

## HRC APPRENTICE JUDGE GUIDELINES & POLICIES

Apprenticing gives the apprentice “hands on” experience and knowledge. The apprentice’s Licensed Judge will complete an Apprentice Form evaluating the performance and abilities of the apprentice for that test. The Hunt Secretary of the Club hosting the Hunt will provide the Apprentice Form to the apprentice to complete his/her information and then to the Licensed Judge to complete his/her evaluation of the apprentice. **The Hunt Secretary is responsible for sending the Apprentice Form to HRC [Secretary@H-R-C.org](mailto:Secretary@H-R-C.org)**

### **The following are basic guidelines and requirements.**

**Note: All Apprentice Judges moving from Started to Seasoned and Seasoned to Finished need Field Rep Approval PRIOR to Apprenticing. New 6/2012**

1. Only one apprentice Judge is allowed per AA Licensed Judge for a Regular Hunt and only 2 apprentice Upland Judges are allowed per AA Licensed Upland Judge for a Upland Hunt.
2. Apprentice Judging Assignments must be under different AA Licensed Judges for the Category.
3. Apprentice Judges are to report to the hunt grounds on setup day prior to the Hunt to meet with the Hunt Committee, Licensed Judge and Marshal. Both Judges should thoroughly go over and select the hunt areas in order to test the hunting retriever in a true-to-life hunting situation.
4. The Apprentice Judge is to actively participate in the design and setup of the tests with the Licensed Judge on setup day.
5. On the day of the Hunt, the Apprentice Judge shall actively participate in the Handlers meeting.
6. Apprentice Judges will participate in any Handler Conferences with the Licensed Judge at the appropriate times after the conclusion of their tests.
7. The Apprentice Judge will record the entire performance of each dog in an appropriate manner on the Judge Sheet.
8. Failure of the Apprentice Judge to be present and participate in Test Setup and/or failure to participate in Handler conferences after the hunt and/or failure to properly record the performance of the dog(s), will cause the Apprenticeship to be void and shall not count toward Licensing requirements.
9. Licensed and Apprentice Judges are to keep all Judges sheets for a period of one (1) year.
10. No dog in contention for points, owned or co-owned by a Judge or apprentice Judge may be entered under the Judge or apprentice. No dog in contention for points, trained by a Judge or apprentice Judge for compensation during the preceding twelve (12) months may be entered under that Judge or apprentice. No dog in contention for points, owned or co-owned by a member of the Judge’s or apprentice’s immediate family or cohabitant of a Judge or apprentice may be entered under the Judge or apprentice.