

GUIDELINES FOR BCCA MENTOR PROGRAM FOR CONFORMATION

In order to provide ringside mentoring at BCCA specialties and presenters for BCCA Judges Education Seminars at both the national specialty and for various groups who request such presentations for prospective bearded collie judges, the BCCA Board of Directors will approve mentors who meet the criteria below.

Mentors shall be approved for a three year period after which they will need to renew their standing as a BCCA mentor by exhibiting to the board that they have actively participated in the program during the three year period.

Original Application and Approval

- A. In order to be initially approved as a mentor, the person must:
 - 1. Request a mentor application from the Judges Education Committee Chair
 - 2. Submit the application to the JEC Chair verifying that he/she:
 - a. Has been in the breed for at least 12 yrs.
 - b. Has bred at least 5 litters.
 - c. Has produced at least 5 champions.
 - d. Has been a member of the BCCA for at least 10 years.
 - e. Has attended an approved Judges' Education Seminar
 - f. Is willing to work at Institutes and National and individual mentoring seminars
 - g. Is willing to attend a National Specialty at least every three years.
 - h. Is willing to assist with the ringside mentoring and/or the hands-on examinations at the Specialty when in attendance.
- B. Upon receipt of an application from a prospective mentor, the JEC chair will review and verify that the person is eligible for the position. Once the chair is satisfied, he/she will submit the application to the BCCA Recording Secretary.
- C. The recording secretary will then submit the application to the board with a motion to approve the applicant for a three year period.

Renewal of Mentor Privileges

- A. The applicant will request a renewal form from the JEC chair and complete and return it verifying that during the past three years he/she:
 - 1. Has continued membership in the BCCA
 - 2. Has participated in at least one session of ringside mentoring or at least one hands-on session of mentoring
 - 3. Has attended at least one training session for current mentors
- B. The JEC chair will review and verify the information and submit it to the recording secretary who will submit it to the board with a motion to renew for another three years.

Proviso - All mentors already listed as of June 1, 2013 must submit an application for renewal. Those who are approved will then be expected to renew on a three-year basis.

Forms to be provided by JEC Chair:

- 1. Application for mentoring
- 2. Renewal application for mentoring privileges
- 3. Etiquette for BCCA Mentors when providing ringside mentoring
- 4. AKC Ringside Observation Form*
- 5. AKC Ringside Observations Criterion*
- 6. AKC Mentoring/Tutoring Form*
- 7. Approved program for presenting seminars for judges
- 8. Approved packets of information for seminar participants
- 9. Necessary equipment needed for presentations

*Forms available at: <http://www.akc.org/events/conformation-dog-shows/judging-information/>