



Dear Applicant:

To assist applicants, and to prevent people from applying prematurely, we request that you review the following minimum requirements. Failure to meet any of the minimum requirements will result in the application being returned.

1. Personally owned, trained and titled a dog to an AKC Utility Dog (UD), or an AKC Preferred Utility Dog (PUTD) title and a second dog to an AKC Companion Dog (CD) or Preferred Companion Dog (PCD) title. At least one of the two dogs must have earned an AKC Companion Dog (CD) title.
2. Been active in the sport a minimum of six (6) consecutive years.
3. Acted as a steward in Novice/Open/Utility class (depending upon class applying for) at AKC member or licensed trials a minimum of ten (10) times.
 - a) Novice applicants – five (5) of the ten stewarding assignments must have been within the last three (3) years
 - b) Open applicants – three (3) of the ten stewarding assignments must have been within the last three (3) years
 - c) Utility applicants - three (3) of the ten stewarding assignments must have been within the last three (3) years
4. Have judged the relevant class being applied for at AKC sanctioned obedience A or B matches, or equivalent Wild Card class at an AKC trial a minimum of two (2) times, with a minimum total of twenty (20) dogs judged. Apprentice assignments, beyond the three (3) required, may be used on a one to one basis to replace the above requirements. **The match and or Wild Card judging must have been within the last three (3) years.**
 - a) **Applying for Novice** – Judged Novice classes twice at sanctioned matches, or two Novice Wild Card classes; or substitute a Novice apprenticeship assignment (on a one-to-one basis). Novice A and B, Preferred Novice and Beginner Novice A & B numbers may be included.
 - b) **Applying for Open** – Judged Open classes twice at sanctioned matches, or two Open Wild Card classes; or substitute an Open apprenticeship assignment (on a one-to-one basis). Open A and B, Preferred Open and Graduate Novice numbers may be included.
 - c) **Applying for Utility** - Judged Utility classes twice at sanctioned matches, or two Utility Wild Card classes; or substitute a Utility apprenticeship assignment (on a one-to-one basis). Utility A and B, Preferred Utility, Graduate Open and Versatility numbers may be included.
5. Apprenticed under at least three (3) different judges with a total minimum of thirty (30) dogs evaluated overall. Apprentice judging forms are available at the following link:
http://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/obedience_rally_apprentice.pdf
6. Actively participated as an assistant trainer or as a trainer in a dog training club or similar organization.
7. Attended an AKC Obedience seminar within the last three (3) years.
8. Provide a current passport type photo (head shot) with this application.

All applicants will be required to pass a verbal and written test. This test consists of two parts – Part I (open book) is enclosed along with the application. **The answers to these questions are to be returned with your completed application.** The answers to the questions will be graded either pass or fail. Part II of the test consists of multiple-choice questions administered by an Obedience Field Representative. The test will cover the *Obedience Regulations*.

Exemptions from some requirements may be made for applicants in Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico.

After passing the test and interview, applications are referred to the next available meeting of the Companion Events Approval Committee for a final determination. Following review, applicants will receive written notification of the committee's action.

In compliance with the *Obedience Regulations*, AKC Obedience judges must attend at least one obedience judges' seminar presented by AKC staff in every three-year period and will be ineligible to accept assignments if this requirement is not met.

The completed application, and all supporting documentation, should be sent to obedience@akc.org If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Companion Events Department at (919) 816-3575. You may also email any questions to obedience@akc.org.



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB®

Provisional Obedience Judging Application

COMPANION EVENTS

PO Box 900068, RALEIGH, NC 27675 Tel. 919-816-3575

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. Retain a copy of this application for your records. Answers should be brief, yet informative. Should additional space be required to answer any question, please use 8½ x 11 paper. Clearly indicate the question that is being answered on supplemental sheets of paper. Incomplete applications will be returned.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (black or blue ink)

DATE: _____

1. I am applying for approval to judge the _____ **Novice**, _____ **Open**, or _____ **Utility Class**. (Check one)

2. NAME: _____ JUDGE NO. _____

(Check one: Dr. _____ Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Miss. _____ Ms. _____ Other: _____)

3. HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

4. E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

(If approved, the contact information provided will be listed in the judges' directory unless otherwise noted.)

5. Are you currently an AKC Delegate? _____ **YES** or _____ **NO** (check one). If yes, please list the complete name of the club (no initials) you represent: _____

6. Business, Profession or Occupation: _____

Describe position: _____

Business Name (or Self-employed): _____

Business Address: _____
(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Phone Number: _____

7. Are you in any way connected with a dog-related occupation? _____ **YES** or _____ **NO** (check one). If yes, please describe in detail your duties and activities: _____

If your occupation or the occupation of a person with whom you reside falls under Part I of the [Occupational Eligibility Addendum](#), you must submit a letter(s) with your application giving your (both) assurance(s) that if approved to judge you (both) will no longer be engaged in this occupation 30 days following the Committee's approval of your application and for the duration of your judging involvement.

8. Have you ever been suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club? ____ **YES** or ____ **NO** (check one) If yes, state the date and circumstances:

9. Do you or anyone in your household or family train dogs owned by others for competition in obedience trials? ____ **YES** or ____ **NO** (check one). If YES, are you or they compensated in any way? ____ **YES** or ____ **NO** (check one) If YES to either question, give details.

10. Are you or have you ever been a professional handler? ____ **YES** or ____ **NO** (check one). If yes, state the date and circumstances:

11. List below dogs owned by you that you have personally trained and handled in obedience trials.

Dog's AKC Number	Dog's AKC Name	Breed	Highest Obedience Title Earned	Year
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

12. List below the names of clubs that are approved to hold AKC obedience trials you have been a member of.

Complete AKC Club Name (no initials)	Date	Position Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

13. List below clubs and classes you have participated in or where you serve or have served as trainer, assistant trainer, occasional trainer or training director.

Complete AKC Club Name (no initials)	Class	Date	Position Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

14. List the ten licensed or member trials where you have served as a steward in the class for which you are applying.

Complete AKC Club Name (no initials)	Date	Class
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

15. List below: AKC sanctioned obedience matches you have judged the class for which you are applying; trials where you have apprenticed in the class for which you are applying; non-regular class where you have judged the class for which you are applying. Do not include "fun matches," class graduations, etc. Copies of apprenticeships must be included with the application.

Complete AKC Club Name or Event Number	Class(es)	Date	# of Dogs Judged
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

16. List the names and contact information of two **fully approved** obedience judges who may be used as personal references.

Judge's Name	Phone Number	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

17. List some of the trials over the last five years where you have observed the judging of the class applied for.

Complete AKC Club Name (no initials)	Date	Class
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

18. Which of the following have you read in general preparation for the class that is being applied for?

____ *Obedience Regulations* ____ *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* ____ *Dealing with Misconduct*

Other: _____

19. List AKC Obedience seminars you have attended in general preparation for the class that is being applied for within the last three (3) years.

Complete Club Name (no initials)	City/State	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

20. Give a brief explanation of Chapter 2, Section 2, "Standard of Perfection," as found in the *Obedience Regulations*.

21. Please provide any information not requested in the application that you believe supplements your background in dogs in general and the class you have applied for in particular.

22. List obedience trials (include city and state) and dates of trials that you can attend over the next **five** months for the purpose of a personal interview and test with an Obedience Field Representative.

Complete AKC Club Name (no initials)	City/State	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY submit my application to the Companion Events Approval Committee of the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB for its consideration and make the following certifications:

I certify that I am occupationally eligible to judge under AKC *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and will adhere to the restrictions, if applicable, outlined in the [Occupational Eligibility Addendum](#) clarifying Chapter 7, Section 1.

I certify that I am familiar with the American Kennel Club's Rules, Regulations, Policies, *Obedience Regulations* and *Obedience Judges' Guidelines*, and agree to abide by them.

I certify that if granted provisional or regular judging status, I fully understand that my judging eligibility is conditional and, therefore, reviewable by the AKC Board of Directors at any time subsequent to the date the status was initially granted.

I certify that upon review, AKC's Board of Directors may relieve me of continued judging eligibility.

I certify that I fully understand and stipulate that the committee's authorization to judge on a provisional basis does not guarantee or imply eventual approval as a regular judge.

I certify that I understand and acknowledge that if I am charged with cruelty, inhumane treatment of animals, or similar offense involving inhumane or cruel treatment of dogs, or charged with any crime involving moral turpitude, especially as it concerns dog-related activities, the AKC may temporarily place my judging privileges on referral while the charges are pending. Further, after receiving notification of the referral, I am prevented from judging or from accepting assignments to judge. When the charges are resolved and AKC's inquiry into the matter determines that no action will be taken by the AKC to cause a suspension of my judging privileges, the temporary judging referral will be removed.

I certify that I am a member in good standing with the American Kennel Club, **21** years of age or older, and that all information submitted in this application is truthful and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

____ Current passport type photo (head shot) attached.



OBEDIENCE JUDGING APPLICANT TEST

PART I

1. Discuss, in detail, **how you would set up your ring for each of the *classes** you are seeking approval to judge.
2. Discuss in detail, **the specific instructions you would provide each steward, in each of the *classes** you are seeking approval to judge.
3. Discuss in detail, **where you would position yourself when judging each of the exercises in each of the classes** you are seeking approval to judge.

***Classes:**

Novice applicants: Beginner Novice, Novice and Graduate Novice

Open applicants: Open and Graduate Open

Utility applicants: Utility and Versatility