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Breeder Judge Requirements

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING AN ASCA APPROVED BREEDER JUDGE:

Within the ASCA Approved Breeder Judge Program, there are four (4) levels of expertise, which are as follows:

NON-REGULAR - Allowed to judge only Non-Regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows. May not judge at a National Specialty.

PROVISIONAL - Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows. May not judge at a National Specialty.

APPROVED-Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows. Allowed to judge Non-Regular classes at a National Specialty

SENIOR - Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows. Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular classes (Intact and Altered Conformation) at a National Specialty.

At all levels of the Breeder Judge program it is the responsibility of the applicant to maintain their records and to submit applications for increased levels of approval at the appropriate time. The requirements stated are minimum requirements only and may be exceeded by the applicant if so desired.

*****If five or more years have lapsed from the date of the judge's last ASCA conformation judging assignment, the judge is then required to re-take the judges' test to demonstrate current knowledge of the Breed Standard and ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations. A score of 100% is required to resume status as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge. No additional requirements will need to be met. A re-applying judge may take the test twice without penalty. Failure after the second attempt would result in a six month waiting period. A failure after the third attempt would result in a denial of the judge's reinstatement. *****

NON-REGULAR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be an adult member of ASCA in good standing for at least eight (8) years.
- B. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.
- C. Must have bred five (5) ASCA Champions of Record or be a breeder of three (3) and handled two (2) ASCA Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)
- D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
- E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.
- F. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in ASCA and its programs developed for the Australian Shepherd, such as membership and participation in Affiliate clubs, and putting on ASCA events such as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc.
- G. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at three (3) or more ASCA sanctioned events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three (3) or more ASCA sanctioned events.
- H. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

THESE ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING AND EACH APPLICANT WILL BE EVALUATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BEFORE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM. APPLICANT MAY EXCEED THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge:

- A. Obtain an application and Affiliate sponsorship form from the ASCA Business Office.

- B. Both the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office by the sponsoring Affiliate Club.
- C. Upon receipt of the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form, the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.
- D. When the Office determines the minimum requirements have been met they will send the applicant a judge's test. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office within two (2) months. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. Failure after the second attempt would result in a six (6) month waiting period. A failure after the third attempt would result in denial of his/her Breeder Judge Application.
- E. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form; judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.
- F. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.
- G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "NR" beside their name.

PROVISIONAL BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Provisional Breeder Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.
- B. Must have judged non-regular classes at three (3) or more ASCA Sanctioned Conformation events (not handling classes) until a minimum of thirty (30) entries total is accrued. At least one of these events must include an entry of ten or more).
- C. Previous ASCA judging experience obtained on a recognized judge's card from another organization (AKC/UKC/CKC) may be substituted towards the Non-Regular portion of the Provisional judging requirement for becoming an ASCA breeder judge. All other requirements must be met.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Provisional Breeder Judge:

- A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:
 - 1. A minimum of three (3) non-regular judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.
 - 2. Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned shows, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
 - 3. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Breeder Judge.
- B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.
- C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.
- D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the provisional level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.
- D. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Provisional Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept provisional level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "P" beside their name.

APPROVED BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Approved Breeder Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge.
- B. Must have completed a minimum of ten (10) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows.
- C. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Approved Breeder Judge:

- A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:
 - 1. A minimum of ten (10) regular class judging assignments with a minimum of 15 entries that meet the previously stated requirements. *These assignments may come from the interim period during which a judge is awaiting final approval from the ASCA BOD. Once approval is given, all interim assignments will then count toward the level of judging being applied for.
 - 2. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
 - 3. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Provisional Breeder Judge.
- B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.
- C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.
- D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the approved level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors. If the application is denied, these interim assignments may count toward additional tasks assigned per the ASCA BOD.
- E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Approved Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge. The applicant may now accept approved level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges
 - List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "A" beside their name.

SENIOR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Senior Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.
- B. Must have completed ten (10) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.
- C. Five (5) qualifying judging assignments must be worked outside of the state/province the applicant resides in. These five (5) qualifying assignments will come from assignments worked as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge or as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge only.
- D. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:

- A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. A minimum of ten (10) regular class judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.
2. A minimum of five (5) regular judging assignments worked outside of the state/area the applicant lives in that meet the previous stated requirement.
3. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.
4. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as an Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the senior level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Senior Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge. The applicant may now accept senior level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "S" beside their name.



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APPLICATION FOR ASCA APPROVED BREEDER JUDGE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ e-mail _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS
(please type or print legibly)

1. What breed(s) do you currently own? _____

2. What breed(s) have you owned and/or bred in the past? _____

3. Are you actively breeding and showing dogs at the present time?

Breeding Yes _____ No _____ Showing Yes _____ No _____

4. At how many shows do you exhibit on an annual basis? _____

5. Have you shown dogs to their Conformation Championship? Yes _____ No _____

6. How many dogs have you shown to their Championship? _____

List names and breed(s), registered name, owner, breeder, and handler to Championship.

7. List all dogs you have titled other than in conformation including obedience, tracking, and stockdog, and including other breeds. _____

8. Have you acted in the capacity of Ring Steward, in the Conformation Ring, at ASCA events?
Yes____ No_____ If yes, how many?_____

9. Are you currently a member of ASCA? Yes____ No_____ If yes, list your ASCA membership number : _____If yes, for how long?

10. Have your privileges ever been suspended from any breed club? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please state the date and circumstances. Attach a separate sheet if necessary. _____

11. Are you a professional handler (are you compensated in any way to handle other persons' dogs)?
Yes_____ No_____

12. Please state your qualifications and reasons for wanting to become an ASCA Breeder Judge.
(Use a separate sheet if necessary)_____

13. List shows stewarded by city, state, club, and date. _____

14. List shows at which you served in the capacity of show secretary. List by city, state, club, date.

15. List any seminars you have attended or any educational material read or viewed pertaining to handling, structure, movement, etc. (list month, year, and type) _____

16. List judging assignments. (list show, date, show secretary name and number of animals judged.) In case of judging assignments where results are not sent to ASCA, copies of *paperwork involved* need to be sent with application. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

17. List involvement in ASCA activities. _____

I hereby swear that the information listed is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and that any falsification of the information contained herein will be cause for permanent dismissal from the ASCA Approved Breeder Judge Program. I further understand that the Australian Shepherd Club of America has the right within its sole judgement and discretion to refuse to grant, to deny renewal, to suspend, and to revoke any judges privileges at any time provided there is just cause.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this application to the address below:

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REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP
TO BECOME AN ASCA APPROVED BREEDER JUDGE
(Please type or print legibly)

In order to become an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge, you must have the sponsorship of an ASCA Affiliate club. Give this form, along with your completed APPLICATION FOR ASCA APPROVED BREEDER JUDGE form to an Officer of an ASCA Affiliate Club. They, in turn, will complete this form and submit it to the ASCA Business Office for further consideration.

Name of ASCA Affiliate Club: _____

We the officers of the above listed ASCA Affiliate Club would ___ \would not ___ recommend
_____ for consideration to become an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

The reasons for our recommendation ___ /denial ___ are: _____

The above named applicant is ___/is not ___ a member of our local ASCA Affiliate Club.

Name of Officer _____ Office held _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

Name of Officer _____ Office Held _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

Name of Officer _____ Office Held _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

This application must be signed by three (3) officers of the sponsoring ASCA Affiliate Club. If the applicant is an officer of this club, and there are only three (3) officers, a board member of the sponsoring ASCA Affiliate Club must sign this request. An applicant cannot sign this request as an officer or board member.



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ASCA BREEDER JUDGE APPLICANT DECLARATION

I, (print name) _____, declare by my signature on this page, that I have not asked any person(s), to assist me in any way, nor accepted any assistance from anyone in the completion of this test. I declare that I have used only the ASCA approved written sources found within the ASCA web site, the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations, including the Judges Guidelines/Code of Ethics, ASCA Junior Handling Rule Book, Judges Education, ASCA Breed Standard and Annotations, or other applicable sources.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Please mail this form to the following address:

ASCA Business Office
6091 E. State Hwy 21
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Date Received by the ASCA Business Office _____
Date mailed to ASCA Board of Directors _____
Date of request to send test to applicant _____
Date test mailed to applicant _____
Date test returned to ASCA Business Office _____
Approved _____ Denied _____ Date _____
Date Applicant Notified _____
Date ASCA Business Office notified _____

Reason for Denial
