

UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC.

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A NATIONAL JUDGE 2-13-11

1. Applicant must be a current member of the USPCA.
2. Applicant must be a Regionally Certified Judge for a full 3 years.
3. Applicant must have been a scoring judge at a minimum of four regional certifications; one regional scoring assignment has to be outside the applicant's home region.
4. Applicant for PDI National Judge will evaluate 75 teams in Obedience/ Agility/ Article Search/ Suspect Search and Criminal Apprehension (both apprehensions count as one).
5. Applicant for Detector National Judge will judge 75 teams inside (rooms) and 75 teams on vehicle searches.
6. Applicant for Detector National Judge must have judged one (1) Odor Recognition Test (ORT) for an explosive test. (passed Hammond, La 11-2010)
7. Applicant must have had five years experience as a handler.
8. The Regional Executive Board will review application for compliance of requirements and approve / disapproves the application, listing reason(s) for any disapproval. The region president and one other regional officer will sign all applications. The region will then forward application to the National Judges Committee Chairman and a copy to the National Director.
9. The judges committee will investigate applicants' qualifications checking for verification and completion from national records.
10. If the application is found in order the National Judges Committee Chairman will mail the applicant a written test (PDI or Detector) on the rules and regulations. If the applicant is a certified trainer the test will include situational decision making to evaluate the reasoning process to be successful as a senior event judge or chief judge. Test will be mailed certified mail and will be returned by certified mail post marked two days after receipt was signed received. The completed test will be evaluated by the judges committee as acceptable or unacceptable. The applicant will be notified, if the chairman of the judges committee finds a test unacceptable (11-1-02).
11. If approved, the applicant will be placed on the list of qualified judges, to be invited to judge the National Field Trials. Upon selection to judge the national trials, the applicant must judge at least two different phases at those trials with their judging performance being evaluated by the Judges Certification Committee.
12. The judges committee will make a recommendation to the National Executive Board, who will approve or disapprove the certification. If approved, the applicant will receive a national certified judge certificate and number.
13. All national novice judges must judge the Criminal Apprehension phase as one of their two judging phases at the national trials.
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UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR NATIONAL TRIALS

1. All National certified Judges are to have a membership application into the **National Secretary** by January 31st
2. All novice judges of the previous nationals, upon approval to National Judge status, will be held out of the rotation for the next National Certification. If you make National PDI Judge you will be held out of the next Patrol Dog Nationals. The same applies if you make National Detector Judge, you will be held out of the next Detector Nationals.
3. The National Secretary will provide the Chair of the Judges Committee a total list of eligible PDI judges and eligible detector judges after February 1st. The lists will be in alphabetical order and will be reviewed and finalized by the Judges Committee. The PDI list will go from A-Z and the detector list will be from Z – A. It is possible that a qualified national judge could be called for both events.
4. The Judges Committee will select the judges for an upcoming national event alphabetically beginning with the next letter after last year's event. Eligible judges will be contacted as soon as possible after February 1st either by email or by follow-up phone call. Eligible judges will be asked to commit to judging as soon as possible so that a list can be set sixty (60) days before the next trial. If you cannot attend, the next person alphabetically will be asked.
5. **After the 60 day cut off:** If you have been selected to judge and committed to judging the next national event and it is AFTER the 60 days, you can be removed from selected list of judges and the Judges Committee will ask the next eligible judge on the list alphabetically to judge. It should be noted that you will then fall back into line alphabetically and will not be asked to judge again until your letter is up. If you are asked to judge after the 60 day cut-off, accepting to judge does not take you out of rotation for the next event.
6. In order to judge a National Trial, a National Certified Judge is required to participate as a judge or chief judge in at least one Regional certification (in any event) in the two years prior to the National Certification. *IE: You must have judged a regional PDI trial in the last two years to be eligible for the National PDI Trial, and you must have judged a regional Detector trial in the last two years to be eligible for the National Detector Trial.*
7. Judges should not judge the same event two years consecutively at the National Trials if possible. (Apprehension work will be considered 2 phases for this rule only)
8. The Judges Committee will select the score sheets of a minimum of ten competitors at the National trials for review.
9. National Certified Judges will be placed on the "inactive" national judges list when they have not judged a regional trial in two consecutive years. Fail to pay USPCA dues by January 31st will also result in placement on the "inactive" list for that year.
10. A National Certified Judge who is on the inactive list is required to participate as a scoring judge in at least one regional PDI (two phases) or one regional detector certification with their scoring reviewed by the National judges Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the National Executive Board, who will approve or disapprove his placement back onto the active National judges list. (10/87) Mjr