

CARO Judges NAE (Novice, Advanced, Excellent) Certification Process

Regular/Brace/Team Streams

CAROjudgesprogram@canadianrallyo.ca

Effective February 1, 2024

Prerequisites

- Professional Membership
- Excellent Title
- Submit online application

Certification Process

- 1 Attend a CARO Approved Judges' Clinic and a Design Clinic**
- CARO will host virtual clinics throughout the year, notices are emailed out
 - Requests for ad hoc clinics can be submitted to CAROjudgesprogram@canadianrallyo.ca

- 2 Shadow Judging**
- 2 regular courses each for Novice, Advanced, Excellent with a minimum of 10 dogs per level between the two courses
 - 5 team courses total from Novice, Advanced and/or Excellent
 - Shadow judging may be done at one or more trials and/or fun matches
 - The name of the Judge(s) with whom the candidate will shadow must be approved by CARO **in advance**. Please send in cooperating judge(s) request to CAROjudgesprogram@canadianrallyo.ca

- 3 NAE Exam & Interview**
- The exam includes multiple choice, true/false, short answer and long answer questions which evaluate the candidate's knowledge of CARO rules and judging guidelines and procedures.
 - Candidates should be prepared to demonstrate both their knowledge of the rules and their ability to exercise good judgement in situations that require judge's discretion.
 - Interview with Candidate

- 4 Course Design**
- 3 each for Novice, Advanced, Excellent
 - 2 each for Novice Team, Advanced Team, Excellent Team
 - Course maps will be assessed by the CARO Judges Program

- 5 Final Review**
- Candidate review by BOD for approval

Maintenance requirements

Continuing Education Requirements

- Maintain professional membership annually.
- Attend a minimum of one Judges' Clinic within every 2 years.
- Must judge a trial within every 2 years. When this criteria can't be met, video runs will be provided by the Judges' Program on request to satisfy this requirement

General notes:

- Candidates have a period of one year from the time of application to complete the process.
- Requests for exceptions to the order of the process will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Upon completion of a Judges' Clinic, candidates will be added to the Judge's mailing list to received clinic and chat invites, and to the Judge FB community page for those on Facebook.