

## **Section 6      JUDGING**

### **6.1 JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Judge's responsibilities include:

- Checking that the field is properly set up and measured.
- Checking that the area is safe for the dogs to compete.
- Answering organizers or participant's questions regarding rules or titles.
- Checking that all competitors are using ***an approved disc.***
- Judging all official events (unofficial classes can be judged by anyone that the organizers deem suitable). CDDA judges are not required to judge unofficial events.
- Completing and signing all score sheets and return them to the host club the day of the event.
- Making sure that all score sheets are legible and understandable.
- Explaining general rules to competitors (once) at a briefing prior to the commencement of each class.
- Checking that all timing devices are working properly and are used properly.
- *Instruct the line judge, timer and scribe as needed.*
- Checking that the handler and dog match that listed on the score sheet to the best of their ability.
- Checking that practice area is safe and not visible from the trial field.
- Measuring dogs entered in the mini division.
- Being familiar with all the rules that govern judges (section 6.7 & 6.8)

Judges will not engage in disputes with disgruntled exhibitors.

The judge has the power to disqualify an exhibitor from the trial or individual class if they see fit.

A judge must not advise, coach or train any competitors during the trial.

At no time should a judge consume alcohol during an assignment.

Judges may request that trial hosts/organizers rearrange class schedules to accommodate weather conditions.

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### **6.2    LINE REFEREE**

- Maintains a clear and unobstructed view of the throw line, the handler and the dog at all times.
- Signals to the judge if a handler's foot touches or crosses the line during a throw.
- Timekeeper can also serve as the line referee.

### **6.3    TIMEKEEPER (Single Disc)**

- Starts time when the dog crosses the throw line for the first time and after the judge has indicated he/she is ready.
- Calls out when 10 second are remaining in the round.
- Signals the end of round (60 seconds have expired) by calling 'time'.

### **6.4    SCOREKEEPER (SCRIBE)**

- Records each throw and the appropriate points according to the judge.
- Uses official score sheets ensuring the proper team receives their proper points.
- Totals the points for each round
- The trial judge can serve as his or her own scorekeeper.

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### **6.5 TIEBREAKERS**

#### **Single Disc Division**

- Ties in the single disc class will be broken by sudden death catches.
- The tied competitors flip a coin to determine who goes first.
- Each competitor is given one throw and the catch is scored.
- The highest pointed catch is the winner.
- The competitors continue to take turns until the tie is broken
- Points scored in a tiebreaker will not be counted towards titles.
- Only dogs tied for first, second or third place will compete in a run off.

#### **Freestyle Division**

- The team that scored the highest in overall impression will decide ties in the freestyle division.
- A team that qualifies will place over teams with the same score but do not qualify.

***All decisions by the judge are final.***

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### **6.6 APPLYING TO BE A JUDGE**

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All judges must complete the judge's training program and be certified by the Canadian Disc Dog Association. Upon completion of the program the judge coordinator will consider the applicant and make recommendations to the Executive Director and Executive Council.

An individual will be considered for the program if:

- The individual is at least 18 years of age.
- The applicant has achieved a BDD or BMDD title with their dog.

Any individual interested in becoming a judge must submit a judge's application form. Application forms are available from the CDDA.

#### **JUDGE'S CLINIC**

*A judge candidate must apply & fill out a CDDA judge application. Upon acceptance the candidate must attend a one-day CDDA Judge's Clinic. It is expected that the candidates are thoroughly familiar with the rules of the CDDA before attending a Judge's Clinic. The CDDA Rule book is available on line.*

*The clinic will consist of two parts.*

#### **The Seminar:**

*This portion will present material in a classroom format covering current CDDA rules and regulations and how judge decisions are made as well as special situations.*

#### **The Examination:**

*At the conclusion of the seminar portion candidates will be required to take a written and oral examination.*

#### **Written Exam**

*The written exam will consist of true/false and multiple choice questions. A passing score of 80% or greater is required.*

#### **Oral Exam**

*The oral exam will consist of one or two scenarios requiring a judgement call. This will be scored as a pass or fail.*

*Once a candidate has completed the seminar portion and achieved a score of 80% or greater on the written exam and a passing score on the oral exam they will be eligible to continue as an apprentice judge. If a candidate fails the exam they may re-take it within 3 months of the date of the judge's clinic they attended. A fee of \$50 will be charged to retake the exam.*

Apprentice Judging:

- *All judge candidates must apprentice at no less than two CDDA sanctioned trials within a year of successful completion of their CDDA Judge's Clinic.*
- *Candidate will judge under the direction of a designated supervising judge. Apprentices must judge all sanctioned classes offered by the CDDA.*
- *If not all classes are offered or there are no entries in a class or the entries are small then additional apprentice judging assignments may be required.*
- *To apprentice judge a Candidate must contact a supervising judge and arrange with a trial host to apprentice at their trial.*
- *Candidates must have approval from the CDDA before apprentice judging at a trial. They must inform the CDDA of the date of the trial, location and who the examining judge will be.*
- *Apprentices will not receive a judging fee during their judging. All judge's fees will go to the examining judge.*

## 6.7 JUDGE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

***A judge's behaviour and appearance reflect directly upon the Canadian Disc Dog Association, the host club and the sport. A judge's conduct must include the following:***

- *The judge is expected to be friendly and courteous to all competitors and officials.*
- *The judge must be firm in enforcing the rules of the CDDA.*
- *A judge must be impartial and give every team an equal opportunity in compliance with the rules of the CDDA.*
- *Judges should not wear any item that shows any affiliation to a competing team, breeder, a club or sponsor.*

*The CDDA must provide an equal opportunity for host clubs and trial organizers to hire any judge. To prevent any favouritism and promote a professional image the following policies shall be strictly followed by all judges:*

- i) *A judge must be reimbursed for accommodation and travel expenses directly related to the trial.*
- ii) *Judges must be paid the official judge's fee*
- iii) *The judge's fee is the greater of:*
  - *\$75 per trial or*
  - *\$2 per entry for the freestyle class and \$1 per entry in RPT, Novice, Advanced, Mini, Junior single disc & furthest catch,*
- iv) *A judge cannot waive their fees in lieu of free entries and/or gifts.*
- v) *A judge must not agree to any arrangement that would require them to donate their fees back to the trial or to a charity supported by the trial.*
- vi) *Judges may accept gifts from host clubs or trial organizers in addition to their fees.*
- vii) *All judges must follow the rules of section 6.7 Judges Eligibility for Competition.*

*Any judge failing to follow the rules of the CDDA or misrepresenting the CDDA will be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Director and/or Executive council.*

## 6.8 JUDGE'S ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

- No judge may compete for prizes or placements at a trial they are officiating at. They may compete for points and qualifiers if a stand-in judge is willing to judge their dog.
- No judge may compete for prizes or placements at a trial where they are the host or member of the club that is hosting the trial. They may compete for points and qualifiers.
- No Judge may run more than one dog per official class (RPT, single disc & furthest catch) at a trial at which they are officiating. The host club may charge for a judge's entries or the host club may permit the entries at no charge as a courtesy.
- No officiating judge may run a dog in the Freestyle class.
- Stand-in judges may only score the official judge's dog(s).
- A stand-in judge is a certified judge that volunteers to score an official judge's dog(s).
- A stand-in judge receives no fee. A stand-in judge may accept a gift from the host club if offered. The stand-in judge may not accept a gift from the officiating judge.
- No judge is required to be a stand-in judge at a trial where they are competing.
- Stand-in judges are able to compete for prizes and placements unless they are the host or member of the club hosting the trial