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Dear Applicant:

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

1. Personally owned, trained and titled a dog to an AKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title and trained and titled a dog to an AKC Rally Excellent (RE) title.
2. Been active in Rally minimum of six (6) years.
3. Acted as a steward ten (10) times in the rally class at AKC member or licensed trials. (Each show/trial will count as only 1 event);
4. Acted as a table steward at least three (3) times (This requirement is not in addition to but may be part of the 10 required stewarding assignments);
5. Judged at AKC sanctioned rally A or B matches with a minimum of five (5) times and apprenticed under three (3) judges. Apprentice assignments beyond the three (3) required may be used on a one to one basis to replace the match requirement. Apprentice judging forms are available at the following link:
http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges/obedience_rally_apprentice.pdf
6. Actively participated as an assistant trainer or as a trainer of rally classes in a dog training club or similar organization;
7. Attended an AKC Rally and Obedience seminar within the last three (3) years.

All applicants will be required to pass a verbal and written test. The test consists of multiple-choice questions administered by an Obedience/Rally Field Representative. The test will cover the *Obedience Regulations, Rally Regulations, Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and *Dealing with Misconduct*.

Following the initial screening to determine that the applicant meets all minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published on the Secretary's Page of the first available issue of the *Gazette* as a "Rally Judging Applicant." This provides all interested persons the opportunity to comment on the applicant.

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

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

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

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 Janice Sondys at jms@akc.org.

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Provisional Rally 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 note that application is for all three levels of AKC Rally.**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (black or blue ink)

DATE: _____

1. NAME: _____ JUDGE NO. _____
(Dr., Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.)

2. HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

(City, State, Zip)

3. PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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

4. Are you currently an AKC Delegate? **YES** or **NO** (circle one) If yes, please list the name of the club you represent:

5. Business, Profession or Occupation: _____

Describe position: _____

Business Name (or Self-employed): _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

6. Are you in any way connected with a dog-related occupation? **YES** or **NO** (circle 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.

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

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

9. Are you or have you ever been a professional handler? **YES** or **NO** (circle one) If YES, state the date and circumstances _____

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

AKC Registration or Listing Number	AKC Registered Name	Breed	Highest Obedience/Rally Title Earned	Year

11. List below the names of dog clubs that you have been a member of.

Club	Date	Position Held

12. 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.

Club	Class	Date	Position Held

13. List the ten licensed or member trials where you have served as a steward in AKC Rally classes. Please indicate the times you served as a table steward with an asterisk.

Trial	Date	Class

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

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

15. List the names and phone numbers of two fully approved rally judges who may be used as personal references.

16. List AKC Rally and Obedience seminars you have attended in general preparation within last 3 years.

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

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* *Rally Regulations*

Other _____

19. Please provide any information not requested in the application that you believe supplements your background in dogs.

20. List rally trial (include city and state) and dates of trials that you can attend over the next **five** months for the purpose of a personal interview with an Obedience/Rally Field Representative.

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*, *Rally Regulations* and *Rally Judges' Guidelines*, and I 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: _____