



## **Northern Newfoundland Club**

### **Judging Guidelines and Criteria – Water.**

#### **Introduction:**

The NNC Working Subcommittee (WSC) is indebted to our panel of judges without whom, there would be no certified tests. Enjoying water work with your newfoundland is far more important than ever passing a test that your dog hasn't got a clue about anyway, but having a set of standardised progressive goals to work towards in training provides a framework. Whether it is your first Section A pass, or that, often illusive, first Section E, it is a fantastic achievement and hugely enjoyable.

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 the water and training and entering tests over several years. This should include stewarding and boat stewarding.
- 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 Section A 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 Section A – E, 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.

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 Section B, you are not permitted to enter a dog in Section B. The only exception to this is if two sets of judges have been named on the schedule, when there is anticipated high levels of entries.

Becoming a judge is a privilege and very 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. Section A Novice.</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have stewarded at section A at two separate events.</li> <li>• Have handled a dog in section A.</li> <li>• Submit a written application to the Judge's co-ordinator of 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 Section A Novice to a Section A Senior.</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have conducted the judges briefing (entrants and stewards) at novice level at two events.</li> <li>• Judge a minimum of 20 dogs, at a minimum of two events as 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 Section A Senior to a Section B Novice.</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewarded or handled a dog at section B at two events.</li> <li>• Conduct the judges' briefing (entrants and stewards) at senior A level at one event.</li> <li>• Judge a minimum of 10 dogs at a minimum of two events as a senior judge at section A.</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator with details of the above.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Promotion from a Section B Novice to a Section B Senior.</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct the judges briefing (entrants and stewards) at novice level at one event.</li> <li>• Judge a minimum of 20 dogs at a minimum of two events as a novice.</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.</li> </ul>

<b>5. Promotion from a Section B Senior to a Section C Novice.</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewarded or handled a dog at section C at two events.</li> <li>• Conduct the judges briefing (entrants and stewards) as senior section B judge at one event.</li> <li>• Judged a minimum of 10 dogs at two events as a senior section B judge.</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Promotion from a Section C Novice to a Section C Senior.</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) at section C novice level at one event.</li> <li>• Judge a minimum of 20 dogs at two separate events as a novice.</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Promotion from a Section C Senior to a Section D Novice</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewarded or handled a dog at section D at three events.</li> <li>• Conducted a judges' briefing (entrants and stewards) at senior C level at one event.</li> <li>• Judge a minimum of 10 dogs as a senior section C judge</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.</li> <li>• Receive a written recommendation from a Section D or section E Judge.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Promotion from a Section D Novice to a Section D Senior.</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge a minimum of 5 dogs as section D novice at two events.</li> <li>• Conduct a judges briefing (entrants and stewards) at one event as a novice D judge.</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Promotion from a Section D Senior to a Section E Novice</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewarded or handled a dog in section E at three events.</li> <li>• Judged a minimum of 5 dogs in section D as a senior section D judge at two events.</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.</li> <li>• Receive a written recommendation from a section E judge.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Promotion from a Section E Novice to a Section E Senior</b>
<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have judged a minimum of 5 dogs at novice level at a minimum of two events.</li> <li>• Conduct a judges briefing at section E novice level (entrants and stewards) at one event.</li> <li>• Apply in writing to the judges coordinator.</li> <li>• Receive a written recommendation from a senior section E judge.</li> </ul>