



AUSTRALIAN ZNA JUDGING QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

This document aims to provide an agreed national standard for Australian hobbyists who wish to become a Zen Nippon Airinkai (ZNA) judge



Shadow Judge

A financial member may apply, through their Secretary, in writing to become a Shadow Judge once the following criteria have been met:

- At least 2 years financial membership of the Society they are applying to.
- At least 2 years financial membership of the ZNA.
- At least 1 year participating as a Steward at the main Show of the Society they are applying to.

The request shall be tabled at the next Committee Meeting and support for the application shall not be withheld without due cause.

- A Shadow Judge may enter koi in the Show in which they are a Shadow Judge.
- A Shadow Judge shall not engage in any verbal discussion during judging unless called upon to do so by a qualified judge present.
- A Shadow Judge shall not participate in the discussion for any of the major awards or any of their own fish, even if called upon by a qualified judge present.

A Shadow Judge shall be deemed to have met Shadow Judging requirements when:

- They have participated as a Shadow Judge at two events within 2 years, with one of these events being undertaken at a Show held by another Society.

Trainee Judge

A financial member may apply, through their Secretary in writing, to become a Trainee Judge once the following criteria have been met:

- Shadow Judging requirements completed as listed above.
- Willingness to participate in Society events including membership of committees or sub-committees.
- The individual shall have a pond and keep koi.

The request shall be tabled at the next Committee Meeting and support for the application shall not be withheld without due cause.

- A Trainee Judge may *not* enter koi in the Show in which they are a Trainee Judge.

Once a Trainee Judge completes the following criteria, they may apply to the ZNA to become a "ZNA Local Certified Judge". The Trainee Judge shall request an official endorsement from their Society President to the ZNA to accompany their application (as detailed in ZNA requirements).

- presented two koi appreciation topics to any Koi Society branch meeting in Australia.
- attended one koi appreciation seminar run by the combined Australian Societies for the purpose of training ZNA judges.
- met all criteria listed in the ZNA Nichirin magazine for Local Certified Judge.

ZNA Judging Requirements:

Please note, the comment here, is taken directly from the ZNA's judging criteria printed in the ZNA Nichirin magazine December 2012. Requirements and fees may change without notice.

Conditions for Local Certified Judge:

1. Non koi dealer or non business dealer
2. 5 year continuous ZNA Chapter Membership
3. 5 ZNA show judging experiences (ZNA Shows only)
4. 2 ZNA koi seminar attendances can be switched from two of the above koi show judging experiences.
5. Submit an application form with a chapter president recommendation letter and signature to the ZNA Head Office
6. Written application is examined every January
7. Local Certified Judge registration fee 20,000 JPY for first 3 years
8. 10,000 JPY renewal registration fee every 3 years there after.

Conditions for Assistant Certified Judge:

1. 2 more years ZNA Chapter membership since Local Certified Judge registration.
2. 5 more ZNA show judging experiences as a Local Certified Judge.
3. 3 more ZNA koi seminar attendances can be switched from three of the above show judging experiences
4. Submit an application form with a chapter president's recommendation letter and signature to the ZNA head office to take an Assistant Certified Judging examination held in January each year.
5. Take an Assistant Certified examination (practical koi ranking and written comment)
6. Fee shall be 15000 JPY
7. Assistant Certified Judge registration fee 30,000JPY for first 3 years
8. 20,000 JPY renewal registration there after.

Conditions for Certified Judge:

1. 2 more years ZNA chapter membership since receiving Assistant Certified registration
2. 2 Japan District show judging experiences as Assistant Certified Judge.
3. 5 ZNA Japan koi seminar attendances
4. Submit koi keeping experience report, chapter activity history and an application form with chapter recommendation letter and signature to the ZNA Head Office.
5. Written application is examined every May
6. Certified Judge registration fee 60,000 JPY for first 3 years
7. 40,000 JPY renewal registration fee every 3 years there after.

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