



Obedience and Tracking Judges Committee

The Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee will be conducting a Judges Training Scheme in 2023

Closing date for applications will be COB **Friday 9th December, 2022.**

The Theory Night – Introduction to the Course will be held on **Thursday 23rd February, 2023** at 7.30pm. (Please note all metropolitan candidates are required to attend this session. Zoom will be available for country candidates.)

The Theory Examination will be held on **Friday 31st March, 2023.**

Successful candidates will be required to attend regular training sessions held by The Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee on the second Thursday of each month.

The Practical Examination will be held on **Friday 3rd November, 2023.**

Courses to be held are: CCD, CCD/Novice (run concurrently) Novice, Open, UD, UDX, Rally, Tracking, Track and Search and Endurance.

Application forms can be obtained from the **DOGS NSW Office.**

Applicants are advised they will not be permitted to apply for both Obedience and Rally in the Judges Training Scheme in any one calendar year.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE OBEDIENCE AND TRACKING JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS ALL REQUIREMENTS AS LISTED HEREUNDER ARE MET.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$77.00 THEORY EXAMINATION FEE.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION FEE OF \$110 TO BE FORWARDED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEORY AND BEFORE PRACTICAL COMMENCES.

CCD

(a) A candidate for Community Companion Obedience Examination must:

1. be a financial member of DOGS NSW.
2. be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. be a resident of NSW.
4. apply in writing and submit to the Board of Directors with the application, a written certificate that he/she has been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials in the past twelve months.
5. have personally trained and trialed a dog to Community Companion Dog title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors
6. has been an active member of an affiliated club for not less than three (3) years
7. has been an active instructor for three (3) years

NOVICE

(b) A candidate for Novice Obedience Examination must:

1. have been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials in the past twelve months and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
2. have judged at least six (6) recognised Community Companion Dog All Breeds Obedience Club Trials, which in the opinion of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee, were of sufficiently high standard and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
3. have personally trained and trialled a dog to Companion Dog title and applied for and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors with their application.
4. be listed on the current DOGS NSW List of Approved Judges for Community Companion Dog Obedience.

OPEN

(c) A candidate for Open Obedience Examination must:

1. have been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials in the past twelve months and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
2. have judged at least six (6) recognised Novice All Breeds Obedience Club Trials, which in the opinion of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee, were of sufficiently high standard and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
3. have personally trained and trialled a dog to CDX title and applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors with their application.
4. be listed on the current DOGS NSW List of Approved Judges for Novice Obedience.

UTILITY

(d) A candidate for Utility Obedience Examination must:

1. have been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials in the past twelve months and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
2. have judged at least six (6) recognised Open All Breeds Obedience Club Trials, which in the opinion of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee, were of sufficiently high standard and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
3. have personally trained and trialled a dog to Utility Title standard and gained at least one qualification in Utility Class and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors with their application.
4. be listed on the current DOGS NSW List of Approved Judges for Open Obedience

UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT (UDX)

(e) A candidate for Utility Excellent Obedience examination must:

1. have been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials in the past twelve months and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
2. have judged at least six (6) recognised Utility All Breeds Obedience Club Trials, which in the opinion of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee, were of sufficiently high standard and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors prior to the date of the practical examination.
3. have personally trained a dog to Utility Title standard and applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors with their application.
4. be listed on the current DOGS NSW List of Approved Judges for Utility Obedience.

TRACKING

(f) A candidate for Tracking Trial examination must:

1. be a financial member of DOGS NSW Ltd
2. be at least eighteen (18) years of age
3. be a resident of NSW
4. apply in writing and submit to DOGS NSW with the application, a written certificate from an Affiliate conducting Tracking Trials that he/she:
 - a) has been an active member of that Club for not less than three (3) years.
 - b) has been an active Instructor at a Club that conducts Tracking training.
 - c) has been an Official Chief Steward at two (2) and have been a Tracklayer for the Tracking Dog Section and Tracking Dog Excellent Section at least three (3) recognised Tracking Trials.
 - d) have personally trained **and trialled** a dog to Tracking Dog Excellent and applied and been granted the dog's title.

(g) A candidate for Track and Search Dog Judges Examination must:

(As per ANKC Track & Search Trial Judges Training Scheme – effective Jan 2019)

1. be a financial member of Dogs NSW for a least 3 years prior to the application
2. be over eighteen (18) years of age
3. be a resident of NSW
4. have an active and ongoing participation in the sport of Track & Search or conducting Track & Search Trials.
5. have personally trained and trialled a dog to a Track & Search Dog title and stewarded at a minimum of two sanctioned Track & Search Dog trials.

ENDURANCE

- (h) A candidate for Endurance Test Judges Examination must:
1. be a financial Member of DOGS NSW.
 2. be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 3. be a resident of NSW.
 4. apply in writing (on such form as may be required) to the Obedience & Tracking Judges and Judges Training Scheme Committee.
 5. submit with the application a written statement from an affiliated Dog Obedience Club that the Candidate has been an active member of that Club for not less than three (3) years.
 6. submit a statement providing full details of the Candidate's involvement with Endurance Tests.
 7. have personally trained a dog to Endurance Test applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details to the Board of Directors, and
 8. if accepted as a Candidate, sign a release of DOGS NSW in respect of any liability arising out of the Examination, in such form as DOGS NSW may require

RALLY

- (i) A candidate for Rally Judges Examination must:
1. be a financial member of DOGS NSW.
 2. be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 3. be a resident of NSW.
 4. apply in writing and submit to the Board of Directors with the application, a written certificate that he/she has been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials in the past twelve months prior to the date of the practical examination.
 5. have personally trained a dog to Rally Master Title, applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors.