

General Guidelines for Obedience / Rally Apprentice Judging

The following guidelines apply to outside-the-ring observations:

- Must have permission of the trial/show secretary or Chairman and the officiating judge.
- May apprentice only under judges who have been approved to judge all of the obedience / rally classes.
- Apprentice judges may only act as an apprentice for the class in which they are applying to be a provisional judge.
- There may only be one apprentice judge per class.
- Must follow precise instructions of the judge and never interfere with the activities of the judge or in any way delay judging. Under no circumstances will the apprentice judge enter the ring prior to the conclusion of the class.
- In Rally the apprentice must observe and score at least 20 dogs per event (a mix of Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master dogs) to count towards the provisional judging requirements.
- In Obedience the apprentice must observe and score under three (3) different judges with a minimum of thirty (30) dogs overall.
- One satisfactory apprentice assignment will substitute for judging one obedience / rally match when applying for provisional judging status.
- At the conclusion of the class, the apprentice judge and officiating judge will briefly discuss the scoring of dogs. If acceptable scoring is determined, the officiating judge will complete and sign the "Apprentice Judging" form. All such forms should accompany the prospective judge's application when applying to become a judge.



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Apprentice judging is for prospective judges ONLY and can only be done at the level the apprentice is eligible to apply for. This form must be completed, signed by the officiating judge and submitted with an application when applying for approval as a Provisional Judge.

Obedience / Rally Apprentice Judging Form

Apprentice: (please print)	Date:
Show/Trial Name:	Event #:
Location:	Class:
	Entry:
Apprentice Notes:	
Number of dogs observed and scored:	
Comments:	
Officiating Judge Notes:	
Number of dogs scored by apprentice: _____ Was the overall scoring of the apprentice judge reasonably consistent with yours? Yes No If not, why?	
To be completed by Officiating Judge (mandatory):	
I, _____ verify that the above apprentice judge has completed an (PLEASE PRINT NAME) AKC® approved apprenticeship. My signature on this form does not necessarily indicate my endorsement or recommendation of the apprentice judge.	
Signature:	
Number of years judging _____ Number of years in the sport _____	