

## 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 79% 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 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> 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).