



GUIDANCE OF COMPLETING THE FIELD TRIAL JUDGES EVALUATION FORM

As a Panel Judge you are required to complete evaluation forms on your co-judges to assist the Kennel Club in making informed decisions regarding the suitability of candidates to join either the 'B' or 'A' Panel. The information gathered from these forms plays an important part in ensuring that only suitable candidates are approved and this maintains the integrity and high standards expected of Panel judges.

The J Regulations state that 'A' Panel judges must provide their opinion on both 'B' and non-Panel judges and 'B' Panel judges must provide their opinion on non-Panel judges. The evaluation forms must be completed and returned to the Kennel Club (Field Trials Department) within 30 days of the date of the trial (Regulation J.6.c(2) refers). Judges who do not comply with the requirements of this Regulation may be subject to a fine.

The form can be simply and quickly completed online by clicking on the link below. [/activities/field-trials-working-gundogs/field-trial-judge-evaluation-form/](#)

Once submitted this form will then be automatically delivered to the Field Trial Team for collation. Alternatively click on the following Field Trial Judge Evaluation Forms to manually download and complete a form to send in by email or post.

Regardless of the judging system that has been used you must ensure that you make opportunities to assess the 'B' or non-Panel Judges with whom you are judging. For example, you will have opportunities to assess their attributes such as attitude and politeness to officials at the start and end of the day and when you are discussing the dogs' marks you will be able to consider their ability to keep their book and how they handle differences of opinion.

As well as completing the questions on the form it is important that you provide additional comments as an overview of the person's performance. The more detailed the answers are that you provide the more assistance it gives; one word answers, such as 'good' for example, are not sufficient but should be expanded upon. The additional information provided should fully explain anything which may be of significance to the Kennel Club in considering the candidate's nomination.

Key points to consider:

- Attitude throughout the day
- Did they deal with any difficult competitors and if so did they handle them appropriately?
- Did they give competitors/guns appropriate instruction?
- Were there any unusual situations and did the candidate handle them appropriately?



When a nomination is received for a judge to be appointed to the 'B' Panel or the 'A' Panel, all of the Evaluation Forms received from the nominee's co-Judges will be collated and the contents presented to the Field Trials Committee, alongside the application. Once the Committee has reviewed these documents its decision will be passed to the Board for final approval, and the forms will be destroyed.

After the Board has met, the applicant will be written to and advised of the decision. If the nomination is successful the judge's contact details will appear on the Kennel Club Official Panel of Field Trial Judges for either the 'A' or 'B' Panel, as appropriate.