

TCA Inc. (RAFT) JUDGES TRAINING CHECKLIST & PROCEDURE

Retrieving

Effective 01 July 2021

To be read in conjunction with the:

ANKC Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs & ANKC Regulations for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials Judges Training Scheme Part 3A

All Applications to enter the Judges Training Scheme must be forwarded to the TCA Inc with the applicable TCA Inc Fee. The TCA Inc office will forward the application to the Association's RAFT Committee for action.

At the conclusion of acceptance to enter the scheme a theory exam must be held within a (3) three month period. On successfully completing the theory exam the candidate shall be permitted to enter the training program immediately.

Judge's Log Book will be issued by TCA Inc on RAFT's direction.

The TCA Inc. (RAFT) will appoint an examiner, (RT6) to observe, guide and report, on the aspirant who elects to be considered for elevation.

Two (2) favourable reports from at least two (2) different examiners are required.

A detailed log of Judging appointments and other assignments, complete with all relevant details including exact dates must accompany the aspirant's application for upgrade.

Where a candidate fails any aspects of the grading procedure, it is a requirement to make application to undertake that part of the procedure previously deemed by the assessors as not to have been to the required standard, this is to be done the following year.

Where a candidate fails for a second time, the RAFT committee will assess the applicant, taking into consideration examiner's comments and the candidate's past performances. The committee will recommend to Council that the candidate should either:

- be permitted to continue for a third time or
- cannot reapply for elevation for a period of two (2) years

Novice

1. Applicants may apply to the TCA Inc (RAFT) to undertake part of the practical component for Novice IE "Marking of Sheets at three (3) Novice Stakes"
2. Applicants may apply to the TCA Inc (RAFT) with the applicable TCA Inc Fee to undertake the remainder of the practical component for Novice IE Practical examination"

A Judges Badge to be issued by TCA Inc on RAFT's direction

Once approval is granted to upgrade a licence, a candidate must successfully complete their practical grading within two (2) years of entering the scheme.

Restricted

1. Once the applicant has completed judging two (2) Novice Stakes and has judged at least twenty (20) dogs, application may be made immediately to re-enter the Judges Training Scheme for Restricted.
2. Applicants may apply to the TCA Inc (RAFT) to undertake part of the component for Restricted eg "Marking of Sheets at three (3) Restricted Stakes"
3. Applicants may apply to the TCA Inc (RAFT) with the applicable TCA Inc Fee to

undertake the remainder of the practical component for Restricted eg “Practical examination”.

All Age

1. Once the applicant has completed judging three (3) Restricted Stakes, application maybe made immediately to re-enter the Judges Training Scheme for All Age.
2. Applicants may apply to the TCA Inc (RAFT) to undertake part of the component for All Age eg “Marking of Sheets at three (3) All Age Stakes”
3. Applicants may apply to the TCA Inc (RAFT) with the applicable TCA Inc Fee to undertake the remainder of the practical component for All Age IE “Practical

Championship

Application maybe made for elevation to Championship status once the applicant has completed judging four (4) All Age Stakes to the satisfaction of the TCA Inc., this may be done at any time as no practical test is necessary.

TCA Inc Fee Non Applicable

An ANKC Championship bar to be issued at RAFT's direction

Judges Licence Renewal

If a Judges allows his/her licence to lapse he/she must sit a theory exam on re-application in regard to Rule Changes within **that** period.