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**Judging Criteria for
Judging
Cocker Spaniel Field Trials**

The following criteria are necessary requirements for judging AKC Member or Licensed Cocker Spaniel Field Trials.

1. Trial judging experience between the two Judges combined must meet a minimum of 12 AKC Championship Stake judging assignments. The 12 Championship Stake judging assignments must be AKC approved judging assignments and have occurred in at least 5 different venues. Championship Stakes are those that award points toward an AKC Field Champion title or AKC Amateur Field Champion title.

2. New Judges wishing to judge Cocker Spaniel Field Trials must complete **two** Apprentice Judging Assignments under different judges, prior to judging. The Apprentice assignments shall be completed at an AKC Member or Licensed Spaniel Field Trial with prior approval from the local Field Trial Committee. The Apprentice Judge must be assigned to an AKC Senior Judge, an AKC spaniel field trial judge with 12 points of their own, with the Senior Judge agreeing to the assignment. The standard AKC Apprentice form must be filled out and approved/passed by the Senior Judge and submitted to the AKC for recording purposes.

Judges with prior AKC Field Trial Spaniel Championship stake judging experience will be grandfathered in with only new or prospective individuals interested in judging required to complete an Apprentice Program.

The Apprentice Judging Program is an excellent way to develop prospective judges. It is also recognized and encouraged that local clubs take full advantage of mentoring new judges or judges with less experience and pairing them with Senior Judges that have had extensive field trial experience. The idea being to grow and develop new prospective judge's numbers and knowledge while we have the opportunity to benefit from those experienced judges.

The following criteria are recommended for judging AKC Member or Licensed Cocker Spaniel Field Trials.

1. Judges have experience and knowledge in Cocker Spaniel handling, training, or prior judging assignments to enhance the judging panel.

2. Cocker Trial Judges attend and pass a Spaniel Judges Seminar or other type of educational method with the focus on Spaniel Judging, to benefit potential new judges.

NCC Judges selection criteria is as follows:

In addition to the judging criteria for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials, individuals being considered for NCC Judges must:

- Have judged a minimum of twelve (12) AKC Championship Spaniel Field Trial stakes, of which at least three (3) must be AKC Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Championship stakes.
- Have Field Championed or, shared by handling the earning of points toward the FC or AFC title of a spaniel.
- Has actively handled a spaniel in an AKC field trial in the past three (3) years prior to the NCC they would be judging.

It is essential that judges be of the highest standard possible, active in all phases of Spaniel training, trialing and handling.

Respectfully Submitted

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