

Judges' Selection Committee Explanation of Parenthetical Notations

(prov/perm) - The judge is provisional for the breed at the current time.

(visiting Judge) – The judge is from outside the USA and will require AKC approval.

(*needs AKC approval) – Individuals not currently approved to judge the breed, but may become eligible to judge utilizing rule changes in the AKC's [Judging Approval Process](#), effective March 12, 2012.

Pertinent portions of [Judging Approval Process](#) document:

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- Parent Clubs may make yearly recommendation for members to be approved as permit judges in their breed.
- Any eligible individual in good standing may be approved to Judge at National or Parent Club Specialties by invitation.

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Parent Club's Recommendation for AKC

Approval on a member of their club to judge their breed

- To participate, the Parent Club must have been recognized by AKC for a minimum of 10 years.
- Parent Club is invited to submit recommendations, not to exceed three members each year.
- Submit certified copy of meeting minutes at which action was taken by the Parent Club Board.
- **Requirements from Applicant/Judge**
 - All Recommendations by Parent Clubs must include 20 years in the breed by applicant with breeding/exhibiting success.
 - Must include 10 year's membership in Parent Club.
 - Must be occupationally eligible.
 - Must be 21 years of age.
 - Procedural and anatomy test required and if applicable, scale and wicket test required.
 - Provide letter of synopsis defining background and experience in the breed.
 - Pass interview with AKC Executive Field Representative.
 - Complete three permit assignments with dogs present and AKC Executive Field Representative reports before applying for regular status.
 - A non-refundable \$25 per breed processing fee required.

Parent Clubs by request may invite eligible individuals to judge their Nationals or Specialties

- **Requirements for Applicant/Judge**
 - Any eligible individuals including, but not limited to, professional handlers may be approved on a case by case, event by event request from the National Specialty Club for approval to judge their Parent Club National or Parent Club Regional events.
 - Must be 21 years of age.
 - Must be occupationally eligible.
 - Should be knowledgeable, with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling in the breed for 15 years or more.
 - Procedure and anatomy test required and if applicable, scale or wicket test required.
 - A non-refundable \$25 per breed processing fee required for non-approved judges.

("Professional handler is defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.")