

Eligibility, Certification, and Obligations as an ADGA Judge

All official sanctioned ADGA shows shall be judged by a certified ADGA judge. The rules for eligibility to be a judge and for training and certification follow.

Eligibility

- You must be 18 years of age or older on the beginning day of a TC and hold a current individual regular membership in ADGA.
- You must successfully complete an ADGA TC for Judges or used the alternative method of certification.
- In advance of the calendar year, you must pay the license fee for ADGA Judges as set by the Board of Directors.

Certification

New Candidates (Those who have never held an ADGA Judges' License)

- ◆ You can only qualify for a 1-year Apprentice License.
- ◆ You must have attended a Pre-Judges TC or another TC within the last 24 months.
- ◆ You must have paid the training fees as set by the Judges TC Committee.
- ◆ You must meet the following requirements in a TC:
 - 75% or greater score on the written exam (at 65% on each part)
 - 75% or greater score on actual placement of at least 8 animal classes (based on Hormel Scoring System)
 - Average score of 70% or greater in presentation of oral reasons (based on TC panel evaluation of 2 animal classes)
 - Average score of 70% or greater in accuracy of reasons (based on TC panel evaluation of 2 animal classes)
- ◆ You may only judge newly organized shows or shows where 200 animals or less (for all sanctions) were shown the previous year.

Renewing Candidates

- ◆ All Judges must renew their license.
- ◆ Those without tenure will be evaluated by the same criteria as new candidates, but their scores will determine whether or not they renew at a greater term of licensure.
- ◆ Regardless of term of license, a score below 70% in either accuracy or presentation, or scores below 75% in written test or placement would not permit license renewal.
- ◆ Renewing candidates need not attend a Pre-Judges TC.
- ◆ If successful, the following standards for terms of renewal apply:

- Apprentice - An Apprentice License must be renewed at no less than the new candidate scores.
 - Two-Year – This must be achieved by advancing from an Apprentice status by scores of 75% or greater on the written test, presentation, and accuracy scores, as well as 80% or greater on placement scores. It can be maintained at the two-year level with Apprentice qualifying scores if renewed from a Two-Year License.
 - Four-Year – This must be achieved by advancing from a Two-Year status by scores of 80% or greater on the written test, presentation, and accuracy scores, as well as 85% or greater on placement scores. It can be maintained at the Four-Year level with Apprentice qualifying scores if renewed from a Four-Year License.
- ◆ Successful candidates may opt to have their license effective as of the 1st of January of the following year.
 - ◆ If a currently licensed judge fails a TC, they must successfully pass another TC within the same calendar year to be considered to have a Continuous License.
 - ◆ A Judge with a Two-Year or Four-Year License may, under extenuating circumstances, renew the year after expiration of their license pending special approval by the Judges Training Committee under Guidebook guidelines XIV.B.2).

Advanced Judge Candidates

- ◆ Judges who have successfully renewed their licenses three consecutive times with a minimum of 13 years of continuous licensing are eligible to renew by the Alternative method.
- ◆ Eligibility may begin during either their 13th or 14th year of tenure, depending on the year of license expiration. Years served as an Apprentice judge will not count in the years of continuous licensing.
- ◆ The final judging license renewal prior to being promoted to Advanced status must be earned at the Four-Year License level.
- ◆ The Alternative Method will consist of a seminar conducted by a moderator appointed by the Advanced Judge's Committee and will have a standard format (Guidebook: XIV.B.3).
- ◆ These special seminars are offered only at Annual Meetings on odd-numbered years. Advanced Judges whose license expires on even-numbered years must renew a year early.
- ◆ A Judge with an Advanced License may, under extenuating circumstances, renew the year after expiration of license pending special approval by the Advanced Judges Training Committee under Guidebook guidelines XIV.B.3).

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