



**OBEDIENCE, ENDURANCE, RALLY & TRACKING  
JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME  
2026**

**APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE**

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your present Judging Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the Level in which you wish to enrol in: \_\_\_\_\_

This Application must be received, together with the Program Fee of **\$90**, by DOGS NSW, **NO LATER** than **4.00pm** on **Friday 5 December 2025** by hand, post to PO Box 632, St Marys NSW 1790 or email to - DOGS NSW - [lhadley@dogsnsw.org.au](mailto:lhadley@dogsnsw.org.au)

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**CREDIT CARD DETAILS**

☐ Mastercard    ☐ Visa    Expiry Date    /    /    CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number                        

Please debit my credit card for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



1. If applying for examination for elevation to a higher panel, list the required number of judging appointments at the present level:

Name of Affiliate	Date of Trial	Class
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

2. Month & year you joined DOGS NSW? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever been suspended from the privileges of DOGS NSW or any other controlling body affiliated with Dogs NSW?

YES/ NO

If YES, state the date and circumstance: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. In which year did you start exhibiting/trialling dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

5. List the dogs you own and personally trained and trialled. Include titles attained and registration numbers.

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6. List below the names of Clubs in which you have been actively involved and any positions held

Name of Affiliate	Official Position (if any)	Years

7. List required Ring Stewarding/Trial Official Appointments ( See attached form to complete)

Name of Affiliate	Judge	Date of Trial	Class
1.			
2.			
3.			

8. In which affiliated Obedience or Tracking Club have you been an **active instructor**? State the number of years. **Attach supporting letters on affiliates letterhead and signed, by one of the executive.**

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9. List any other qualifications/dog-training certificates you have attained which would support this application.

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**LECTURES AND PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSIONS** will be conducted. Attendance at some sessions is compulsory unless extenuating circumstances are advised to the organiser prior to the event.

- NOTE:**
- (i) An invitation to participate in the Scheme will be withdrawn if questions are not answered honestly or if the answers given are misleading or untrue. Dogs NSW reserves the right to seek verification of any information supplied by the applicant.
  - (ii) A candidate who fails any part of an examination three (3) times will be ineligible to apply for admission to the Judges Training Scheme for a period of two (2) years.
  - (iii) If a candidate passes a theory examination but fails to subsequently pass the practical examination, provided the candidate reappplies within three (3) years from the date of their original examination, the candidate will be exempt from resitting the theory examination.
  - (iv) Candidates will be required to complete a DOGS NSW Rules and Regulations Examination (unless this has previously been completed) and are also required to sit the relevant theory examination in the selected discipline.
  - (v) 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.

**FEES:** The fees for each Course level are:

Theory Examination: \$90.00 (inc GST) This fee must accompany application

Practical Examination: \$110.00 (inc GST) Payable on successful completion of Theory

**DECLARATION:**

I acknowledge and agree that pursuant to the Regulations of DOGS NSW relating to the Trial Judges Training & Examination Scheme, the decisions of the Board of Directors on any matter arising from, or relating to the Scheme or the Regulations, shall be final and binding, and that I am over 18 years of age.

I certify that I am capable of judging in accordance with the rules and in the normal manner.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**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 \$90.00 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 member of DOGS NSW for at least three (3) years prior to the application and must be a current financial member (not associate) 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 trialled 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. (a) 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.

OR

- (b) have held an Open Licence for a minimum of three years; have judged a minimum of 15 Open Trials at all Breeds Obedience Trials; have stewarded for 15 UD Class at All Breeds Obedience Trials in the preceding two years; have attended one judges seminar in the past three years 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. (a) have personally trained and trialed 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.

OR

(b) have held a Utility Licence for a minimum of three years; have judged a minimum of 15 Utility Trials at All Breeds Obedience Trials; have stewarded for 15 UDX classes at All Breeds Obedience Trials in the preceding two years; have attended one judges seminar in the past three years and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors.

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 member of DOGS NSW for at least three (3) years prior to the application and must be a current financial member ( not associate) 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 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 trialed** a dog to Tracking Dog Excellent and applied and been granted the dog's title.

### **TRACK AND SEARCH**

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

1. be a member of DOGS NSW for at least three (3) years prior to the application and must be a current financial member ( not associate) of DOGS NSW.
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 member of DOGS NSW for at least three (3) years prior to the application and must be a current financial member ( not associate) 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 member of DOGS NSW for at least three (3) years prior to the application and must be a current financial member ( not associate) 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.