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

Regular/Brace/Team Streams

CAROjudgesprogram@canadianrallyo.ca

Effective September 6, 2025

Prerequisites

- ☐ Professional Membership
- ☐ Excellent Title
- ☐ Submit online application

Certification Process

1 NAE Exam

- The exam includes multiple choice, 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

2 Attend a CARO Approved Judges' Clinic and a Design Clinic

- CARO will host virtual clinics throughout the year, notices are emailed out.
- Attendance at a clinic no more than 6 months prior to application will also meet this requirement (this does not apply if there is a new MGH released after that timeframe)
- Requests for ad hoc clinics can be submitted to CAROjudgesprogram@canadianrallyo.ca

3 Shadow Judging

- 2 regular courses each for Novice, Advanced, Excellent with a minimum of 10 dogs per level between the two courses
- 5 team runs 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

4 Course Design

- Each level, regular & team, must have at least one map 1500-1600 sq ft minimum
- 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 approval, Judges may request to join the CARO Judges Facebook group.