

# **THE UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **REGIONAL PDI JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of the USPCA. Applicant must have handled or trained a police service dog that has obtained a PDI title in a recorded sanctioned USPCA certification trial.
2. Applicant must have judged a minimum of three (3) regional Certifications in not less than a 2 year period, covering all phases of obedience, agility, box search, article search and criminal apprehension (Amended 09/27/09)
3. A total of not less than thirty-five (35) K-9 teams must be judged over this period. This means thirty-five (35) teams in each phase.
4. The Regional Executive Board will review the application and approve or disapprove it forwarding it on to the Judges Committee with any comments.
5. The application is to be signed by the Regional President and one other regional officer. The application must be forwarded to the Judges Committee Chairman and a copy to the National Director. This must be done 60 days prior to the next scheduled Executive Board meeting.
6. The committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the National Executive Board, who will approve or disapprove the application. If approved, the applicant will receive a Regional Certified Judge Certificate.

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## **REGIONAL JUDGE OF DETECTOR DOGS**

1. Applicant must submit a resume showing three years experience to his regional executive board, and have at least one-year experience as police trainer or handler of a narcotic or explosive detector dog. Applicant must have handled or trained a detector dog at a sanctioned certification and have received a certificate of certification from it. Applicant must have judged 35 teams in each phase and they must have participated in a minimum of 3 trials as a judge in not less than a 2 year period (amended 09/27/09)
2. The Regional Executive Board will review the application and approve or disapprove the application.
3. The application is to be signed by the Regional President and one other regional officer and forwarded to the National Judges Certification Committee Chairman and a copy to the National Director. This must be done 60 days prior to the next scheduled Executive Board meeting.
4. The committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the National Executive Board, who will approve or disapprove same.
5. If approved the applicant will receive a Regional Certified Detector Dog Judge Certificate.

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## **REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A NATIONAL JUDGE**

1. Applicant must be a current member of the USPCA.
2. Applicant must be a Regionally Certified Judge for a full 3 years.
3. Applicant must have been a scoring judge at a minimum of four regional certifications; one regional scoring assignment has to be outside the applicant's home region.
4. Applicant for PDI National Judge will evaluate 75 teams in Obedience/ Agility/ Article Search/ Suspect Search and Criminal Apprehension (both apprehensions count as one).
5. Applicant for Detector National Judge will judge 75 teams inside (rooms) and 75 teams on vehicle searches.
6. Applicant must have had five years experience as a handler.
7. The Regional Executive Board will review application for compliance of requirements and approve / disapproves the application, listing reason(s) for any disapproval. The region president and one other regional officer will sign all applications. The region will then forward application to the National Judges Committee Chairman and a copy to the National Director.
8. The judges committee will investigate applicants' qualifications checking for verification and completion from national records.
9. If the application is found in order the National Judges Committee Chairman will mail the applicant a written test (PDI or Detector) on the rules and regulations. If the applicant is a certified trainer the test will include situational decision making to evaluate the reasoning process to be successful as a senior event judge or chief judge. Test will be mailed certified mail and will be returned by certified mail post marked two days after receipt was signed received. The completed test will be evaluated by the judges committee as acceptable or unacceptable. The applicant will be notified, if the chairman of the judges committee finds a test unacceptable (11-1-02).
10. If approved, the applicant will be placed on the list of qualified judges, to be invited to judge the National Field Trials. Upon selection to judge the national trials, the applicant must judge at least two different phases at those trials with their judging performance being evaluated by the Judges Certification Committee.

11. The judges committee will make a recommendation to the National Executive Board, who will approve or disapprove the certification. If approved, the applicant will receive a national certified judge certificate and number.
12. All national novice judges must judge the Criminal Apprehension phase as one of their two judging phases at the national trials.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS REGIONAL JUDGE TRACKING DOG - P.D. II**

1. Applicant must be a current member and submit a resume showing three years experience to their regional executive board. The applicant must have handled or trained a PD II or Tracking Dog at a sanctioned certification and have received a certificate of certification.
2. Applicant must have judged 10 dogs in a sanctioned PDII or PDIX certification.
3. The regional executive board will review the application and approve or disapprove it.
4. The application is to be signed by the Regional President and one other regional officer and forwarded to the National Judges Certification Committee Chairman and a copy to the National Director. This must be done 60 days prior to the next scheduled Executive Board meeting.
5. The committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the National Executive Board, who will approve or disapprove same.
6. If approved the applicant will receive a Regional Certified Detector Dog Judge Certificate.

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## REGION CHIEF JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS

### **REGIONAL OR DISTRICT PD I and/or EDD CERTIFICATION TRIALS**

The Chief Judge of a Regional or District Police Dog I Trial and/or Evidence Detector Dog EDD must be on the list of qualified judges that is set in January of each year. These judges have been certified both as a National Trainer and a National Judge and have complied with all membership requirements. The chief judge also has to be from an outside region. Contact the National Secretary or the Judges Committee Chairman to obtain a complete list of eligible chief judges.

### **REGIONAL DETECTOR CERTIFICATION TRIALS**

The Chief Judge of a Regional/District Detector Trial has to be a Regional or National Detector Judge and a Level II, Level III Trainer or a Detector Dog Trainer. These judges need to be current with all membership requirements, being current members, and can be from within their own region.

**NOTE: Explosive Detector, EOD, Chief Judge** must have a background in explosive detection, either as an explosive detection trainer or handler. The Chief Judge or Senior Event Judge with the same qualifications will place all explosive aids.

### **REGIONAL TRACKING CERTIFICATION TRIALS**

The Chief Judge of a Regional/District Tracking Trial has to be at least a Certified Regional Judge for Tracking and a Level I / II / III National Trainer. These judges have to have complied with all membership requirements being current members and can be from within their own region.

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