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JUDGING APPROVAL PROCESS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2012

As a result of the ad hoc Judges Review Committee appointed by the Board of Directors and chaired by Dr. Robert Smith, the Judging Approval Process was approved and implemented. There are several areas that should interest parent club officials, such as:

ADVANCEMENT

The new Judging Approval Process not only includes modifications to what the previous policy contained, but also added some unique elements. The Judges Review Committee will have the opportunity to recommend judges for advancement by affording them the opportunity to apply for a complete group or a combination of breeds (not including a full group) up to the equivalent of the number of breeds in the largest group. Those recommended for this honor will be considered from a pool of names submitted by Executive Field Representatives, Breeders, Professional Handlers, Parent Clubs, Judges and Show Chairpersons. Name must be submitted on the AKC form http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges/Recommendation_for_Advancement.pdf. Those recommended for advancement must be approved by the committee and will have to complete the process defined in the new policy as approval of the recommendations does not guarantee approval of the breeds or group.

PARENT CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

Another unique aspect is that Parent Clubs may recommend members of their club to be approved on a permit basis for their breed. To qualify, the Parent Club must have been recognized by the AKC for a minimum of 10 years. Parent Clubs are permitted to recommend up to three members per year for consideration by the Judges Review Committee.

Recommendation must be submitted on the official AKC form

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges/Parent_Club_Recommendation.pdf. Accompanied by a certified copy of the meeting minutes at which action was taken by the Parent Club Board. Any member recommended by the Parent Club must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must have a minimum of 20 years in the breed with breeding and/or exhibiting success.
- Applicant must currently be a member of the Parent Club and have been a member for a minimum of 10 years.
- Applicant must be at least 21 years of age and occupationally eligible.

Those individuals whose recommendations were approved by the Judges Review Committee will be notified as well as the Parent Club. Once the recommendation has been accepted, the nominee must complete the remainder of the process before the Judges Review Committee makes a final determination whether to approve the nominee on a permit basis.

- Nominee must take and pass the Procedural and Anatomy exam.

- Nominee must submit a letter of synopsis defining their background and experience in the breed.
- Nominee must pass an interview with an AKC Executive Field Representative including a wicket and/or scales exam if applicable.
- Nominee must submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee.

Upon successfully completing all criteria, the Judges Review Committee will consider the letter of synopsis in combination with the result of the interview and determine whether to approve on permit basis or deny. Once approved, the new permit judge must complete a minimum of three assignments with dogs present and obtain three reports from AKC Executive Field Representatives before requesting regular status. As with those judges who have gone through the application process, additional assignments may be required to obtain the required number of assignments with sufficient entries to complete an observation.

INVITATION TO JUDGE SPECIALTIES

Another new and unique aspect of the policy is that Parent Clubs may request individuals not approved to judge their breed to judge their National Specialty or Parent Club Regional Specialty. Any eligible individual may be requested. This includes, but is not limited to, professional handlers. Approvals are done on a case by case and event by event basis. A request can only be submitted by the Parent Club. Request must be submitted to the Judging Operations Department to be reviewed by

the Judges Review Committee and must be on the official AKC Parent Club form http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges/Parent_Club_Request.pdf. The following applies regarding this request:

- Parent Club must request in writing to the Judges Review Committee c/o the AKC Judging Operations Department any eligible individual to judge their Parent Club National or Parent Club Regional Specialty.
 - ✓ Request must be submitted on official AKC form.
- Individual requested must meet all requirements as outlined in the Judge's Approval Process.
 - ✓ Must be 21 years of age or older.
 - ✓ Must be occupationally eligible (exception for professional handlers)
 - ✓ Should be knowledgeable, with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling in the breed for 15 years or more.
 - ✓ Judges Review Committee will review request of the Parent Club at the next available monthly meeting.
- Parent Club will be notified by the Judging Operations Department of the decision of the Judges Review Committee.
- Individuals approved by the JRC will be notified by the Judging Operations Department and must fulfill all remaining criteria.
 - ✓ Take and pass Procedural exam.
 - ✓ Take and pass Anatomy exam.



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- ✓ Take a pass applicable scales and/or wicket exam to be conducted by an AKC Executive Field Representative.
- ✓ Submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee.
- Upon completion of all requirements, Parent Club and individual requested will be notified. A judges' number will be assigned for the approved individual (if one had not been assigned previously) and the Events Department will be notified for approval upon submission of the event judging panel.
- Approval is for the event requested ONLY. Individual request must be made for each event in which one is requested to judge.

All individuals approved for Parent Club specialties per their request are bound by the same Rules, Policies and Guidelines as approved judges in regard to the event in which they will judge. Approved individuals should familiarize themselves with the [Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges](#) and/or contact the Judging Operations Department with any specific questions regarding exhibiting eligibility.

EDUCATION

Institute or Seminars: all attendees must pass an AKC breed exam in order to receive credit for attendance. For those individuals conducting seminars, breed exams will be required. We are recommending that clubs utilize the breed exams located on the AKC Website.

Judging Operations will be creating condensed versions of the complete AKC exams specifically for the use at the seminars. Until the shortened versions are completed, you should utilize the AKC breed exam currently available online.

All attendee answer sheets must be returned to Judging Operations in addition to all required forms for the individual to receive credit for attending. Judging Operations will grade the AKC breed exams. Once the truncated versions of the breed exams are available, seminars will be required to utilize the shortened AKC exams.

Presenters/clubs hosting judge's education are encouraged to contact Judging Operations to answer any questions or for further clarification on this requirement.

OBSERVATIONS

Experience may be included, only at Specialties:

- Observer may observe with Parent Club approved mentors or individuals meeting the current AKC mentor guidelines. Observations with mentors not meeting the criteria will not be considered within the letter of synopsis.
- Formal observations will be allowed with Parent Club approved mentors at National or Regional Specialties where formal ringside mentoring is organized by the host club (This is as it has always been). (Individuals engaged in Parent Club

mentoring may not exhibit to the judge/applicant for a period of four months after and the mentor may not show to the judge following approval of the breeds for four months after.)

- There must be adequate entries for the breeds observed. Smaller entries may require more observations. (Two entries of 50 plus dogs observed may satisfy this requirement; whereas three observations of seven or eight dogs meet the requirement but do not accomplish the greater objective.)

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PROVIDED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE AKC?

If you recently became the new Judges Education Coordinator for your club,



please remember this name, Kathy Caruana, Judges Education Coordinator, at

kac1@akc.org. Kathy is

your contact person for educational items related to Conformation Judges. So, if you recently became the Judges Education Coordinator for your club, please contact Kathy. Please remember there are times when we need to inform you of important information concerning your breed, therefore keeping us updated on your contact information is very important.



ATTENTION SPORTING BREED JEC'S Final plans for the AKC Advanced Sporting Dog Institute are underway; if you have not yet selected a presenter, please notify us immediately. At this institute each breed will be covered; seminars are scheduled for 90 minutes and the hands-on workshops will be scheduled for 60 minutes. If you have not received information from Judging Operations regarding the Institute please contact Kathy Caruana.

Also, we need to mention the next advanced institute is the AKC/DJAA Advanced Terrier Institute, in Orlando, FL held in conjunction with AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, scheduled for December 12-15, 2012. So get ready, within a few months we will be contacting all Terrier JEC's and Presidents so that they may begin submitting names of presenters for their breeds.

HELPFUL WEBSITE PAGES

Everyone should become familiar with the AKC Website, especially the following pages: Judges Education Department, http://www.akc.org/about/depts/judges_education.cfm. It contains information on seminars, workshops, how to place your seminar on the AKC website, etc. In addition, if you are currently on this page and click on the tab by Judges Education you will find several pages pertaining to



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judges' education such as information on Judges Breed Study Groups, Judges Workshops Study Groups, a list of Judges Education Coordinators and the Judges Newsletter. Finally, Judges Study Guides, <http://www.akc.org/judges/guides/>. This page includes all breeds with their history, breed standard, Parent Club link, mentor list and breed exam.

At this time we would like to remind everyone to take a look at your mentor list. If one has not been provided we would like to prompt you to create a list of parent club approved mentors.

This list is created by the Parent Club using whatever qualifications your club deems appropriate.

CREATIVE SERVICES

As of September 2011 the following charges will apply to all creative requests from Parent Clubs, Organizations or any other party requesting the following items:

- Certificates of Attendance - \$25 for the first 50.
- Flyers/Announcements - \$25 for the first 50.
- Address labels - \$25 for the first 5 pages, (Avery 5160 labels) then \$2 each additional page.
- List of judges - \$25 for each excel list requested. You may request permit, approved or all.

Speaking of seminars, AKC is interested in putting on a seminar for presenters. Do you have a powerful presenter? Do you have the right tools to keep your audience captivated? Do you know what it takes to put on a successful seminar? As of today, it has not been written in concrete but we are planning an informative seminar at the AKC/DJAA Advanced Terrier Institute, in Orlando, FL held in conjunction with AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, December 12-15, 2012. So, if you think you have a great presenter and you would like to provide some insight to your fellow presenters, please call Kathy or send her an email that you are interested in assisting us with this seminar.

SHARE WITH US

We welcome your thoughts or other articles for the publication in this E-News or The Standard. If you wish to share your ideas with us, please send them to Ines Maldonado at ixm@akc.org or fax to 919-816-4225. The next publication will be released in the Fall of 2012. Remember we are here to support you, please feel free to call with questions or concerns.

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