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:
Page 1:
- 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.

Page 8:
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.")