CARO Judges V-VE (Versatility, Versatility Excellent) Certification Process

Regular/Brace/Team Streams

CAROjudgesprogram@canadianrallyo.ca

Effective September 6, 2025

Prerequisites

- ☐ Must be certified for Novice, Advanced and Excellent
- ☐ Must be up to date with clinics
- ☐ Submit online application

Certification Process

1 VVE Exam

- The exam includes 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 Course Design

- 2 each for Versatility and Versatility Excellent-one map 1500-1600 sq ft, second map any size for each level.
- 1 each for Versatility Team and Versatility Excellent Team.
- Course maps (6 total) will be assessed by the CARO Judges' Program

3 Shadow judging

- 4 courses with any combination of Versatility, Versatility Excellent, Versatility Team or Versatility Excellent Team, with a minimum of 10 dogs total
- 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 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 two years
- Must judge a trial within every two years

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.