The United States Police Canine Association, Inc.

Qualifications to be Chief Judge for Regional Trials

The list of qualified chief judges will be found on the national web page or contact the National Secretary.

REGIONAL PDI, EDD & Human Scent/Trafficking Trials

The chief judge for these events must be a USPCA Nationally Certified PDI Judge. The Chief Judge must be on the list of qualified judges that is set in January of each year. To remain on the list, you must have judged a PDI/EDD/Trafficking Trial within the last two years and complied with all other membership requirements. The Chief Judge for a Regional Trial may be from within the region or from outside the region. Chief Judges for these trials must also meet the following requirements:

a. Be a USPCA Certified National Trainer. (Level I, II or III) OR:
b. Meet requirements to be a Chief Judge (non- trainer)

Regional DETECTOR Certification Trials

The Chief Judge for these events must be a USPCA Certified National or Regional Detector Dog Judge. The Chief Judge must be on the list of qualified judges that is set in January of each year. To remain on the list, you must have judged a detector trial within the last two years and complied with all other membership requirements. For Explosive Dog Certification trials, the Chief Judge must have a background in explosive detection, either as an explosive detection dog trainer or handler, or has successfully completed an approved USPCA explosive dog course. Anyone placing hides for an Explosive Dog Certification trial must have met the same requirements as the Chief Judge. (handler, trainer or attended the course) Chief Judges for these trials must also meet the following requirements:

a. Be a USPCA Certified National Trainer (detector, level I, II, III) OR:
b. Meet requirements to be a chief Judge (non-trainer)

Tracking Certification trials (Tracking, Advanced Tracking and S&R Tracking)

The Chief Judge for these events must be a USPCA Certified Tracking judge. The Chief Judge must be on the list of qualified judges that is set in January of each year. To remain on the list, you must have judged a detector trial within the last two years and complied with all other membership requirements. The Chief Judge for any tracking trial may be from within the region or from outside the region. Chief Judges for these trials must also meet the following requirements:

a. Be a USPCA Certified National Trainer (Level I, II or III) OR:
b. Meet requirements to be a chief judge (non-trainer)

Therapy/Comfort dog testing

Chief Judges for these tests must be on a list as a chief judge of either the PDI trials or Detection Trials.