

Reinstatement of Judging Status

The applicant must be approved by the local club/conference Judges Committee to enter the reinstatement program. The reinstatement program should be performed during the growing season in which the request was made, with the reinstatement period to be determined and monitored by the local club/conference Judging Chair.

Reinstatement Requirements

1. Time lapsed where the member has not met requirement for maintaining judging status will be at the discretion of the local club/conference Judging Chair.
2. Membership in a local club and the American Dahlia Society is mandatory before requesting reinstatement to a previously held judging status.
3. The applicant should be demoted to the next lower level of judging status (Senior Judge lowered to Accredited Judge) as stated in the requirements for Maintaining Judging status. Previous judging status must be verified by the Judging Committee.

Once the Applicant has completed the above requirement, they may commence the Training Section.

Training Requirement

1. Attend a judging class which is being presented by a local club/conference.
2. Show and judge in two (2) ADS sanctioned shows.
3. Judge four (4) seedlings at an ADS trial garden or on the seedling bench supervised by a Senior Judge. If a trial garden is not in within a reasonable distance, the applicant may perform the seedling judging at a local garden, where seedlings are grown.
4. Demonstrate to a minimum of two (2) Senior Judges their ability to judge all forms of dahlias.

5. When all above items are completed, the applicant may retake the appropriate test. The manner the test is given will be determined by the local club/conference Judging Chair.

Honorary Senior Judge

For an individual to return to Senior Judging status within three years after becoming an Honorary Senior Judge;

- a. Be listed as an Accredited Judge in the club's judging record for the first year after the request (transitional year).
- b. During the year they are listed as an Accredited Judge, they must fulfill all requirements listed to maintain status for a Senior Judge.
- c. Attend a judging class which is being presented by a local club/conference.
- d. Show and judge in two (2) ADS sanctioned shows.
- e. Judge four (4) Seedlings at an ADS trial garden or on the seedling bench supervised by a Senior Judge. If a trial garden or a seedling bench is not within a reasonable distance, the applicant may perform the seedling judging at a local garden, where seedlings are grown as described in the policy manual.

When all above items are completed, the applicant may retake the senior test. The manner in which the test is given will be determined by the local club/conference Judging Chair.

If the individual has completed all requirements during the transitional year, the Accreditation Chair for the club/conference may then list the individual as returning to senior status. If the individual does not complete the requirements during the transitional year, the Accreditation Chair will notify the individual in writing their request for returning to senior status is not approved.

If the individual was listed as an Honorary Senior Judge for longer than three years, they must re-enter the judging program as an Accredited Judge and complete all required training the same as a new Accredited Judge to advance to Senior Judge.