

NOTICE TO MEMBER BODIES
RE CHANGE OF CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DWD TITLES
COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2024

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This summary has been prepared to assist Member Body Administrators and Data Operators for:

- (a) DWD Title applications
- (b) DWD Schedule requirements

TITLES

4.1 Qualifying Certificates

To be awarded a Qualifying Certificate, a competitor must gain the following from at least two of the three judges:

- (a) a score of at least ten (10) points in each of the three (3) judging categories; and
- (b) a total score of at least forty-five (45) points.

4.2 Dances with Dogs titles

4.2.1 All dogs eligible to be entered in a Dances with Dogs competition in accordance with these Rules shall be eligible to receive Title Certificates upon meeting the requirements set out in Rule 4.2.2 below.

4.2.2 The Member Body will receive applications for the use of the relevant title letters in connection with the name of each dog, when the dog has gained Qualifying Certificates in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) 'FS.S'/ 'HTM.S' signifying Freestyle Starter/Heelwork to Music Starter in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Starter class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.
- (b) 'FS.N'/ 'HTM.N' signifying Freestyle Novice/Heelwork to Music Novice in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Novice class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.
- (c) 'FS.I'/ 'HTM.I' signifying Freestyle Intermediate/Heelwork to Music Intermediate in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Intermediate class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.
- (d) 'FS.A'/ 'HTM.A' signifying Freestyle Advanced/Heelwork to Music Advanced in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Advanced class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.
- (a) 'FS.Ch'/'HTM.Ch' signifying Freestyle Champion/ Heelwork to Music Champion in connection with, and before the name of, each dog which has gained its FS.A or HTM.A title respectively and thereafter gains a further seven (7) Qualifying Certificates in the Advanced class in the relevant division, with aggregate scores of 160 points or more, under at least three (3) different Judging Panels.

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Those additional seven (7) Qualifying Certificates must include at least three (3) different pieces of music, which may include music used for the Advanced title. Evidence of the use of different pieces of music must be supplied to the Member Body when applying for the Championship title.

- (b) 'FS.Gr.Ch'/'HTM.Gr.Ch' signifying Freestyle Grand Champion/Heelwork to Music Grand Champion in connection with, and before the name of, each dog which has gained its FS.Ch or HTM.Ch title respectively and thereafter gains a further five (5) Qualifying Certificates in the Advanced class in the relevant division, with aggregate scores of 165 points or more, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.

Those additional five (5) Qualifying Certificates must include at least two (2) different pieces of music other than any used for their Advanced or Championship title.

Evidence of the use of different pieces of music must be supplied to the Member Body when applying for the Grand Championship title.

Only Qualifying Certificates gained after 1 January 2024 will be eligible.

- 4.2.3 The following is a summary of the requirements for titles at each level. Only the highest Dances with Dogs title in each division awarded to the dog must be used in connection with the name of the dog.

Class	Title	Number of certificates	Minimum number of Judging Panels
Starter	FS.S HTM.S	3	2
Novice	FS.N HTM.N	3	2
Intermediate	FS.I HTM.I	3	2
Advanced	FS.A HTM.A	3	2
Champion	FS.Ch HTM.Ch	7 (subsequent to Advanced title) with aggregate scores of 160 points or more and including at least 3 different pieces of music	2
Grand Champion	FS Gr.Ch HTM.Gr.Ch	5 (subsequent to Champion title) with aggregate scores of 165 points or more and including at least 2 different pieces of music not used for Advanced or Champion titles	2

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APPENDIX C: GUIDELINES FOR DANCES WITH DOGS SCHEDULES

Subject to Member Body requirements, published Schedules for Dances with Dogs competitions normally include the following information:

1. The name of the Affiliate conducting the competition.
2. The date and venue at which the competition is to be conducted.
3. Details of the venue (such as whether it is an open or roofed/enclosed area, the surface of the ring [e.g. grass, carpet etc] and the specific dimensions of the ring).
4. The closing date for entries.
5. The address to which entries **must** be forwarded.
6. Entry fees.
7. Divisions and classes offered and the members of the Judging Panel(s) for each.
8. Commencing time of **registration**, submission of music, music checks and judging.
9. **Vetting: exhibits may be required to be inspected or vetted.**
10. Contact phone number (mobile) for the Affiliate on the day of the competition.
11. **Advice on the acceptable audio formats for music at the nominated competition.**
12. Such other information specific to the competition as the Affiliate considers appropriate.