

CONTINUING EDUCATION PLAN FOR CFA JUDGES

What Happened to Our Continuing Education Plan?

On June 24, 2010, the CFA Board of Directors passed the following Continuing Education Plan for CFA Judges:

Starting May 1, 2011, judges can acquire their continuing education in a manner that they can select themselves. The methods they can choose from are:

1. *Classroom/Seminar Education:*
 - *Attendance at CFA Judge's Workshops*
 - *Attendance at the general session and a LH or SH portion of the CFA Judging School/BAOS*
 - *Participation as an instructor at a CFA Judging School/BOAS*
2. *On-line Education:*
 - *Completion of breed presentations and post tests*

Then, at the October 9-10, 2010 meeting, the BOD added the following to the activities for continuing education:

- *Serve as a supervising judge for a trainee doing color classes*

Last, on January 18, 2011, the CFA BOD voted to make the following changes to the October 2010 Judging Program Rules to put into action the changes noted above:

SECTION X CONTINUING EDUCATION OF ALL TRAINEES AND JUDGES:

Starting May 1, 2011, all trainees and judges must accrue twelve (12) CEU's over a five (5) year period to continue to be licensed as a CFA Judge. Judges may select from the following methods to meet the requirement:

- *Classroom/Seminar Education:*
 - *Attendance at a CFA Judge's Workshops. Each workshop earns three (3) CEU's.*
 - *Attendance at the general session and a LH or SH portion of the CFA Judging School/BAOS including the practical lab (equal to 10 CEU's).*
 - *Participation as an instructor at a CFA Judging School/BOAS which includes the presentation of three breeds and conducting a portion of the practical lab (equal to 12 CEU's).*
 - *Serve as a supervising judge for a trainee doing color classes (equal to 5 CEU's each).*
- *On-line Education:*
 - *Completion of breed presentations and post tests from the on-line library of CFA Breed Presentations. Each presentation is equal to one (1) CEU. (Judges who want to review some or all the topics for personal reasons as well as to fulfill continuing education courses are encouraged to complete as many as they wish.)*

- *A completed Continuing Education Report Card must be submitted to the Judging Program sixty (60) days before the end of each five (5) year period.*

Why did we make this change? This change came about to make a variety of educational experiences “count” towards our Continuing Education Requirement rather than just a once in three years trip to a CFA Annual Meeting. It also was meant to bring our continuing education methods into line with the greater continuing education movement for professionals by including on-line participation.

So, what are the basic differences between the old program and the new one? The changes can be best summarized in the following chart:

FEATURE	OLD WAY	NEW WAY
Period for Completion	3 years	5 Years
Attendance at a CFA Judge’s Workshop	√	√
Conducting a portion of the practical lab at the CFA Judging School/BAOS	√	√
Supervising Color Classes		√
Attending a CFA Judging School/BAOS		√
Instructing at a CFA Judging School/BAOS		√
On-Line Continuing Education		√
Any Combination of Activities		√

I’ve heard that I must take post-tests when I do the on-line presentations! Do I have to get my post-tests graded when I use the on-line option? No. In continuing education activities, post-tests serve as a self-evaluation tool. By sending copies of them with your report card, they validate your participation.

What’s this Report Card you’re talking about? It’s a tool to help you keep track of your continuing education activities and it is what you will send in to the CFA JP to validate your participation in the continuing education program. Please refer to the example. There is also a completed Report Card to show you a few more of the ins and outs of the process.

How was the number of credits for each activity selected? The time spent in a given activity, the time required to prepare for an activity and the level of preparation needed were considered in assigning the number of credits for each activity.

Where on the CFA Website can I find all the materials, so I can get started? All the materials, including these materials can be found at:

<http://www.cfa.org/Shows/Judges/JudgesContinuingEducation.aspx>

I’m interested in participating as an instructor at a CFA Judging School/BAOS seminar. How can I do that? Easy, send a letter of interest to Pat Jacobberger at Voyageur13661@icloud.com. Here is further information you might want to be aware of:

**REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR INSTRUCTING AT THE
CFA BREED AWARENESS AND ORIENTATION SCHOOLS**

CFA Approved and Licensed Allbreed Judges are invited to participate as instructors for the CFA Breed Awareness and Orientation Schools. Schools are generally held once a year in North America and once a year in either Asia or Region 9 (Europe).

Potential instructors should be approved Allbreed and currently licensed as a CFA judge for at least ten (10) years and must exhibit high moral and ethical standards. They should be highly regarded by their peers and the fancy in general as being knowledgeable in all breeds and the processes associated with judging pedigreed cats and judging program rules. They must also have working knowledge of the operations of all facets of CFA shows and know and understand CFA show rules.

The potential instructor must have no current complaints under investigation nor be under disciplinary suspension by the CFA Board of Directors.

Previous teaching experience, either outside or within the cat fancy, and work with trainees is an advantage as is experience in public speaking and using PowerPoint.

Instructors are expected to participate all three days of the event unless they are judging the show at which the school is held.

- Day One – Procedures Associated with Judging and the Application Process; Shorthair Breeds
- Day Two – Shorthair Breeds OR Longhair Breeds
- Day Three – Participation in and/or coordination of a Judging Ring for the sole purpose of teaching
- Day Four – Participation “In-the-Ring” for teaching handling **OUTSIDE North America**

Reimbursement for participation includes only the following (other arrangements may be made in Europe and Asia):

- Hotel room for three nights (rooming with other instructors of the same gender is welcome).
- Breakfast and lunch on days one and two.
- Costs of copying, printing and materials used on personal equipment.
- A \$300.00 stipend will be given each instructor who is not judging the show at which the BAOS is held. This stipend is to be used toward the following expenses:
 - Travel to the school site
 - Dinner on day -1 and days one and two
 - Parking at home town airport for three days
- A \$100 stipend will be given each instructor who is judging the show at which the BAOS is held and to those instructors using miles or donating their airfare costs to the BAOS. This stipend is to be used toward the following expenses:
 - Dinner on day -1 and days one and two
 - Parking at home town airport for three days

- Faculty will submit a completed expense report to the Coordinator for reimbursement and/or for the stipend. Receipts are required for car rental, copying and materials used for the school.