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AL: At-Large Governor  
R: Regional Governor  
B: Bench  
F: Field

**Changing of Field Trial Apprentice Judge Program:**

Changes to the Field Trial Apprentice Judge Program were approved and are implemented effective July 26 2022.

1. The Apprentice Program Coordinator (APC) will manage the process.
  - a. Verify applicant
  - b. Coach the applicant on best practice/next steps and monitor them throughout the process.
  - c. Recruit, Coordinate and Schedule the Judging Apprenticeships.
  - d. Move the Applicant to the Approved Judges List when complete.
  - e. Help Coordinate the 1st Judging Assignment with the Sponsor Judge.
  - f. Other items as needed for the program.
  - g. When the program standard is met, the APC will move the applicant Judge to the approved Judge list.
2. The applicant must pass the Judges Test.
  - a. The test shall be requested from the APC and must be returned in 30 days.
  - b. A test retake can be every four (4) months
  - c. After three (3) test failures, the applicant must attend an additional Judges Seminar.
3. The following requirements must be met by US Citizens before becoming an US Springer Judge:
  - a. Complete five AKC Cocker Spaniel Field Trial or AKC Springer Puppy Field Trial Judging Assignments or any combination of both.
  - b. Complete 3 Apprentice assignments for AKC ESS Field Trials
  - c. Qualify for 3 National Championships (NAC, NOC or combination).
  - d. Compete in AKC ESS Field Trials for a minimum of three (3) years.
  - e. Compete in 24 AKC ESS Field Trial stakes.
  - f. Attend an AKC ESS Judging Seminar within five (5) years prior to taking the Judges Exam.
  - g. Be in Good Standing with the AKC and/or Parent Club.
  - h. Serve on a Field Trial Committee.
  - i. As part of the Resume, the Applicate shall submit a paragraph why they want to become an AKC ESS Field Trial Judge.



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**Changing of Apprentice Program (continued):**

4. “Sponsor” Judge and approved New Judge requirements
  - a. The “Sponsor” Judge shall have completed 20 AKC Springer Field Trial stakes.
  - b. After the successful completion of the above requirements are met, the New Judge’s first judging assignment **MUST** be with one of the Teaching Judges.
  - c. For purposes of this, the Teaching Judge will be designated the new Judge’s “Sponsor” Judge. The New Judge will be responsible to have a discussion with their “Sponsor” Judge after the completion of the next 3 field trials to discuss issues or questions.
  
5. Note for those in the current Apprentice Judge Program:
  - a. If a Prospective Apprentice Judge has completed the seminar and test but has NOT apprenticed judged they will be required to do 3 apprenticeships, one of which will be outside of their interclub.
  - b. The Prospective Apprentice Judge that has started the current program and has completed one apprenticeship shall complete the existing program within twenty-four (24) months. (Note: As approved on July 26, 2022, the current Apprentice Judges qualifying for this requirement shall have until July 26, 2024 to complete the program and become an approved English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Judge)