

POLICY FOR REQUESTING JUDGES

The following policy is based on requirements from the American Working Dog Federation, the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, and DVG. Please read these carefully and ensure that you are following policy when you request judges for AWMA trials.

SV Judges:

Send your request to the AWMA Director of Judges and this request will then be forwarded to the President of USCA for approval. Plan ahead....requests for SV Judges should be submitted at least six months in advance to the USCA President.

FCI and other International Judge Requests:

AWMA clubs requesting an FCI or international judge will send their information to our Director of Judges, who will then forward the information to the AWDF. All requests for FCI or other international judges must be submitted to the AWDF Secretary for approval. Check in advance before offering a judging assignment to an FCI or other international judge to ensure that they are eligible to judge at AWDF member club trials. Also note that some foreign kennel clubs require a letter from a national organization authorizing their judges to participate in our trials, and AWDF will facilitate these letters.

USCA Judges:

When asking for a working SchH / IPO judge from USCA, clubs must contact and send a letter of request to the USCA Director of Judges. Effective January 1, 2011, there is a "Judges Authorization Fee" of \$50 that will be charged by USCA for club events and \$100.00 for championship events for use of their judges. Receipt of the fee by the USCA DOJ along with the request for using a judge is required before USCA's DOJ will release the authorization for the request.

DVG Judges:

If you wish to obtain a DVG judge for a trial, applications and requests must be sent to the LV/DVG America Chief of Judges, Hartmut Beckmann. By DVG/Germany rules, no judge can be assigned or accept an assignment to a trial that the application has not gone through the Landesverband Chief of Judges, whether here or in Germany. Hartmut's e-mail address is: Hartmut.Beckmann@qwest.com. As per a recent AWDF decision, in addition to sending a request to Mr. Beckmann, clubs wishing to use a DVG judge should send a statement directly to the AWDF secretary.

Judges not recognized internationally or by the AWDF:

Titles attained under judges that are not recognized outside the United States may hinder teams wishing to attain new titles, compete nationally and possibly internationally under the AWDF umbrella. Similarly, there are some domestic judges in organizations that are not recognized by AWDF. If you are not certain about the acceptability of a judge, contact our Director of Judges in advance for guidance.

Reference WDA minutes pages 8 &14

[http://gsdca-wda.org/boardminutes/WDA%20Miinutes%20\(Jan%2011%20to%2013,%202008\)%20Final1.pdf](http://gsdca-wda.org/boardminutes/WDA%20Miinutes%20(Jan%2011%20to%2013,%202008)%20Final1.pdf)

Reference on Page 3 of the AWDF May 2010 minutes

<http://www.awdf.net/05-28-10%20awdf%20May%2011%202010%20TC%20minutes.pdf>

Reference on Page 5 of the AWDF June 2009 Minutes

<http://www.awdf.net/09-28-09June2009%20TC%20Minutes.pdf>