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**TO: ALL NEW BREED APPLICANTS**

*Junior Judges' Limit: An Explanation*

In a response to the need for specialty clubs and group shows to be able to have their regular class judges also judge Junior Showmanship, even if they have elected not to judge Juniors at all-breed shows, the American Kennel Club adopted a new Limit Status for Junior Showmanship Judges.

There are some judges who have previously judged Junior Showmanship and elected to no longer be on the list for approved JS judges. Problems arose when specialty clubs sought assignments from these judges for JS in addition to the regular classes. As they were not on the approved list, they could not judge JS at specialty shows. This then made it a hardship for specialties that had to seek out another judge just for JS, regardless of the potential number of juniors likely to be entered.

In order to accommodate these specialty clubs and judges who would like to judge Juniors at a specialty level (even though not wishing to be listed for all-breed shows), the Junior Showmanship Judges' Limit Status has been implemented.

Designed to allow individuals to work with Specialty Clubs shows in being able to judge Juniors at a Specialty of a breed for which they are approved to judge.

To clarify any confusion that may arise, the following is an additional explanation of the Juniors Limit Status:

- A judge once eligible to judge Juniors at an All-Breed Event, who has requested Limit Status, will no longer be eligible to judge Juniors at an All-Breed Event.
- Limit Status is only for judging specialties on breeds currently approved for and the decision to convert to a Limit Status means that the judge is no longer listed as eligible to judge Juniors at the all-breed level.
- A Limited status judge with approval to judge all breeds in a group may judge Junior Showmanship at a group show for those breeds.

Clubs that have any questions regarding judging panels should contact Alan Slay, Director of Event Programs, [als@akc.org](mailto:als@akc.org); any judge wishing to change their present Junior Showmanship status should contact Mrs. Ines Maldonado, Manager of Judging Operations, [ixm@akc.org](mailto:ixm@akc.org)

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