



NAHRA Invitational Judges Selection Process

Criteria (all candidates)

1. *Must be nominated through Regional process*
2. *Must be approved by BOD*
3. *Must be compliant with all current standard judging criteria*
4. *Must have attended Judges' Clinic within last three years*
5. *Must have participated in at least one Invitational as a handler*
6. *Must have at least ten Senior judging points*
7. *Must have judged a Licensed Senior category Field Test within last three years*

Criteria (previous Invitational judge candidates)

1. *Must not have judged an Invitational within last five years*
2. *Must have earned at least five Senior qualifications as a handler since judging previous Invitational*
3. *Must have judged a Licensed Senior category Field Test within last three years*

**A waiver of any of the criteria may be authorized by the BOD under special circumstances.*

*** In the event of two equally qualified candidates, preference should be given to the judging candidate that has not previously served as an Invitational judge.*

Qualities of an Invitational Judge

- *Understands and promotes NAHRA's core values*
- *Has contributed to the NAHRA program*
- *Works well with others*
- *Is experienced in dog knowledge (training, handling, hunting)*
- *Has demonstrated realistic, fair and worthy test set ups*
- *Understands potential logistical implications of large scale, high profile event*

Process to be effective for all Invitational events after January 1, 2015