

Barn Hunt Judge Mentor Information

The Judge Mentorship program is extremely important in making sure our new judges get off on the right foot. As a Judge Mentor, you would be sent to Trials in various parts of the country to oversee the first judging assignment(s) of new judges coming on board.

You received this invitation because of your proven abilities to judge and your ability to work well with others and be helpful. It's so important to get the new people off on the right foot, and I know you all have the ability to do that.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Will I have to be available any time? No. You will not. If you can mentor sometimes but not every time, that's fine.

2. Will I only be able to mentor in my region? No. Especially now, I may need to send some of you outside your region. If you don't want to do that, you can let me know in your private email and we will mark whether or not you only want to travel in your region or can travel to any region.

3. What is the pay and how does that work? Your pay is your expenses plus \$150 a day each day you mentor. Mentors are not paid for more than 2 days. Barn Hunt will not pay for alcohol consumption, but regular travel expenses (food, hotel, etc.) are reimbursed. Please take the least expensive method of travel you can. If, say, it's a trip that would normally be a flight but you decide to drive, we will pay whichever is less; if the flight would have been \$350 and gas mileage would be \$800, we will pay \$350 (if you have special circumstances let us know). The Travel Reimbursement sheet is attached and will go to Sharon Webb at Sharon@barnhunt.com who will okay me to pay. Payment will come to your email through PayPal, and in most cases will arrive very shortly. If you need flight reimbursement prior to a trip, please let Sharon know, We can accommodate. Gas will be reimbursed at \$0.30/mile.

4. Can I show a dog? Yes. See the Judge Rulebook for information on showing dogs, back up judging, etc.

5. What exactly does oversee mean? It means you will be that judge's shadow all day. You will review courses and have the ability to overrule and tweak a course if necessary for illegal or dangerous aspects (but not for style... if it's legal go with it). You will observe the judge in all aspects of his/her job from interacting with the club and crew through briefings, judging, etc. You will observe and if necessary help with rat change times and blind turnover times. In the case of a questionable call where the provisional makes a mistake, you will have the ability to overrule that judge. Try to stay in the background as much as possible and only step in when needed. When stepping in, please speak to the judge quietly and "privately," (step into the ring and talk into an ear or call the judge to the side of the ring, don't broadcast to everyone). Your role is to be helpful and encouraging and to make sure the judge is ready for a full assignment alone.

6. Can I mentor on days 1 and 2 and judge or just show my dogs on day 3+? Yes.

7. In what other circumstances would I be asked to be a Judge Mentor? Sometimes we need someone to step in and observe/help a licensed judge who seems to be struggling. These

assignments will be rare but will require some finesse as often the judge may not be very excited about being assigned a mentor. If you do not wish to mentor in those circumstances you of course can say no, but these jobs are equally important in making sure our judges are all on the same page; usually it will be earlier judges who are not quite up with the new rules yet and just need some help getting back on track.

Thank you all for being a wonderful Barn Hunt judge and for considering taking on the Mentor position. I will look forward to hearing from you soon.