

HINTS FOR JUDGING PROGRAM MENTORS

What an honor to be asked to become a mentor for an applicant for the Judging Program. Just in case you are not familiar with what this entails, listed below are a few hints and reminders.

The judging program rules can be found a www.cfa.org in search box type Judging Program Rules.

Mentors must be approved AB Judges and cannot mentor more than 3 applicants at any given time.

There are special sections for judges from other associations and our associate judge program.

Applicants have a time requirement prior to application, Breeders must have been actively breeding for 5 years, Exhibitors (who are not breeders) must have exhibited for 7 years. Applicants should have bred for a minimum of 3 years or exhibited for a minimum of 5 years prior to being assigned a mentor. Prior to that time questions may be answered by the Application Administrator, or the Mentor Coordinator on the Judging Program Committee.

During the time applicants are waiting for a mentor, there are several things they can be accomplishing so that they are moving in the right direction:

- A. Join a CFA club, and become active in that club
- B. Become a recognized breeder or exhibitor of their primary breed. And work on the required 10 or 15 Grand Champions/Grand Premiers required.
- C. Attend a clerking school and become a licensed clerk.

Once the mentor coordinator approves you as a mentor the following are some of the responsibilities you will have:

- A. Review the required judging book the applicant fills out and be certain it is error free (rule 2.12)
- B. Assist the applicant in selecting meaningful Breed handling experiences that will enhance their knowledge and application (rule2.11)
- C. Assist the applicant in selecting breeds for Custodial care and Exhibiting (rule 2.10)
- D. Make certain the applicant has attended a BAOS within 2 years of application submission (rule2.13)
- E. Review the applicant's application when complete prior to submission. It must be sent electronically in one file. (Rule2.2)

Any questions you may have can be addressed by the Mentor Coordinator, the Application Administrator or members of the Judging Program Committee.

Thank you for taking your time and sharing your knowledge with the future of CFA Judging.