

Judges Document Regulation Changes

(Existing wording deleted and replaced unless stated as remaining the same).

7.1 – 7.4 remain the same EXCEPT replace the word “should” with the word “shall”. This occurs in reg 7.3

7.5 Judge of Agility Fixtures

7.5.1 Agility Trainee Panel

7.5.1.1 The Agility Trainee Judge can conduct probationary appointments, under the supervision of a Senior Agility Judge, at any level with the exception of Senior and Jumpers A at a Championship Event.

7.5.2 Agility Ribbon Trial Panel

7.5.2.1 Judges listed on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel can judge all classes at an Agility Ribbon Trial and Jumpers Ribbon Trial.

7.5.2.2 All judges on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel must have two Mentors who they select from the Mentor Panel. The Mentor’s role is to support and give guidance to the Agility Ribbon Trial judge.

7.5.2.3 Clubs may apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for a travel subsidy to contract an Agility Ribbon Trial Judge for a fixture. Clubs apply by completing the application form and sending it to the NZKC Agility Committee for approval no later than 30 days before the fixture.

7.5.2.4 Agility Ribbon Trial Judges are not permitted to judge AD or ADX Advanced Classes.

7.5.3 Agility Panel

7.5.3.1 Judges listed on the Agility Panel may judge any class except Senior and Jumpers A at a Championship Agility Event or Championship Jumpers Event. They may also judge any class at an Open Agility Event or Agility Ribbon Trial including AD or ADX Advanced Classes.

7.5.3.2 An Agility Panel Judge is not required to use the support of the Mentor Panel. However the use of the Agility Mentor Panel is to be encouraged.

7.5.4 Senior Agility Panel

7.5.4.1 The judge of a Senior or Jumpers A class at a Championship Agility Event or Championship Jumpers Event where Agility or Jumpers Challenge Certificates are being offered for competition, shall be any judge listed on the NZKC Senior Agility Panel.

7.5.5 Games

7.5.5.1 Judges listed on the Senior Agility Panel or the Agility Panel may judge any Games Class at a Games Ribbon Trial.

7.6.1 To remain the same

7.6.2 Term of Appointment

Appointments to any Agility Judges Panels will be effective from the date set by the Executive Council upon fulfilling the requirements for promotion. The term for appointment for all panels, except Senior Agility Panel will be one year from this date. The Senior Agility Panel term will be two years from this date, subject to continued payment of the annual Judging Licence Fee.

7.6.3 Reappointments

7.6.3.1 Judging Licence fee

A judge will be reappointed to the appropriate Agility Judges Panels already held for a further year upon payment of the annual Judging Licence Fee. Initial appointees to the Agility Judges Panel shall pay a judging licence equal to the annual judging licence fee for the period concluding on 31st December of that year. Senior Agility Judges are required to pay the Judging Licence fee every year regardless of whether or not they are due for reappointment to the Senior Agility Panel.

7.6.3.2 Senior Agility Judges will be reappointed every 2 years subject to meeting the conditions outlined in Agility Regulation 7.8.5.

7.6.3.3 Any judge wishing to apply for inclusion on the Retired Judges Roll or a leave of absence for a period of up to one year can do so at any time.

7.6.3.4 Any Senior Agility Judge that has not met the minimum requirements outlined in Agility Regulation 7.8.5 can apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for special consideration to waive the minimum standard for that term.

7.6.3.5 Any Senior Agility Judge who has not met the minimum requirements to maintain status on this panel, will be advised of any requirements that need to be met before they may accept any Senior or Jumpers A contracts for Championship Agility Events or Championship Jumpers Events.

7.6.3.6 Any Senior Agility Judge who has not met the minimum standard within 6 months of being advised of the outstanding requirements by the NZKC Agility Committee will be demoted to the Agility Panel. Any subsequent request for reinstatement to the Senior Agility Panel will require satisfaction of the conditions for promotion under Agility Regulation 7.8.4.

7.6.3.7 Disciplinary Action

A judge can be removed or suspended from any judging panel by a Regional Disputes Committee as a disciplinary measure pursuant to NZKC Rules.

7.6.4 New Applications and Promotions

7.6.4.1 The NZKC Agility Committee shall periodically consider applications for new appointments to, or promotion within, the NZKC Agility Judges Panels.

7.6.4.2 Form of Application

Application is made by completing the NZKC Application Form and lodging it with the NZKC Agility Committee Secretary. All fees payable and evidence that all criteria have been met to support the claim for any promotion, must accompany the application.

7.6.4.3 Recommendations to Executive Council

7.6.4.3.1 The NZKC Agility Committee will consider each application for promotion by its merits based where applicable, on Mentor reports, and or any official communication received by the NZKC Agility Committee regarding the applicant.

7.6.4.3.2 For promotion onto the Senior Agility Panel the applicant must have demonstrated behaviour and integrity beyond reproach, both in and out of the ring.

7.6.4.3.3 Applications for new appointments and promotions that are assessed by the NZKC Agility Committee as meeting all requirements will be presented to the April or September Executive Council Meetings for recommendation that the applicant is appointed to, or promoted within, the NZKC Agility Judges Panels.

7.6.4.4 Signature of Applicant

The signature of the applicant on the Application Forms for the NZKC Agility Judges Panels will imply acceptance by the applicant of the decision of the NZKC Agility Committee and the Executive Council.

7.6.4.5 Decision Final

The decision of the NZKC Agility Committee and the Executive Council with regard to any application or promotion is final and no

correspondence will be entered into. If an application is declined, the NZKC Agility Committee will give reasons in full to the applicant.

7.7 Judges Examinations

7.7.1 – 7.7.4 to remain the same

7.7.5 Date and Time of Examination

The Agility Committee shall set a date and time for the examination in February of each year. The Executive Council will appoint suitable independent members of NZKC to supervise the examinations. The locations of the examinations will be decided by the coordinator who will be appointed by the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.7.6 Permission to Sit Examination

Any person who has been approved by the NZKC Agility Committee to be appointed to the Agility Trainee Panel can sit the examination in February of each year.

7.8 Agility Judges Panel – Appointment

7.8.1 Criteria for Appointment- Agility Trainee Panel

New Applicants for the Agility Trainee Panel must have:

7.8.1.1 Agility experience – Scribing, Scoring, Ring/Event Managing and any other associated tasks associated with running an Agility Fixture.

7.8.1.2 The applicant should have been involved in Agility for at least two years prior to application.

7.8.1.3 Handling Experience – The applicant needs to have trained and handled a dog to obtain a minimum of 2 Clear Round Certificates at Intermediate classes at Championship Agility Events or Open Agility Events.

7.8.1.4 The NZKC Agility Committee has the right to waive any or all of these criteria in special cases. Request of waiver of any criteria needs to be made at time of application.

7.8.2 Criteria for Appointment – Agility Ribbon Trial Panel

For promotion to the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel the applicant must have:

- 7.8.2.1. Conducted a minimum of four probationary judging appointments, conducted in terms of Agility Regulation 7.8.7, and be subject to a favourable report to the NZKC Agility Committee by the Agility Senior Panel Judge who supervised each case.
- 7.8.2.2 Judged a minimum of 200 dogs total at Agility Fixtures.
- 7.8.2.3 Sat and passed the Examination set by the NZKC Agility Committee.
- 7.8.2.4 The approval of the NZKC Agility Committee.
- 7.8.2.5 If the applicant does not qualify for promotion in that year, the NZKC Agility Committee will support that applicant to help with future success for promotion.

7.8.3 Criteria for promotion – Agility Panel

For promotion to the Agility Panel the applicant must have:

- 7.8.3.1 A minimum of 12 months on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel.
- 7.8.3.2 Forwarded to the NZKC Agility Committee reports from the applicant's mentors which portray favourable performance, or show growth and improvements during the 12 month period which conclude in a favourable result.
- 7.8.3.3 Judged a total of eight classes whilst on the Agility Ribbon Trial panel. Within those eight classes, there must be at least one of every level of standard Agility classes and two Jumpers classes.
- 7.8.3.4 Absence of any negative reports or disciplinary action relating to the applicant's behaviour in and outside of the ring. Applicants may request a waiver of this criteria, if sufficient evidence of improvement can be made to the NZKC Agility Committee.
- 7.8.3.5 Completed a short course or seminar that is approved by the NZKC Agility Committee, within the year of application for promotion.
- 7.8.3.6 The approval of the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.4 Criteria for promotion – Senior Agility Panel

For promotion to the Senior Agility Panel applicants must have:

- 7.8.4.1 A minimum of 24 Months on the Agility Panel.
- 7.8.4.2 Judged a total of twelve Championship Agility Event Classes, two of which must be Jumpers classes, and a further two Senior classes at Agility Ribbon Trial/Open Event Level. All of these must be in addition to any classes that were counted towards past promotions.
- 7.8.4.3 Absence of any negative reports or disciplinary action relating to the applicants behaviour in and outside of the ring. Applicants may

request a waiver of this criteria if sufficient evidence of improvement can be made to the NZKC Agility Committee

7.8.4.4 Completed a short course or seminar that is approved by the NZKC Agility Committee within the previous two years of application for promotion.

7.8.4.5 The approval of the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.5 Maintaining Senior Agility Panel Status

To maintain a Senior Agility Panel status, a Senior Agility Judge must:

7.8.5.1 Renew their judging licence every year.

7.8.5.2 Show evidence within two years, prior to the application for renewal, that they have trained and/or competed with a dog in agility, or actively been involved in training other people at a club or professional level.

7.8.5.3 Have judged one full set of agility classes at any level in the previous two years prior to application for renewal.

7.8.5.4 Have attended at least one short course or seminar that is approved by the NZKC Agility Committee in the previous two years prior to application for relicensing.

7.8.5.5 Absence of any negative reports or disciplinary action relating to the applicant's behaviour in and outside of the ring. Applicants may request a waiver of this criteria, if sufficient evidence of improvement can be made to the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.5.6 The NZKC Agility Committee has the right to waive any or all of these criteria in special cases. Request of waiver of any criteria needs to be made at time of application.

7.8.6 Agility Mentor Panel

Senior Agility Judges who wish to apply to join the Agility Mentor Panel must:

7.8.6.1 Have spent a minimum of two years on the Senior Agility Panel.

7.8.6.2 Be currently on the Senior Agility Panel. Any Mentor who applies for a leave of absence, retires or is demoted, from the Senior Agility panel, also relinquishes their Mentor Panel status.

7.8.6.3 Demonstrate the ability to analyse courses in terms of safety, judgability and suitability for the level intended. They must be able to explain any alterations to course design in a supportive and positive manner.

- 7.8.6.4 Demonstrate a willingness to actively work with all Agility Judges on all Panels to provide assistance where required in all areas of the judge's responsibilities.
- 7.8.6.5 Behave professionally and in a manner that is expected of all judges at all times.
- 7.8.6.6 Be available, helpful and offer an environment that is supportive of all judges, but particularly to the judges on the Agility Ribbon Trial Panel.
- 7.8.6.7 Be able to teach/oversee the Judges Seminar syllabus set by the NZKC Agility Committee.

7.8.7 Probationary Judging Appointments

- 7.8.7.1 Permission to conduct a probationary appointment.

A probationary judging appointment may only be carried out with the consent of the Club conducting the Fixture.
- 7.8.7.2 Officiating Judge.

The officiating judge must be from the Agility Senior Panel and is the judge assessing the Agility Trainee Judge. The officiating judge remains in charge of the ring. As such they must remain in the ring at all times to assist the Agility Trainee Judge. The final decision on any judging matter rests with the officiating judge.
- 7.8.7.3 The officiating judge must send a report for every probationary class completed to the NZKC Agility Committee.
- 7.8.7.4 Announcement of Probationary Appointments

Where an Agility Trainee Judge is conducting a probationary appointment at a Championship Agility Event or Championship Jumpers Event, they must be listed in the schedule for the Event and the classes in which they are to conduct their probationary must also be stated.

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