## ADBA TOP DOG JUDGES APPLICATION

PLEASE SUBMIT PHOTO WITH ALL NEW APPLICANTS
Application and test to be emailed to heather@adbadog.com
Or mailed to: ADBA, P.O. Box 1771, Salt Lake City, UT 84110
(Completed application and test must be submitted at least four weeks prior to scheduled event)

New Applicant $\square$ (Complete section 1 \& 2 )
Renewal $\square$ (Complete section 1)

## Section 1

Name of Applicant $\qquad$
Address $\qquad$
City $\qquad$ State $\qquad$ Zip

Home phone (___) $\qquad$ Cell phone $\qquad$
Male / Female DOB: $\qquad$ E-mail: $\qquad$
Location(s) of Airport(s) you would be flying out of: $\qquad$
Signature of Applicant $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$
By signing above, I agree to always hold myself to a higher standard and agree to the ADBA Code of Conduct. **Please note: Passing the written test does not automatically make you eligible to be a sanctioned OVERALL judge. At the discretion of the ADBA, you may be asked to mentor under another judge before fulfilling the overall judging position.

## Section 2

**TWO CLUB OFFICERS MUST SIGN FOR ALL NEW APPLICANTS**
Name of Sponsoring Club $\qquad$
Signature of $1^{\text {st }}$ Club Officer $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$
Signature of $2^{\text {nd }}$ Club Officer $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$
By signing above, the officers verify the applicant is prepared to judge according to the rules of the event.
Time involved with the Top Dog Events:
Assist as Club Member: $\qquad$ Judge fun events: $\qquad$
Exhibitor $\qquad$

## "Top Dog" Judges Updated Rules Exam

(To be returned to ADBA for correction)

## The Following Questions Pertain to the TDAE Overall Rules:

1. What age must a dog be to compete in a sanctioned "Top Dog" event? $\qquad$ Any Exceptions? $\qquad$
2. Two handlers are allowed to handle the dog in each event. Yes / No (circle one)
3. How many dogs must compete for a sanctioned Top Dog Event? $\qquad$
4. How many dogs must compete for it to be considered a "Major"? $\qquad$
5. A total of $\qquad$ separate competitions must be held for a Sanctioned "Top Dog" event.
6. How many groups will you be dividing into if you have $6-14$ dogs entered? $\qquad$
7. How many groups will you be dividing into if you have 15-27 dogs entered? $\qquad$
8. How many groups if you have $28-52$ dogs entered?
9. How many groups if you have $53-65$ dogs entered? $\qquad$
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10. How many groups if you have $66-78$ dogs entered? $\qquad$
11. What is the most groups you can have for a Top Dog Event? $\qquad$
How many dogs must be entered for this number of groups? $\qquad$
12. What is the goal when dividing dogs into groups? $\qquad$
13. Can the judge measuring/weighing the dogs also have a dog in competition? Yes / No Explain:
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$\qquad$
14. What are the duties of the Overall Top Dog Judge? $\qquad$
15. Can the Overall Top Dog Judge have a dog enter the event? Yes / No Can the Overall Top Dog Judge judge a family member/significant others dog? Yes / No 16.A) What is viewed as a significant other, according to the rules? $\qquad$
B) It is the judge's responsibility to decline an assignment your situation fits the description.

## True / False

17. If the club is holding a drag spring, can a sanctioned ADBA weight pull judge weigh the dogs for a Top Dog Event? Yes / No (circle one)
18. Any Top Dog Event that is judged by a non-certified judge, or a judge whose certification has expired, been suspended, or revoked, will have points voided. True / False (circle one)
19. If there is a Handler Withdrawal (HW) or a no score (a zero), how many events must that dog score in to be to be counted for a Major Event? $\qquad$ Explain: $\qquad$
20. Can the owners of two dogs measuring 17" choose what group they will be competing in? (circle one) Yes / No Explain: $\qquad$
21. All dogs entering Top Dog are to be measured (height taken at the withers) and weighed (only for drag sprint) before entry is considered complete? Yes / No (circle one)
22. How do you measure the height at the withers using a wicket? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
23. Measurements will be performed the day of the first event entered. Yes / No (circle one)
24. Dog must have a "time or score" listed for each event to be considered for tiebreaker.

Yes / No (circle one)
25. The drag sprint will be used as an alternative for any of the three events: Treadmill race, wall climb, lure course. Yes / No (circle one) If there is an equipment malfunction that cannot be repaired, what will happen? $\qquad$
26. Dogs being weighed for Top Dog can use the same weight for the weight pull, and vice versa. Weight will remain the same throughout the weekend, regardless of day of entry.
Yes / No (circle one)
27. For Overall Top Dog Tiebreaker: Only the 9 final overall dogs (regardless of group) are to be considered. True / False (circle one)
28. If a tie results, and the overall scores of all three events equal the same score, explain the method used to break this tie: $\qquad$
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Only on the 9 overall finalists, do you determine their wall climb placements by overall height or by a calculation of the wall height in inches divided by the dog's height in inches?
30. What if there is a tie even after you have used the methods to break an overall tie? If a tie remains: $\qquad$
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31. If dogs are the same height and went the exact same height on the wall, do you use the number of attempts to break the tie? Yes / No Explain: $\qquad$
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32.When are the treadmill race results used regarding the Overall tiebreaker? $\qquad$
33. What do you consider to be a "regulation" tug? $\qquad$
34. NOTHING other than an ADBA regulation "type" tug can be used as bait in a sanctioned Top Dog event. True / False - Can a double (loop) strap tug be used on the wall? Yes / No If this occurs, what happens: $\qquad$
35. The tug can be altered with a squeaky toy. True / False (circle one)
36. The judge must approve all tugs to be used in the event. True / False (circle one)
37. What equipment besides a regulation "type" tug is required for the owners to supply to compete in the Top Dog Event?
a. Wall Climb:
b. Treadmill Race: $\qquad$
c. Drag Sprint: $\qquad$
d. Lure Course: $\qquad$
38. Any participant that uses bait other than a regulation tug will be disqualified and dog may no longer participate. (No refund will be given) True / False (Circle one)
39. How does a Top Dog judge know if they have the current Top Dog pull rules and/or current test? $\qquad$
40. Can you tell also by looking at date at bottom on the last page of rules and test . (Example: (02/07/20) Yes I No (circle one)
41. It is the responsibility of each contestant to pay attention to when \& where they need to be to compete. If contestant is not ready to compete when it is their turn, dog will get a "no score" on that competition. Judges and or Stewards are not responsible for dogs missing event. True I False (circle one)
42. When can a challenge be made on a specific event? $\qquad$

## The Following Questions Pertain to Grouping of the Dogs

## List the steps taken to group the dogs:

a) Once registration is closed and dogs have been measured (to no less than $1 / 4$ "), the steward/score keeper will
b) The overall Top Dog Event official (to be designated by the hosting club) will take the list from the steward and divide the below "heights" for each day into balanced as possible groups:

| Day 1) | 14 | 14.25 | 14.5 | 14.75 | 15 | 15 | 15.5 | 15.75 | 16 | 16 | 16.25 | 16.25 | 17.5 | 21 | 23 |  |
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| Day 2) | 13 | 14 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 16 | 16.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 18 | 18.25 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 25.5 | 27 | 29 |
| Day 3) | 13 | 14 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 16 | 16.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 18 | 18.25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

c) What should the overall judge do if there are only 5 dogs registered? $\qquad$
d) Once the groups have been determined, the steward/score keeper will $\qquad$
e) If multiple dogs are the same height, the judge will take the weight of those dogs into consideration if $\qquad$

## The Following Questions Pertain to The Treadmill Race:

1. What type of treadmill is used for this event? (circle one) Slat Mill / Carpet Mill
2. Dogs' toenails must be at a trimmed length to run on the slat mill. Who must check dog's nails prior to insure proper length?
3. Can the dog touch the handler, tug, etc. once time has begun? $\qquad$
4. What is the result if this occurs? $\qquad$
5. Dogs will compete in turn, within each group, beginning with the lightest dog. True / False (circle one)
6. How many judges are required for this event?
7. Does this event require a steward? $\qquad$ How many? $\qquad$
8. What are the duties of the Treadmill Race Judge? $\qquad$
9. How long does a dog run to consider the race a success? $\qquad$
10. What determines the winner? $\qquad$
11. Stability of equipment is paramount. If equipment fails and cannot be repaired in a reasonable amount of time, will the Drag Sled will be used. Who makes this call? Explain: $\qquad$
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12. Must all dogs in group use same timing/distance device? Yes / No (circle one)
13. The judge may stop and re-start the event at anytime for the dogs' safety or equipment malfunction. True / False (circle one)
14. All placement ties within a group will result in a one-minute run-off Yes / No (circle one)

## The Following Questions Pertain To The Wall Climb:

1. Dog must be on no more than a $\qquad$ foot leash when competing in this event.
2. What is the minimum height of a dog's first climb?
3. Who decides the beginning height of a dogs' first climb? (circle one) Judge / Handler
4. Who decides how many 4 " segments to be added after a successful climb? (circle one) Judge / Handler
5. What determines a successful climb? $\qquad$
6. How many attempts at each height is a dog allowed to complete a successful climb? $\qquad$
7. The dog continues to advance in height with each successful climb until it is out. True / False
8. A) Dog is allowed 3 failed attempts at each height. True / False (circle one) Explain: $\qquad$
B) If a dog fails at an attempt and jumps back up on the wall before crossing back behind the 5' line and resetting, it is considered another attempt? Yes / No
9. A parting stick may be needed to part the tug from the dog. Who is required to part their dog from the tug? $\qquad$ Any exceptions? $\qquad$
10. Once height is set, and tug is in place, it can be brought back down to encourage the dog as needed. True / False (circle one)
11. Is the tug required to come down in the dog's mouth to be considered a successful climb? Yes / No (circle one) Explain: $\qquad$
12. How do you break a tie if two (or more dogs) are the same height and went the same exact height on the wall?
13. When would a "climb off" be held? $\qquad$
How is this done? $\qquad$
14. The starting area will be a designated area with a starting line no less than $\qquad$ feet from the wall and the back line to be no more than $\qquad$ feet from the wall. (Fill in the blanks)
15. How many judges are required for this event?
16. Does this event require a steward? $\qquad$ How many?
17. Can the dog's front paws be in front of the starting line? Yes / No (circle one) Can the dog's front paws be behind the back line? Yes / No (circle one)
18. How much time is allowed for a contestant to get ready for the next increase in height after
$\qquad$
19. What do you consider most important when judging? A) To treat all contestants fairly with equal consideration. Or B) Make sure the contest is completed within a reasonable amount of time? Explain: $\qquad$

## The Following Questions Pertain to The Lure Course Competition:

1. Dogs will run a distance of no less than $\qquad$ feet. (Fill in the blank)
2. Does a handler have the option to use a silicone or metal basket muzzle? Yes / No
3. Can the handler release the dog 10 feet behind the starting line? Yes / No As a judge, what action would you take if this happens? $\qquad$
4. What determines when the "time" will begin? $\qquad$ What determines when to stop the "clock"?
5. Can the Lure Course track to be in a straight line? Yes / No (circle one) Oval? Yes / No
6. What is considered an attempt?
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7. How many attempts are allowed before the dog is considered out? $\qquad$
8. What defines and alibi? If/when an alibi exists, what happens?
9. How many judges are required for this event?
10. Does this event require a steward? $\qquad$ How many?
11. What happens if there is a placement tie?
12. Spectators are not permitted to bring their dog up to the course fencing. Holding area should be substantially away from the actual course. True / False
13. What determines the winner? Distance covered / Elapsed time (circle one)
14. Holding area and contestants should be far enough away to avoid interference. Who ensures this is done?
15. If using electronic timing equipment and equipment fails and cannot be repaired in a reasonable amount of time, what happens?
16. Does the handler have the option for a $2^{\text {nd }}$ run on the Lure? Explain:
17. Must the timekeeper be the Judge of the event? Yes / No (circle one)
18. What happens if the Lure Course has an equipment failure that cannot be fixed?

## The Following Questions Pertain To The Drag Sprint Competition:

1. Dogs will pull a weighted drag sled no less than $\qquad$ feet and no more than $\qquad$ feet.
2. What determines when the stopwatch/timer will begin? $\qquad$
3. What kind of bait is allowed?

Can anything be attached to the bait?
What would be considered a disqualification?
4. What must cross the finish line to stop time? Dog's Nose / End of sled / After the dog has crossed, but before the sled crosses (circle one)
5. Is the Drag Sprint track to be in a straight line? Yes / No (circle one)
6. How many judges are required to judge the Drag Sprint competition? $\qquad$
7. How many alibis are allowed? $\qquad$
8. Dogs will be allowed two attempts, then out. True / False
9. Does this event require a steward? $\qquad$ How many?
10. Is the club required to have a Drag Sled "on site" in the case of equipment malfunction?
11. Dogs must wear a weight pulling harness and "belt buckle" collar with lead to compete in this event. True / False Does the club provide the harness for drag sled? Yes / No
12. How many handlers can be used for the Drag Sprint? Explain: $\qquad$
13. What is the recommended percentage of the dog's weight to use on the drag sled? $\qquad$ When will the drag sprint weight guidelines be decided?
Please complete the following GROUP FINALIST SHEET and ADBA OVERALL TOP 9 FINALIST SHEET and submit as part of your Top Dog judging application. *I verify that I completed my test and scoring sheets on my own.

Printed Name of Applicant $\qquad$ Date Signed $\qquad$
Signature of Applicant



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 tie on the wall climb，divide dog＇s last height on the wall by the dog＇s height．If there is still a tie，use number of attempts．If the number of attempts is the same，STOP and move to lure／drag



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