



## **SINGAPORE KENNEL CLUB**

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## *PURPOSE*

The purpose of the Singapore Kennel Club (“SKC”) Judges Training Scheme (“JTS”) is to provide a framework to develop SKC members who are serious and honorable in the sport of pedigree dogs to further their interest by becoming judges of pedigree dogs at conformation competition. This framework establishes criteria and standards for responsible knowledgeable and ethical Judges. All Judges enrolled in the scheme are required to abide by the rules and regulations and Code of Ethics as set forth by the SKC.

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## 1. Eligibility for Entry into the Judges Training Scheme

1.1 The applicant must:

1.1.1 Minimum age - 21 years at date of application.

1.1.2 Applicants who are Singapore citizens must have been an active and responsible member of the SKC in terms of showing and breeding dogs for a minimum of 5 years at date of application.

1.1.3 The applicant may apply for entry into the Show JTS as a Trainee for one or more breeds, providing he/she has, in the SKC records, registered dog(s) of such breed(s) in his/her name (solely or jointly) or subject to the approval of the Committee, in an immediate family member's name, for no less than 4 years.

1.1.4 The applicant must have bred or co-bred at least 2 litters of each breed(s) registered in his/her name (solely or jointly). If this condition cannot be satisfied, the applicant must have exhibited the breed(s) as at 3.1.3, at a minimum of 10 Shows (local or overseas) recognized by the SKC or relevant canine controlling body.

1.1.5 The applicant must have exhibited the breed(s) as at 3.1.3, at a minimum of 10 Shows (local or overseas) recognized by the SKC or relevant canine controlling body, of which at least 2 shall be Championship Shows.

1.2 The applicant must have made up or bred at least two (2) SKC Champions in his/her name (solely or jointly) of each breed should the trainee wish to apply for more than one breed.

1.3 Commercial dog breeders and pet dealers will NOT be accepted into the Show JTS. The definitions of the afore-mentioned characters as follows:

Commercial Dog Breeder - any person engaged in the business of dog breeding, or owns or co-owns more than 10 unsterilized dogs over 6 months of age, or breeds and/or co-breeds more than 5 litters per year.

Pet Dealer - any person engaged in the sale of animals/dogs for a profit or knowingly sells or leases the animals for later retail sale or brokered trade, or any person who sells or offers to sell more than 5 dogs each year that were bred by another person.

For individuals who have disassociated themselves from such activities and who wish to be trainee judges, they can only apply one year after cessation of such activities and must show written proof and declaration that they are no longer involved in above activities. Such proof and declaration must accompany their application.

1.4.1 The SKC may consider an application from a person transferring from overseas who can provide evidence that his/her canine experience extends over a minimum period of eight (8) years, as a member of the canine controlling body in the country of prior residence.

- 1.4.2 In addition to person transferring from overseas as provided in 1.4.1 above, members of the JTS who have managed to obtain recognition from recognized overseas kennel clubs such as FCI associated kennel clubs, The Kennel Club, AKC, ANKC, etc may also apply to SKC for equivalent SKC judging license status. Written evidence in the form of original letters from the relevant kennel club and/or certificates should accompany such application to the SKC in order for the Governing Council to verify, consider and approve such application.
- 1.5 Applicants who are transferring (from other countries) must have owned or bred 2 Champions in the country/countries where he/she had domiciled and under club/clubs which is/are recognized by the SKC. Written evidence of this must be provided to SKC together with application.
- 1.6 A Show JTS panel will interview the applicant prior to admitting him/her as a trainee.
- 1.7 Applications for each judging license as the trainee progresses through the scheme must be made in writing to the show JTS chairperson and written approval must be obtained before progressing to the next stage.
- 1.8 Fitness to Judge
- 1.8.1 In the initial application for inclusion in the Judges' Training Scheme, all applicants must certify that they are physically fit and are capable of judging in accordance with the Rules and regulations. Thereafter the certification becomes part of the annual renewal for judging licenses.
- 1.8.2 The SKC with valid reasons, may refuse to or grant in part only, any renewal of license to any person, cancel or suspend for any period or vary in any way any license already granted, or direct any SKC licensed judge to undergo a medical "Fitness to Judge" examination by an SKC nominated Medical Officer.

## **2. Method of Education**

Trainees should appreciate that the conformation show dog scene is relatively limited in Singapore and hence their exposure to quality dogs in terms of breadth and depth is restricted. Hence trainees are encouraged to partly compensate for this through serious study and research thereby increasing their 'book' knowledge and to travel overseas to obtain more hands-on experience by visiting shows, breeders and kennels.

Judges/Trainee Judges ("Trainees") are required to study and be familiar with the different breed standards in particular FCI standards as they will be expected to judge under different rule and regulations overseas. They are also required to attend relevant presentations/seminars/talks/lectures arranged by the Show JTS Committee (the

“Committee”), and are encouraged to acquire as wide a knowledge as possible by attending Shows, stewarding at Shows and obtaining expert opinions both in Singapore and overseas. The education to be given to a trainee judge will be done on a breed-by-breed basis.

The SKC shall arrange for presentations/seminars covering Show rules, anatomy, glossary of terms, judging procedure and specific breed information.

### **3. Teaching Aids/Materials**

- 3.1 Show Rules and Regulations as at time of application, glossary of terms and anatomy charts.
- 3.2 Presentations will be conducted on –
  - 3.2.1 The SKC /FCI Show Rules and Regulations
  - 3.2.2 Behaviour, principles, Techniques and Ethics of Show Judging
  - 3.2.3 Stewarding & Ring Craft
  - 3.2.4 Anatomy & movement of dogs
  - 3.2.5 Genetics, health and character
- 3.3 Any other material approved by the Committee from time to time.

Note: The term “dog” mentioned herein refers to male and female animals. “Dogs” and “litters” mentioned at 3.3 refer to those that are SKC registered and non-registered.

### **4. Qualifying Structure and Progression**

- 4.1 Upon satisfying the requirements each applicant joins as a trainee.
- 4.2 The steps towards a judging license available to a trainee to work towards are as follows:
  - “B” Breed license ( i.e. non-championship status) in one or more breeds of which the trainee meets the requirements ( 1.1.4, 1.1.5 and 1.2 ) above of the relevant breeds) with a maximum of 2 breeds at any one time in one or more groups
  - Upon attaining “B” breed license in 1 breeds, proceed to “A” (championship Judging status) license for that breed and/or “B” license in other breeds In the same group towards a “B” license for the Group and/or “B” license In other groups. Groups will be as defined by FCI.
  - Upon attaining “B” license for a group, proceed to “A” license for that group.
  - A minimum of 2 “A” group licenses are required before one can apply to be considered for “A” license for third ( and subsequent) groups. For the first five groups, the group trainee’s education has to last a minimum of one year each from the last approval to the next group examination. Education will

proceed on the basis of one group at a time.

- After the fifth group, trainees may proceed on 2 groups at a time.
- "A" license required for all groups to be considered for all breeds "A" license. SKC will then nominate the candidate to the FCI for recognition as an FCI ALL Breed International judge. Candidates are only eligible ten years after the approval of their first group.

4.3 Details for each stage are explained below.

## **5. Compulsory Attendance, Training and Qualifying Requirements for first "B" Breed Judging License**

5.1 Attendance is encouraged for the following presentations / seminars / talks / lectures, when available:

- SKC/FCI show Rules and Regulations \*
- Technique & Ethics of Judging \*
- Stewarding & ring craft\*
- Anatomy & movement of dogs \*
- Health and Genetics
- Breed standard

Attendance for first breed trainees is compulsory for lectures marked with an \*.

The Trainee is required to attend at least 75% of all the compulsory presentations/ seminars/talks/lectures organized in the year.

5.3 Pass the Canine Anatomy, Glossary of Terms (for the first "B" Breed Judging License only) written examinations with a minimum score of 75%.

5.4 Conduct at least 2 litter or imported dog inspections for each breed or group under training.

5.5 For practical and show training, the trainee is required to undertake at least 3 of the following duties:

- steward at least a total of 4 times within 2 years.
- be Chief Ring Steward 2 (twice) Championship Shows.
- be Holding / Assembling Steward at 2 (two) Championship Shows.
- conduct /assist at Handling Classes prior to at least 4 (four) Championship Shows.

5.6 Upon completion of the above, make the relevant breed presentation which will be assessed by a panel of at least 2 assessors. Successful candidates will require an average score of 80% and above.

Presentation must also cover:

- Breed standard, history or origin, and characteristics/hallmarks.
- Breed movement

- Show rules ( SKC/FCI/KC/ANKC/ AKC) as applied to the breed
  - Ringcraft for breed
- (Note; no theory exams for breeds)

## **6. Training /Qualifying Requirements for the “A” Breed Judging License**

- 6.1 Possess the relevant ‘B’ Breed License.
- 6.2 Judge a minimum of 6 dogs of the relevant breed(s) under the supervision of an “A” Licensed Judge and submit a written Show critique to the supervising judge. The “A” licensed Judge will assess the “B” Breed Licensed Judge’s judging capabilities, manner, behavior, ringcraft, use of stewards, handling of exhibits and other relevant factors. The assessing Judge will then submit a written assessment of the “B” Breed Licensed Judge to the JTS Committee. The “A” Licensed Judge may also provide advice and guidance to the “B” Breed Licensed Judge as and when necessary.

In the event of overseas judging prior arrangements have to be made for a Licensed Judge to assess the judging capabilities, a marked catalogue, a written critique of every dog and a report from the assessing judge should be submitted to the Chairperson of the Show Judges Training Committee.

- 6.3 If this condition cannot be satisfied after 3 years from the date of application, a mock Show, at the discretion of the Committee, may be conducted, at which the “B” Breed Licensed Judge will evaluate the dogs lined up for him/her and submit a written Show critique. At the mock Show, an “A” Licensed Judge of the breed(s) involved will assess the “B” Breed Licensed Judge as at 6.2 and then submit a written assessment to the Committee. The Committee, if satisfied with the assessment of the assessing Judge(s) may then recommend to the Governing Council (“GC”) to grant the “B” Breed Licensed Judge the “A” Breed License.
- 6.5 To assist as a Holding/Assembly Ring Steward at any additional 2 (two) shows.
- 6.6 To have officiate-as a Chief Ring Steward for an additional 2 Championship Shows.

## **7. Qualifying Requirements for “B” Group Judging License**

- 7.1 Possess an “A” Breed License in the relevant Group.
- 7.2 Education should progress on a breed by breed basis and cover at least 4 other breeds in each group for the FCI key groups. Presentation should follow requirements under 5.6.
- 7.3 Attend compulsory presentations and at least 75% of seminars/talks/lectures arranged by the Show JTS Committee to maintain the “B” Group License. Attendance at these presentations will be recorded.
- 7.4 Obtain ‘B’ license for another 2 other breeds in that group.
- 7.5 Current FCI groups (as dated) are in appendix 1. The FCI KEY groups are groups 1,2,3 and 9.

## **8. Qualifying Requirements for the First “A” Group License**

- 8.1 Possess the relevant “B” Group License and has served as an ‘A’ breed judge for at least 3 years after obtaining the initial ‘A’ breed license.
- 8.2 Judge under the supervision of ‘A’ Group judge for the relevant Group a minimum of 4 other breeds with at least 3 exhibits in each breed. Total number of dogs to be judged shall be a minimum of 12 or 24 dogs from a minimum of 3 breeds excluding the numbers obtained for the qualification of the “A” Breed License (i.e., the 6 dogs judged as at 6.2). Such events can be held separately at a normal show but would not be considered to be part of the show proper. As in 6.2 trainee will be required to provide a critique on each dog and the rationale of the placements to the supervisory judge. The assessing Judge will then submit a written assessment of the “B” Group Licensed Judge to the JTS Committee.
- 8.3 Presentation
- 8.3.1 If condition at 8.2 cannot be satisfied after 2 years from the date of application, he/she will be required to deliver and pass:
- a) presentations on 4 other breeds in the relevant group or 20% of the breeds in the group whichever is greater
  - b) presentation on the relevant group
- 8.3.2 Presentations will be assessed by JTS panel of 2 assessors. Minimum passing score for each presentation will be 75%.
- 8.4 Theory Examination
- 8.4.1 The “B” Group License Judge shall also pass the relevant Group written examination.
- 8.4.2 Adequate notice will be given on the examination dates. Depending on their eligibility, candidates can either sit for Breed or Group examinations.
- 8.4.2. Candidates will be tested on their knowledge of the breeds, the standards, history, purposes for which the breed/s was /were bred, the difference between similar breeds, health problems and any other criteria which the Show Judges Training Committee may deem necessary.
- 8.4.3 Passing grade for each examination shall be 75%.
- 9. First ‘A’ Group to First ‘B’ Breed license and ‘B’ Group license in Second Group**
- 9.1 Trainees wishing to acquire ‘B’ licenses in breeds in the second group can proceed to do so by satisfying the requirements stated in clauses 1.1.4, 1.1.5 , 1.2, 5.5 and 5.6 above.
- 9.2 For the second group, trainees will follow the same progression sequence as for the first group. From ‘B’ breed license Trainee should obtain ‘A’ breed license following



the steps as set out in clause 6 and to 'B' license in second group as set out in clause 7 above.

**10. Qualifying Requirements for the Second "A" Group License**

- 10.1 Possess 1 Group A Licence and Group 'B' license in second group.
- 10.2 Same qualifying requirements as per 8 above.

**11. Qualifying Requirements for the Third (and Subsequent) "A" Group License**

- 11.1 Possess at least 2 "A" Group Licenses.
- 11.2 Pass the written examination for the relevant Group.

## **12. Qualifying Requirements for an All Breeds Judging License**

- 12.1 Possess all "A" Group Licenses for all Groups as defined by FCI.
- 12.2 The GC must be satisfied that the candidate is of good character as he/she will be a suitable representative of the SKC. A trainee who is a bankrupt or unable to produce a Certificate of No Criminal Conviction (CNCC), if requested by the SKC, would not be considered a suitable representative of the Club.

## **13. Qualifying Requirements to Judge FCI Shows and awarding the CACIB, outside Singapore.**

- 13.1 Group Judges:
  - 13.1.1 Must have complied with the requirements at No. 10 for the first Group and Groups thereafter.
  - 13.1.2 Application for the first FCI Group licence will only be considered after the judge has been a judge for at least 4 years.
  - 13.1.3 Must have fulfilled hands on training, attendance at seminars etc. and actively participated in the Show Judges Training Scheme as listed at No. 17.1. For the first FCI Group, he/she is required to judge a minimum of 2 years. For additional Groups, the training etc. may be done in 1 year.
  - 13.1.4 The key FCI Groups are 1,2, 3 and 9.
  - 13.1.5 After the 5<sup>th</sup>. Group, judges can apply for 2 Groups at a time and fulfill the hands on training, attendance at seminars etc.
  - 13.1.5 Judges will be eligible to be considered an FCI All Breeds International only 10 years after the approval of the first Group.

## **14. Qualifying Requirements to Judge General Specials at All Breeds Limit/Open Shows**

- 14.1 A Judge may adjudicate General Specials at any All Breeds Limit/Open Show if he/she possesses at least 2 "A" Group Licenses.
- 14.2 No person shall be eligible to judge a Group at Limit/Open Shows for which he/she is not a trainee judge, without the approval of the GC.

## **15. The Show JTS Chairperson must recommend to the Governing Council (GC) for all changes in status of judging licenses.**

## **16. Participation in the Judges Training Scheme**

- 16.1 All licensed Judges and Trainees registered in the JTS should actively participate in the whole range of activities of the Club such as by exhibiting dogs (belonging to themselves or other SKC members), attending presentations/seminars/talks/lectures, assisting in Pre-Show Handling classes and stewarding, litter inspection and be available for judging at SKC dog shows when invited and participating in the various committees and sub-committees of the Club. Attendance at dog shows in Singapore and other countries is greatly encouraged.

- 16.2 The GC must be satisfied that the integrity of the person and his attitude towards dogs, among other things, is of high calibre, before granting any license. The GC must also be satisfied that the person shows a special flair and that his judging will be a credit to the SKC.
- 16.3 A judging license granted by the SKC is only valid whilst the judge is a resident of Singapore. In this context, resident means residing in Singapore for 3 years immediately preceding the application of trainee judge.
- 16.4 The GC may admit to the scheme, qualified Judges from overseas, who are residing in Singapore or are permanent residents of Singapore. Applications should be accompanied with written advice from the appropriate governing bodies of the country as recognized by the SKC.
- 16.5 No one is allowed to judge a Breed or Group that he or she is not licensed for, unless otherwise approved by the GC.
- 16.6 All judging invitations shall be approved by the SKC prior to the Judge(s) accepting them.
- 16.7 A brief report shall be submitted to the SKC for each overseas judging assignment.
- 16.8 A Judge shall not decline/refuse 3 consecutive judging assignments in Singapore.

## **17. Discipline/Compliance with Code of Ethics**

- 17.1 Each applicant, upon signing a JTS Application Form or Renewal of Judges' License shall, in addition to agreeing to be bound by the constitution, rules and regulations of the SKC and those of JTS, be also bound by the Code of Ethics relating to Judges' conduct set under Clauses 18 and 19.
- 17.2 All licensed Judges and Trainees are subject to discipline by the GC for violation of its rules and regulations. The GC will be in charge of investigating complaints against Judges, and it will be the responsibility of the GC's Disciplinary Committee to determine the procedures for dealing with violations. Failure by a Judge to comply with the Code of Ethics may result in a loss of judging license as well as possible suspension of SKC privileges, if the violation(s) is determined to be valid.
- 17.3 The disciplinary action may result in a warning, suspension/revocation of license or fine, and very serious cases may result in termination of SKC membership.

## **18. Code of Ethics for SKC Judges**

The honor and dignity of a Judge as well as the reputation of the Singapore Kennel Club rest on his/her integrity to make valid and impartial decisions, with courage to stand by his convictions at all times. The purpose of the Code of Ethics is to ensure the community that a Judge has thorough knowledge of all the breeds he/she is licensed to judge and his/her character is beyond reproach.

Fundamentally, there are 5 guiding principles for a Judge:

- 18.1 To conduct himself/herself with decorum, honesty and integrity, both in and outside the ring at all times and to treat each and every exhibitor with due courtesy and consideration.

- 18.2 To have a detailed knowledge of the relevant standard laid down for each breed he is judging.
- 18.3. To possess the determination and dedication to keep abreast of new breeds, new or amended breed standards and similar changes, and to familiarize himself/herself with the rules of the show for which he is a Judge.
- 18.4 To not seek any form of personal advantage/gain such as soliciting for appointments to judge.
- 18.5 To strenuously refrain from trying to influence the judging decisions of fellow judges at the same show (s) or other show (s).

**19. Code of Ethics/Behavior**

The SKC expects strict adherence to the Code of Ethics and blatant disregard for the standards set out in this Code will not be condoned. Judges who violate their responsibilities will be removed from the SKC to preserve its integrity.

A Judge shall act with decorum at all times.

- 19.1 A Judge shall conduct himself in good sportsmanlike manner at all times in their relationships with fellow Judges, Trainees and exhibitors, which includes courteous verbal interchanges and an appropriate appearance, both inside and outside of the show ring.
- 19.2 A Judge shall give every entry and handler, fair and equal opportunities in each and every class.
- 19.3 A Judge shall show courtesy whilst carrying out each judging appointment.
- 19.4 A Judge shall present himself/herself in attire that is acceptable, appropriate and comfortable for each judging appointment.
- 19.5 A Judge shall avail himself/herself of class/course tests and Show opportunities as may be sanctioned by the SKC.
- 19.6 A Judge is required to be punctual in availability to fulfill his/her judging appointment and should not leave the show grounds before he has completely fulfilled the duties that were assigned to him.
- 19.7 A judge is not permitted to consult the catalogue of the show before or during his judging.
- 19.8 A judge cannot smoke or drink alcohol in the ring.
- 19.9 A judge cannot use a mobile phone in the ring while judging.
- 19.10 A Judge should be able to handle unusual situations when officiating.
- 19.11 If an exhibit displays an obvious physical impediment that in the Judge's opinion would be detrimental to the exhibit's health or is unable to be handled or is deemed to be aggressive, the exhibit should be excused from the ring and reported, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations.
- 19.12 A Judge shall not enter any dog at any show at which he/she is appointed to judge

- 19.13. No member of a Judge's household (i.e., any person who resides at the same address) shall enter or exhibit a dog at any show at which the Judge officiates.
- 19.14 A Judge shall not allow entries for a show, at which he/she is judging, to be received at the Judge's address and/or be processed at the Judge's address.
- 19.15 When exhibiting, a Judge should set a good example for other exhibitors by displaying proper behavior and sportsmanship.
- 19.16 Should an exhibitor offer information to the Judge that may be regarded as designed to influence the Judge, the Judge shall excuse the exhibitor and their entry from the show, and report the matter in writing to the SKC immediately.
- 19.17 A judge is not allowed to travel to the shows where he is judging with those exhibitors who are showing under him at those events. He/she should not socialize or stay with the exhibitors who will be showing under him/her. He/she may only do so AFTER the judging appointment.
- 19.18 Should a Judge be approached to favor or disfavor a particular exhibit, the matter is to be reported in writing to the relevant club immediately.
- 19.19 Should a Judge be approached with an inducement and/or bribe to advantage or disadvantage an exhibit, the Judge is to report the matter in writing to the Club immediately.
- 19.20 A Judge shall not solicit for any judging appointment.
- 19.21 A Judge shall not solicit or seek the entry of any dog(s) for a show at which the Judge is officiating judge
- 19.22 Judges shall promptly complete all requirements of the Judging Contract. Any verbal acceptance of an appointment by a Judge shall be subject to the receipt of the contract within fourteen (14) days.
- 19.23 At the time of accepting a contract, the Judge shall inform the contracting body (with a copy to SKC) of a) his current judging status and b) any disability or limitation that would restrict him or help in carrying out the appointment.
- 19.24 A Judge shall honor each contract and is not free to accept an alternative contract that will affect his/her availability to fulfill the original contract, except with the written dispensation of the original contracting body.
- 19.25 Accommodation provided to the Judge to fulfill an appointment is for the Judge only, except where prior mutual agreement has been reached with the contracting body for variation.
- 19.26 A Judge shall be responsible for the cost of all personal telephone calls, alcoholic beverages and any personal laundering, except where mutual agreement has been reached with the contracting body at the time the contract is accepted.
- 19.27 A Judge who withdraws from a contracted appointment shall not be permitted to judge at any other show wherever held on a date which would prevent him/her from attending the original contracted event.
- 19.28 Judges shall judge shows in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the contracting club.

- 19.29 Judges shall not openly discuss with any other person the decision of any other Judge and shall not at all times try to influence the judging decisions of other judges at any show of any club recognized by SKC.
- 19.30 A Judge shall use his license for the purpose of show judging at official and/or sanctioned events of the SKC only, and not for any other personal and/or commercial purposes. Any advertisement or profiling (printed or otherwise) used for personal and/or commercial purposes will result in the judging license being revoked immediately and a fine of no less than S\$500. No appeals will be entertained.
- 19.31 Inform the SKC of any change in home address, telephone number, or other contact details promptly.

## **20. List of Approved Judges**

- 20.1 A current listing of all SKC Judges shall be prepared by the JTS Committee and published and updated regularly in the SKC website.
- 20.2 Where an approved Judge leaves Singapore to reside overseas, such a Judge may remain on the SKC Judges List for a period of three years, provided the person remains a member of the SKC and license renewal fees are paid accordingly. On returning to Singapore, they may maintain the same license status.
- 20.3 The date of birth of a Judge shall not be included on the SKC Judges List.

## **21. Judging Appointments/Invitations to assist in dog shows**

- 21.1 Judges approved by the SKC are not authorized to officiate or assist at events organized by associations not approved by the canine controlling authority of the country or sanctioned/approved by the SKC ("Contracting Body") and that before accepting an invitation the Judge must obtain permission from the SKC to accept the appointment. In the event that there is no canine controlling authority affiliated to those recognized by the SKC e.g. FCI, AKC, KC, etc in the country, the Judge can judge in his personal capacity and not as a representative of the SKC. Normal procedure of informing the SKC of the invitation and seeking the SKC's advice in respect of the appointment should be followed.
- 21.2 A copy of the judging contract or agreement must be submitted to the SKC prior to confirmation of acceptance of the appointment.
- 21.3 The SKC is responsible for ensuring that the inviting club is affiliated to the recognized canine controlling authority of the relevant country.
- 21.4 Only licensed Judges may be approved for overseas judging appointments and only for the Breeds/Groups for which they are licensed.
- 21.5 If requested, SKC shall provide a notification to the overseas contracting body stating exactly the person's current SKC judging qualifications.
- 21.6 Any Judge who accepts and completes a judging appointment for which they are not eligible will have his/her license revoked immediately.
- 21.7 Where any Judge, due to illness or other serious occurrence prior to the contracted appointment, and knows that he/she cannot fulfill the assignment; should immediately notify the Show JTS Executive Officer/Manager.

## **22. Cancellation of Judging Appointments**

- 22.1 Where any person cancels an agreement to judge at any official/sanctioned event, they shall be required to submit full details of the reason(s) for the cancellation in writing to SKC, within seven days of receipt of the notice of cancellation.
- 22.2 A Judge who withdraws from a contracted appointment shall not be permitted to judge at any other Show wherever held on a date which would prevent him/her from attending the original contracted event.
- 22.3 The GC shall be required to investigate the reason for cancellation and if necessary, take appropriate action.

## **23. Misconduct**

- 23.1 Where an SKC licensed judge is suspended in any country and when the SKC is so informed by the relevant canine controlling authority of the country, the judge's license will be automatically suspended and the SKC judge will be ineligible to fulfill any further judging contracts in Singapore, or any overseas country.
- 23.2 If a Judge is accused of misbehavior outside Singapore, an inquiry shall be conducted by the GC, into the allegations and a report forwarded to the home body, who shall deal with the Judge, if any discipline is necessary.
- 23.3 The SKC will endeavor to limit its liability from lawsuits from contracting bodies inviting an SKC Judge by publishing appropriate disclaimers in all educational materials, dog show catalogs, and on the Judge's application. The disclaimer states that the SKC Judge has met the prescribed criteria for experience as of the specific date of licensing, but that the SKC is not responsible in any way for the individual acts of the Judge. Disputes between a Judge and the contracting body will be dealt with by legal procedures instituted by the parties involved. The SKC assumes no additional liability as a result of the suspension of any individual who commits an offence, regardless of whether that person is a Judge or not.

## **24. Relations with the Community**

- 24.1 A Judge may select his assignment which must be approved by the SKC but once he has accepted the invitation, he must make every effort to fulfill it. He should not solicit or tout for assignments.
- 24.2 Advertising - the guiding principle in advertising is that it shall not be detrimental to the Judge's colleagues or of such a nature as to lower the status of Judges in the eyes of the public.
- 24.3 Newspapers - Judges should not solicit for newspaper publicity or request for clubs/societies to advertise their judging appointments unnecessarily. Articles on judging reports may be published in the press with the name of the Judge, but must contain no advertising matter which would be to the advantage of the Judge.

- 24.4 Public presentation, television and radio broadcasts - these are subject to the same provisions as laid down for newspaper articles.
- 24.5 Dealing in dogs - A Judge must not participate in the business of buying and selling dogs or breeding dogs commercially (see 3.3 for definition of commercial dog breeder and pet dealer).

**25. Judges' License**

- 25.1 A license fee is payable yearly (calendar year) as per the schedule below, regardless of whether it is a new application or a renewal.

"A" & "B" License

All Breeds	\$250.00
Each Group	\$25.00
Each Breed	\$10.00

Overseas judging fees, fees apply for all overseas judging invitations.  
\$100.00 per appointment.

- 25.2 No refunds will be made in the event of a cancellation of application, renewal, suspension and/or revocation of a license.
- 25.3 Judging licenses expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of each calendar year and Judges wishing to renew their licenses shall do so, on the relevant form as prescribed by the SKC on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> December of each calendar year. Judging license(s) shall be terminated if renewal fee is not paid after 12 months.
- 25.4 The GC reserves the right not to grant any renewal should any judge(s) failed to fulfill the following requirements:-
  - (i) To judge in at least one (1) local show organized by SKC and
  - (ii) To assist in at least one (1) show as Ring Steward.
- 25.5 Applications for admittance into the JTS shall made on the prescribed form and submitted to the SKC with the requisite payments. License fees will not be pro-rated. Incomplete forms will not be entertained.