

## **The Obedience Judges Association Judge Travel Grant Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to detail the Obedience Judges Association's (OJA) position in relation to applications for grants from Dogs NZ clubs to assist with the transport expenses associated with contracted distant judges officiating at approved Dogs NZ Obedience Ribbon Trials.

1. Grants are only available for Dogs NZ affiliated, associated or recognised clubs.
  - a. Individuals are not eligible to apply.
2. Funding may only be granted towards the travel of a contracted empanelled Dogs NZ obedience judge who is seeking promotion on to the next Dogs NZ Obedience Judges Panel.
  - a. Grants are only available to assist with the travel expenses of judges officiating at approved Dogs NZ Obedience Ribbon Trials.
  - b. This is a subsidy-based funding policy. The host club and or the contracted judge may also contribute towards the travel expenses of the contracted judge.
  - c. Funding is not available to minimise the loss of any Dogs NZ Obedience Ribbon Trial.
3. Applications for grants must be in writing and received by the OJA Secretary no less than 6 weeks before the scheduled Obedience Ribbon Trial.
  - a. The application must state the date and venue of the Obedience Ribbon Trial, the name of the contracted judge, and which tests they are to officiate for.
  - b. Funding is not provided retrospectively.
4. The OJA Management Committee will consider the grant application at its next scheduled meeting.
  - a. The applicant club will be advised of the outcome of their application by email within 7 days of the OJA Management Committee meeting.
5. Grants will be paid to the host club upon the successful completion of the contracted judge's appointment.
6. Approved grants will be calculated as follows:
  - a. 13 cents per kilometre return from the contracted judge's home address to the Obedience Ribbon Trial venue, and rounded up to the nearest \$5.
  - b. The OJA will not pay for air travel unless special approval has been given by the OJA Management Committee.