



**DOGS
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Australian National Kennel Council Limited
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Updated Agility Rules - Effective 1 January 2026

The following updated rules are now available from our website at: <https://dogsaustralia.org.au/members/rule-regulations/rules/> and are marked as effective from 1 January 2026.

- Rules for the conduct of Agility Trials & Agility Games
- Rules for the conduct of Agility Teams Events

Regulations Part 3L - Regulations for the conduct of Lure Coursing Competitions (Encompassing Lure Coursing Sanctioned Events & Lure Pursuit Sanctioned Events) Judges Training & Assessment Program - Effective 1 January 2026

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Rules for the Conduct of Lure Coursing Competitions (Encompassing Lure Coursing Sanctioned Events & Lure Pursuit Sanctioned Events) - Effective 1 January 2026.

The Coursing Ability stream (the stream for Non-Sighthounds) is being renamed to the Lure Pursuit stream. References to Non-Sighthounds coursing are being replaced with references to pursuit of the lure.

All titles for Non-Sighthounds will become Lure Pursuit titles (for example, Junior Pursuit, Lure Pursuit, Lure Pursuit Advanced etc). No changes to existing title criteria are being made. For example, a Lure Pursuit Excellent title will have the same requirements as a Coursing Ability Excellent title.

A new Lure Pursuit prefix Champion title will be offered. As is standard practice, an additional qualification after the rules commence will be necessary to be eligible for the Lure Pursuit Champion title.

The course length range for Lure Pursuit has been adjusted to 500-1000 metres. It is still up to the affiliate club running the event whether it wants to set a shorter course for Lure Pursuit, noting that the Sighthound range remains 600-1000 metres.

Some additional adjustments will be made to the rules to reflect the changes, including guidance for judges.

Please note these arrangements do not commence until 1 January 2026.

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AMENDMENT TO DACHSHUND BREED STANDARD

Following a request from the National Dachshund Council (Australia) regarding amendments required to their breed standard to bring it in line with the current Kennel Club UK standard.

AMENDMENT TO BRITISH BULLDOG BREED STANDARD EXTENSION

Following a request from the National British Bulldog Council (Australia) to update the breed standard extension for this breed.

APPROVAL OF 2026 NATIONAL SHOW - COLLIE CLUB OF NSW INC - ADDITION OF RESTRICTED TRIALS

Restricted to Breed Obedience, Rally and Trick Dog trials have been added and will take place on the 24 July 2026 at Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Clarendon, New South Wales.

Dogs Victoria - Suspended members

- Mrs Caroline Price 3100057341 6-months suspension from 27/11/2025
- Mr Steven Komninos 3100038902 12-months suspension from 02/12/2025

PRESS RELEASE



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Dogs Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Emma Ford as the new Administrator and Company Secretary of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC).

In her current position as Head of Business Services and Governance at a not-for-profit organisation, Ms Ford brings extensive expertise in executive administration, governance, and stakeholder management.

Commencing on Friday 20th February 2026, she will be based in Hobart, operating from an established home office.

Ms Ford will succeed the current Administrator, Ms Tracey Barry, who will retire effective 31 March 2026 after 23 years of dedicated service in the role.

Hugh Gent OAM

President