

The United States Police Canine Association, Inc.

Qualifications to be a Regional Chief Judge

The list of qualified Chief Judges will be found on the National web page or contact the National Secretary to obtain a list of eligible chief judges. National Judges are not allowed to Chief Judge a regional trial of any kind within two weeks (week before and week after) of a National Trial

Regional PDI, EDD and Human Scent/Trafficking Certification Trials

The Chief Judge for this event 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 this list, you must have judged a PDI 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 outside of the region. Chief Judges for Regional PDI, EDD or Human Scent/Trafficking Trials must also meet the below requirements:

- a. Be a USPCA certified National Trainer (level I, II or III) **OR**:
- b. Provide proof to the judges committee that he/she has certified a dog in a PDI certification trial at least 6 times AND has 10 years or more experience as a patrol dog handler.

Regional Detector Certification Trials

The Chief Judge of a Regional Detector Trial has to be a Regionally or Nationally USPCA Certified Detector Judge. The Chief Judge must be on the list of qualified judges that is set in January of each year. To remain on this list, you must have judged a detector 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 of the region. For an Explosive Dog Trial, the Chief Judge must have a background in explosive detection, either as an explosive detection dog trainer, handler or has successfully completed the ATF Evaluators Course or the USPCA sponsored Advanced Explosive Canine Team & Evaluators Course. (A Senior Judge with the same qualifications of the Chief Judge will place all explosive aids) Chief Judges for Detector Dog Certification Trials must also meet the below specifics:

- a. Be a USPCA Certified National Trainer (Level I, II, III) or a USPCA Certified Detector dog trainer **OR**:
- b. Provide proof to the judges committee that he/she has certified a dog in a detector dog certification trial at least 6 times AND has 10 years or more experience as a detector dog handler.

Tracking Certification Trials

The Chief Judge of a Tracking or Advanced Tracking Certification Trial has to be at least a Certified Regional Judge for Tracking. The Chief Judge must have complied with all membership requirements and may be from within the region or from outside the region. To remain as an active Chief Judge for Tracking Trials, you must have judged a tracking trial within the last two years. Chief Judges for Tracking or Advance Tracking Certification Trials must also meet the below specifics:

- a. Be a USPCA Certified National Trainer (Level I, II or III) **OR**:
- b. Provide proof to the judges committee that he/she has certified a dog in a tracking certification trial at least 6 times AND has 10 years or more experience as a tracking dog handler.