



## Northern Newfoundland Club

### Judging Guidelines and Criteria – Draught

#### Introduction:

These introductory comments are very similar to those for water work but if you are considering becoming a draught judge, we would recommend you read them before you submit your application.

The NNC Working Subcommittee is indebted to our panel of judges without whom there would be no certified tests. Enjoying draught work with your newfoundland and keeping that natural instinct alive as a hobby is far more important than ever passing a test. The set of standardised progressive goals we work towards in training provides a framework. Grounded in obedience, draught training has considerable cross over reinforcing basic obedience that all Newfoundlands need to be happy family pets.

The WSC welcomes applications from prospective new judges at any time.

Before submitting an application there are a few things to consider:

- You should have first-hand experience of handling a dog in draught and training and entering tests over several years. This should include haul stewarding and ideally call stewarding at training if not also at tests.
- You should be an active member of a training group.
- You should be familiar with the regulations and how they are interpreted – this may not necessarily be the same as your opinion.
- Being a good judge is not only about judging to the regulations but also providing constructive feedback to entrants from your own knowledge and experience.
- Sometimes it can be tough – no one likes to fail a team, and it can be controversial when the unexpected happens.

The WSC recommends that before applying you should chat to the WSC reps from your training group, who will be very happy to give you advice, or speak to one of the senior judges at your training group or at a test.

Once your application has been received, it will be discussed by the WSC. Initially, you will become a Beginners Level Novice judge. You will be asked if you wish your name to also be considered for judging appointments with the Newfoundland Club and the Southern Newfoundland Clubs. This is subject to approval by those Clubs and completely optional.

There are five levels of judges from Beginners to Level 4, and within each level there are novice and senior judges. There is a mentored progression between each level, and a minimum criterion to be promoted. However, promotion is not automatic and is subject to approval by the WSC following an application in writing.

You are strongly advised to keep your own diary of judging appointments; this will be very useful when you wish to apply for promotion. You should also record tests where you have been a haul or call steward and at what level.

Accepting a judging appointment is a firm commitment that you will attend. The WSC and the test manager will publish the test schedule on that premise. We understand that there are always extenuating circumstances. If, having accepted a judging appointment, you cancel this appointment, you are not permitted to enter your dog(s) in any tests at the same event.

You should also be aware that the NNC WSC do not substitute judges, to enable a judge to enter their own dogs, e.g. If you accept an appointment to judge Level 2, you are not permitted to enter a dog in Level 2. Your judging appointment takes precedence over a test you may wish to enter with your own dog, particularly if you are judging a higher level with a longer haul. The running order of the day will not be amended or delayed for an individual's entry.

Becoming a judge is both a privilege and enjoyable. Many of our senior judges no longer have Newfoundlands of their own and will travel many miles to come to tests and judge. If you think this is something you would enjoy then please apply.

<b>Judges Criteria and Promotion</b>
<b>1. Becoming a judge for the first time. Beginners Novice.</b>
You must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have handled a dog in Beginners level and Level 1.</li><li>• Stewarded for a minimum of two hauls at two events.</li><li>• Have been a call steward at a test for beginners' level or higher.</li><li>• Have your first appointment as a judge with a Level 3+ judge.</li><li>• Submit a written application to the Judge's co-ordinator of the NNC WSC. You should detail previous experience and why you wish to become a judge.</li><li>• You should begin to keep a record of your judging experience, noting down the club hosting the event, the venue, date, number of dogs judged, and the name of your co judge. You should also record if you did the entrants / stewards briefing. This record will be important when you wish to apply for promotion on your judging career.</li></ul>
<b>2. Promotion from a Beginners Novice to a Beginners Senior.</b>
You must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct the judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as a Beginners novice judge at two events.</li><li>• Judge a minimum of 10 dogs, at a minimum of two events as a Beginners novice judge before becoming eligible.</li><li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator with details of the above.</li></ul>
<b>3. Promotion from a Beginners Senior to a Level 1 Novice.</b>
You must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have handled a dog in two further events at Level 1 or higher.</li><li>• Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as a Beginners senior judge at one event.</li><li>• Judge a minimum of 5 dogs at a minimum of two events as a Beginners senior judge.</li><li>• Receive a written recommendation from a Level 1 Senior judge or higher.</li><li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator with details of the above.</li></ul>

**4. Promotion from a Level 1 Novice to a Level 1 Senior.**

You must:

- Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as a Level 1 novice judge at one event.
- Judge a minimum of 10 dogs at a minimum of two events as a Level 1 novice judge.
- Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.

**5. Promotion from a Level 1 Senior to a Level 2 Novice.**

You must:

- Have handled a dog at Level 2 or higher at two events, or have haul stewarded at Level 2 at two events.
- Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as a Level 1 senior judge at one event.
- Judged a minimum of 5 dogs at two events as a Level 1 senior judge.
- Receive a written recommendation from a Level 2 senior judge or higher.
- Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.

**6. Promotion from a Level 2 Novice to a Level 2 Senior.**

You must:

- Have haul stewarded on a Level 3 or Level 4 haul at two events.
- Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as a Level 2 novice judge at one event.
- Judge a minimum of 10 dogs at two separate events as a Level 2 novice judge.
- Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.

**7. Promotion from a Level 2 Senior to a Level 3 Novice.**

You must:

- Have handled a dog at Level 3 at one event or been a haul steward for level 3 at one event.
- Conducted a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as a Level 2 senior judge at one event.
- Judge a minimum of 5 dogs as a Level 2 senior judge.
- Receive a written recommendation from a Level 3+ judge.
- Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.

**8. Promotion from a Level 3 Novice to a Level 3 Senior.**

You must:

- Judge a minimum of 5 dogs as a Level 3 novice judge at two events and this must include at least one haul.
- Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) at one event as a Level 3 novice judge.
- Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.

**9. Promotion from a Level 3 Senior to a Level 4 Novice.**

You must:

- Have haul stewarded or handled a dog in Level 4 at one event.
- Judged a minimum of 5 dogs at Level 3 as a Level 3 senior judge at two events and this must include at least one haul.
- Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) at one event as a Level 3 senior judge.
- Receive a written recommendation from a Level 4 judge.
- Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.

**10. Promotion from a Level 4 Novice to a Level 4 Senior.**

You must:

- Have judged a minimum of 5 dogs as a Level 4 novice judge, at a minimum of two events and this must include participation in two Level 4 hauls.
- Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as a Level 4 novice judge at one event.
- Receive a written recommendation from a Level 4 senior judge.
- Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.