

Pointing Breed Field Trials – Judges’ Eligibility

Current Requirements

Prior to Apprenticeship

Minimum Age:	18
Seminar:	Strongly recommended
Handling Experience:	Must have placed a dog at the level they intend to apprentice

Prior to Judging

Seminar:	Strongly recommended
Written Test:	Yes – score 85%+
Apprenticeship:	Twice at stake to be judged or higher
Handling Experience:	Must have a record of handling a dog or dogs to 5+ placements in adult stakes in any Pointing Breed field trials. (Club’s responsibility to monitor)
Field Trial Judges:	Approved American Field judges are exempt from apprentice requirements

To Maintain Ability to Judge

Seminars:	No requirement
Written Test:	No requirement
Frequency of Judging:	No requirement

Judges Panel Qualifications

Previous Judging Experience:	The two Judges of a stake must have a combined record of having judged at least 5 adult stakes in AKC pointing breed field trials.
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Note: What does “or higher” mean in the sentence - Must apprentice twice at the stake to be judged or higher? Stakes are divided into three segments – puppy, derby, and broke dog. Within the broke dog segment, there is no difference between a gun dog and all-age stake for this purpose.

Canadian Kennel Club Judges – Requirements for Judging AKC Pointing Breed Field Trials

Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) judges are allowed to judge AKC Pointing Breed Field Trials if they meet the following criteria:

If the person has not previously judged an AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial -

1. 18+ years of age
2. The person appears as an approved and active judge at the “Senior” level on the CKC Judges Directory website
3. Must pass an AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial written test prior to judging

If the person has previously judged an AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial –

Once a person has judged an AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial, their name appears on the AKC Judges Directory (www.akc.org/judges_directory). To maintain judging eligibility, a person must judge an AKC field trial at least once every 5 years. If a person has not judged in five years, their name is removed from the Directory. To renew their eligibility, a person must again pass the written test prior to judging.

The written test is an open book test. A passing score is 85% or better. A copy of the test can be obtained by e-mailing fieldtrial@akc.org or calling Performance Events in Raleigh, N.C. at (919) 816-3904. If e-mailing, be sure to specify the Pointing Breed test.