



## Judge Renewal

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State (Province) \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip (Postal Code) \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_  
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Judge renewal before September 1st - \$10.00  
After September 1st - \$15.00 *Make all checks payable to the IWPA*

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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 1st, 2024. 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. What are acceptable surfaces for the pull chute?

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2. Which of the following is NOT an acceptable chute barrier?

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|----|---------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| a. | hog panels    | c. | snow fence                           |
| b. | wood material | d. | material with a bouncing-off ability |

3. What is allowable for a dog to wear at weigh-in?

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Signature

Official Use Only

Postmark Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_