

General Guidelines for Obedience / Rally Apprentice Judging

The following guidelines apply to all apprentice judging assignments:

- You may only apprentice for the class in which you are eligible to apply for. In obedience, once you are a Novice provisional judge, you may apprentice the Open classes. Once you are an Open provisional judge, you may apprentice the Utility classes.
- You must obtain permission from the trial/show secretary or chairperson, and the officiating judge. Only one apprentice per class level is allowed.
- You may apprentice only under judges who have been approved to judge all of the obedience or rally classes. When apprenticing the Utility class, it must be done under a regular status judge, not a provisional judge.
- You may apprentice and exhibit at the same event, but **NOT** under the same judge, in any class, on the same day.
- **In Obedience, you must observe and score at least one entire regular class under three (3) different judges**, with a minimum of thirty (30) dogs overall. In addition to the regular classes, you may apprentice the relevant optional titling classes and include those dogs in the required thirty (30) dog count.
- **In Rally, the apprentice must observe and score at least 20 dogs per event** (a mix of Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent & Master dogs, for a minimum of 60 dogs) **under three (3) different judges**, to count towards the provisional judging requirements.
- Apprentice assignments beyond the three (3) required may be used on a one to one basis to replace the match requirement.
- The apprentice must follow the instructions given by the judge and never interfere with the activities of the judge, or in any way delay judging. The apprentice can work with the judge in setting up the ring. Under no circumstances will the apprentice enter the ring once judging of the dogs begin.
- Once the class is finished, at the convenience of the officiating judge, the apprentice and officiating judge will discuss the judging of dogs.
 - The officiating judge is encouraged to mentor the apprentice in all judging related aspects, such as but not limited to: ring set up, good judging procedures, steward instructions, good judging positioning, scoring of the dogs, awards and marking the judge's book.
 - The officiating judge will complete and sign the "Apprentice Judging" form. If the officiating judge has concerns about the apprentice assignment, the judge should email those concerns to obedience@akc.org or rally@akc.org
- The applicant is responsible for submitting the apprentice forms with the application.



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Obedience / Rally 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 the officiating judge and submitted with an application when applying for approval as a Provisional Judge.

Apprentice: (please print)	Date:
Show/Trial Name:	Event #:
Location:	Class:
	Entry:
Apprentice Notes:	
Number of dogs observed and scored:	
Comments by Apprentice:	
Officiating Judge Notes:	
Number of dogs reviewed with the apprentice: _____ Is it your opinion that the apprentice judge is reasonably prepared and qualified to begin judging this class level?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not quite yet, needs more experience <input type="checkbox"/> Include additional recommendations below.	
To be completed by Officiating Judge (mandatory):	
I, _____ verify that the above apprentice judge has completed an (PLEASE PRINT NAME)	
AKC® approved apprenticeship. My signature on this form does not necessarily indicate my endorsement or recommendation of the apprentice judge. IF I have concerns, I will email obedience@akc.org or rally@akc.org	
Signature:	
Number of years judging _____ Number of years in the sport _____	