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SECTION I: APPROVED SHOW JUDGES

1. For the purpose of these Regulations all persons whose names are currently listed on the Register established under paragraph 2 hereof shall constitute The New Zealand Kennel Club Show Judges Association.
2. A Register of the names of persons domiciled in New Zealand and authorised to judge at Championship, Open Shows and Ribbon Parades shall be kept by the Director/Secretary and this Register shall be known as the Official Show Judges Panel.
3. (a) Annual Appointments
Appointments to the Official Show Judges Panel shall be made annually by the Executive Council subject to Regulations 6(a) and 6(b) hereof, such appointment to be for the period commencing on 1 January and concluding on 31 December in each year. It shall be condition of annual appointment to the judges that every judge sign the following acknowledgement, "I hereby acknowledge that I will adhere to the Judges code of ethics".
- (b) Promotional Appointments
A Judge can be appointed to any new panel or a member appointed to the Aspiring Judges List at any date set by the Executive Council upon fulfilling all the requirements for promotion. No judge can enter into any contract to judge or be listed as a judge in any schedule for a show published prior to the date of appointment to any new panel.
4. (a) Only members of the New Zealand Kennel Club permanently resident in New Zealand are eligible for appointment to the New Zealand Kennel Club Official Show Judges Panel or the Aspiring Judges List.
- (b) No persons permanently resident in New Zealand shall be permitted to judge at any recognised show in New Zealand unless they are listed on the New Zealand Kennel Club Official Show Judges Panel appropriate for that show.
- (c) No members of the New Zealand Kennel Club shall be permitted to judge overseas unless they are listed on the appropriate Championship Show Panel for the breed, group or general specials which they are to judge. Any judges listed on a group panel must have first judged that group once in New Zealand before they can judge overseas.
- (d) All judges judging overseas shall within one month of returning to New Zealand furnish to the Director/Secretary details of the appointment including the name of the club, type of show, date of the show, groups or breeds judged and the number of dogs judged.
5. The New Zealand Kennel Club Official Show Judges Panel shall comprise of:-
 - (a) Ribbon Parade Panel
 - (b) Open Show Panel
 - (c) Specialist Breed Championship Show Panel
 - (d) Group Championship Show Panels
 - (e) All Breeds Panel
 - (f) General Specials PanelIn addition the New Zealand Kennel Club shall keep a Aspiring Judges List that shall be published with but not be part of the Official Show Judges Panel.
6. (a) Every judge shall pay an Annual Licence Fee, as set by the Executive Council at the time of application for reappointment to the Official Show Judges Panel. A uniform annual subscription not exceeding \$10.00 for grant of membership shall be added to this licence fee and remitted in bulk to the branch nominated by the individual members, no later than one month following the close of application for reappointment.
- (b) Every judge required to sit an examination for promotion to or within the Official Show Judges Panel shall pay an Examination Fee set by the Executive Council.
Every person applying for appointment to the Aspiring Judges List shall pay a application fee set by the Executive Council and thereafter an annual fee, as set by the Executive Council, whilst that person remains on the Aspiring Judges List.
7. Judges as experienced members of the Dog World shall at all times act with courtesy and professional integrity, complete impartiality and by their actions both act as an example to other New Zealand Kennel Club Members and demonstrate a sound knowledge of anatomy, New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and all relevant breed standards.

SECTION II: NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB SHOW JUDGES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. The New Zealand Kennel Club Show Judges Association shall annually hold a national Conference of Delegates of judges known as the Show Judges Conference.
2. The delegates to the Conference shall be one delegate for each Recognised Branch and each Discussion Group with five or more members. The conditions of appointment of delegates shall be:-
 - (a) Each Branch and eligible Discussion Group shall elect or appoint a delegate and a deputy delegate to represent that Branch or Discussion Group at the Show Judges Association Annual Conference in such manner as shall be decided at an Annual General Meeting of that Branch or Discussion Group.
 - (b) A delegate to the Show Judges Association Annual Conference must be a member of a Branch or Discussion Group but need not be a member of the Branch or Discussion Group represented at Conference and can represent more than one Branch or Discussion Group. A delegate representing more than one Branch or Discussion Group shall have a deliberative vote for each Branch or Discussion Group represented and shall cast each vote separately in accordance with any directions given by each individual Branch or Discussion Group represented.
 - (c) Any election or appointment shall be conducted or confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of each Branch or eligible Discussion Group.
 - (d) Delegate shall be appointed for a full year and shall only be replaced within that year in the event of the delegate resigning, retiring or ceasing to be eligible to act as a delegate.
 - (e) The secretary of each branch and eligible Discussion Group shall notify the Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club in writing the name of the delegate for that Branch or Discussion Group upon appointment and of any changes thereof.
4. The Show Judges Conference shall be held annually in Wellington on the same weekend as the New Zealand Kennel Club Annual Conference of Delegates. Further conferences may be held if authorised by the Executive Council in exceptional circumstances.
5. Delegates to the Show Judges Conference shall hold office from 1 April in one year to 31 March in the following year.
6. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE SHOW JUDGES CONFERENCE SHALL BE:-
 - (a) Roll Call
 - (b) Minutes
 - (c) Chairmans Annual Report
 - (d) Notices of Motion
 - (f) Discussion Papers
 - (g) Election of Chairperson
 - (h) General Business
7.
 - (a) The Director/Secretary shall give not less than two months' notice in writing to all Branches and Discussion Groups of the Show Judges Conference.
 - (b) Notices of Motion and/or Discussion Papers for inclusion in the order of business can be submitted by the Executive Council, any Branch or Discussion Group or with the prior leave of the Chairman by any individual judge.
 - (c) All Notices of Motion and Discussion Papers shall be submitted to the Director/Secretary not less than two months prior to the date of the Show Judges Conference.
 - (d) The Director/Secretary shall circulate a copy of all Notices of Motion and Discussion Papers received to all Branches and Discussion Groups not less than twenty-eight clear days prior to the date of the Show Judges Conference.

A Notice of Motion shall be any matter containing a recommendation to the Executive Council and shall be accompanied by a rationale. A Discussion Paper shall be any other matter.
8. Election of Chairperson
 - (a) Any member of the association can be elected Chairperson of the Association.
 - (b) Forms of Nomination for the position of Chairperson shall be sent by the Director/Secretary to all Branches and discussion Groups at least three months prior to the Show Judges Conference.
 - (c) Nomination forms must be signed by both the nominating branch and the nominee and lodged with the New Zealand Kennel Club by the closing date for Notices of Motion and Discussion Papers.
 - (d) The Director/Secretary shall circulate all nominations received to all Branches and Discussion Groups not less than twenty-eight clear days prior to the date of the Show Judges Conference.

- (e) In addition to the nominations received nominations shall be called for from the floor of the Show Judges Conference. All persons present and any other members of the Association who have signified to the Director/Secretary their acceptance of the position in writing are eligible for election.

SECTION III: POWERS AND DUTIES OF N.Z.K.C. SHOW JUDGES CONFERENCE

1. The Show Judges Conference shall:
 - (a) Be responsible for setting goals and objectives for the Branches to achieve in the training and the continuing education of both current and aspiring judges.
 - (b) Be a vehicle for liaison between show judges.
 - (c) Be empowered to make recommendations to the Executive Council with reference to the following matters:-
 - (e) (i) Training and continuing education of judges
 - (f) (ii) Maintenance of the judges panel
 - (g) (iii) Judges examinations
 - (h) (iv) Standards of conduct to be observed by listed judges
 - (i) (v) Generally in respect of any matter affecting the status and efficiency of judges in New Zealand and overseas.

Only in extreme circumstances would the Executive Council amend or alter these regulations without a recommendation from New Zealand Kennel Club Show Judges Conference.
2. The New Zealand Show Judges Chairman shall:
 - (a) Report to the Executive Council all recommendations arising from any Show Judges Conference.
 - (b) Act as a liaison between Branches.
 - (c) Act as a liaison between the Executive Council and any Branch or individual judge on any matter pertaining to these regulations.
3. Secretary
The Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club shall be secretary of the Show Judges Conference.

SECTION IV: BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. For the purposes of these regulations the New Zealand Kennel Club Show Judges Association shall form Branches.
2. Every person whose name appears on a Show Judges Panel or Aspiring Judges List must be a member of a Branch of the Association and shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting of that Branch to be held not later than 31 April in each year. Every person so listed shall name the Branch of the Association of which they are a member on their annual application for appointment to the Judges Panel. In addition any member of the New Zealand Kennel Club not listed on a Show Judges Panel or Aspiring Judges List shall be entitled to be a member of a Branch.
3. Only persons listed on The Official Show Judges Panel (not including persons listed on the Aspiring Judges List) shall have the right to vote at any Branch meeting.
4. All Branches of the Judges Association in existence on 1 April 1993 shall until such time as they are wound up be deemed to be a Branch of the New Zealand Kennel Club Judges Association. Any such Branch can apply to the Executive Council to be a recognised Branch or Discussion Group.
5. With the approval of the Executive Council new Branches and recognised Discussion Groups may be established:-
 - (a) Where 10 or more voting members of the Association reside in an area
 - (b) Where less than 10 voting members of the Association reside in an area and for reason of geography or population it is reasonable that a branch be established
 - (c) Where less than 10 voting members of the Association reside in an area they shall be entitled to form a recognised Discussion Group
6. Each Branch shall elect a Chairman, Secretary and if appropriate to that Branch a committee of as many members as is necessary to properly administer the operations of the Branch.
7. Powers and duties of Branches and Discussion Groups.
 - (a) All Branches and Discussion Groups shall conduct and supervise all activities of the Judges Association in their area.

- (b) All Branches or Discussion Groups shall, either alone or in conjunction with another Branch(s) or discussion group(s), conduct and/or organise annually sufficient activities to provide an opportunity for all persons seeking promotion to or within the Official Judges Panel to obtain the required promotional credits.
 - (c) All Branches and Discussion Groups shall appoint group leaders in all groups where there are aspiring judges and a leader to supervise persons on the Aspiring Judges List.
 - (d) Branches and Discussion Groups shall publish annually in the New Zealand Kennel Gazette a list of:-
 - (j) (i) The group aspired to by all judges in their Branch seeking promotion on the Championship Group Panel.
 - (k) (ii) The group nominated by all persons in their Branch listed on the Ribbon Parade and Open Show panels as the group they are associated with.
 - (l) (iii) The group or specialist breed nominated by all persons in their Branch listed on the Aspiring Judges List as the group or specialist breed they are associated with.
 - (e) All Branches shall keep correct financial records of all income and expenditure. Every Branch shall present to the Annual General Meeting of the Branch a financial statement for the previous financial year.
 - (f) All Branches shall annually furnish to the New Zealand Kennel Club a copy of the annual report and financial statements for that Branch as presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Branch together with the names and addresses of the executive officers of the Branch and a contact telephone number for that Branch and shall promptly advise the New Zealand Kennel Club of any alterations thereto.
 - (g) All Branches shall be entitled to conduct Ribbon Parades and Open Shows on behalf of the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to Rule 2(j) provided however that such authority can be withdrawn by the Executive Council at any time.
 - (h) All Branches shall conduct such practical examinations as they are from time to time directed by the coordinator of the New Zealand Kennel Club judges examination scheme.
 - (i) No Discussion Group shall be entitled to conduct any recognised show.
 - (j) All Discussion Groups shall furnish to the New Zealand Kennel Club the names and addresses of the secretaries and/or coordinators and a contact telephone number for that Discussion Group and shall promptly advise the New Zealand Kennel Club of any alterations thereto.
8. The financial year for each branch shall commence on the 1st of January each year and conclude on the following 31st of December.
 Upon the winding up of any branch an audited statement of accounts and a list of all other assets shall be presented to the New Zealand Kennel Club. The New Zealand Kennel Club shall hold all assets of the branch upon trust for distribution to other branches in a fair and equitable manner.

SECTION V: RIBBON PARADES

1. (a) Only persons whose names appear on a New Zealand Kennel Club Official Championship Group, Open Show or Ribbon Parade Judges Panel will be authorised to judge Ribbon Parades. No person permanently resident outside of New Zealand shall be permitted to judge at a Ribbon Parade in New Zealand without the prior approval of the Executive Council.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subclause (a) hereof a person listed on the Aspiring Judges List may judge a specified aspiring Ribbon Parade appointment for the purposes of Section VII (2)(a)(111)(2) OR Section VII (4)(1)(g)(ii) hereof.
2. All Breed Judges are not permitted to judge at Ribbon Parades.
 Persons listed only on the Ribbon Parade Panel shall be expected while listing continues, to be reasonably available on reasonable notice to judge anywhere in New Zealand subject always to payment of appropriate travelling and accommodation expenses.
 3. Peer Judging
 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation Section I (4) (b) a permanent resident of New Zealand who is a financial member of the New Zealand Kennel Club is permitted to judge at a Ribbon Parade on the following conditions
 - The Ribbon Parade is conducted by a Specialist Breed Club (including clubs listed in Regulation Section VII (4) (1))
 - The member has bred litters in the breed being judged in the last 3 years and has exhibited dogs in the breed over the last 6 years
 - The committee of the club conducting the Ribbon Parade has approved the member to conduct the judging
 - In the opinion of the Committee of the club conducting the Ribbon Parade the member is qualified and a member well respected and highly knowledgeable in the breed
 - The judge is listed in the schedule for the Ribbon Parade as a peer judge
 - Any club can contract a maximum of two peer judges at separate shows in any one calendar year
 - Any member is restricted to adjudicating as a peer judge in any one breed once in any five year period.

SECTION VI: GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Although the following procedures and conditions are a guide they will generally be strictly applied and be departed from in exceptional circumstances only with the express approval of the Executive Council of New Zealand Kennel Club.
2. Applications for appointment to the Official Show Judges Panel and Aspiring Judges List shall be made on the official application form on or before the annual closing date for applications as set by the Executive Council and shall not be considered unless accompanied by the appropriate fees.
3. The criteria for appointment to any panel shall be a minimum requirement before an application can be considered. In addition the Executive Council shall consider the following criteria:
 - (a) The contribution of the applicant to the canine world in relation to the status of the appointment sought.
 - (b) The demeanour and behaviour of the applicant at canine activities.
 - (c) The standard and conduct of judging exhibited by the applicant at previous appointments.
 - (d) The nature and status of previous appointments.
 - (e) The personal qualities of the applicant.
 - (f) The integrity of the applicant.
 - (g) Any other relevant matters.

When considering an application under these criteria the Executive Council may at its discretion consider confidential reports from any reputable source.

4. The decision of the Executive Council in approving or not approving the appointment of Judges to New Zealand Kennel Club Official Show Judges Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into and no reasons are given for the Executive Council's decisions in these matters, save where an applicant at the time of application held a current appointment to New Zealand Kennel Club Official Show Judges Panel and is not reappointed to those panels, the applicant shall be entitled to request and receive the reason for the Executive Council's decision. Further such applicant may appeal once against the decision provided always that:-
 - (i) The original application included the panels disputed.
 - (ii) The appeal must be in writing and addressed to the Director/Secretary.
 - (iii) The appeal must be post dated not more than 21 days from the date of the advice from the New Zealand Kennel Club giving the reason for the Executive Council's decision.
 - (iv) The applicant will have the right to appeal once only in respect to non-reappointment to specific panels but without prejudice to further applications for appointment in terms of paragraph 2 hereof.
 - (v) The applicant will be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of appeal herein contained upon submission of a request for the reason or written appeal. The decision of the Executive Council will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
 - (vi) The Executive Council will consider any such appeals at the meeting following receipt of the appeal providing such advices are received by the Director/Secretary 14 days preceding the meeting.
 - (vii) The decision of the Executive Council will be advised in writing to the appellant within 14 days of the respective Executive Council meeting.

The signature of the applicant on the Application Form for First Appointment to the New Zealand Kennel Club Official Show Judges Panel or for re-appointment to the New Zealand Kennel Club Official Show Judges Panel will imply acceptance by the applicant of the decision of the Executive Council. If an application for re-appointment is not made each year for re-appointment to the Judges Panel for the following year, then the person concerned is excluded from the judge's panel for the following year.

5. The Executive Council expects at all times that when Judges are officiating they be neatly and suitably dressed.
6. New Zealand Judges - Overseas Appointments. After having judged any Group or breed once at a Championship Show in New Zealand that person is eligible to judge that Group or breed overseas.
7. No Judge may judge more than 250 dogs per day at any show or shows. This limitation will also apply to dogs entered in Stakes and Specials classes under the same judge. Save for the National Dog Show, under no circumstances will approval be given by the New Zealand Kennel Club for any judge to judge more than 250 dogs per day. Any dogs entered at a Show in excess of this figure for any one judge must be allocated to another judge, the appointment of any such additional judge to the Show to be approved by the New Zealand Kennel Club prior to the date of the Show.
8. At any Championship or Open Show a judge may only accept additional appointments for the same breeds or groups already accepted in the same Island and within a radius of 325 Km during the period of three calendar months either side of the date of a Championship or Open Show already accepted, if prior to acceptance, he obtains the consent of both Societies concerned to the acceptance of such additional appointment.
9. Save in exceptional circumstances only an All Breeds Judge or a Judge listed on six Championship Panels will judge Best in Show at an All Breeds Championship Show. Prior approval of the Executive Council must be obtained for Judges required to judge Best in Show at Group Club Championship Shows and Specialist Breed Club Championship Shows.
10. No New Zealand judge may be appointed to Judge a Group or Breed at any Championship Show and award Challenges in that Breed or Group unless the Judge is appointed to the appropriate Official Panel for the Breed or Groups concerned.

SECTION VII: CONDITIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ASPIRING JUDGES LIST AND THE OFFICIAL SHOW JUDGES PANEL

1. Appointment to the Aspiring Judges List
 - (a) The minimum requirements for an application for appointment to the Aspiring Judges List to be considered are:-
 - (i) Have exhibited dogs for a minimum of six years as a member of the NZYKC or NZKC.
 - (ii) Have been actively involved in a member society or member societies including active involvement in matters connected with Show Ring procedure at Recognised Shows.
 - (iii) Have kept and maintained a New Zealand Kennel Club Stewarding Record Card of Stewarding appointments which should number 10, 5 of which must be at either Championship or Open Shows.
 - (iv) Be at least 18 years of age.
 - (v) Be a full NZKC member.
 - (iv) Be approved by the Executive Council to be placed on the Aspiring Judges List.
2. Appointment to the Ribbon Parade Panel
 - (a) The minimum requirements for an application for appointment to the Ribbon Parade Panel to be considered are:-
 - (i) Been appointed to and served on the Aspiring Judges List.
 - (ii) Have successfully completed the prescribed modules on:-
 - (a) Breed Recognition
 - (b) Rules and Regulations
 - (c) Anatomy and Conformation
 - (d) Glossary of Terms
 - (e) Have successfully completed a mock judging examination conducted by a branch of the Judges Assn.
 - (iii) Be approved by the Executive Council for promotion to the Ribbon Parade Panel.

(iv) Notwithstanding the fulfilment of the above requirements by the applicant the Executive Council may:-

- (1) Decline to promote the applicant to the Ribbon Parade Panel and require the applicant to serve further on the Aspiring Judges List or;
- (2) Remove the applicant from the Aspiring Judges List.

(b) Upon appointment to the Ribbon Parade Panel the judge shall:-

- (i) Nominate one group with which they wish to be associated and:-
- (ii) For the first Ribbon Parade judged after appointment to the Ribbon Parade Panel the judge shall be restricted to judging the group nominated provided however if the appointment to judge is at a Ribbon Parade conducted by an All Breed or Multi Group Club the judge can judge that group and not more than one other. Where there are only one or two judges appointed to judge the show this restriction shall not apply.

3. Appointment to the Open Show Panel

The minimum requirements for an application for appointment to the Open Show Panel are:

- (i) Either have been listed on the Ribbon Parade Panel for a period that at the time of effective date of promotion will total at least 23 months and have judged 10 Ribbon Parades at the time of application, or have judged 20 Ribbon Parades at the date of application and,
- (ii) Obtained 50 Open Show Credits and,
- (iii) Sat and passed a written examination on New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Show Regulations and the anatomy of the dog if this was not done when they were appointed to the Ribbon Parade Panel.

For the purposes of this clause judging a Ribbon Parade shall mean a one appointment per show. If more than one breed or Group is judged at a show this shall qualify as one appointment only. If more than one show is held by the same club on the same day this shall qualify as two appointments.

- (b) All Breed Judges may not judge at Open Shows in New Zealand.
- (c) Judges appointed to Group Championship Panels shall also be eligible to judge at Open Shows including best in show.
- (d) Any person listed on the Open Show Panel may judge Best in Show at any Open Show.

4. Appointment to Specialist Breed Panels

1. For the purposes of this regulation a Specialist Breed shall mean any one breed recognised by the New Zealand Kennel Club. In addition the following allied groups of breeds shall be classed as one breed.

- (a) Chihuahua (long coat) and Chihuahua (smooth coat).
- (b) Dachshund (long haired), Dachshund (smooth haired), Dachshund (wire haired) Dachshund (miniature long haired), Dachshund (miniature smooth haired) and Dachshund (miniature wire haired).
- (c) Bull Terrier and Bull Terrier (Miniature).
- (d) Fox Terrier (smooth) and Fox Terrier (wire).
- (e) Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael), Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois), Belgian Shepherd Dog Laekenois) and Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren).
- (f) Collie (rough) and Collie (smooth).
- (g) Schnauzer, Schnauzer (miniature) and Schnauzer (giant).

- (h) Poodle (toy), Poodle (miniature), and Poodle (standard).
2. The minimum requirements for appointment to a Specialist Breed Panel are:
- (a) Justification of the appointment of a Breed Specialist taking into consideration the number of exhibitors and specimens of the breed being shown and:-
 - (b) A demonstrated involvement with all aspects of the breed over a at least twelve years including breeding, exhibiting and club administration and:-
 - (c) A demonstrated status and reputation within the breed and:-
 - (d) Have been appointed to the Open Show Panel for a period that at the effective date of promotion will total at least 23 months.
 - (e) Obtain a total number of 50 specialist credits and:-
 - (f) At the expiry of 2 years on the Open Show Panel:-
 - (i) Sat and passed the necessary qualifying written and practical examination on the breed aspired to. The written examination shall consist of 20 questions on the standard of the breed, 10 questions on the New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and 10 questions on glossary terms and anatomy of the dog as defined in the syllabus.
 - (ii) Be approved by the Executive Council for promotion to the Championship Specialist Breed Panel.
5. Appointment to First Group Panel
- (a) The minimum requirements for appointments to the First Group Panel are:
- (i) Have been appointed to the Open Show Panel for a period that at the effective date of promotion will total at least 23 months,
 - (ii) At the date of application have judged a Group or Groups at an Open Show.
 - (iii) Obtained 50 Group Credits and;
 - (iv) Passed the necessary qualifying Written and Practical Examinations for the Group. The written examination shall consist of 80 questions on the Standards of the Breeds for that Group, 10 questions on the New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and 10 questions on Glossary of Terms and Anatomy of the Dog as defined in the Syllabus.
- (b) A judge appointed to any Championship Breed or Group Panel is automatically eligible to judge All Breeds and/or Best in Show at Open Shows and Ribbon Parades.
6. Appointment to Additional Group Panels
- The minimum requirements for appointment to the second and subsequent Championship Group Panels are:
- (a) Fulfilled at the date of application the appropriate qualifications for the Group applied for as follows:-
- (i) Second Group Panel - have judged at Championship Show level the FIRST Group to which appointed at least twice and obtained 50 Group Promotional Credits.
 - (ii) Third Group Panel - have judged at Championship Show level the second Group to which appointed at least twice and have judged a total of not less than 500 dogs at Championship Show judging appointments and obtained 50 Group Promotional Credits.
 - (iii) Fourth Group Panel - have judged at Championship Show level the third Group to which appointed at least three times and have judged a total of not less than 900 dogs at Championship Show judging appointments and obtained 50 Group Promotional Credits.
 - (iv) Fifth Group Panel - have judged at Championship Show level the fourth Group to which appointed at least three times and have judged a total of not less than 1,500 dogs at Championship Show judging appointments and obtained 50 Group Promotional Credits.

- (v) Sixth Group Panel - have judged at Championship Show level the fifth Group to which appointed at least three times and have judged a total of not less than 2,300 dogs at Championship Show judging appointments and obtained 50 Group Promotional Credits.
 - (vi) Seventh Group Panel - have judged at Championship Show level the sixth Group to which appointed at least three times and have judged a total of not less than 3,300 dogs at Championship Show Judging appointments and obtained 50 Group Promotional Credits.
- (b) Passed the necessary qualifying written and practical examinations for all Groups. The written examination shall consist of 80 questions on the Standards of the Breeds for that Group, 10 questions on the New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and 10 questions on Glossary of Terms and Anatomy of the Dog as defined in the Syllabus.
 - (c) In the context of this section, judging a Championship Show Group appointment shall be deemed to have been fulfilled only if the complete Group is judged, or in the case where part of the Group was judged where 75 percent of the breeds entered in that Group were judged or where 75 dogs in the group have been judged at one or more Championship Show.
 - (d) Be approved by the Executive Council.

7. Appointment to All Breeds Panel

- (a) All persons appointed to judge seven Groups at Championship Show level shall be appointed to the All Breeds Panel.
- (b) All Breed Panel judges shall be given an appropriate "All Breeds Judges" badge.

8. Appointment to General Specials Panel

All persons appointed to the All Breeds Panel may at any time request that the Executive Council remove them from that Panel and place them on a General Specials Only Panel. Any person listed on such Panel can judge General Specials at an All Breeds Championship Show only. Any person so listed shall remain on the Panel without further application or payment of fees until such time as they request to be removed.

9 Protocols for Judges Emigrating to New Zealand (NEW)

Those Judges emigrating to New Zealand and wishing to be listed on the New Zealand Judges Panel shall:

1. Supply proof of New Zealand residency.
2. The person shall become a financial member of the New Zealand Kennel Club.
3. The person shall supply proof of the person's overseas qualifications.
4. The person shall supply proof that the person has judged at that level overseas.
5. The person successfully completes the Open Show Panel Examination of NZKC Rules and Regulations and Anatomy of Dogs.
6. Be approved by Executive Council.

Having fulfilled all of the above criteria the person shall be added to the NZKC Judges Panel.

The effective date of promotion to the panel shall be the 31st January following completion of all the requirements.

SECTION VIII

RECORDS AND CREDITS

- (1) All judges seeking promotion shall keep records of all stewarding appointments on a New Zealand Kennel Club Stewarding Record Card and shall have all appointments certified by the secretary of the club conducting the show.
- (2) From 1 January 1993 all judges shall keep a New Zealand Kennel Club Judges Record Card of all judging appointments including the name of the club, date, type of show, groups or breeds judged and the number of dogs scheduled to be judged. This must include all overseas judging appointments.
- (3) All judges seeking promotion and persons aspiring to be judges shall keep a New Zealand Kennel Club Credit Record Card showing all activities conducted and all credits earned by the judge or aspiring judge.

- (4) Copies of the following must where applicable be annexed to all applications for appointment to or promotion within any Official Show Judges Panel:-
 - (a) Judging Record Card.
 - (b) Promotional Credit Record Card.
 - (c) Aspiring Ribbon Parade Appointment Report.
 - (d) Stewarding Record Card for applications for promotion to the Aspiring Judges List.
- (5) When calculating credits pursuant to Section VII hereof the following applies.
 - (a) (i) For the first application for any panel only credit earned after the closing date for applications for previous promotions can be included.
 - (b)
 - (c) (ii) For a second or subsequent application for any panel only credits earned after the closing date for applications for promotion to the previous year's panel can be included.
- (6) If reapplying for promotion to a panel applied for in previous years a new set of qualifying credits must be earned whether an examination was sat or not.
- (7) Any person proven to the satisfaction of a Regional Disputes Committee of the New Zealand Kennel Club to have falsified any of the records set out in this section of these regulations shall be liable to be removed from all or any Judges Panel for such period of time as the Regional Disputes Committee shall decide in addition to all other penalties as may be imposed.
- (8) All qualifying Credits for promotion must be earned within two years of the closing date of application for promotion.

SECTION IX: JUDGES' EXAMINATIONS

1. The Director/Secretary is appointed co-ordinator of the New Zealand Kennel Club Show Judges Examination Scheme.
2. A judge who is not currently listed on any panel who wishes to be appointed to that panel and is required to sit an examination must first apply to the Executive Council for approval to undertake the examination. The Executive Council will consider such applications annually as advised through the New Zealand Kennel Gazette. In considering applications the Executive Council shall consider the minimum requirements and criteria for appointment and in addition shall consider:
 - (i) The experience of the applicant as a judge of dogs generally.
 - (ii) The proven capacity of the applicant as a judge of the breed(s) or Group(s) of dogs in respect of which application is made e.g. as judge at Ribbon Parades or Open Shows or otherwise.
 - (iii) Any other matter including the experience of the applicant as a breeder of dogs, the demeanour of the applicant in New Zealand Kennel Club circles or otherwise and such other matters as the Executive Council may in its discretion think relevant - provided always that the decision of the Executive Council in any case will be final and no correspondence will be entered into thereon.
3. A judge must have received approval to undertake the required examination(s) before any application may be made to Executive Council for appointment to a Group Championship Panel. For Group Championship Panels the examinations will consist of a theoretical (written) and a practical examination. The candidate must pass the theoretical examination before being allowed to sit the practical examination.
4. The theoretical and practical examinations will be conducted by the New Zealand Kennel Club at a time to be laid down each year by the Executive Council.
5. Having passed the theoretical examination a person may have two attempts to pass the practical examination. If the practical examination is not passed within two years of passing the theoretical examination, the theoretical pass will be cancelled and the candidate will have to pass the theoretical examination again before being permitted to sit the practical examination. Any candidate having failed to pass either a theoretical or practical examination shall have the credits for that examination cancelled and shall be required to regain the appropriate credits for the promotion sought.

6. Theoretical (Written) Examination: The Co-ordinator will arrange for the theoretical examinations to take place each year, at a time laid down by the Executive Council. The Executive Council will appoint the person or persons who will prepare the examination papers for the year. The locations of the theoretical examinations will be decided annually by the Co-ordinator depending on applications received.
7. Practical Examination: The practical examinations will be under the supervision of an examining Board of Examiners, appointed by the Executive Council. The Board will consist of three examiners (in an emergency this may be reduced to two examiners). The examination will take place at Open Shows organised for the purpose at the discretion of the Executive Council. The candidate shall sit the practical examination at a centre approved by the co-ordinator. Breeds will be allocated to candidates by the examiners taking into consideration the entry and the number of candidates for each group. The Examining Board shall take into consideration:
 - (a) The manner of the candidate towards exhibitors and stewards.
 - (b) The way in which the candidates arrive at their placings.
 - (c) The reasons given by the candidates for their placings.

Each member of the Examining Board shall independently fill in a result sheet in respect of each candidate, such result sheet being provided by the New Zealand Kennel Club.

Each member of the Examining Board shall independently assess the dress of the candidate and indicate whether it is considered appropriate for judging or not. Marks will not be awarded for this aspect - a simple "yes" or "no" answer being all that is required.

The results of practical examinations shall be available to candidates in each group on the day of examination at the conclusion of the examination of all candidates in that group.

Examiners shall be entitled to discuss the performance of a candidate with the candidate at any time after the conclusion of the examination.

8. Passmarks:
 - (a) The passmark for a Candidate sitting the theoretical examination shall be 70%.
 - (b) Candidates sitting a practical examination must obtain a pass mark of 70% by two members of the examining board provided however that each candidate shall also obtain at least 50% of the possible marks in each category of the result sheet.
 - (c) Candidates sitting both theoretical and practical examinations must obtain a pass mark in each examination.
- 9 Appeals:
 - (a) Theoretical. Within a reasonable time of being advised of the results of a theoretical examination candidates may apply for a recount of their examination mark which shall be conducted upon payment of the appropriate fee. The recounted mark once given shall be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
 - (b) Practical. There will be no appeals against the decision of the examining panel of judges. The results of the practical examination once given shall be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

The application form to sit the examination will contain an agreement by the candidate that he accepts the final results of the examination and no correspondence shall be entered into.

SECTION X: OVERSEAS JUDGES IN NEW ZEALAND

1. Pursuant to Rule 15 (e) of the rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club no person domiciled overseas may judge at any Show held under the Rules and Regulations of the New Zealand Kennel Club without the prior consent of the Executive Council.
2. Such consent may be given generally under Agreements in force with overseas Clubs pursuant to Rule 23 (h) of the Rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club but in all other cases by direct application to the Executive Council.

SECTION XI: OVERSEAS EXAMINATIONS

No examination or test conducted on behalf of any canine control other than the New Zealand Kennel Club are permitted to be conducted at any recognised show.

SECTION XII: RULES AND REGULATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB APPLICABLE TO JUDGES AND JUDGING

1. For the further information of Judges, Rules and Regulations of the New Zealand Kennel Club printed elsewhere which are relevant to Judges and judging are the following:-

- (a) New Zealand Kennel Club Rules - 2(k), (l) and (m); 4(d)(i)(4); 15(e); 35.2 (a) (iv); 35.2(a) (viii);35.9(a)(xii);and 35.9(a) (xii)
- (b) Show Regulations – 4,12,13,14,17,19,20,21,22,26 and27.

These Regulations may be added to, amended or deleted as the Executive Council of the New Zealand Kennel Club may from time to time determine under authority of Rule 38.

SECTION XIII: DEFINITIONS

- (a) “Show Judges Syllabus” or “Syllabus” is the New Zealand Kennel Club Judges Association Syllabus as approved by the Executive Council and set out in Appendix I hereof.
- (b) “Credit” is the value of an authorised activity as set out in the Show Judges Syllabus for the purposes of promotion to or within the New Zealand Kennel Club Show Judges Panels.
- (c) “Activity” is an official or authorised activity as set out in the Show Judges Syllabus.
- (d) “Validator” shall be that person or persons empowered by the Judges Association to validate activities.
- (e) “Validation Number” shall be a number assigned to an activity by the validator and shall be entered onto a judges credit record card in lieu of a signature.
- (f) “Preceding Year” for the purposes of these regulations shall be the calendar year ending on the last day for the lodging of applications with the New Zealand Kennel Club for inclusion in the Judges Panel for the following year.

APPENDIX I

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APPENDIX II

NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB SHOW JUDGES NATIONAL SYLLABUS AND TRAINING GUIDE SYLLABUS

Any candidate undertaking judging activities should be studying the following:

1. Canine Anatomy.
2. Glossary of Terms.
3. Rules and Regulations.
4. Ringcraft.
5. Breed Knowledge.

Having completed detailed study of the above a candidate should be able to have achieved a level of competence to complete the required exam.

Anatomy of the Dog.

A Candidate will be required to understand how the dog is constructed

Source of material: Mr Harry Spira - Canine Terminology.

Glossary of Terms

A candidate will be expected to answer exam questions on terms as defined.

Source of material: New Zealand Kennel Club Glossary of Terms.

Rules and Regulations

Candidates will be expected to answer questions taken from the source material quoted.

Source of material: Rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club; Show Regulations; Judges Regulations.

Ringcraft

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate that they are in control of the ring and be able to run it efficiently. They will be observed in their placement of the ring equipment and their method of examining the dog and its movement.

A candidate will be expected to demonstrate efficient communication with show officials and exhibitors.

Breed Knowledge

Candidates will be required to confidently answer detailed questions for the Group for which they aspire on New Zealand Kennel Club approved Breed Standards in the form of:

- (a) Written multiple choice question.
- (b) The application of the Standards to practical judging where applicable.

Source of material: New Zealand Kennel Club Breed Standards.

TRAINING GUIDE

1. Aims and Objectives

To provide a guide for the training of judges and to facilitate the acquisition of the knowledge and expertise necessary to become a competent judge.

This guide is intended to be an amplification of, and to be read in conjunction with, the New Zealand Show Judges Syllabus.

The areas of expertise are:

- Canine Anatomy
- Glossary of Terms
- Rules and Regulations
- Ringcraft
- Breed Knowledge

The emphasis in this guide is on spelling out the requirements that an aspiring judge must meet. No indication of study time necessary to meet these requirements has been given as individual requirements and opportunities for study vary.

Throughout this document the emphasis is on detailing what skills and knowledge are necessary to become a competent judge with suggestions and recommendations on how these attributes may be acquired.

2. Canine Anatomy

- a. Syllabus Requirement
“A candidate will be required to understand how the dog is constructed.”
- b. Interpretation
The aim of this requirement is to ensure that candidates understand the construction of the skeleton, names of the points of the dog, and appreciate the basis of the relationship between the structure of the dog and the purpose for which it was bred.
- c. Method of Acquisition
Study, (with self testing) of diagrams, charts, videos and other reference material.
Attending veterinary lectures on construction of the dog and functions of skeleton, muscles etc.
Completing written assignments, e.g. matching names to numbered parts of diagrams.
Forming study groups or informal discussion groups for sharing ideas and resources, pair and group testing, etc.
- d. Assessment
An indication of adequate study can be made by group or self assessment of old exam papers.
- e. References
- f. Textbook
Canine Terminology - Harry Spira
- g. Additional Material
Canine Veterinary Aid - Form Laboratories
Dog Steps - Rachel Page-Elliot

3. Glossary of Terms

- a. Syllabus Requirement
“A candidate will be expected to answer exam questions on terms as defined.”
- b. Interpretation
Knowledge of the Glossary of Terms is required to ensure clear communication in that the same terms mean the same to everyone.
- c. Method of Acquisition
Study, (with self-testing) of diagrams, charts, videos and other reference material.
Attending lectures or discussion groups where terms used in breed standards are referred to in context and/or described.
Completing written assignments, e.g. matching names to numbered parts of diagrams.
Forming study groups or informal discussion groups for sharing ideas and resources, pair and group testing, etc.
- d. Assessment
An indication of adequate study can be made by group or self assessment of old exam papers.
- e. References
 - (d) (i) Text Book
 - (e) New Zealand Kennel Club Glossary of Terms
 - (f) (ii) Additional material
 - (g) Canine Terminology - Harry Spira
 - (h)

4. Rules and Regulations

- a. Syllabus Requirement
“Candidates will be expected to answer questions taken from the source material quoted.”
- b. Interpretation
Our sport is governed by a set of Rules and Regulations which must be adhered to by all parties involved. Knowledge of these Rules and Regulations is important to ensure a common basis on which the sport is conducted. These Rules and Regulations provide protection for judges, club officials and exhibitors.
- c. Method of Acquisition
Study (with self-testing) of reference material.
Attending lectures or discussion groups where Rules and Regulations are explained.
Completing written assignments, e.g. questions on Rules and Regulations.
Forming study groups or informal discussion groups for sharing ideas and resources, pair and group testing, etc.
- d. Assessment
An indication of adequate study can be made by group or self assessment of old exam papers.
- e. References
New Zealand Kennel Club Rules

5. Ringcraft

a. Syllabus Requirement

“Candidates will be expected to demonstrate that they are in control of the ring and be able to run it efficiently. They will be observed in their placement of the ring equipment and their method of examining the dog and its movement.

A candidate will be expected to demonstrate efficient communication with show officials and exhibitors.”

b. Interpretation

This category incorporates time spent in both judging and stewarding. A lot of information will be gained by just watching and observing other judges at work.

Time spent stewarding will enable familiarisation with ring procedures and build confidence when judging.

This is not a subject that can be taught as much as one which will be gained with experience. Ribbon Parades and Open Shows are to be encouraged as these provide invaluable experience for the judge just starting out.

The following topics are important aspects of ringcraft and form the basis upon which candidates will be assessed.

(i) Suitability for prevailing conditions and breeds judged.

(ii) Ring Craft

(Setting Up Ring)

Places place markers, entrances and exits with regard to shape of ring, position of sun, and other physical conditions.

(Communication with Steward)

Informs Steward of what he/she requires exhibits to do when they enter the ring and where the dogs are to be positioned for judging.

(Position of table and exhibits)

Positions table and dogs in positions which take account of the size of the entry, is fair to all, and allows for movement to places and exits.

(Clear Directions)

Gives directions and placings which are clear to both exhibitors and Stewards.

(Efficiency of judge's movement)

Assesses all exhibits fairly whilst eliminating all unnecessary judge's movement.

(Speed at judging)

Assess whether or not excessive time is taken bearing in mind conditions, breed or group. Candidates should judge dogs at the rate of approximately 2 minutes per dog.

(iii) Manner and Attitude

(Appropriate)

Displays an appropriate manner and attitude for all eventualities, always maintaining decorum and courtesy.

(Friendly, helpful, considerate, confident)

Displays courtesy, respect, friendliness, helpfulness and consideration when speaking to Stewards, Exhibitors and dogs. Displays a relaxed yet confident manner when approaching dogs and in making decisions.

(iv) Physical examination

(Approach to Exhibits)

Approaches each dog in a considerate and suitable manner for the breed concerned.

(Appropriate Tabling)

Tables correct breeds.

(Knowledgeable Examination)

Examines each exhibit showing a knowledge of the conformation and particular characteristics and requirements of each.

(Efficient Examination)

Examines each exhibit thoroughly yet efficiently.

(Confident Handling)

Examines each exhibit in a positive and confident manner.

(Consistent Examination)

Examines each exhibit in a similar manner.

(Consistent Movement)

Moves dogs in a similar manner, over similar terrain, to give each exhibit an equal opportunity to gait correctly.

(v) Breed Knowledge and Observation Skills

(Knowledge of Breed Standards)

Shows knowledge of requirements for each breed.

(Application of Knowledge)

Recognises typical characteristics of each breed.

(Assessment of Conformation)

Recognises conformity with, and departures from the ideal as required by the Standard for each exhibit.

(Assessment of Movement)

Recognises sound and unsound movement and shows an understanding of causes of unsound movement.

(Use of Terminology)

Uses correct canine terminology when describing exhibits.

(Justification of Placings)

Explains why placings have been made, showing an understanding of the requirements of each breed and displaying good observation skills when comparing exhibits.

(Verbal Critique)

Is able to give a brief and accurate description of selected dogs.

c. Method of Acquisition

Watch judges at Shows and Ribbon Parades and observe their manner, the way they use the ring and if they appear to be authoritative.

Attend training Parades held for the purpose of assessing candidates ability. Objective criticism should be offered by those watching. Assessing another judge's performance is just as valuable as being assessed. It is important that all criticism should be constructive and discreetly offered.

Methods of exactly how a dog is to be judged should be discussed. Refer to "All About Showing Dogs" by David Cavill for a step by step guide to his interpretation of this procedure. Bear in mind that this is only a guide and not a rigid formula. Be uniform and consistent in the method of handling and procedure in order to be fair to every exhibit.

Make use of videos and films of shows or those made specially for training in ringcraft and judging procedures. Study handouts of relevant material distributed at branch training meetings.

Read and review the list of recommended reading.

d. Assessment

Judging at Training Ribbon Parades and being assessed by experienced judges.

Attending mock practical examinations.

Role playing exercises with use of whiteboard or models.

e. References

The following list is by no means an exhaustive one and must be updated regularly:

Dogs in Action - R H Smythe

Judging Dogs - R H Smythe (636-70811 SMY)

Showing and Judging Dogs - Hilary Harmer

Dogs, How To Train and Show Them - Hilary Harmer (636-7083)

Take Them Around Again Please - T Horner (636-70811 HOR)

Judging and Showing Dogs - Capt. Eric Portman-Graham

All About Showing Dogs - David Cavill

The Dog Judges Handbook - Sari Brewster Tietjen (636-7081)

The Art and Science of Judging Dogs - Brown (B & E Publishers)

The Nicholas Guide To Dog Judging - Anna Katherine Nicholas (Howell Book House)

Popular Dog Show Maxims - McCandlish (Popular Dogs Publishing Co.)

Dogs - Breeding and Showing - Catherine Sutton (636-70824)

Film - In The Ring With Mr Wrong (Check National Film Library)

6. Breed Knowledge

a. Syllabus Requirements

"Candidates will be required to confidently answer detailed questions for the Group to which they aspire on New Zealand Kennel Club approved Breed Standards in the form of:

(i) Written multiple choice questions

- (ii) the application of the Standards to practical judging where applicable.”
- b. Interpretation
Fundamentally breed knowledge is the most important aspect of judging dogs, which is the integration of breed knowledge, canine anatomy, terminology, ringcraft and the prevailing Rules and Regulations appropriate to the event.
- c. Method of Acquisition of Knowledge
- (i) Stewarding - Stewarding is an ideal opportunity to study dogs at close quarters. Make yourself available for stewarding for the group to which you are aspiring. Discuss placings with the judge if and when a discreet opportunity arises.
 - (ii) Attending workshops, seminars, lectures, discussion groups, etc.
Attend as many of these as possible, even if you are not sitting examinations for the breed or group covered as there is always something to learn whether from the presenters or others present. Remember the presenters have given their time for your benefit. If you are unable to attend an important lecture in your area ask the Branch Secretary or someone who is attending to collect any handouts or other material for you.
 - (iii) Attending kennel visits - Take advantage of any organised kennel visits. Most breeders are willing to help, and group visits minimise the inconvenience to breeders and in addition provide the benefits of group discussion. Where these have been arranged, do try to attend and if unable to, inform the organisers in good time.
 - (iv) Preparing articles or analyses - Tutors may require candidates to prepare short articles on, or an analysis of, particular aspects of a breed or breeds, e.g. the major differences between a Lhasa Apso and a Shih Tzu. Not only are these a very useful way of acquiring breed knowledge, but if copies are made and exchanged they can be of benefit to others.
 - (v) Videos based training - Videos of breeds and shows are available from a number of sources including New Zealand Kennel Club, local clubs local breeders or exhibitors and overseas sources. If you can, watch the video with others. Run through it once, discuss it and then run through it again, stopping it or slowing it when points discussed are shown. Make brief notes on what you have learned, to assist revision.
 - (vi) Correspondence tasks - Tutors may require you to complete a corresponding task, e.g. to read material and answer questions. These tasks may already have been used in your area several times. The benefit lies in completing the task yourself rather than getting the correct answers, so avoid the temptation to borrow someone else’s answers from an earlier assignment.
 - (vii) Guided observation - This is intended as an appreciation of good ringcraft and technique. It is also an opportunity to apply knowledge gained from other sources. When on your own, try and identify if the judge is looking for a specific aspect, for example a breed characteristic. As an exercise, go over the dogs in your mind, place them by applying the Breed Standard, and mentally justify your decisions in words as if you were discussing your placings. In addition, if in a group, or with a tutor share your ideas and questions with the others but be discreet. Criticisms of individual dogs, exhibitors or judges should not be included. Discussions can be overheard and may be misinterpreted.
 - (viii) Mock judging - Branches will organise mock practical examinations from time to time under the guidance of experienced judges. These are a most valuable opportunity to apply the knowledge you have learned, to develop your skills of ringcraft, and to build up your confidence in your ability to handle both the judging situation and the questioning which will follow your placing of the dogs. You will be asked to provide either verbal or written critiques, depending on the time, numbers, etc. Both are excellent at developing the skills you will be assessed on in a real examination.
 - (ix) Acting as a tutor, lecturer, host for kennel visit, etc. Although you are a candidate for a particular group you probably have considerable knowledge of some breed or other group and you may be asked to share this with the candidates aspiring to these groups. Not only does this give you the opportunity to repay some of the time given to your training by others, but it frequently helps you discover what you need to look for when you are on the receiving end, and vice versa.
- d. References
- (i) Textbook
New Zealand Kennel Club Standards
Please Note: These are required to be available at ringside. When judging please do not be afraid to use them.
 - (ii) Additional Material
Interpretations of Standards from breed books.
A Standard Guide to Purebred Dogs - Harry Glover
The Classic Encyclopaedia of the Dog - Vero Shaw
The Visualization of the Standards - American Kennel Club
The Complete Australian Dog Book - KCC Victoria
 - (iii) Other Sources of Material
New Zealand Kennel Club Library
Judges Association

Local clubs
 Bookshops/pet shops/junk and second hand shops
 National Library request service
 Breeders
 Dog publications including:
 New Zealand Kennel Gazette Breed Supplements
 Dog World and other papers
 Year Books obtainable from breed clubs

APPENDIX III

NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB SHOW JUDGES CREDITS

1. CREDITS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RIBBON PARADE PANEL

Credit Reference No.	ACTIVITY	Credit per Activity	Minimum Credits Required	Maximum Credits Available
1	Stewarding	5	5	15
2	Attendance at a judging workshop	20	20	20
3	Attendance at Lectures or discussion groups	5	5	20
4	Attending a kennel visit	10	10	30
5	Preparation of an article on your own breed	10		10
6	Video based training	5		15
Total credits required: 50				

Notes:

Refer the relevant credit reference No. for each activity to the list of credit definitions for details of what is required for each activity.

A Judging workshop should include: Ringcraft, handling of exhibits, anatomy and movement.

After obtaining the necessary credit points, you will be offered an appointment to judge at Ribbon Parade organised by your local branch of the Judges Association.

Whilst it is necessary to obtain 50 points to proceed further, aspiring judges should take every opportunity to further their knowledge in every possible way. The maximum points listed under each category are NOT a restriction on the number of activities which may be completed.

2. CREDITS FOR PROMOTION TO THE OPEN SHOW PANEL

Credit Reference No:	ACTIVITY	Credit per Activity Available	Maximum Credits
1	Stewarding	5	15
2	Attendance at a judging workshop/seminar	20	20
3	Attendance at lectures or discussion groups	5	20
4	Attending a kennel visit	10	30
5a	Preparation of a brief analysis of structure and function of a breed or group of breeds	5	20
6	Video based training	5	20
7	Completion of a correspondence assignment	5	10
8	Guided observation at ringside	5	15
9	Mock Judging with verbal critiques	5	15

Total credits required for promotion to Open Show Panel: 50 (The total credits must be obtained by application closing date but there is no time limit for accrual.

Notes:

Refer the relevant credit reference No. for each activity to the list of credit definitions for details of what is required for each activity.

Whilst it is necessary to obtain 50 points to progress further, Ribbon Parade Judges should take every opportunity to further their knowledge in every possible way. The maximum points listed under each category are NOT a restriction on the number of activities which may be completed.

3.CREDITS FOR PROMOTION TO A GROUP PANEL

Credit Reference No:	ACTIVITY	Credits per Activity	Max Credits Available
1	Stewarding	5	5
2	Attendance at a judging workshop/seminar	20	20
2a	Participation in a tutorial role in seminars, workshops, lectures or group discussions	30	30
3	Attendance at lectures or discussion groups	5	20
4	Attending a kennel visit	10	30
4a	Hosting a kennel visit	20	
5a	Preparation of a brief analysis of structure and function of a breed or group of breeds.	5	20
6	Video based training	5	20
7	Completion of a correspondence assignment	5	10
7a*	Preparation of a correspondence assignment on a particular breed	20	40
8a*	Acting as a guide for ringside observation	10	30
9	Mock Judging with verbal critiques	5	15
11	Acting as a Group Leader	30	30
12	Acting as NZKC Judges' Examiner	30	30

Credit activities marked with an asterix * are available only for your own breed or for a breed or group that you are currently licensed to award CCs to.

Total credits required for promotion to a Group panel: 50. (The total credits must be obtained by application closing date but there is no time limit for accrual.).

Notes:

Refer the relevant credit reference No. for each activity to the list of credit definitions for details of what is required for each activity.

Whilst it is necessary to obtain 50 points to progress further, judges should take every opportunity to further their knowledge in every possible way. The maximum points listed under each category are NOT a restriction on the number of activities which may be completed.

4.CREDITS FOR PROMOTION TO THE SPECIALIST BREED PANEL

Credit Reference No:	ACTIVITY	Credit per Activity	Min Credits Required	Max Credits Available
1	Stewarding	5		10
2	Attendance at a judging workshop/seminar	20		20
3	Attendance at lectures or discussion groups	5		20
4a	Hosting a kennel visit	20		20
5b	Preparation of an in depth analysis and expansion of the standard for the selected breed.	20	20	20
6	Video based training on anatomy	5	5	
	Video based training on movement	5	5	
	Video based training on the breed (if available)	5	5	
	Maximum Credits Available for Video Training			20
9	Mock Judging with verbal critiques	5	5	15
9a	Mock Judging with written critiques	5	5	10

Total credits required for promotion to the Specialist Breed panel: 50. (The total credits required must be obtained by the application closing date but there is no time limit for accrual.)

Notes:

Refer the relevant credit reference No. for each activity to the list of credit definitions for details of what is required for each activity.

Whilst it is necessary to obtain 50 points to progress further, judges should take every opportunity to further their knowledge in every possible way. The maximum points listed under each category are NOT a restriction on the number of activities which may be completed.

DEFINITIONS

Credit
Reference
No:

1. Acting as a steward, for a minimum of a whole group, or 150+ dogs at an All Breeds, Group or Multi-Breed Show or a minimum of 50 dogs at a Specialist Show. Recorder: The club or show secretary present.
2. Full attendance at an official* training workshop or seminar. A workshop for aspiring judges must include: Ringcraft, handling of exhibits, anatomy and movement. Recorder: The branch secretary/group leader or nominated deputy present.
- 2a. Participation in a tutorial role at an official* seminar, workshop or lecture. Recorder: The Branch secretary/group leader or nominated deputy present.
3. Full attendance at an official* lecture or discussion group. Recorder: The branch secretary/group leader or nominated deputy present.
4. Full attendance at an official* visit to a kennel with a minimum of 4 dogs of one breed present. This visit to take the form of a training session in that breed - led by the owner/breeder. Recorder: Host of kennel visit.
5. Preparation, to a satisfactory standard, of an original article on any facet of your own breed. Minimum 250 words. Recorder: Authorised validator.
- 5a. Preparation, to a satisfactory standard, of an original written analysis of the structure and function of a breed or group of breeds. Minimum 500 words. Recorder: Authorised validator.
- 5b. Preparation of an original in depth analysis and expansion of the standard for the selected breed. Minimum 750 words. Recorder: Authorised validator.
6. Video based training: Official* study on a particular breed or aspect of Judging, by assimilating information contained on a video tape. Satisfactory completion, (within 11 days) of a brief question paper contained with the tape. Recorder: Authorised validator.
7. Study and satisfactory completion of an official* correspondence assignment supplied by the authorised validator. Recorder: Authorised validator.
- 7a. Preparation of a correspondence assignment for a particular breed, related breeds, or group. Assignments should consist of study material, associated questions, and model answers - the latter on a separate sheet of paper. Recorder: Authorised validator.
8. Organised ringside observation. Guided observing of a minimum of 100 dogs at an All Breeds Show or a minimum of 50 dogs at a Specialist Show. Guided observation at ringside is intended as an appreciation of good ringcraft, technique and to make comparisons between various breeds within a group. It should NOT include criticisms of individual dogs, exhibitors or judges. There is no substitute for an experienced "eye" and this can only be gained by watching dogs of all breeds and types. Recorder: Official* observation guide.
- 8a. Acting as an official* guide for (8). Recorder: The group leader or branch secretary.
9. Mock judging with written critiques. Judging a minimum of three dogs at an official* training event, and giving a satisfactory verbal critique on those three dogs to the group leader or nominated deputy. Recorder: Group leader or nominated deputy present.
- 9a. Mock judging with written critiques. Judging 3-5 dogs at an official* training event and providing a written critique on the first 3 placed dogs to the group leader or nominated deputy, within 30 minutes of completion of the judging. Recorder: Group leader or nominated deputy present.
11. Acting as the leader of a particular group of judges for a period of at least 6 months. The group leader is responsible, in conjunction with the branch committee, for organising training activities for their assigned group members. Recorder: Branch or regional secretary.
12. Performance as an NZKC Judges examiner as per NZKC regulations and guidelines. Recorder: Branch/regional secretary or Director/Secretary NZKC.

NOTES:

*Official means recognised or organised by a region, branch or group leader of the Judges Association, or the authorised validator where appropriate.

Correspondence papers and video tapes will be issued by the authorised validator on request and must be returned with the completed written assignments within 14 days. Every effort will be made to supply the breed requested, but a second and third choice should also be given should that first choice not be available. After written assignments have been validated a validation number be issued - and this should be recorded on your credit record card. All written material supplied will remain the property of the Judges Association.

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