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General Guidelines for Apprentice Tracking Judges

The following guidelines apply to apprentice tracking judges:

- Must have permission of the test secretary or chairman and both officiating judges prior to the test.
- There may only be one apprentice judge per test and only at events where a judging applicant is not being tested.
- At least one judge must be an approved regular status judge and not a member of the apprentice's household or immediate family.
- The apprentice judge must be present on both the day of plotting and the day of the test. A minimum of three tracks must be plotted and judged for the apprenticeship to apply.
- Apprentice judges must follow the instructions of the judges the day of plotting and the day of the test. An apprentice judge must never interfere with the activities of the judges or in any way delay plotting or judging.
- At the conclusion of the test, the apprentice judge and the officiating regular status judges must briefly discuss the apprentice's charts and the evaluation of each dog's performance during the test. Both officiating judges must sign the apprentice judging form. Completed forms and official charts must accompany the prospective judge's application when applying to become a judge.



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Tracking Apprentice Judging Form

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 both of the officiating judges, and submitted with an application when applying for approval as a provisional judge. Apprentice must draw own field maps/official charts & submit with this form.

Apprentice: (please print)		Date:
Show/Trial Name:		Event #:
Location:		Type of Tracking Test: <input type="checkbox"/> TD or <input type="checkbox"/> TDU <input type="checkbox"/> TDX <input type="checkbox"/> VST
		Entry:
Number of dogs/tracks:	Participated on test date: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (MANDATORY)	Participated on plotting date: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (MANDATORY)
Apprentice Comments:		
Officiating Judges: Please discuss the apprentice's performance below.		
To be completed by officiating judge 1 (mandatory):		
I, _____ verify that the above apprentice judge has completed an (PLEASE PRINT NAME) AKC® approved apprenticeship.		
Number of tracks participated by the apprentice: _____		
Did apprentice draw field maps? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Did Apprentice draw official charts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Was the overall tracking observation of the apprentice judge reasonably consistent with yours? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If not, why?		
Signature: Number of years judging _____ Number of years in the sport _____		
To be completed by officiating judge 2 (mandatory):		
I, _____ verify that the above apprentice judge has completed an (PLEASE PRINT NAME) AKC® approved apprenticeship.		
Number of tracks participated by the apprentice: _____		
Did apprentice draw field maps? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Did Apprentice draw official charts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Was the overall tracking observation of the apprentice judge reasonably consistent with yours? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If not, why?		
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