

Information on having a non AKC licensed judge judging a specialty.

There is a specific form to fill out:

PARENT CLUB REQUEST FOR NON-APPROVED INDIVIDUAL TO JUDGE A SPECIALTY SHOW

http://cdn.akc.org/Conformation_Judges/Specialty-Club-Request.pdf

This prospective judge will have to complete all the tests and requirements as a applicant to become a regular judge. This person can only be used once a year at an independent or national specialty- not designated or concurrent specialties. It can be done, but requires a fair bit of paperwork from both the individual invited to judge as well as the club, BCOA and AKC.

PARENT CLUB'S RECOMMENDATION FOR AKC APPROVAL ON A MEMBER OF THEIR CLUB TO JUDGE THEIR BREED • Parent Clubs are 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 years 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. • If for the first breed, pass procedural interview with AKC Executive Field Representative. • Must pass breed standard test • A \$35 per breed fee is required.

PARENT CLUB'S MAY REQUEST APPROVAL OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL TO JUDGE A BREED SPECIALTY SHOW 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 Parent Club for approval to judge a specialty in its breed. • Must be 21 years of age. • Must be occupationally eligible, except that professional handlers may be approved under this policy. • 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. • \$35 per breed fee is required for non- approved judges. • Individuals may not be approved for more than one specialty per calendar year and no more than five specialties cumulatively.

Specialties Held With All-Breed and Group Shows What are the different kinds of specialty events that can be held in conjunction with an all-breed or group show?

The AKC provides specialty clubs many different ways to hold competition in conjunction with an all-breed or group show. The club holding the all-breed or group show is referred to as the host club. A brief overview of each type of specialty is presented below.

Designated Specialty: A specialty club may designate the regular breed judging at an all-breed or group show as its specialty show. The specialty clubs must submit an event application for the designated specialty. The specialty club does not submit a judges panel, the judge for the breed is submitted as part of the panel of the host club's show.

The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold a designated specialty and that permission must be submitted to the AKC.

The specialty club may offer sweepstakes and special attractions as part of their designated specialty. No limit on entries for the designated specialty is required. There is no limit on the number of designated specialties that may be held at a host club's show.

Concurrent Specialty: A specialty club may offer an independent specialty on the same date and at the same site as an all-breed or group show. Specialty clubs must submit an event application and a judges panel for the concurrent specialty. The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold a concurrent specialty and that permission must be submitted to the AKC. The specialty club may offer sweepstakes and special attractions as part of their concurrent specialty. There is a limit of one hundred (100) total entries per ring per judge per day for the concurrent specialty. The limit includes any entries in sweepstakes or special attractions held in conjunction with the concurrent specialty. There is a limit of one hundred (100) total entries per ring per judge per day for the breed judging in the host show. The limit includes any entries in sweepstakes or special attractions held in conjunction with the breed judging in the host show.

The breed judging at either the all-breed show or the concurrent specialty may occur first, but the scheduling must accommodate Group judging. This includes regular judging, sweepstakes, and special attractions. The judging in the concurrent specialty must not be stopped to accommodate entries that are participating in other competition. If a conflict occurs, the exhibitor must choose which competition they want to participate in.

Evening Specialty: A specialty club may offer an evening specialty on the same date and at the same site as an all-breed or group show.

Specialty clubs must submit an event application and a judges panel for the evening specialty. The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold an evening specialty and that permission must be submitted to the AKC. The specialty club may offer sweepstakes or special attractions as part of their evening specialty. There is a limit of fifty (50) total entries per ring, per judge for all AKC competitions, provided the rings are run concurrently for the evening specialty. Judging for the evening specialty cannot begin until thirty

(30) minutes after the completion of the best in show judging (or group judging at a group show) at the host club show.

Supported Entry with Sweepstakes: A specialty club may offer sweepstakes on the same date and at the same site as another show without the club offering regular conformation competition for their breed. Specialty clubs must submit an event application for the sweepstakes. The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold the sweepstakes and that permission must be submitted to the AKC.

Supported Entry: A specialty club may support another club by providing prizes and trophies. No application or other notification to the AKC is needed. The club must comply with the AKC rules regarding the prizes and trophies offered and they must be listed properly in the premium list, judging program, and catalog. An AKC sanctioned or licensed specialty club can be listed in the premium list as

supporting an entry, even if the club is not sanctioned or licensed for conformation. A specialty club that is not licensed or sanctioned with the AKC cannot be listed as supporting an entry. If the specialty club is not licensed or sanctioned with AKC they are limited to being listed in the trophy section of the premium list and the listing is limited to a notation that the club is donating a trophy or prize.

Concurrent Specialty Shows

Independent specialties may be held concurrently with an all-breed show with the following limitations:

1. The specialty club must obtain permission from the all-breed club in order to apply.
2. The maximum number of independent specialties will be determined by the Event Operations Staff, considering the adequacy of the all-breed show's facility.
3. The specialty must be held on the same grounds as the concurrent all-breed show (i.e. the same physical address).
4. The entry on the Specialty breed(s) is limited to 100 entries per ring per judge per day in both the specialty & all-breed club events.
5. Two concurrent specialties in the same breed may be held provided the entry in the specialty breed(s) is limited to 75 entries per ring per judge per day in each specialty show and the All-Breed club event.
6. The ownership of the corresponding date must be agreed upon in writing prior to event approval.
7. The breed judging at either the all-breed show or the independent specialty may occur first, but the scheduling must accommodate Group judging.
8. Evening Specialties may be held for breeds that are holding concurrent specialties with the All-Breed show provided the entry in the specialty breed(s) is limited to 75 entries per ring per judge per day at the concurrent specialty show and the all-breed club event, and limited to 50 entries per ring, per judge at the eve

Change to Limited Events Policy for Specialty Clubs To provide local Conformation specialty clubs more flexibility in holding events, at their January 2022 meeting the AKC Board of Directors approved a change in the Limited Number of Events policy. Starting with the 2022 calendar year, local Conformation specialty clubs can hold four shows per year. Previously they were limited to two shows or two days of shows per year. This change provides the clubs more flexibility in holding their shows in the way that best benefits their club. Beyond the four shows, specialty clubs can still hold up to four designated specialties and may hold one additional show to join their national specialty. There is no limit on the number of events a national club can hold.

Same Day Specialty Shows

Multiple Specialty shows for the same breed are allowed under the following conditions:

Two independent specialty shows of the same breed of not no more than one hundred entries per ring, per judge inclusive of sweepstakes, special attractions or matches may be permitted at the same location on the same day.

Or

Three independent specialty shows of the same breed at the same location on the same day are permitted provided there are no more than 75 entries per ring per judge, inclusive of sweepstakes, special attractions or matches.