

Minimum Requirements for New Judge Applicants

1. The aspiring judge must document three generations of breeding registered dogs of the same breed. The dogs may be registered with any acceptable registry.
2. The aspiring judge must document four champions of this breed of which they have been the breeder of record. The aspiring judge must be the owner or co-owner of record of at least two of these champions.
3. The aspiring judge must document at least ten years of active involvement in the sport.

Other verifiable or documented experience in the sport that the applicant feels is pertinent and useful may be considered in evaluating the qualifications of the applicant to judge. The sum total of the experience and individual merits of the applicant will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Conformation Judge Rules.

- A. **Required qualifications for Conformation Judge applicants.** The following qualifications are required for an applicant to judge conformation. One or more may be waived at the discretion of UKC.
 1. Applicant must be familiar with UKC conformation rules and procedures.
 2. Applicant must have a strong knowledge of canine anatomy and gait.
 3. Applicant must document three generations of breeding registered dogs of the same breed. The dogs may be registered with any acceptable registry.
 4. Applicant must document four champions of this breed of which they have been the breeder of record. The aspiring Judge must be the owner or co-owner of record of at least two of these champions.
 5. Applicant must document at least ten years of active involvement in the sport.
- B. **Recommended qualifications for Conformation Judge applicants.** Verifiable or documented experience in the sport that the applicant feels is pertinent and useful may be considered in evaluating the qualifications of the applicant to judge. The sum total of the experience and individual merits of the applicant will be evaluated on a case-by case basis. Applicants with the following background will be given extra consideration:
 1. Applicant currently belongs to a club that offers conformation events.
 2. Applicant actively participates in UKC conformation events.
 3. Applicant is recommended by a UKC-affiliated club that is licensed for conformation events.
 4. Applicant has attended one or more breed or judging seminars.
- C. **Application Procedure.**
 1. **Application letter.** Applicant must submit a letter to the Dog Events Department stating that he/she has the required qualifications and listing which of the recommended qualifications he/she has. If applicant is requesting a waiver of any required qualification, he/she must provide written justification for the waiver. Applicant must provide UKC with photocopies of registration certificates and title certificates for the required dogs bred and shown. The letter should also include the following:
 - a. **Breeding experience.**
 1. Breed(s) of dogs owned and dates during which the dogs were owned.
 2. Litters bred and dates the litters were born.
 3. Names of dogs owned with their breed(s), and registration number(s), and where applicable, the registry where each is registered.
 - b. **Showing experience.**
 1. Number and types (by registry) of shows attended annually.
 2. List of breeds exhibited.
 3. List of awards won.

- c. **Judging experience.**
 - 1. List of shows or matches judged with club names, dates, and names and telephone numbers of Event Chairpersons.
 - 2. Breeds judged and number of each breed judged.
- d. **General knowledge.**
 - 1. **Seminars.**
 - a. List seminars or other educational events attended, including dates and presenters.
 - b. List seminars or other educational events presented by applicant, including dates and locations.
 - 2. **References.** List references from Judges or breeders.
 - 2. **Judge Application.** Applicants must complete the Judge Application form with their contact information and submit with their documentation of their experience. The application fee is \$25 and must be included.
 - 3. **Written examinations.** Applicants approved by UKC will be sent one examination on the UKC conformation rules and procedures, and another on general canine structure and movement. Applicants who successfully complete both exams will be notified within 30 days of receipt of the completed exams at UKC.
- D. **Approval as a licensed Conformation Judge.** Upon written notice of acceptance, applicant may accept assignments in those breeds that he/she feels competent to judge, except that no Judge may accept assignments for American Eskimos, Toy Fox Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, and Belgian Shepherd Dogs, or unless he/she has met the requirements listed in the current rules & regulations.

Completed Resume's are to be mailed to:

United Kennel Club
DED Judge Approval
100 E. Kilgore Rd.
Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584.

If you have any questions, you may contact our office at 269-343-9020.