



AKC Scent Work Judge's Application

This application is for individuals who wish to become licensed to judge AKC Scent Work trials. Please complete all fields, unless otherwise noted, and submit to the address listed below. If your application is incomplete or if you have not satisfied all of the requirements to become an AKC Scent Work Judge, your application will be returned to you. Once the deficiencies in your application are corrected, you must resubmit the entire application packet.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1: Personal Details

1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC Judge No. (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

2 Home Address: (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

3 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4 Are you currently an AKC Delegate? NO YES (if yes, list club below): \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, Full name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

5 Have you ever been suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club? NO YES (If yes, please describe below):

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Section 2: Eligibility

**Please describe your Scent Work experience below.** To be considered, you must have been active in Scent Work for a minimum of 3 years, either as a sport participant or as a working detection dog handler (volunteer or professional). No candidate will be approved without this minimum, but experience will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Three years of competing in the sport, without additional enriching experience, may be deemed to be insufficient.

Suggested topics to discuss include:

- Organizations that you are approved to judge for (and how long you have been judging)
- Titles earned on dogs you have owned and handled (and in which organization)
- Any other experience with scent activities such as tracking, scent discrimination, or Barn Hunt
- Professional or volunteer detection dog handling experience

**Section 3: Requirements**

Each judge candidate must satisfy the following requirements. Please check each box to indicate that you have satisfied the requirement, and include the supplemental documentation in this packet.

Apprenticeship under an authorized "Expert Judge" (shadowing for at least 1 class in each element and Handler Discrimination, and in multiple difficulty levels- minimum 5 classes). Please attach completed form: **AKC Scent Work Judge's Apprenticeship Certification**

Completion of online Scent Work Judge's Education Course via AKC Canine College.

Login ID (email) used for Canine College: \_\_\_\_\_

Completion of online Scent Work Judge's Quiz via AKC Canine College.

Login ID (email) used for Canine College: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section 4: Additional Education Points

Ten additional Education Points are required for a candidate to be approved as a judge. Please check the applicable boxes to indicate your additional Education Points, and include the supplemental documentation in this packet as required.

Attend an AKC-Sanctioned Scent Work Judge's seminar – **8 points**

Date of Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor under an authorized "Expert Judge" – **5 points**. Please attach completed form: **AKC Scent Work Judge's Mentorship Certification**

Title a dog to an AKC Scent Work Master title (dog must be owned by the judge candidate). – **4 points**.  
*Note: Maximum of 4 points can be earned by titling dogs. Multiple titled dogs do not earn additional education points.*

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's AKC Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work as a Hide Steward at a licensed AKC Scent Work trial – **2 points**. *Note: Maximum of 6 points can be earned from Hide Stewarding, however, each Hide Steward assignment must be under a different judge to earn education points.* For each Hide Steward assignment, please attach completed form: **AKC Scent Work Judge's Hide Stewarding Certification**

Total Education Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 5: Certification

I HEREBY submit my application to the AKC Scent Work department of the AMERICAN KENEL 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, and Scent Work Regulations 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 Scent Work department at any time subsequent to the date the status was initially granted.

I certify that upon review, AKC's Scent Work department may relieve me of continued judging eligibility.

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 understand that once I am accepted as an AKC Scent Work judge, my actions, including conduct in public forums and social media, will be viewed as representative of the AKC, and that should such actions bring embarrassment to the AKC, I may be subject to disciplinary action, which may affect my judging privileges.

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

Signature:

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Date:

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