i>Subgroup 3 applications open</i>
	20 February	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	2 March	<i>Subgroup 3 applications close</i>
	9 March	Bernese Mountain Dog
	16 March	Pyrenean Mountain Dog / Tibetan Mastiff
	23 March	Leonberger
	30 March	Pyrenean Mastiff / Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
	6 April	SYDNEY ROYAL
	13 April	Newfoundland & Landseer ECT
	20 April	Tornjak
	27 April	St Bernard
	4 May	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	29 May- 1 June	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 - THURSDAYS

2023	29 May	<i>Subgroup 4 applications open</i>
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 applications close</i>
	15 June	Boxer
	22 June	Dobermann
	29 June	Rottweiler
	6 July	Russian Black terrier / German Pinscher
	13 July	Portuguese Water Dog
	20 July	Schnauzer/ Schnauzer Giant
	27 July	Schnauzer Miniature
	3 August	Revision
	TBA	Subgroup Field Event
	21 – 24 August	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
	29 August	<i>Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)</i>
	11 September	<i>All Practical Examination applications close</i>
	October/November 2023	<i>2022/2023 Practical Examinations</i>

18. GROUP 7 NON-SPORTING

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NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – THURSDAY

2022	17 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications open</i>
	17 March	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	28 March	<i>Subgroup 1 applications close</i>
	7 April	Overview of Course Requirements & Introduction to Non-Sporting Group
	14 April	Canaan / Eurasier
	18 April	Easter Monday SYDNEY ROYAL
	21 April	Peruvian Hairless (all varieties)
	28 April	Xoloitzcuintle (all varieties)
	5 May	Dalmatian
	12 May	Great Dane
	19 May	Revision
	26 May	Subgroup Field Event
	2 June	Subgroup Field Event
	9 June	Subgroup Field Event
	20-23 June	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – THURSDAY

2022	13 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications open</i>
	23 June	<i>Subgroup 2 applications close</i>
	30 June	Australasian Bosdog
	7 July	Boston Terrier
	14 July	British Bulldog
	21 July	French Bulldog
	28 July	Sharpei
	4 August	Revision
	11 August	Subgroup Field Event
	18 August	Subgroup Field Event/Brisbane Royal
	25 August	Subgroup Field Event
	12-15 September	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	12 September	<i>Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	10-24 October	<i>Practical Examinations (Continuing Trainees only)</i>

NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – THURSDAY

2023	20 February	<i>Subgroup 3 applications open</i>
	20 February	<i>Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)</i>
	2 March	<i>Subgroup 3 applications close</i>
	9 March	Chow Chow
	16 March	German Spitz (Klein & Mittel)
	23 March	Japanese Spitz
	30 March	Karelian Bear Dog
	6 April	Keeshond
	10 April	Easter Monday SYDNEY ROYAL
	20 April	Schipperke
	27 April	Revision
	4 May	Subgroup Field Event
	11 May	Subgroup Field Event
	18 May	Subgroup Field Event
	25 May	Subgroup Field Event
	29 May- 1 June	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – THURSDAY

2023	29 May	<i>Subgroup 4 applications open</i>
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 applications close</i>
	15 June	Lhasa Apso
	22 June	Poodle (all varieties)
	29 June	Shih Tzu
	6 July	Tibetan Terrier
	13 July	Revision
	20 July	Subgroup Field Event
	27 July	Subgroup Field Event
	3 August	Subgroup Field Event
	7 August	Subgroup Field Event
	10 August	TBA
	17 August	TBA
	21-24 August	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
	29 August	<i>Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)</i>
	11 September	<i>All Practical Examination applications close</i>
	October/November 2023	<i>Practical Examinations</i>

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17 March 2022	Subgroup 1 Applications open
17 March 2022	Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)
28 March 2022 4-7 April 2022 20-23 June 2022	Subgroup 1 applications close First lecture in Subgroup 1 Subgroup 1 Theory Examination
13 June 2022	Subgroup 2 applications open
23 June 2022 27- 30 June 2022	Subgroup 2 applications close First lecture in Subgroup 2
12-15 September 2022	Subgroup 2 Theory Examination
12 September 2022	Practical Examination applications close (Continuing Trainees only)
10-24 October 2022	Practical Examinations (Continuing Trainees only)
20 February 2023	Subgroup 3 applications open
20 February 2023	Practical Examination Applications open (Continuing Trainees only)
2 March 2023 6-9 March 2023	Subgroup 3 applications close First lecture in Subgroup 3
29 May- 1 June 2023	Subgroup 3 Theory Examination
29 May 2023	Subgroup 4 applications open
8 June 2023 12-15 June 2023	Subgroup 4 applications close First lecture in Subgroup 4
21-24 August 2023	Subgroup 4 Theory Examination
29 August 2023	Practical Examination applications open (current Trainees)
11 September 2023	All Practical Examination applications close
October/November 2023	2022/2023 Practical Examinations

TRAINEE APPLICATIONS MUST BE CHECKED BY YOUR GROUP CO-ORDINATOR BEFORE APPLYING FOR A PRACTICAL EXAM

2022-2023 Royal Show dates

11-18 April 2022	Sydney Royal Dog Show
6-14 August 2022	Brisbane Royal Dog Show
3-11 September 2022	Adelaide Royal Dog Show
22 September- 2 October 2022	Melbourne Royal Dog Show
1-10 April 2023	Sydney Royal Dog Show

2022-23 OPEN BOOK BREEDS
TOY GROUP
Biewer Terrier
Bolognese
Prague Ratter
TERRIER GROUP
American Hairless Terrier
Cesky Terrier
Glen of Imaal
German Hunting Terrier
Sealyham
GUNDOG GROUP
Irish Red & White Setter
Large Munsterlander
Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer
HOUND GROUP
Black & Tan Coonhound
Cirnecco Dell Etna
Hamiltonstovare
Ibizan Hound
Dachshund Rabbit Dog
Otterhound
Sloughi
WORKING DOG
Beauceron
Icelandic Sheepdog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Tatra Shepherd Dog
Pumi
Pyreanean Sheepdog Longhair
Swedish Lapphund
UTILITY GROUP
Canadian Eskimo Dog
Caucasian Shepherd Dog
Central Asian Shepherd Dog
Estrela Mountain Dog
Great Swiss Mountain Dog
Landseer ECT
Pyrenean Mastiff
Shikoku
Spanish Mastiff
NON SPORTING
Canaan Dog
Eurasier

2022-23 MAJOR BREEDS
TOY GROUP
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long & Smooth)
Havanese
Pomeranian
Pug
TERRIER GROUP
American Staffordshire Terrier
Bull Terrier Miniature
Jack Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
GUNDOG GROUP
Cocker Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel American
English Springer Spaniel
Golden Retriever
Labrador Retriever
HOUND GROUP
Basenji
Beagle
Dachshund Mini (Smooth & Long)
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Whippet
WORKING DOG
Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Shepherd
Border Collie
German Shepherd Dogs (SC & LSC)
Shetland Sheepdog
UTILITY GROUP
Boxer
Dobermann
Miniature Schnauzer
Rottweiler
Samoyed
NON SPORTING
Chow Chow
Dalmatian
French Bulldog
Lhasa Apso
Poodle Toy

19. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I find a list of lecture dates and updates?

- There is a list of Lecture Dates in the DOGS NSW Conformation Judges Training Manual 2022 and updates/alterations are available on the DOGS NSW website Trainee Info Page.
<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/members/committees-working-parties/conformation-judges-training-committee/>

Can I study two (2) Groups at the same time?

- Yes two (2) Subgroups each from different Groups can be studied simultaneously after you have passed all elements of your 1st Group. Note, however, that the Regulations state that only one Group Practical Examination can be sat in one calendar year.

Where do I get the Critique Forms?

- These are available to download from:
https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/1367/critique_form-1.pdf

Where do I find the Theory/Practical Examination Application forms?

- These are available to download and Print from www.dogsnsw.org.au
- Practical Examination Form – (Continuing Candidates only) -
<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/4451/2022cjep-practical-exam-application-continuing-candidate.pdf>
- 2022 - CJTC Subgroup Application - <https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/4452/cjtc-subgroup-application-2022.pdf>

Where do I find the Theory / Practical Examination Application Closing Dates?

- You will find a complete list of Program Dates in the DOGS NSW Conformation Judges Training Manual 2022 and on the DOGS NSW website.

Where do I find current Breed Standards?

- These are available to download and print on the Dogs Australia website:-
<https://DogsAustralia.org.au/Breed/Index>

Can I count dogs I examine at Breed Lectures on my Judging Record?

- **NO.** You can only count dogs that you judge: Dogs Australia Reg. 6.1.2 Module 2. Practical Experience: Judging may be in the form of hands-on experience by placing dogs at Open Shows, Sweepstakes, Members Competitions, or Field Events, but not at breed lectures.

Can I critique dogs at Breed Lectures?

- **NO.** Critiques are a training tool and need time for full discussion with a Licensed Judge to read your critique and have a full discussion on said dog.

Can I sit outside the ring and write critiques and then, without mentoring or discussion on each and every dog, ask the Judge to sign them?

- **NO.** The Regulations state that the dogs must be **EXAMINED**. The critiques need to be read and discussed with the Dogs Australia Licensed Judge before signing **ON THE DAY**.

Do I have to use the official critique forms?

- **YES**

If I judge a Trainee Class at a show can I ask the Show Secretary to sign the 'critiques form?

- **NO.** The form **MUST** be signed by the Mentor/Dogs Australia Licensed Judge

Do I have to maintain my personal Trainee Zoom Attendance form?

- **YES.** It is necessary for both Trainee and Group Co-ordinator to have Attendance Records to cross-check the information should there be a dispute.

What do I do with Specialty Critiques?

- A written critique on five (5) dogs examined at each event (Speciality Shows) is to be submitted **within fourteen (14) days** of the event to the Group Co-ordinator.

Are the Specialty Critiques included in the fifty (50) Critiques?

- **NO.** They are a different Module and are in addition to the fifty (50) Critiques

What do I do with essays?

- Trainees must send three (3) copies of essays **within fourteen (14) days** to the Group Co-ordinator for checking

If I'm sitting a re-test and don't want to attend lectures, do I have to pay the Training Fees?

- **YES.** If you wish to participate in the Conformation Judges Education Program you **MUST** complete and lodge the Trainee Application form and pay the fees.

Can I critique dogs at Field Days or Nights or Events?

- **YES.** Dogs can be critiqued at field events.

Can a Trainee who is currently enrolled in the Conformation Judges Education Program and is licenced for the Group/breed I am training for sign off on my critiques?

- **YES.** All critiques MUST be countersigned on the day by a Licensed Judge for that **breed**, and they, themselves, **MUST** have examined the dogs critiqued on the day.

Can Trainees do critiques on any of the breeds they are training for?

- **YES.** The breeds covered must be from as wide a range as possible, but will include **at least five (5) critiques from each of the five (5) Major Breeds** as determined by the Member Body CJTC. (Dogs Australia Reg 6.1.2) Ask your Group Co-ordinator what the 'major breeds' for your Group are!
- **Breed Varieties:** Trainees to check with their Group Co-ordinator which breeds they can mix the varieties when critiquing at Specialty shows.

Can I critique baby puppies?

- **NO.** A Trainee cannot critique baby puppies.

How many critiques can an Accredited Assessor or Licensed Judge, not in the Dogs Australia Judges Training Scheme, endorse per Trainee?

- **A maximum of ten (10) critiques per trainee** can be endorsed by a single Accredited Assessor or a Licensed Judge (See Reg 6.1.2.4)

20. EXTENDING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

BOOKS

These books are a starting point. If you are an Aspiring or Trainee Judge and you are serious about learning, reading these books is essential. There are many more breed specific books which offer any Trainee Judge a great deal of knowledge.

Berndt, R *'The Science and Techniques of Judging Dogs'*

Cole, R.W., 2004. *"An Eye for a Dog: Illustrated Guide to Judging Purebred Dogs"*. Dogwise Publishing

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FCI Show Judges:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/952493868133969>

Dog Show Judges -FCI, AKC, KC and World Over:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/400720023701214>

Canine Construction and Conformation:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/caninecandc>

Pondering the English Cocker Spaniel:

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American Kennel Club - Conformation: Judging Resource Center:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/judging-information/>