

**THE CANINE ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INCORPORATED)**

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SANCTIONED
OBEDIENCE TRIALS**



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O1 CONDUCT:

Obedience Trials sanctioned by the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc) are conducted under the Rules as from time to time approved by the Australian National Kennel Council.

O2 ASSOCIATE DOGS:

In order to be entered in sanctioned Obedience Trials an Associate Dog, as defined in Regulations Section "A" must be registered with the Canine Association of Western Australia on the Associate Dog Register and the owners must be Ordinary or Associate members of the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc). **07/07**

O3 COMPETITION CLASSES:

3.1 Not for Competition (NFC) 11/08 – effective 1 March 2009

Summary

An NFC entry allows a dog to be entered in any class for which it is eligible. These Rules are instituted on a one year basis as of 1 March 2009. It is not mandatory for clubs to offer the NFC class.

3.3.1 Entry

- 3.3.1.1 The competitor shall nominate on the entry form under “Entered in Class: NFC” plus the class they wish to enter.
- 3.3.1.2 All entries must be qualified for the class in which they are eligible.
- 3.3.1.3 Trial Secretaries must accept NFC entries and will include the entry in the catalogue with an “NFC” number. The entry shall be added in at the end of the class nominated.
- 3.3.1.4 An NFC entry is non-competitive, no cards of any nature (qualifying or non-qualifying) are to be awarded and an NFC entry will not be eligible for ribbons/trophies or prizes.
- 3.3.1.5 The NFC entry cost shall never be more than 50% of the entry cost for a standard entry.
- 3.3.1.6 A dog which has entered as NFC in any class may not enter as a full competitor in another class in that trial.
- 3.3.1.7 Where stays are split into Qualifying and Non-Qualifying groups, NFC competitors must do stays with the Non-Qualifying group.

3.3.2 Trial Procedures

- 3.3.2.1 When the handler enters the ring with their NFC number displayed, the ring steward and judge will be aware that this round is to be called only and not scored.

O4 TRAINING OF JUDGES:

4.1 Board of Examiners

- 4.1.1 The Board of Examiners shall be appointed, as the need arises, by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Chairperson of Judges Training Committee.
- 4.1.2 The Board of Examiners shall consist of no less than three (only uneven numbers shall be appointed) Obedience Judges qualified to judge all classes.
- 4.1.3 One member of the Board shall be appointed as Chairperson.
- 4.1.4 Appointments shall be for the length of time for the individual course. At the conclusion of the course the Board is disbanded.

4.2 Eligibility for Applicants

- 4.2.1 To be accepted as a trainee a person must:-

The minimum eligibility criteria for trainee obedience judges is outlined in ANKC Part 3C Regulations For The Conduct of Obedience Trial Judges Training Scheme. In addition, aspiring trainees must:-

- 4.2.1.1 Provide sufficient evidence as a handler and trainer to meet the following criteria;
 - Instructed in obedience training for a period of at least two years during the last five years.
- 4.2.1.2 Governing Council has the right to approve other people who do not fit these criteria. In such cases, the onus of proving eligibility rests with the applicant.
- 4.2.2 Have been a member of an ANKC member body for a minimum period of three years prior to the date of application. The Association will consider an application from a person transferring from another State or Territory of Australia, or overseas, who can provide evidence that their canine experience extends over a minimum period of five consecutive years as a member of the canine controlling body for the State, Territory or Country of prior residence. 04/11
- 4.2.3 Be a financial member of the Canine Association of WA(Inc).
- 4.2.4 Provide sufficient evidence as a handler and trainer to meet the following criteria;
 - Trained a dog to gain a title of C.D., and
 - Instructed in obedience training for a period of at least two years during the last five years.
- 4.2.5 Governing Council has the right to approve other people who do not fit these criteria. In such cases, the onus of proving eligibility rests with the applicant.

4.3 Requirements to Attain Trainee Judge Status

- 4.3.1 Be approved by Governing Council on the recommendation of the Chairperson of Judges' Training in conjunction with the Obedience Judges' Training Co-ordinator.
- 4.3.2 Pass an Entrance Examination on the Rules for Obedience Trials with an 75% pass mark.

4.4 Training

- 4.4.1 Training Programme
 - On completion of the Entrance Examination the Board of Examiners will advise the following;
 - 4.4.1.1 Theory:
 - The number of lectures on the understanding of the rules and other additional material as required by the Board of Examiners. (Rules for Obedience Trials, Rules and Regulations of the CAWA, Code of Ethics for Obedience Judges).
 - 4.4.1.2 Practical:
 - The number of judging practical sessions to be included in the lecture programme.
 - 4.4.1.3 The number and nature of stewarding appointments required for the course.
- 4.4.2 Trainees must attend a minimum of 75% of all lectures and practical sessions.
- 4.4.3 A lecture on the Rules and Regulations of the Canine Association of WA (Inc) must be included in the course and attendance by trainees is mandatory. A test on areas covered in the lecture must be passed for the trainee to continue in the course.

4.5 Examinations

- 4.5.1 Written Examinations
 - 4.5.1.1 Entrance Examination.

A short answer written test of one (1) hour duration with a pass mark of 75%. Questions to be taken directly from the Rules for Obedience Trials.

4.5.1.2 Theory Examination.

A written paper of 2 hours duration with a pass mark of 80% on each section of the course. Questions to be directly applicable to the rules *and any other written material distributed to all trainees by the Board of Examiners during the training course.*

4.5.1.3 The final mark for written papers will be decided from the average marks awarded by three members of the Board of Examiners. They may appoint other suitable people to take the place of members of the Board, but no less than two members of the Board must mark the papers.

4.5.2 Practical Examinations

4.6.2.1 A practical examination will be held at the end of each section of the course. Candidates must obtain a pass in the Theory Examination before being eligible to take the practical examination for each section of the course.

4.5.2.2 A mock obedience trial will be held with at least 3 competing dogs for each section with the exception of UDX where a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 3 dogs must compete. Each trainee is required to mark a judging sheet and afterwards, may be required to make an oral report on the reasons for the various points and/or deductions made. A pass will be awarded if the majority of the Board of Examiners are satisfied that the candidate has sufficient knowledge. The candidate's dress and manner will also be considered when the Board makes its assessment.

4.6 Outline of Courses (04/11)

4.6.1 Candidates will commence the first section of the course by attending lectures on the following aspects:

Rule Book Preamble, Community Companion Dog & Novice Class Rules, CAWA Regulations, Judges Code of Ethics and take part in practical sessions. They will mark Community Companion Dog and Novice dogs at the ringside at Sanctioned Trials and complete a working test on the CAWA Regulations.

4.6.2 The successful candidates may be granted a licence to judge Community Companion Dog and Novice Class only.

4.6.3 Candidates that fail must wait for the next course.

4.6.4 The second and subsequent sections of the course to include lectures on the rules for the relevant class and take part in practical sessions and ringside marking. The candidate must then pass a theory and practical exam.

4.6.5 Successful candidates may be granted a licence to judge the relevant class.

4.7 Qualifications (04/11)

4.7.1 The maintenance of a list of assignments, complete with exact dates and other relevant details, is the responsibility of each judge. Such detail must be furnished when applying for elevation of status.

4.7.2 For a class to be counted towards elevation of status there must be six (6) or more dogs judged.

4.7.3 Certification of judging appointments on the prescribed form, and Proof of stewarding and/or competition in the relevant class must accompany applications for elevation of status.

4.7.4 No judging appointment may be accepted for any class until the relevant status has been granted.

Judges may not accept appointments outside of Western Australia to judge classes for which they have not been approved by The Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc.).

4.8 New Rules

4.8.1 Obedience Rules

When the Rules for Obedience Trials are revised, with the approval of the Australian National Kennel Council, all Judges will be notified by the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc.) and a Judges' Seminar will be arranged by the Obedience Judges' Training Co-ordinator for the purpose of discussing these amendments. The Seminar will include a discussion on the Rules and their intent and an open book exercise on the new rules. 04/11

Should a judge not attend the Judges' Seminar then they will need to complete the open book exercise, however there is no set pass mark for this exercise. 04/11

4.9 Examination Failures

4.9.1 Where a person passes the entrance Examination for any course and fails the Theory or Practical Examinations for any section of the course no exemption from any examination for subsequent courses can be claimed.

4.9.2 Appeals: Appeals against the Board of Examiners' decisions or the conduct of the examination are to be received by the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary or Registrar of the Association within seven days of the date of notification of the decision.

4.9.3 In the event that an appeal to the Judges' Training Committee is unsuccessful an appeal may be submitted to the Appeals Board. Any appeal must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer/Secretary or Registrar of the Association within seven days of notification of the results of the original appeal. Appeals submitted outside the specified times will not be considered. **08/11.**

4.9.4 If an appeal is successful the Appeals Board, in consultation with the Judges' Training Committee, may determine that the appellant will either have the exam in question remarked by at least two qualified people recommended by the Chairperson of the Judges' Training Committee in conjunction with the Obedience Judges' Training Co-ordinator or be given the opportunity to attempt an exam in similar format again.

O5 RULES:

The approved ANKC Rules shall be printed under separate cover and available from the Association's office.