# The NAVHDA Acting Senior Judge Program

This pamphlet addresses the procedures for becoming a NAVHDA Senior Judge. You will find the information to be quite complete and useful. Free information packets and brochures defining other sanctioned NAVHDA guidelines and events are available from the **NAVHDA International Office, P.O. Box 520, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60006-0520. Telephone 847.253.6488, Fax 847.255.5987, Email navhdajudge@navhda.org.**

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## Duities of a Senior Judge

1) Arrive on Test day early enough to help Chapter organizers and fellow Judges get started as scheduled.

2) Present opening and closing remarks, remembering key workers, special announcements, and NAVHDA Sponsors.

3) Work with fellow Judges and Chapter workers in sequencing test segments, taking advantage of grounds and logistics, to assure for good flow and time management throughout.

4) Schedule travel a day early allowing for time to visit test grounds, when needed.

5) Work with fellow Judges to be sure all are attentive to Apprentices, and that each of the Team takes part in discussions as well as Apprentice evaluations at days end.

6) Make sure the entire Judging Team is available, after scores are read, to answer any questions handlers may have.

7) Where necessary, gain consensus among the Judging Team and be prepared to "make the call" when faced with major issues related to grounds, birds, organization or other factors that would jeopardize the quality of the test.

8) Provide your opinion in discussions as means to reach consensus while judging. Remember, in no way does the Senior Judge have any more authority than any of the other Judges in reaching consensus of scores or other matters.

9) Present yourself as a responsible representative of NAVHDA at all times.

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## Apply to Become an Approved Acting Senior Judge

1) Contact a Senior Judge to be your mentor, provide them with a copy of the Mentor Responsibilities, and have them write a letter of recommendation.

2) Complete the enclosed application and submit with your mentor letter.

3) Consideration will be given to the following:
   - Judging experience
   - Training experience
   - Chapter involvement history
   - Ability to carry out the duties of a Senior Judge

*NOTE: Additions to the Senior Judge Cadre remain the discretion of the Executive Council acted on at the regular Annual Meeting.*

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## Acting Senior Judge Responsibilities

1) Contact the Senior Judge prior to the test date and request permission to be Acting Senior.

2) Download an Acting Senior Judge Evaluation form from the NAVHDA web site and take to the test for completion by the Senior Judge.

3) Submit an Acting Senior Judge Report to the Director of Judge Development following each test.

4) Once you and your Mentor are confident you've spent enough time as Acting Senior and have met all the requirements as Acting Senior, remember to submit the application to be considered for Senior Judge by December 1st, prior to the Annual Meeting.

# North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

## Acting Senior Judge Application

### Applicant Information

*(Print or Type)*

Name_____ NAVHDA Judge #

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Street_____

City _____ State/ Province _____ Postal Code

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Home Tel _____ Work Tel _____ Fax Tel

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Email_____ Chapter Affiliation

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Number of Years: NAVHDA Member _____ NAVHDA Judge _____

### Personal & Chapter Experience

a) Please list your profession or occupational experience:

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b) What offices or jobs have you held in your chapter:

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c) Please list any dog related activities, aside from NAVHDA, that you have experience with:

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### Short Answers

1) Describe your leadership style and how your leadership ability could prove to be an asset to NAVHDA:

2) Why do you aspire to become a NAVHDA Senior Judge?