

UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC. 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 judge at a minimum of four regional certifications; one regional judging assignment has to be outside the applicant's home region.
4. Applicant for PDI National Judge will evaluate **95** teams each in Obedience/ 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 for Detector National Judge must have judged one (1) Odor Recognition Test (ORT) for an explosive test *and must have judged at least 5 dogs in the package/parcel phase of an explosive test.*
7. Applicant must have had five years' experience as a handler.
8. The Regional Executive Board will provide a letter for the applicant, to support the applicants request to become a judge. This letter will be attached to the on-line application and will be confirmed by the National Secretary.
9. The judges committee will investigate applicants' qualifications, checking for verification and completion from national records.
10. If the application is found in order, the National Judges Committee Chairman, or designee, 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. If approved, the applicant will be placed on the list of qualified judges, to be invited to judge at the next appropriate National Trial. 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. All national novice judges must judge the criminal apprehension phase as one of their two judging phases at the National Field trials.
12. 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.

NOTE: It is recommended that the applicant keep a copy of the application for future reference.