

Board of Examiners Pilot Project - Post Covid 19
AMENDED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES

This document is the guide for both Applicants and Invited Candidates into the Training Program for Judges.

AMENDED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES – ELIGIBILITY

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

I) Candidates must agree to have their name published in the official publication of the association and / or an e-mail to CCA members announcing their application. Members will be asked to comment in writing on the qualifications of the Candidate, positive or negative, within thirty (30) days from the time of publication. Letters will be received by the Board of Examiners who shall share all correspondence with the members of the program's committee for consideration. Problems requiring immediate attention will be addressed by the Board of Examiners committee as necessary.

j) The usual Application fee to become a judge (\$30) will be due upon application. Afterwards the Candidate is responsible for the annual CCA membership renewal fee and the annual Judge's License fee (due January 1).

AMENDED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES – CREDENTIALS

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

a) Be a Canadian resident, 21 years or older and a CCA member in good standing for 5 years with two (2) of those consecutive calendar years immediately preceding the application.

b) Candidate's eligibility shall be considered by CCA Board of Examiners on a case by case basis. Ideally the candidate will have gained experience by being active in an established breeding program. In addition, a letter of support must be provided by one CCA/AFC AllBreed Judge. The Candidate as a member of a CCA club should provide a letter of support from the club.

c) The Candidate will have shown cats of their own breeding to a title (ideally to a Grand title or higher) in the pedigreed championship/premiership classes. Candidates who are not breeders will be considered based on their experience showing cats not of their breeding to a title (ideally a Grand or higher) in the pedigreed champion-

ship/premiership classes.

d) The Candidate should be an active member of a CCA club. The candidate should have helped with preparation of a CCA show within the prior six months. The Show Manager will submit a written evaluation on the participation of the Candidate. An unsatisfactory evaluation will result in the Candidate assisting with another show.

e) A Candidate 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 within thirty (30) days of his/her admission into the Training Program for Judges. Henceforth he/she may not join any such organization while a part of the Judging Program.

f) A Candidate must have performed as a trainee with a Licensed Master Clerk for a minimum of a one day show and completed the Master Clerk exam with a passing grade of 90%.

TRAINING & LICENSING PROCESS FOR THE AMENDED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES

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 Allbreed 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.

PHASE ONE: The CCA 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.

a) Prior to requesting the LH/SH licensing exams, the Candidate must attain a minimum of 150 credits. There are many ways in which those credits can be acquired. 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' Chair.

Credits are given as follows:

1. Number of years as a member of the Canadian Cat Association; 3 credits per year

2. Number of years of experience in a breeding program; 5 credits per year

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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. 20 credits are available if the Candidate has helped a club (i.e., CCA Benefit Club) with preparation of a CCA show.

b) if credits are acquired, In addition to the credits the Candidate must fulfill the following minimum requirements before requesting the licensing exams;

i) must apprentice at CCA/AFC sanctioned shows under at least three(3) different licensed CCA/AFC Allbreed 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;*

ii) during this training the Candidate must physically handle at least 100 entries; those entries must include kittens, cats, alters and Household Pets with emphasis placed on the pedigreed classes;

iii) in addition, the Candidate must complete the following electives; Breed Seminars **2 SHORT HAIR AND 2 LONG HAIR OF DIFFERENT BODY TYPES** and Cattery Visits **–OPTIMALLY 2 SHORT HAIR AND 2 LONG HAIR EACH OF THE DIFFERENT BODY TYPES** organized by the Chair **AND THE COMMITTEE** of the Board of Examiners **AND** 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 in Phase One.

PHASE TWO: Judging of virtual cat shows with breed commentaries 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 Phase Two. This phase of the training curriculum may evolve as the Association's needs change.

PHASE THREE: 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 in Phase Three. This phase of the training curriculum may evolve as the Association's needs change.

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 3 shows as a Probationary double specialty judge without faults and receive satisfactory evaluations from the clubs on their assignment in order request to advance to their approved Double Specialty License. The Double Specialty Judge must judge a minimum of 3 shows as a Licensed Double Specialty Judge prior to requesting to advance to PROBATIONARY ALLBREED.

The Probationary AllBreed judge will be required to judge for a minimum of 3 shows, prior to applying for their Approved Allbreed License. Satisfactory evaluations from the host clubs, exhibitor feedback and Board of Examiners appointed scrutineer will result in the Candidate being advanced to an Approved Allbreed Judge upon approval by the Board of Examiners. Unsatisfactory evaluations will be brought to the attention of the Probationary AllBreed judge and will result in the Probationary AllBreed judge remaining at their current Probationary license level and required to judge a minimum of another 3 shows. During this time the Probationary AllBreed judge's mentor and the Chair of the Board of Examiners will provide guidance.

Additions and amendments to the curriculum may be proposed and approved by the Board of Examiners.

