



AMERICAN
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TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT (TDX)

Dear Applicant:

To assist applicants and to prevent you 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 handled a dog that has been awarded an AKC® Tracking Dog Excellent title (TDX) and title at least one other dog to a Tracking Dog (TD) or TDU title.
2. Been active in the sport a minimum of six (6) consecutive years.
3. Observed tracking judges in planning and plotting TDX tracks by:
 - a. Serving as a tracklayer for a minimum of six (6) TDX tracks at AKC member or licensed tracking tests. You must submit completed charts of at least two (2) tracks in which you served as a tracklayer.
 - b. Apprentice judge under two (2) different sets of judges. The apprentice assignments must be at two (2) different TDX tests with three or more dogs entered and judged. The judge may not be a member of the apprentice's household or immediate family.

Note: Track laying and apprenticeship requirements must be done at separate events and may not be combined.

4. Provide a current passport photo (head shot) with this application.

All applicants will be required to pass verbal and written tests. Part I – consists of an open book test and is enclosed along with the application forms. The answers to these questions are to be returned with your completed application. You must pass earn a passing score to proceed.

Part II Test and Interview will be scheduled by the Companion Events Department. The written test is a multiple-choice question test (covering: *Tracking Regulations, Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Dealing with Misconduct*).

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 Judges Approval Committee for final determination. Following review, applicants will receive written notification of the Committee's action.

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 tracking@akc.org.

Email the completed relevant application, required documentation, and Part I to tracking@akc.org. If email is not an option, you may fax the documents to 919-816-4204 – Attention Companion Events Department, or snail mail the documents to the Companion Events Department, PO Box 900068, Raleigh, NC 27675-9068 to begin the approval process.



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Provisional Tracking Dog Excellent Judging Application

COMPANION EVENTS – TRACKING@AKC.ORG
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

DATE: _____

1. I am applying for approval to judge **Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)**.

2. NAME: _____ JUDGE NO.: _____

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

3. HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

5. Are you currently an AKC Delegate? **YES** or **NO** (check one) If yes, list the name of 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 tracking tests or 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, which you have personally trained and handled at TD or TDU, TDX and/or VST tests.

AKC Registration/ Listing Number	AKC Registered Name	Breed	Highest Tracking Title Earned	Year
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

12. List below TDX classes that you have attended.

Location	Training Classes	Dates You Were Active
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

13. List below the names of clubs that are approved to hold tracking events that you have been a member of.

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

14. List below clubs or classes, dates and position held where you serve or have served as trainer, assistant trainer, occasional trainer, or training director for TDX.

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

15. List the licensed or member tracking tests where you have served as a TDX tracklayer for at least six (6) different tracks.

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

16. List the AKC sanctioned TDX matches you have judged and the apprenticeships you have completed.

Match	Date	Class
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Judges Name	Phone Number	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

18. List some of the TDX tests over the last five years where you have observed the judging of TDX.

Trial	Date	Class
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Tracking Regulations

Rules Applying to Dog Shows

Dealing With Misconduct

Other: _____

20. List any AKC seminars you have attended within the last 5 years.

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

21. Please provide any information not requested in the application that you believe supplements your background or experience that you feel might qualify you to judge TDX.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY submit my application to the Judging 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, *Tracking Regulations*, *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 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 photo (head shot) attached.

4. Draw a TDX track as it would appear in your Judge's book and mark it for a dog that passed. Then, on a separate piece of paper state each of the details that you included to meet the requirements of the *Tracking Regulations*.