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OBEDIENCE – NOVICE / OPEN / UTILITY

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 Utility Dog (UD) title and at least one other dog to an AKC Companion Dog (CD) title.
2. Been active in the sport a minimum of six (6) consecutive years.
3. Acted as a steward in Novice/Open/Utility class (depending upon class applying for) at AKC member or licensed trials a minimum of ten (10) times.
4. Have judged at AKC sanctioned obedience matches a minimum of five (5) times. Judging a non-regular class at an AKC trial with a minimum of ten (10) dogs competing may substitute on a one to one basis to replace the match requirement. Apprentice assignments beyond the three (3) required may be used on a one to one basis to replace the match requirement.
5. Apprenticed under three (3) judges with a minimum of ten (10) dogs in each class. 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 in a dog training club or similar organization.
7. Attended an AKC Obedience seminar within the last three (3) years.

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 questions will be graded either pass or fail. Part II of the test consists of multiple-choice questions administered by an Obedience Field Representative. The test will cover the *Obedience 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 an "Obedience 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 the test and interview, applications are referred to the next available meeting of the Companion Events Approval Committee for a final determination. Following review, applicants will receive written notification of the committee's action.

In compliance with the *Obedience Regulations*, AKC Obedience judges must attend at least one obedience 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 Julie Eagle at jfe@akc.org

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Provisional Obedience 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 TYPE OR PRINT (black or blue ink)

DATE: _____

1. I am applying for approval to judge the **Novice, Open, or Utility Class.** (Circle one)

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

3. HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street)

(City, State, Zip)

4. PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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

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

6. Business, Profession or Occupation: _____

Describe position: _____

Business Name (or Self-employed): _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

7. 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:

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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** (circle 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 obedience trials? **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.

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

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

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

12. List below the names of obedience clubs that you have been a member of.

Club	Date	Position Held

13. 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

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

Trial	Date	Class

15. List below: AKC sanctioned obedience 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; non-regular classes where you have judged. 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

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

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

Other _____

19. List AKC Obedience seminars you have attended in general preparation for the class that is being applied for within the last 3 years.

20. Give a brief explanation of Chapter 2, Section 2, "Standard of Perfection," as found in the *Obedience Regulations*.

21. Please provide any information not requested in the application that you believe supplements your background in dogs in general and the class you have applied for in particular.

22. List obedience trials (include city and state) and dates of trials that you can attend over the next **five** months for the purpose of a personal interview and test with an Obedience 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* 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 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: _____



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OBEDIENCE JUDGING APPLICANT TEST

PART I

1. Discuss, in detail, the manner in which you would prepare the ring and the stewards before you judge this class.
2. Discuss, in detail, where you position yourself when judging each exercise of this class.