

ABTA Judges Progression System

ABTA Started Level Judge:

An ABTA Started level judge's certification will allow the judge to administer the Started level test privately and at events.

The following criteria must be met before a candidate will be considered for the Started level certification:

- Complete an ABTA judge's application.
- Complete a phone interview with the ABTA Judge's Coordinator or designated representative.
- Demonstrate the ability to use a Garmin tracking device to record test lines.
- Demonstrate the ability to utilize a secondary mapping system to record test lines.
- Demonstrate the ability to lay and administer a Started level test line with all required attributes.
- Demonstrate the ability to provide the required documentation to the Testing Committee.
- Pass the ABTA Started level exam with a score of 100%.
- Attend an event, judges' workshop, and/or work with a certified judge on a minimum of 5 tests.

ABTA Seasoned Level Judge:

An ABTA Seasoned level judge's certification will allow the judge to administer the Seasoned level test privately and at events.

The following criteria must be met before a candidate will be consider for the Seasoned level certification:

- Obtain an ABTA Started level judge's certification.
- Administer a minimum of 10 official Started level tests.
- Demonstrate the ability to lay and administer a Seasoned level test line with all required attributes.
- Pass the ABTA Seasoned level exam with a score of 100%.

ABTA Finished Level Judge:

An ABTA Finished level judge's certification will allow the judge to administer the Finished level test at events.

The following criteria must be met before a candidate will be consider for the Finished level certification:

- Obtain a Seasoned level judges' certification.
- Administer a minimum of 10 official Seasoned level test.
- Demonstrate the ability to lay and administer a Finished level test line with all required attributes.
- Assist with a minimum of two Finished level tests as the acting judge under the supervision of a Finished level judge.
- Pass the ABTA Finished level exam with a score of 100%.

Advancement Approval Process:

Once all criteria have been met, and approved by the board of directors, you will become a certified ABTA judge for the level completed. The board reserves the right to make exceptions to this process in certain circumstances.

The ABTA reserves the right to suspend or terminate this certification at any time.

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