

CCA-AFC ACCELERATED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES

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***This document is the guide for Applicants and for
Recommended or Invited Candidates into the CCA-AFC
Accelerated Training Program for Judges.***



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ACCELERATED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES – APPLICANTS

The Board of Examiners —The CCA-AFC will promote the availability of the Accelerated Judging program on the CCA-AFC website and newsletter. Interested and recommended parties and Invitees are required to download the application form and remit the completed form to the Board of Examiners for consideration.

Candidates may apply in person or be recommended by or invited in person by:

- ☐ Board of Directors
- ☐ Judges
- ☐ Clerking Committee
- ☐ Board of Examiners.

Recommended persons are those who have been approached by one of the above, discussed the program/interest, and already meet the qualifications listed below. These individuals will be notified by an email from the Board of Examiners.

Accepted prospective candidates must agree to have their name published in the official publication of the association and / or an e-mail to CCA-AFC members announcing their application. CCA-AFC Members will be asked to comment in writing on the qualifications of the Candidate, positive or negative, within three (3) weeks from the time of publication. Letters will be received by the Board of Examiners for consideration. Problems requiring immediate attention will be addressed by the Board of Examiners committee as necessary.

Candidates are not considered to be officially part of the program until the three (3) weeks have expired and any problems have been resolved with positive results.

The Application fee to become a judge (\$30) will be due upon application. Anyone not accepted into the program will have this fee refunded to them within 30 days of notice that they will not be accepted into the program. Afterwards the Candidate is responsible for the annual CCA-AFC membership renewal fee, and upon completion of the judging program, the annual Judge's License fee (due January 1).

ACCELERATED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES – ELIGIBILITY

A Candidate's eligibility shall be considered by CCA-AFC Board of Examiners on a case by case basis and must meet the listed criteria.

Any applicant who is a member of, or in any way connected with an organization with similar purposes to those of CCA/AFC will be expected to furnish proof of severance from such with their application to his/her admission into the CCA/AFC Judges' Training Program. Henceforth he/she may not join any such organization while a part of the Judging Program.

A Candidate enrolled to the CCA-AFC Training Program for Judges must:

- ☐ Be a Canadian resident, 21 years or older and a CCA-AFC member in good standing for 5 years immediately preceding the application.
- ☐ Have a letter of support provided by at least one CCA-AFC All-Breed Judge.
- ☐ Be an active member of a CCA-AFC club.
- ☐ Have a letter of support from their CCA-AFC club. The candidate should have helped with preparation of a CCA show as a member of the show committee. The Candidate's club will submit a written evaluation on the participation of the Candidate. An unsatisfactory evaluation will result in the Candidate assisting with another show.
- ☐ Be active in an established breeding program having bred for five (5) years or more. The Candidate will have shown cats of their own breeding to a Grand title or higher in the pedigreed championship/premiership classes. The word active shall be defined as a person-who has-raised kittens of their own breeding-or as a co-owner of the dam, and shown kittens/cats of their breeding or as a co-owner of the kittens.

OR

- ☐ Candidates who are not breeders will be considered based on approval by the Board or Examiners. Candidates must have shown for six years or more and must have shown cats not of their breeding to a Title of Grand or higher in the pedigreed champion/premiership classes. These candidates must have experience showing in both the longhair and shorthair divisions to the titles mentioned above.

AND

For both breeders and non breeders

- ☐ Be a Licensed Master Clerk

TRAINING & LICENSING PROCESS

1. Upon meeting the requirements necessary to enter the Training Program for Judges the Candidate will be required to consult the Chair of the Board of Examiners to arrange for a Mentor Judge. *Note: because of the limited number of CCA judges it will be mandatory for all licensed All-breed judges to agree to be a mentor and may be required to mentor more than one candidate.*

2. The Candidate will train in both Longhair and Shorthair concurrently.

The CCA-AFC Training Program is one which combines mandatory self-study with a range of electives. Breed specific training at shows, under each judge training and handling the breed. Essays, Power Point presentations, etc. will be a part of their training. The choice of Electives must be submitted to the Board of Examiners for approval prior to completion. The training curriculum will evolve and be expanded upon as the Association's needs change with the approval of the Board of Examiners.

Prior to requesting the LH/SH licensing exams, the Candidate must attain a minimum of 250 credits.

A Candidate may be exonerated from the credit limit based on their mentor judges' observations and approval by the Board of Examiners.

The Candidate must submit a summary of how the credits were earned to the Board of Examiners.

Credits are given as follows:

- ☐ Number of years as a member of the Canadian Cat Association; 3 credits per year
- ☐ Number of years of experience in a breeding program; 5 credits per year
- ☐ Accomplishments as a breeder / exhibitor; 15 credits for each Supreme Master Grand Champion or Premier, 10 credits for each Master Grand Champion or Premier (*cannot include cats counted in Supreme Master Grand section*), 10 credits for each Grand Champion or Premier (*cannot include cats counted in Supreme Master Grand OR Master Grand section*),
- ☐ 10 credits for each International Grand Champion or Premier, 2 credits for each Champion or Premier, 2 credits for each International Champion or Premier, 5 credits for each Breed the Candidate has bred / exhibited. A summary of the wins is to be provided by the Candidate.
- ☐ End of Show Season accomplishments as a breeder / exhibitor; 5 credits for each National Breed Winner (*Championship class*), 10 credits for each Regional Winner (*Kitten, Championship, Premiership*), 20 credits for each National Winner (*Kitten, Championship, Premiership*). A summary of the wins is to be provided by the Candidate.
- ☐ The Candidate will be awarded 20 credits if they are an active member of a CCA cat club and were involved in the preparations for its shows.

The Candidate will be awarded 20 credits if the Candidate has been actively helping another club (i.e., CCA-AFC Benefit Club) with preparation of CCA-AFC Benefit shows.

APPRENTICE TRAINING

In addition to the credits the Candidate must fulfil the following minimum requirements before requesting the licensing exams;

- 1) must apprentice at at least six(6) CCA-AFC sanctioned shows (see definition of show) under at least four(4) different licensed CCA-AFC All-breed judges as selected by the Chair of the Board of Examiners until the

Board of Examiners is satisfied with their abilities. The Board of Examiners chair in cooperation with the host cat club will prepare a training schedule which does not negatively impact the hours of the show;

A sanctioned show is considered one day in either a one day show or one day in a two day show on one weekend. The candidate is eligible to apprentice one day of the two day show.

2) during this training the Candidate must physically handle at least 60 entries at each show; those entries must include kittens, cats, alters and Household Pets with emphasis placed on the pedigreed classes;

3) in addition, the Candidate must complete the following electives;

I. Breed Seminars as follows: 2 short hair and 2 long hair of different body types, as set out by the Board of Examiners

II. Cattery visits –optimally 2 short hair and 2 long hair each of the different body types as organized by the Chair and the committee of the Board of Examiners

III. Independent Research Project(s) with the topic(s) assigned by the Chair and the committee of the Board of Examiners.

Satisfactory reports detailing the Candidates knowledge and abilities will allow the Candidate to proceed to the next phase of training. Unsatisfactory reports or assignments will result in the Candidate continuing to train as an apprentice.

Satisfactory submission of all tasks will result in the Candidate being able to write the open-book Longhair / Shorthair exam. A passing grade of 90% on the exam is required in order for the Candidate to be licensed as a PROBATIONARY LH/SH judge. Candidates who fail to pass the exam will continue to train with the guidance of their mentor and the Chair of the Board of Examiners after which time the Candidate may request to re-write the exam.

LICENSE ADVANCEMENT

- The PROBATIONARY DOUBLE SPECIALTY judge will be required: to judge a minimum of three (3) shows as a Probationary double specialty judge without faults and receive satisfactory evaluations from the clubs on their assignments in order request to advance to their approved Double Specialty License.
- The DOUBLE SPECIALTY Judge must judge a minimum of three (3) shows as a Licensed Double Specialty Judge prior to requesting to advance to Probationary All-Breed.
- The PROBATIONARY ALL-BREED judge will be required to judge for a minimum of three (3) shows, prior to applying for their APPROVED ALLBREED LICENSE.

Satisfactory evaluations from the host clubs, exhibitor feedback and Board of Examiners appointed scrutineers will result in the Candidate being advanced to an Licensed Allbreed Judge upon approval by the Board of Examiners. +

Unsatisfactory evaluations will be brought to the attention of the Probationary Double Specialty, Double Specialty judge and Probationary All-Breed judge and will result in the Probationary Double Specialty, Double Specialty judge and Probationary All-Breed judge remaining at their current Probationary license level and required to judge a minimum of another three (3) shows. During this time the Probationary Double Specialty, Double Specialty judge and Probationary All-Breed judge's mentor and the Chair of the Board of Examiners will provide guidance.

IN THE EVENT THAT NOT ENOUGH SHOWS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE CANDIDATE.

Alternate training Part 1:

Judging of virtual cat shows with breed commentaries presented to the Board of Examiners will be part of their training in order to document their knowledge of the various breeds. Format may include entries being assigned unofficial titles in order for the Candidate to demonstrate their knowledge of show ring mechanics. This phase of training is important since the amount of 'in person' one on one training in a show ring is reduced from the regular program. Satisfactory reports detailing the Candidates knowledge and abilities will allow the Candidate to proceed to the next phase of training. Unsatisfactory reports or assignments will result in the Candidate continuing to train in Alternate Training Part 1. This phase of the training curriculum may evolve as the Association's needs change.

Alternate Training Part 2:

The Candidate shall be required to submit a video of themselves handling breeds from various breed groups while explaining the features of the cat. The video can be created in segments. The Candidate will submit a list of breeds which he/she has access to for consideration by the Board of Examiners. Breeds should include longhair and shorthair varieties of different body and head types. This phase of training provides the sensation of being in front of an audience presenting a final. Satisfactory results will allow the Candidate to request permission to write the LH/SH exam. Unsatisfactory results or assignments will result in the Candidate continuing to train.. This phase of the training curriculum may evolve as the Association's needs change.

Additions and amendments to the curriculum may be proposed by the Board of Examiners, approved by the Board of Directors and ratified by the general CCA-AFC voting membership.