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### AAC Judge's Clinic Candidate Application

NAME: _____	EMAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____
PROVINCE: _____	POSTAL CODE: _____
PHONE No: _____	ALTERNATE No: _____
I AM AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD <sup>1</sup> :	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
PREFERRED LANGUAGE FOR EXAMS:	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH
AAC MEMBERSHIP No: _____	Member since: _____
<i>Applications supplied without a membership # will be considered incomplete and will NOT be considered for clinic participation. All membership information will be verified.</i>	

HOST (send form to Host if clinic date known)	FACILITATOR
LOCATION	DATE OF CLINIC (even if tentative)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	CLINIC DATE or HOST UNKNOWN
	Send form to Judges Clinic Coordinator: <a href="mailto:m.tahnis2@gmail.com">m.tahnis2@gmail.com</a>

Why do you want to attend the judge's clinic? (If you are attending as an observer, go to pg. 7 to complete the application.)

- I want to take the exam to become an approved AAC judge.
- I am presently an approved AAC judge at the starter's only level and I want to be approved for advanced.
- I am presently an approved AAC judge at the starters/advanced level and I want to be approved for masters.
- I am presently an approved AAC judge and I want to attend as an observer.
- I do not want to take the exams, but I have a personal interest in learning about judging and course design and want to attend as an observer on (please check): Day1  and/or Day 2



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## General Eligibility Requirements:

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If the candidate does not meet one or more of the General Eligibility Requirements, the candidate may request an exemption (see page 8). An exemption, if granted, allows the candidate to **apply to attend** a judges clinic. The granting of an exemption does NOT guarantee the candidate's acceptance into the clinic. If the number of applicants is greater than the maximum number allowed, qualified candidates will be prioritized based on Additional Related Experience and/or the completed Pre-Requisite Judging (for upgrades) as well as the pre-clinic exams and exercises.*

In order to apply for any level of AAC-sanctioned judge's training, the applicant must:

- <sup>1</sup>Be eighteen years of age or older on the first day of the judge's clinic being applied for.  
 YES                       NO
  
- <sup>2</sup>Be a Regular AAC member in good standing for at least 3 consecutive years on the first day of the judge's clinic being applied for.  
 YES                       NO If "no", how long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Have been involved in the sport of agility as a competitor for at least 3 years.  
 YES                       NO If "no", how long have you been competing? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Have trialed at least one dog to an ATChC (or equivalent)                       YES                       NO  
OR put multiple Masters (or equivalent) titles on one or more dogs.                       YES                       NO
  

<i>List titles:</i>	<u>Dog 1</u> _____	<u>Dog 2</u> _____	<u>Dog 3</u> _____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

  
- Be physically capable of performing the duties of judging. Such duties include, but are not necessarily limited to: moving through the ring during building and wheeling, standing for long periods of time, moving into position to judge each dog as it is running, without interference or undue distraction to the team on course, being able to clearly see the dog and handler as they move around the course, signaling faults or points so as to be clearly visible to the scribe.  
 YES                       NO
  
- Have access to Clean Run Course Designer (CRCD) or suitably equivalent course design software.  
 YES                       NO



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- Please attach a written reference from a current Masters level judge, not of the same household as the applicant, attesting to the suitability of the applicant to train as an AAC judge or to upgrade to the next certification level.

YES       NO

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**If one or more general eligibility criteria is missing, please go to [pg. 8](#) to request an exemption.**

### Additional Related Experience

The following will be considered assets to a candidate's application to attend a judge's clinic, and may be used to prioritize candidates if application numbers exceed clinic capacity. (Please use the back of the page if you require more writing space.)

- Judging experience in other agility organizations, or in related sports (e.g. dog obedience, rally obedience, equestrian events, fun matches).  YES (please outline below)  NO

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- Demonstrating a commitment to the betterment of the sport, by regularly volunteering at trials, in any capacity.  YES (please list your volunteering experience)  NO

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- Knowledge of the sport of agility and its goals, by being a trial host, an agility instructor, or an assistant instructor.  YES (please outline your teaching or hosting experience)  NO

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- Currently running a dog at the Advanced level, or equivalent, or higher (Master's level or equivalent for Master's candidates).  YES (please list organizations & level)  NO

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- **STRONG preference will be given to applicants who can document that they have already secured sponsorship from a trial host, who has agreed to provide the required number of classes and dogs (including offering no charge FEO runs, if needed) to fulfill the provisional judging requirements WITHIN ONE YEAR of the date of the judge's clinic.**

**PLEASE NOTE** that this is an exception to the general AAC prohibition against soliciting assignments. Judging candidates at every level are actively encouraged to seek out sponsorship, and may negotiate (e.g. offer to forgo expenses during a provisional judging assignment) with potential host clubs to secure their provisional assignments.

**Sponsor Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact email (to confirm):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tentative Trial Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Explain what other dog training you are, or have been, involved in that you may not have mentioned above. This may also include your involvement with sport or breed clubs.

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Please attach written references from two people who can verify the information you have provided on this application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Upgrade Eligibility Requirements:

#### Advanced Candidates

*If you are upgrading from starters to advanced, please provide the details of your prerequisite judging experience.*

- *minimum of 1 year Starters level judging experience*
- *minimum of 6 Standard courses, 2 Gamblers and 2 Snooker at the Starters level (min 10 dogs at each class)*
- *minimum of TWO judging assignments, for at least TWO different clubs, all without any substantiated major complaints from the host club(s)*
- *These requirements may include the Practical Examination classes.*
- *In addition to the above, the Starter/Advanced candidate must also have been released from Supervision.*

<b>Pre-requisite</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Host Club</b>
<i>6 starters standard</i>		
<i>2 starters gamblers</i>		
<i>2 starters snooker</i>		

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#### Masters Candidates

*If you are upgrading from advanced to masters, please provide the details of your prerequisite judging experience.*

- *Have judged at least FIVE different assignments, for at least TWO different clubs. These assignments must have been completed with no substantiated complaints from the trial host, and must include the following courses (at least 10 dogs/class required):*
  - *Ten ADVANCED Standard courses.*
  - *Four ADVANCED Gamblers courses.*
  - *Four ADVANCED Snooker courses*
  - *Ten additional courses, at least six of which must be at the ADVANCED level*



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### Masters Candidates (continued)

Prerequisite	Dates	Host Club
<i>10 advanced standard</i>		
<i>4 advanced gamblers</i>		
<i>4 advanced snooker</i>		
<i>10 additional courses (min 6 at advanced)</i>		

**If one or more of the pre-requisite judging criteria is missing, please go to pg 8 to request an exemption.**



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### Signature Page:

*Signature page must be included with an exemption request and/or with completed application.*

Applications shall be sent to:	
If exemption of criteria sought, please fill out Page 8 and send it to your clinic host as soon as possible. The host will forward to the Board for consideration. IF approved, the rest of the application may be completed and sent to the host with the appropriate fees.	
If NO exemption required, please ensure your registration fee, payable to _____, and your pre-exam and sample courses are included with your application. <b>Incomplete applications will not be accepted.</b>	

*I certify that the statements made in this application are true.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE:

*Your contact information will only be shared with the Host, the Judges Clinic Coordinator and the Clinic Facilitator for the purposes of providing necessary clinic documentation and communication regarding clinic details.*



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**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION**

**Starters/Advanced First Time Candidates**

*What part of the General Eligibility Criteria does the candidate not meet?*

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*What qualifications or additional experience should the Board consider in lieu of the missing criteria? (Please use the back side of the paper if additional writing space is required.)*

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**Upgrade Candidates**

I am a candidate for  Advanced  Masters upgrade but I have not met the judging pre-requisites.

*(Please list the missing classes.)*

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Date expected for completion (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Is/Are assignment(s) confirmed?  YES  NO

Name of host group(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PRE-CLINIC COURSE DESIGN EXERCISES & EXAM

Your acceptance into an AAC Judge's Clinic will not be approved until you have successfully completed the following assignments, which will be forwarded to you once the details of your application have been verified.

1. *Pre-clinic Examination. This is an open book test, designed to assess your understanding of the rules governing AAC judging and course design. You must score a minimum of 85% in order to pass this exam. The mark obtained on this exam may be used to prioritize entry.*
2. *Pre-clinic Course Design. You will be required to submit a selection of courses, designed for the level of clinic you will be attending, utilizing course design software\*. The quality of your course designs may be used to prioritize entry.*

*\*There are several course design software programs available on the internet. The commonly used program by most AAC judges is CRCD. A 30 day free trial version is available from [www.cleanrun.com](http://www.cleanrun.com).*

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE EXAMINATION PROCESS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

*The examination process for Judges Clinics for all levels consists of 4 parts; written, oral, course design and practical examination. The written and oral exams will take place on the last day of the clinic. The Course Design section of the exam will require you to submit courses for a full trial, within 30 days of the completion of the clinic. The Practical Exam for candidates will now take place during a candidate's first official judging assignment and will be proctored by an Examining Judge. In certain cases at the end of the Judge's Clinic, the facilitator may indicate that a candidate is not ready to proceed to the practical exam. The candidate will be informed of this directly and be given recommendations as to which areas they should focus on to gain more practical experience at fun matches, prior to attempting the Practical Exam.*

*Once a candidate is deemed ready to attempt the practical exam (which cannot be attempted UNTIL the candidate has successfully passed all 3 of the clinic examination components – written, oral and course design), the Examining Judge will become involved in reviewing performance throughout the entire assignment, including:*

- *interaction with the host prior to the assignment,*
- *interaction with course approver and quality of courses submitted,*
- *arriving at the trial on-time and prepared,*
- *ability to manage multiple tasks (course tweaking, measuring dogs, checking of equipment, wheeling & calculating SCT etc.),*
- *involvement in the resolution of any conflicts or disputes,*
- *conducting adequate judges briefings*
- *interaction with ring crew*
- *actual practical judging and,*
- *completion of post-trial paperwork*



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*The Examining Judge will in all cases be looking for the candidate to display professionalism and an understanding and ability to correctly apply AAC rules. The candidate may seek clarifications from the Examining Judge if necessary without adversely impacting their practical exam result, however they will be expected to demonstrate the ability to function independently. If at any point the Examining Judge determines that the candidate's performance is not meeting the minimum AAC criteria, the Examining Judge will take over judging, either for that class, the balance of the day or the rest of the assignment as they see fit and at their sole discretion. If this is necessary, the candidate will be deemed unsuccessful in their attempt to complete the practical exam portion of the clinic. Additional fun match judging will be required prior to the candidate re-attempting the practical exam. If this is the case, the candidate will receive a full report from the Examining Judge regarding which areas of their performance that require improvement or areas of the AAC rules to review. This report will also be provided to the clinic facilitator.*

*If the classes at the trial are small (i.e. less than 10 dogs) or if the Examining Judge deems that there was not enough judging challenges to adequately evaluate the candidate's capabilities, the candidate may be required to do a second assignment to complete the practical exam. A complete practical exam must include Standard, Gamblers and Snooker at all levels for which the candidate is being evaluated. As Team and Jumpers are scored similarly to Standard, evaluation of these classes is not mandatory however if the assignment includes these classes, the candidate should be evaluated throughout.*

*Candidates who successfully complete the practical exam will have their results communicated to their facilitator and, provided the written, oral and course design sections of the examination have also been successfully completed, will be qualified as AAC Judges for the appropriate level.*

*Candidates will not be entitled to any Judges Fees for the Practical Exam. The club hiring the Candidate will be responsible for any out-of-pocket expenses, however the fees/run normally paid to a Judge will in all cases be paid to the Examining Judge.*

**THE EXAMINATION PROCESS WILL BE VERY COMPREHENSIVE. IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE EXAMINATION PROCESS, PLEASE TAKE THE CLINIC AS AN OBSERVER RATHER THAN A CANDIDATE.**