

## **Criteria to be Eligible to Judge an AKC Cocker Field Trial and the Cocker National Championships**

Cocker field trial judges should have extensive experience and knowledge in spaniel handling, training, and several prior spaniel field trial judging assignments to enhance the judging panel. It is essential that judges be of the highest standard possible, active in all phases of spaniel training, trialing and handling.

### **Part 1. The following criteria are necessary requirements for judging AKC Member or Licensed Cocker Spaniel Field Trials.**

1. Field Trial judging experience between the two prospective Judges must meet a combined minimum of twelve (12) AKC Championship Stake judging assignment points as documented by AKC. The twelve (12) Championship Stake judging assignment points must have occurred in five (5) different locations. Championship Stakes award points toward an AKC Field Champion title or AKC Amateur Field Champion title. (Language change 4/19/16)
2. All judges wishing to judge a Cocker Spaniel Field Trial shall receive a copy of the most recent edition of "*A Guide to the Conduct and Judging of Cocker Spaniel Field Trials*" (a.k.a. "The Green Book") supplied by the ECSCA Field Trial Committee (FTC). All judges shall be asked to become familiar with its contents and address any questions they may have to the ECSCA FTC or the Field Trial Chairman of the sponsoring club. (Paragraph added 2/9/2016 pending ECSCA BOD approval)
3. All Spaniel Judges with prior AKC Championship stake judging assignments point(s) will be grandfathered as meeting the criteria below.

### **Part 2. How to become a Cocker Field Trial Judge**

Prospective individuals wishing to become judges for Cocker Spaniel Field Trials must:

1. Attend an AKC Spaniel Field Trial Judging Seminar prior to apprenticing at a field trial (Amended 1/26/2106 pending ECSCA BOD Approval)
2. Complete two (2) Apprentice Judging Assignments under two different AKC Senior judges. The Apprentice assignments shall be completed at an AKC approved Championship Stake Spaniel Field Trial with prior permission from the local Field Trial Committee. The Senior Judge should be contacted by the local trial committee and agree to the assignment. The standard AKC Apprentice form must be completed by the Senior Judge and submitted to the

AKC for recording purposes with an additional copy supplied to the ECSCA  
FTC Chairman. (Amended 2/9/2016 pending ECSCA BOD approval)

**Part 3. National Cocker Championship (NCC) Field Trial selection criteria:**

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

1. Have twelve (12) AKC Championship Spaniel Stake judging assignment points. Three (3) of the 12 assignments must be from judging AKC Cocker Field Trial Championship stakes. These three (3) trials must be separate assignments at different locations. (Amended to three separate venues on 3/8/2016 from two separate venues on 1/26/16. Pending ECSCA BOD Approval)
2. Have handled a spaniel and earned at least one (1) Championship point by placing in an Open All-Age or Amateur stake at an AKC Field Championship trial. (Amended by the FTC to allow handling any dog, not just ones without an FC or AFC 4/19/16)
3. Have actively handled a spaniel in an AKC field trial in the past three (3) years prior to the NCC they would be judging.

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