

# United States Police Canine Association, Inc.

## Chief Judge Compensation Policy

Originally, the USPCA required that a Chief Judge for a PDI be from outside of the region. This requirement made it difficult for regions who did not have a lot of money within their coffers to pay for a Chief Judge from out of region. To assist with this, the National Office had written a rule that was in the PDI general rules saying that the National Office would “pay travel expenses for the Chief Judge twice per year for a Region or District PD1 Certification (\$600 Max).” Paperwork indicates that each region would be compensated TWICE per year for a Chief Judge to come in to do a PDI. In the years since, requirements were changed to say that the Chief Judge for a PDI trial can be from within the Region.

This guideline continues the past rule. Paying for Chief Judges for PDI will continue with a maximum payout of \$600 per trial. Charitable mileage rate for 2023 was .14 cents per mile. Each Region may be compensated up to TWICE per year.

For a Region to be eligible for the national office to pay the Chief Judge, that region must meet all requirements of the Bylaws of the USPCA to include:

1. Article 15, #9 - Each Region/District shall cause their Secretary to forward an accurate copy of the proceeding of each meeting to the National Executive Board, national Secretary, and to their respective Vice President, no later than twenty (20) days after each meeting. Under #8, it requires at least two meetings per year. (these can be meetings prior to or at a trial)
2. Article 14, #10 - Each Region/District shall provide the National Treasurer with a financial statement that will be for the fiscal year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>. The National Treasurer must receive all statements by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the New Year. Under #11, it requires an annual audit by the regional board of trustees. (this can be part of the report of the treasurer and handled by the trustees on the regional level)

**We would respectfully request that regions pay for their own Chief Judges when they have the funds to do so.**

To Request funds from the National Office to pay for a Chief Judge, the qualified Chief Judge should first: check with the regional office to see what they can afford to pay and request that the regional office pay for their own Chief judge. Then, if the region cannot afford the cost of paying for a Chief Judge, then as long as that region has met the two requirements above, the national office will compensate the Chief Judge up to \$600 for that trial.

The Chief Judge should use the Chief Judge Reimbursement Form to request this assistance.

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