Obedience Apprentice Form
Please return to: UKC All-Breed Sports Show Operations, 100 E Kilgore, Kalamazoo, MI 49002 or email to judges@ukcdogs.com

Apprentice Name

Senior Judge Name

Name of Host Club

Date

Section 1 - Number of Dogs Judged

__ Pre-Novice
__ Advanced Novice
__ Utility
__ Beginner Novice
__ Open
__ Master
__ Novice
__ Advanced Open
__ Elite

Instructions for completing this form:
1. The Senior Obedience Judge is to complete each section of the form.
2. Apprenticeship forms must be mailed directly to the All-Breed Sports department within 10 days.
3. The evaluation is not to be shared with the apprentice.
4. If you have any questions, please write, or call our office.

Signature of Senior Obedience Judge

Section 2 - Timelines and Preparedness

All questions answered NO must have an explanatory comment.

Did the Apprentice contact you in an appropriate amount of time when they asked to apprentice under you? □ Yes □ No
Comments ________________________________

Did the Apprentice arrive early enough to meet with you prior to the event? □ Yes □ No
Comments ________________________________

Was the apprentice prepared for their assignment? □ Yes □ No
Comments ________________________________

Did the apprentice bring a copy of the current UKC Obedience Rulebook with them? □ Yes □ No
Comments ________________________________

Did the apprentice dress appropriately for the assignment? □ Yes □ No
Comments ________________________________
Section 3 - Ring Procedures
All questions answered NO must have an explanatory comment

Did the Apprentice act in a professional manner?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Did the apprentice help set up the ring for each class?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

If the apprentice set up the ring, was it set appropriately and did the exhibitors have enough room to work their dog, including enough room for the honor dog?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Did the apprentice observe and score all entries present today?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Was the apprentice able to clearly move about the ring and view each of the exercises?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Could the apprentice determine if an infraction should be scored as either a major or minor deduction?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Did the apprentice understand when it is appropriate to excuse a dog for fear, extreme shyness, unresponsive behavior or not under the handler’s control?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Were there any Non-Licensed Classes that the apprentice was able to judge?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Does the apprentice understand how to correctly complete the judges’ book?  □ Yes □ No

Comments

Overall, does the apprentice have good ring procedures?  □ Yes □ No

Comments
Section 4 – Ring Set-Up and Rules Review
Please check the box in front of each item reviewed with the apprentice.

☐ How to instruct and handle stewards.
☐ Where best to place the Honor Dog.
☐ Which heeling patterns provided the best overall view of the dog and handler.
☐ What constitutes and extenuating circumstance that may allow for an exercise to be re-judged.
☐ How to complete a DQ for attacking form.
☐ How to use the back-up judge system.
☐ How to handle dogs that are ineligible to compete.
☐ What may be done to accommodate a physically challenged handler.
☐ How to judge tied scores for placement, High in Trial, High Combined, or High Scoring Junior.
☐ UKC Obedience Rules, especially those that may differ from other registries.

List any additional rules you reviewed with your apprentice.

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Section 5 - Oral Review
5 = Extremely knowledgeable about this question.
4 = Moderately knowledgeable about this question.
3 = Knowledgeable with room for improvement.
2 = Able to provide an answer with a few details.
1 = Could not accurately answer this question.

Please ask the apprentice each of the below questions. Please use the above scale to grade their answer.

1. What constitutes a qualifying performance?

   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

2. What type of communication is allowed between the handler and the dog?

   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

3. What would you do if there was an inadequate piece of equipment?

   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

4. What are the allowable hand positions during the heeling and recall exercises?

   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

5. What is the function of the socialized heeling dog?

   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

6. What are the allowable point deductions for all classes?

   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

7. What is the difference between regular licensed classes and additional titling classes?

   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
Section 6 – Final Review and Comments

Please provide your overall opinion of the apprentice judge’s performance today.

It is the responsibility of the Senior Judge to provide the UKC Judges’ Review Committee with an accurate review of apprentices and to ensure that future judges are well-versed in judging procedures.

Any items of concern or areas where the apprentice needs improvement must be addressed.

1. In what areas do you feel the apprentice excels? ____________________________________________________________

2. What aspects in an Obedience trial, if any, might this apprentice have difficulty with? ____________________________

3. Do you feel the apprentice is qualified to hold a UKC Obedience judging license? □ Yes □ No
   If not, please explain: ____________________________________________________________

Additional Comments:

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Date Received: ____/____/_____ Approved:___________ Denied:___________

Apprenticeship Recorded:__________________________ Operator:____________________