

Recommendation from the Board to amend NZDJA Regulations Section IV as follows:

Remove clause 1(a)(iii) and insert it into clause 2(a)(iii) . Renumber the clauses accordingly.

Rationale – Aspiring Judges are required to complete 10 stewarding appointments of which at least 5 must be at Championship or Open show level before they can apply to go on the Aspiring Panel. The Board would like to see this moved to become part of the requirement for promotion to the Ribbon Parade panel instead of the Aspiring Panel. It is expected that an aspiring judge would have commenced this process, but the changes would allow them more time to complete this requirement.

Recommendation Two

Section IV Add the words “(*refer appendix iii*)” after the word *points* in all references to 50 Credit Points.

Section IV(4)(b)(iv) Add the words “*including Specialist Breed Panel points*”.

Rationale: There has been a number of instances in recent years where applicants for promotion did not fully understand the credit point requirements. It is hoped that this amendment will provide more clarity.

Recommendation Three

Section III Add new clause 6 and renumber current clauses 6 & 7.

6. Judges who have one or two group panels or are on the specialty panel, are required to have a mentor observe them at their first New Zealand appointment and provide a favourable report to NZDJA prior to accepting further appointments for that group/breed. The mentor is to be approved by NZDJA Board.

Rationale: New Zealand judges are generally held in high regard around the world and we want to keep it that way by providing support and training for our less experienced judges. Not all our judges enjoy the training and mentoring offered in the larger centres and this is a way we can support and guide all our new group panel judges.