

CWDF IGP JUDGES PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS

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Purpose

The CWDF Judges Program shall provide education, licensing, and support for CWDF affiliated individuals residing in Canada wishing to be part of the evaluation of working dogs as per the FCI Utility Dogs Commission IGP regulations.

Duties, Responsibilities, and Rights of a Judge

CWDF judges can only judge sanctioned events under the CWDF and/or other organizations recognized by the FCI. Judges will score their judging of a dog's performance independently from the person of the dog handler, owner, and breed of dog.

The judge evaluates the demonstrated working performance of the dog in sanction trials as stipulated in the current and valid IGP rules of the FCI.

Any complaints or violations by the judge against trial rules and regulations and that can be proven to have occurred must be presented to the Director of Judges within a maximum of 10 days after the event in writing and not anonymous. Complaints after this time period will not be recognized.

Judges must keep their paperwork from each trail for a minimum of 2 years

Judges must also answer questions about the organization and the rules when at events to try and help promote the sport.

If a Judge has an incident at a trial of unsportsmanlike conduct of an individual's behaviour that requires immediate disqualification on the day of the event, the judge must let the Director of Judges know if the incident

Judges must judge at least one sanctioned event per 2-year period to remain a licensed Judge.

If a Judge cannot meet these requirements, they are subject to additional training. If the Judge refuses to do this then their licence will be revoked and they will be taken off of the Judges list.

Judges cannot evaluate their own dog in a trial.

Judges cannot Judge their own club which he/she is a member. Exceptions can be permitted only in case of a judge cancellation at a last minute.

Judges must stay active in the sport. Must participate at their club. Must be working a dog but do not have to compete. Be involved in the training program at their club as well.

Judges are entitled to the following expenses reimbursement, covered by the trial hosting club: travel cost, cost of staying overnight, meals, parking at airports, mileage to and from residence at \$0.50 per km.

Judges fee shall be \$100 per day of Judging. Travel days are either \$50 or \$100, depending on travel times.

If a Judge is legally convicted by a court of law for criminal acts, especially for causing bodily harm or injury, falsifying documents, violation of the animal protection rules, they will immediately be relieved of their duties. If this happens the Judge must return the licence promptly and voluntarily.

Behaviour of Judges

A judge should never be late for their judge assignment.

A Judge should never criticize the work of another judge in public.

A Judge should under no circumstances solicit appointments to judge.

A judge is not permitted to look at the catalogue of the trial before or during their judging.

A judge on the field must behave properly and examine all dogs indiscriminately. He or she should be dressed properly, in accordance with the duty to be fulfilled.

A judge cannot smoke on the field.

A judge cannot drink alcohol on the field or while the trial is in progress.

A judge can neither enter a dog nor handle a dog at a trial where they are officiating as a Judge.

CWDF Judges should dress in proper apparel.

CWDF Judges Committee will recognize any sanctions against judges from any CWDF Club Judges Program.

Judges Licences

Starting numbers for first slate of already licensed judge submissions is based on who applied first, and is sequential based on the order that the applications are submitted.

The Director of Judges will maintain a directory of the judges including their number, and contact information.

The CWDF Executive Board or their delegate will print a certificate for each judge stating their name and number.

Judges request/release process

An online form located on the CWDF website can be completed by any CWDF Club to request a judge, and the request details listed on the form will be forwarded to the specific Judge requested, the CWDF Director of Judges and CWDF Judges Coordinator.

The CWDF Director of Judges, approves the same or requests more information.

The CWDF Judges Coordinator completes a spreadsheet to record the judging assignment, and advises the CWDF Club Head Judge for the organization the judge belongs to, and the requesting club of the approval.

Responsibilities of the Director of Judges

Director of Judges should oversee the assignments of the Judges to the sanctioned trials. A club should not be allowed to use the same judge for each trial. There should be at least one trial in between the use of a single Judge. The Director of Judges should make sure that all of the Canadian Judges be used so that they can get enough trials per year to maintain their licence.

Director of Judges will investigate accusations against Judges on potential violation of the Judges' rules or offences against CWDF by-laws and rules.

In case of well-founded suspicions, Director of Judges is entitled to suspend a judge from their official duties for no longer than 3 months during the sport year. In the case of an appeal by the accused against the suspension, the Judges Committee chairperson will make a decision within 3 days after the appeal.

After the investigation has been done and if the result recommends continuation or cancellation of the proceedings, the following can come from the Director of Judges:

- Warning

- Strong reprimand
- Temporary suspension (up to 2 years) with additional schooling in theory and practical application. After expiration of the suspension, suspended judge must officiate in a minimum of 2 trials as a probationary judge before getting their full licence back.
- Withdrawal of the judge licence and permanent removal from the CWDF Judges List

Apprentice Program

Existing IGP Judges (e.g. FCI or WUSV recognized) residing in Canada and seeking a CWDF Judge licence may refer to the later section "Procedure for an existing non-CWDF Judge to become a CWDF Judge".

The apprentice Judge applicant must have completed their 25th year by the day of application and not have passed the 55th year.

The applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or have a landed immigrant status and live in Canada.

The applicant at the time of application must have been a member of a CWDF member club for at least 5 years.

The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from their club president and also must have a sponsor judge that can help them through the program.

Applicant can not make a sole living off of dog sport.

Applicant must have trained a minimum of 2 dogs from BH through to IPO /IGP 3 level in an organization recognized by the CWDF and show proof with the results of the trials i.e. scorebooks. The applicant must also, with these or other dogs have successfully obtained an IFH (FH) title.

Applicant must have acted as a trial chairperson at several trials.

The applicant must have successfully competed a minimum of once at a CWDF member breed club National Championship or at the CWDF National Championship at a Schutzhund 3, IPO 3 or IGP 3 level.

The application should have the following information provided by the applicant:

- A recent criminal background check
- Self-written resume including information about their career as an IGP dog trainer, competitor, and/or club officer
- A statement by the applicant declaring that they are aware that they are solely responsible for all expenses required to travel and available to attend required trials
- Applicant can make no claims against said organization if injured or loss of income because of injury
- If the applicant is turned down by the Director of Judges. The Director of Judges will look at all objections and have the final decision whether or not they will be let in to the program. Anonymous objections are invalid.
- The Director of Judges will confirm the applicant has met said prerequisite and submit a letter to the CWDF Board of Directors asking for their consideration of the said applicant.
- Should all of the above be fulfilled the CWDF Board will announce by way of the CWDF web site that the said applicant has been accepted and will now be in the CWDF performance Judge apprenticeship program.
- An applicant can reapply after 2 years. If this is the case, they start right back at the same process from the beginning

Responsibilities

The Director of Judges or their delegate will administer a written and oral test to the applicant combined with instruction in the activity of an apprentice judge.

The apprentice must finish their apprentice activity in an appropriate time period but no longer than 36 months.

They must judge the following, with a minimum of 5 trials under 3 different FCI-recognized, CWDF Judges Committee-approved judges:

- at least 12 dogs in BH-VT
- at least 10 dogs in IGP 1
- at least 5 dogs in IGP 2
- at least 25 dogs in IGP 3
- at least 2 dogs in IFH

If the number of dogs has not been met after 5 trials then they must go to more trials to meet these criteria.

The apprentice will be required to carry out award presentations.

The Director of judges will deploy the apprentice to the trials.

Apprentice judges independently from the judge. After the trial is done the apprentice will give a written report to the officiating judge. If there are huge discrepancies while judging this will be talked about during the trial. The apprentice must give reasons for why each awarded evaluation.

The apprentice completes a report that must be sent in to the officiating judge and the Director of Judges within 2 weeks. If the apprentice does not submit their report within this time they will be terminated from the program, unless there are reasonable circumstances. After the officiating judge has read the report and critiqued the apprentice's report and sends any critiques to the Director of Judges and the apprentice.

After the apprenticeship has been completed, the judge will be placed on a 3-year probation period with at least 5 trials done within this time. Probation can be extended by the Director of Judges if circumstances are reasonable.

During probation, a judge cannot judge a regional championship or National Championship

The Judge must be fair and impartial in the evaluation of the apprentice judge

After all requirements are met the Director of Judges will administer a final written exam and a final judging assignment with the Director of Judges present.

Apprentice must pass the exam with at least a satisfactory performance on the final exam.

Procedure for an existing non-CWDF Judge to become a CWDF Judge

Criteria to become a Canadian Working Dog Federation (CWDF) IGP Judge

- Applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or have a landed immigrant status and live in Canada.
- Applicant must be a member in good standing and must maintain a current membership of a CWDF club.
- Applicant is a judge in good standing from a CWDF-recognized judging program.

Process for becoming a CWDF IGP Judge

1. All applicants for the CWDF IGP Judges Program must first apply in writing to the CWDF Executive Board for Review. Application must state that the applicant agrees to judge all breeds impartially and represent the CWDF to the best of their ability for all judging assignments nationally and internationally.
2. After a review of the applicant's qualifications and application, the CWDF Executive Board has the authority to vote applicant's application be dismissed, or approved at a probationary, or full level.

3. Names of applicants will be posted on the CWDF website for a period of 15 days for comments from any CWDF club member. After this period of time, the applicant shall be granted the licence authorized by the CWDF Executive Board in the previous step.
May some comments make the Executive Board doubtful of the validity of the application, the CWDF Judges Committee shall investigate the matter and take a final decision on the application.

Any applicants whose application is dismissed, may reapply after 12 months from the date of the CWDF's notice of the dismissed application