

Judge Mentor Checklist

For use when mentoring Provisional B judges or other judges needing extra assistance.

Pre-Event

Make sure the mentee has a signed contract and go over what the club should provide to the mentee ahead of time (see Club Rulebook).

Maps

Have the mentee send you maps in advance. Make sure mentee knows to include a few extra maps of each level for re-runs, moveups, and possible Day of Show entries.

- Course Builder maps provided?
- Maps for Back up Judges?
- Bale numbers listed?
- Anchor Bale shown?
- Key code on map?
- Ramp in a safe place and not a "ramp to no where"?
- Pre-placements for Senior, Master, CZ8 at minimum?
- Random numbers assigned and accessible?

Courses

- Safe
- Legal and class/level appropriate
- Nested (as much as possible)

Communication

- Communicated with you and with Trial Chair in timely and polite manner
- Brought a written General Briefing to be posted

Day of Event

- Showed up on time (at least an hour before the start, even better if came the previous day)
- Dressed appropriately
- Did not course build (maps appropriate and handed over)

Prior to starting the Mentee checked:

- Rats
- Tubes
- Boards
- Straw
- Rings (safety and size)
- Location of blinds.
- Each ring's designated tube holding area location
- Width of tunnel after base layer built
- Course safety after the build (holes, sheer drops)

Briefings

- Briefings were appropriate in tone and brief, only given for Instinct, Novice, and Line Drive

Judging

- Watched the team from the blind to the ring
- Release of handler/dog appropriate (*Go When Ready*)
- Stopwatch started at correct time
- Correct, quick and clear calls of Tunnel, Climb and Rat (Rat 1, Rat 2, etc.)
- Moved around the course, good judge path
- Handled NQ runs with compassion
- Handled an incorrect judge call appropriately
- Dealt professionally with challenges to calls or course design
- Did not coach or give advice during or after the run
- Watched the team as they leashed the dog and exited the ring
- Took command of the ring and had an overall "judgely" demeanor
- Did not chat outside the ring or to RWs while a team was running
- Managed rehides correctly
- Checked that ALL tubes were in place and covered before calling the next team into the ring, including litter
- Dealt respectfully with you, the Judge Mentor, and was not defensive or argumentative.
- Took appropriate breaks, ate/stayed hydrated

Ring Crew Management

- Appropriate instructions given to the Scribe
- Appropriate instructions to Rat Wranglers
 - Proper placement and handling of tubes
 - Master Rat hide technique
 - RW's authorized to place the rat vs the judge having to show them each hide each time
 - Appropriate fluff levels/depth and not shifting fluff from one area to another
 - No chatting with bystanders while a team is running
 - Proper way to stand
 - Standing still until Rat is called then moving quickly but no running

Post Trial

Formal Review: Go over Judge Mentor Review Form, sign.

Informal Review: If possible do a general debriefing in a more relaxed atmosphere such as over dinner.

Send this form and Judge Mentor Review Form to judgedev@barnhunt.com along with any notes or thoughts to share on the Provisional judge.

