



Judge Renewal

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Note: Renewing Judges **must sign and return this form** (with the proper fee) stating that you have read and understand the following changes in the IWPA Standing rules and Rule booklet that have been placed in effect at the board meeting on June 4TH and 5th, 2016. This also includes the **Judges Code of Conduct** that was adopted by the board in 2002.

International Weight Pull Association Judge Code of Conduct (Ethics and Authority)

1. You must both possess and project an unwavering air of integrity and ethical behavior that protects the reputation of IWPA pull events as fair and well-judged. With common sense, judges can easily avoid situations, which might raise ethical questions. A judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities.
2. Judges are presumed to be honest, competent and dedicated. Nevertheless, it is all too easy to find yourself in uncomfortable or even inappropriate situations. Guidelines cannot cover every situation, but they can help you avoid improprieties or perceived improprieties. A judge should perform the duties impartially and diligently. ("A judge

shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including but not limited to instances in which the judge has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party..."")

3. You Are in Charge: As the Chief Judge, you have full authority over all persons in the event. With this authority comes the responsibility to be thoughtful and considerate. Be as systematic in your procedure from dog to dog and weight class to weight class as conditions permit.

4. You should avoid theatrical movements or making inappropriate comments to competitors. Be polite, but generally limit your conversation with competitors to instructions that are in accordance with the IWPA rules.

5. The Judge may use whatever reasonable procedures he/she deems necessary to evaluate each dog's performance in an effective and efficient manner. The same procedures will be used to Judge each dog in a class. By entering any weight pull, the owner and handler of any dog agree to accept the decision of the Judge as final. The decision of a Judge is the responsibility of the Judge and not that of the IWPA.

6. IWPA events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog lovers and their dogs. Accordingly, IWPA expects the highest standard of conduct at all events.

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PULLING RULES AS SPECIFIED FOR EACH CHANGE. BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE READ THE CHANGES AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THEM.

1. In the Pulling Rules Section 2 (a) specifications in regard to a sled used for the 10 through 40 pound classes. A smaller and lighter sled may be substituted as approved by the Chief Judge *provided it has 2 runners*.
2. In Pulling Rules Section 5 C (12) Tangles – Tangles are called at the Chief Judge's discretion. A tangle shall be called by the judge only if the dog or any of the equipment in use becomes entangled *in such a way that it could possibly cause injury to the dog*. Deliberate tangles will be an immediate disqualification.
3. In Pulling Rules Section 4(c) - Weight classes are changed to be *11 to 20 pound and 21 to 40 pound*. The remaining classes have no change.
4. In Pulling Rules Section 4 number 3 – *Diuretics* are added to the list of performance altering drugs included but not limited to controlled substances which use shall be strictly prohibited. Additionally, the Board of Directors would like to stress that the owner/handler of any dog taking ANY medication, whether prescribed or over the counter, must present to a Chief Judge a letter from a veterinarian disclosing the use and purpose or need for

which the dog is taking the drug/medication. This applies to both prescription medication and/or over the counter medication. If an owner/handler fails to provide documentation to declare use of ANY medication as specified in the Pulling Rules Section 4 number 3 (a letter from a veterinarian), the dog is subject to disqualification.

5. In Standing Rule Article I Section 1 Disability/Handicap. The following words "*or obvious disability*" is added in Section 1. Additionally, the following sub sections are also added to this rule;
- a) *The procedure for any individual circumstance for someone requesting the use of this section, the procedure shall be discussed at the handlers meeting and agreed upon by the majority votes of all handlers in attendance at the dog pull event.*
 - b) *The handler shall proceed across the finish line to the best of their ability without communication of any type to the dog. If the dog comes in contact with the handler, the dog will not be disqualified. Or the handler may choose to have a second person assist by bringing the dog into the chute, holding the dog until the handler is in position beyond the finish line and then immediately move out of the chute area by exiting behind the cart/sled. There shall be no communication by the second person to the dog.*

6. In Standing Rules Article VI Section 7, 8 and 9 – Adding a third level of Hall of Fame which is the *National Hall of Fame*. The Standing Rule now reads in part;
- SECTION 7 Retired*** *dogs that have won a regional wheel and/or snow medal in 5 separate years are eligible for submission into the regional Hall of Fame, in accordance with the IWPA Hall of Fame criteria.*

SECTION 8 Retired *dogs that have won a regional wheel and/or snow medal in 4 separate years and have won at least one wheel and/or snow international medal in 2 separate years are eligible for induction into the National Hall of Fame, in accordance with the IWPA Hall of Fame criteria. (06/16)*

SECTION 9 Retired *Regional Hall of Fame dogs that have won at least one wheel and/or snow international medal in 3 separate years are eligible for induction into the International Hall of Fame, in accordance with the IWPA Hall of Fame criteria. (06/16)*

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