



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 Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title or a Preferred Companion Dog Excellent (PCDX) 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 classes 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 an AKC sanctioned rally A or B match a minimum of five (5) times, and apprenticed under three (3) different judges. Apprentice assignments beyond the three (3) required may be used on a one to one basis to replace the match requirement. **Apprenticing and Match judging MUST INCLUDE ALL LEVEL classes with a total minimum of 20 dogs per event.** Apprentice judging form is available at the following link: [Obedience/Rally Apprentice Judging Form](#)
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.
8. Provide a current passport 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 two essay questions will be graded either pass or fail. Part II of the test consists of multiple-choice questions administered by an Obedience/Rally Field Representative and a ringside interview. The test will cover the *Rally Regulations, Rules Applying to Dog Shows, and Dealing with Misconduct.*

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 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 rally@akc.org.



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Provisional Rally Judging Application

COMPANION EVENTS

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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 levels of AKC Rally.**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (black or blue ink)

DATE: _____

1. NAME: _____ JUDGE NO. _____

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

2. HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____
(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** (check one). If yes, please list the complete club name (no initials) you represent: _____

5. Business, Profession or Occupation: _____

Describe position: _____

Business Name (or Self-employed): _____

Business Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number: _____

6. 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.

7. 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:

8. Do you or anyone in your household or family train dogs owned by others for competition in obedience/rally 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.

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

10. 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/Rally Title Earned	Year
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Complete AKC Club Name (no initials)	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.

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

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

Complete Club Name (no initials)	Date	Class

14. List below: AKC sanctioned rally matches you have judged; or additional trials where you have apprenticed in lieu of matches. Do not include "fun matches," class graduations, etc. Copies of apprenticeships must be included with the application.

Complete AKC Club Name (no initials) or Event #	Class(es)	Date	# of Dogs Judged

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

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

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

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

17. List some of the trials over the last five years where you have observed the judging of the rally classes.

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

18. Which of the following have you read in general preparation for judging AKC Rally?

_____ *Rally Regulations* _____ *Obedience Regulations* _____ *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*
_____ *Dealing with Misconduct* Other: _____

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

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

_____ Current passport photo (head shot) attached.



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RALLY JUDGING APPLICANT TEST

PART I

1. Explain in detail, how you would **prepare your ring** and **prepare to judge** when you arrive at the trial site.
2. Explain in detail, the **specific instructions** you would provide to each steward before beginning to judge EACH of the Rally Classes.
3. Explain in detail your experience with the Master Class.
 - a. Have you exhibited in the Master Class? _____ Yes or No How many times? _____
 - b. What have you found to be the greatest challenges as an exhibitor in the Master Class?
4. What are some of the valuable principles you have learned when apprenticing the following Rally Classes:
 - a. Novice
 - b. Intermediate
 - c. Advanced
 - d. Excellent
 - e. Master
5. **Include a copy of a set** (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, Master) **of nested courses, DESIGNED BY YOU.** Include the preferred location of the gates, table, and Stay.
6. Please include one current passport sized photo with this application.

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