

UNITED BLOOD TRACKERS, INC.

JUDGE APPROVAL PROCESS AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

As of March 14, 2016

Judges are approved by the UBT Board of Directors.

UBT Judges

- are UBT members.
- are knowledgeable about the UBT testing rules and procedures.
- are experienced and skilled in evaluating dogs under the UBT testing rules and procedures.
- may conduct non-event UBT tests without prior authorization.

Event Judges

- are approved on an event-by-event basis.
- might not be UBT members.
- are familiar with the UBT testing rules and procedures and will conduct tests in accordance with UBT rules and procedures.
- are experienced and skilled in evaluating dogs.
- may only conduct tests at UBT events where they are serving on the judging panel.

Qualified UBT members, UBT members completing the apprenticeship program and judges approved by other organizations (regardless of their UBT membership status) will not automatically become UBT Judges.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Participation in the UBT apprenticeship program is not required, however, individuals seeking to become a UBT Judge or Event Judge will have similar qualifications.

PRIOR to requesting entrance into the Apprenticeship Program, the individual will:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Train and handle tracking dogs for recovery of wounded deer.

NEXT, the individual will:

1. Request participation in the Apprenticeship Program from the UBT Director of Testing in writing.
2. Maintain a record of the dates, events, and names of judges worked with to document their Apprenticeship Program qualifications. UBT will not be responsible for documenting qualifications.

THEN, accomplish the following for each test level sought:

1. Attend at least one UBT Trackfest or blood tracking workshop hosted by another organization (include who, what, where and when information if an event from an organization other than UBT is used for this qualification), with the purpose of assisting with the educational presentations and/or preparing test lines. Attendance as a participant/exhibitor-only does not fulfill this qualification.

2. Independently lay a minimum of three test lines at the level you are seeking approval for and serve as “line expert” for the presiding judge. Independently laying lines would normally occur after assisting on other lines.
3. Deliver test results with comments to participants under the supervision of a qualified judge on at least two test lines.

LAST, the individual will:

1. Submit a letter to the UBT Director of Testing documenting their qualifications.
2. Have a judge with whom a testing apprenticeship was performed submit a letter of recommendation to the UBT Director of Testing.

The UBT Director of Testing will forward the individual’s information to the UBT Board of Directors for consideration. The UBT Board of Directors may consider other combinations of knowledge, skills and abilities other than those listed above when reviewing the individual’s qualifications.