

## HRC 'AA' JUDGES PROGRAM INFORMATION

The 2002 HRC Board of Directors approved the 'AA' (Approved for Apprentice) Judge designation to strengthen and enhance the HRC Apprentice Judge Program by helping to insure that we have experienced Licensed Judges as the 'teachers' of our Apprentice Judges.

Effective January 1, 2003 only 'AA' designated Licensed HRC Judges will be approved to be paired with an Apprentice Judge. Effective 6/10/06 only AA designated Licensed Upland Judges will be paired with an Apprentice Upland Judge.

'AA' Judge designation requires a Licensed Judge to gain additional experience and knowledge at a specific level before accepting a judging assignment with an Apprentice Judge. A Licensed Judge is required to judge a specific level two (2) times as a Licensed Judge to become 'AA' designated, before allowing that Licensed Judge to be paired with and 'teach' an Apprentice Judge at that level.

To initiate the 'AA' Judge Program, all HRC Licensed Judges were awarded 'AA' designation at all levels they were licensed at on 1/1/2002 and 6/10/06 for Upland Judges.

Not having earned the 'AA' designation at any or all levels does NOT prohibit a Judge from moving up in the Apprentice Judge Program and becoming a Licensed Judge at any or all levels. It does prohibit that Judge from being placed with an Apprentice Judge.

A Judge licensed at a level after 1/1/2002 may earn 'AA' designation by judging two (2) times as a Licensed Judge at that level. An Upland Judge licensed after 6/10/06 may earn 'AA'

The 'AA' requirement does NOT apply to Grandfathered Judges - they will earn AA status for the level they are Grandfathered at upon successful completion of their Grandfather Apprenticeship at their Preliminary Hunt.

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SAMPLE QUESTION? – 'I was a Licensed Started Judge on 1/1/2002. I became a Licensed Seasoned Judge on 3/1/2002 and a Licensed Finished Judge on 6/1/2002. I have not judged Seasoned as a Licensed Judge – only as an Apprentice. I have judged Finished as a Licensed Judge two times since I was licensed at Finished on 6/1/2002. What is my 'AA' Designation?

ANSWER: This Judge is a Licensed Finished Judge with 'AA' Designation at Started and at Finished, but not at Seasoned. This Judge can earn 'AA' Designation for Seasoned after he/she judges 2 times as a Licensed Seasoned Judge at Seasoned level.

WHY? Started level 'AA' designation was Grandfathered to this Judge because he/she was a Licensed Started Judge on 1/1/2002. The Judge earned Licensed Seasoned status on 3/1/2002, but has not judged two times as a Licensed Judge in Seasoned so 'AA' designation has not been earned yet. The Judge earned Licensed Finished status on 6/1/2002 and has since then judged two times as a Licensed Finished Judge, so the 'AA' designation has been earned. This Judge may presently serve as a Licensed Judge at Started, Seasoned and Finished but can only be assigned with an Apprentice Judge at Started and Finished, not at Seasoned.

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The HRC Administrative Secretary will track and automatically 'credit' Judges with their Licensed Judge assignments from the Completed Judge Assignments Reports submitted by the Clubs to her.

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