



Judge's Qualifications

- Support the St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center mission to nurture the human/animal bond and foster an environment in which people respect all living creatures.
- Read and understand the St. Hubert's Dog Sports Competition Obedience Regulations.
- Qualify in either of the following areas:
 - Is currently a licensed or approved judge in one or more of these recognized canine sports: Obedience, Rally.
 - Approved obedience judges may apply to judge all CDSP Obedience classes.
 - Approved rally judges may apply to judge CDSP Obedience classes as follows: APDT Level 1/AKC all levels rally judges may apply to judge the Novice class, APDT Level 2 rally judges may apply to judge both Novice and Open classes, APDT Level 3 rally judges may apply to judge Novice, Open and Utility classes.
 - Has earned titles in one or more of these recognized canine sports: Obedience, Rally as follows:
 - Applicants who have earned a Novice CD title may apply to judge the Novice class. Applicants who have earned a Rally Level 2 or Advanced title may apply to judge the Novice class*.
 - Applicants who have earned an Open CDX title may apply to judge the Open class. Applicants who have earned a Rally Level 3 or Excellent title may apply to judge the Open class*.
 - Applicants to judge the Utility class must have earned at least one qualifying score in Utility in order to apply to judge the Utility class. Applicants who have earned a Rally Level 3 title may apply to judge the Utility class*.
- Applicants must apply to judge each class separately.
- Applicants must complete the tests in order: Novice, Open, Utility.
- Pass a written test on CDSP Obedience Regulations with a score of 85% or higher.
- Applicants shall fill out the Obedience Judge Application Form. The completed application, along with a non-refundable \$15 processing fee, is to be returned to the address indicated on the form.
- Upon receipt of application and verification of qualifications, the written test will be forwarded to the applicant. The completed test is to be returned to the address indicated.



Apprenticeship

After successfully completing the Judge's Written Test, those CDSP judge applicants who are NOT already an Approved Judge in another obedience registry will be required to apprentice one (1) class of 6 or more dogs, with an Approved (not Provisional) CDSP Judge.

- While applicants (who are not an Approved Judge in another obedience registry) may take all levels of the Judge's Written Test at one time, CDSP will require that applicants successfully apprentice the Novice class before apprenticing the Open class, and successfully apprentice the Open class before apprenticing the Utility class.
- Apprentice Judges will not receive compensation for apprenticing, as it is a requirement of licensing.
- Apprentice Judges must notify the CDSP Coordinator of their apprenticing intentions (trial date and location). The CDSP Coordinator will then contact the Officiating Judge and the Trial Host to confirm arrangements.
- Apprentice Judges may not show in the class they are apprenticing.
- Day of Trial:
 - The Trial Host will provide duplicate scoresheets for the Apprentice Judge to use
 - The Apprentice Judge and Officiating Judge shall score each performance independently and simultaneously. Each should attempt to make notes on the scoresheets of reasons for deductions.
 - The Apprentice Judge shall position himself / herself so as to view the performance from the same perspective as the Officiating Judge, but must not interfere with either the Officiating Judge's movement around the ring or the team's execution of the course.
 - At the conclusion of each team's run, the Officiating Judge shall turn in the scoresheet to the Scoring Steward. The Apprentice Judge shall keep all Apprentice scoresheets until the conclusion of the trial. Only scoresheets from the Officiating Judge shall be used to determine team scores.
 - At the conclusion of the trial, after all ribbons and prizes have been awarded, the Officiating Judge and the Apprentice Judge shall review the Apprentice's scoresheets and the Officiating Judge's scoresheets.
 - The Officiating Judge will file an Apprentice Judge Evaluation Report with the CDSP Coordinator. This may be sent separately from the trial paperwork.
- Upon receipt of a satisfactory evaluation, the Apprentice Judge will receive Provisional judging approval.

Provisional Status

Judges who satisfactorily complete the Judge's Written Test, and, where



necessary, have completed the CDSP Apprenticeship requirements, will be given 'Provisional' approval. All judges will be considered 'provisional' until such time as he / she has satisfactorily judged three (3) classes of 6 or more dogs with positive evaluations. A Provisional Judge having satisfied this requirement will be granted 'Approved' status.

**Please note: Applicants who have not earned a competition obedience title will be required to attend a CDSP Sanctioned Obedience Seminar in addition to satisfactorily passing the written test before receiving Provisional Approval. If you have attended a CDSP Sanctioned Obedience Seminar prior to completing this application, please indicate date and location on the application form. If you attend after submitting this application, you must furnish this information to the CDSP Coordinator within ten days of attending the seminar.*