



For Immediate Release

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Subject: Judge's Education and Development

Judges play a vital role in upholding the integrity and consistency of NASDA sports. Continuing education allows judges to stay updated on the latest advancements, trends, and best practices in NASDA. It helps judges acquire new knowledge, skills, and techniques that enhance their expertise and effectiveness. A primary mode of continuing education is the Judge's Workshop, presented by designated NASDA officials including but not limited to ownership, Director of Judging and Events Director. In the event of an emergency, another individual may be designated to replace these individuals at the discretion of NASDA. These hands-on events include lectures and practical application from an approved curriculum.

These workshops are listed on the NASDA calendar. Workshops are a requirement for all prospective judges as well as part of the continuing education requirements. Continuing education is required once twenty-four (24) month period. Judges may be asked to attend a workshop prior to the twenty-four-month period at the determination of the Judging Director or ownership. Judges Workshops may be requested via the Trial Sanctioning Request form.

In our efforts to better streamline and strengthen the development of prospective and provisional judges, supervised and shadow judging assignments must be approved by the Judging Director in writing prior to the event. The email for the Judging Director is judging@nasda.dog. There are several factors taken into consideration when matching these individuals to a licensed NASDA judge, including but not limited to:

- Regional, club or trainer affiliation
- Relationship to the judge
- Judging status and experience level

It is not appropriate for a licensed NASDA judge to take on a supervised or shadow judging assignment without approval.