

POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE JUDGES COMMITTEE:

JUDGE SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT CRITERIA:

All judges to be invited must be approved by the Board of Directors. The judge must reside out of the State of Alaska, except for obedience judges only if the Club runs into a major problem with a panel. All judges presently approved by the Board are published in the American Kennel Club Judges Directory and Canadian Kennel Club Judges Directory.

Foreign judges need to be confirmed of their eligibility for breed and group assignment in the United States. The American Kennel Club must be contacted BEFORE a foreign judge is invited. No panel will have more than ONE (1) foreign judge on it.

A judge approved or selected for a given slate must not have judged in Alaska one (1) year prior to their assignment, and are asked not to judge one (1) year after their assignment.

Considering the number of entries that our shows have, we presently select a total of five judges. The committee has approval from the Board to invite a sixth judge, should circumstances warrant. In addition to the above, the committee can invite non-Alaskan resident, provisional judges. The Club has also approved for the committee to use the local Judge's Study Group to judge the puppy and bred-by sweeps at the Group and Best in Show levels.

Presently all of our shows are two day back to back shows. In selecting judges for a back to back slate, the committee must ensure that every group is covered at least twice, with more consideration being given to the larger groups that is 1, 3 and 7. Refer to the outline that follows on the breakdown of entries for each of the seven groups and junior showmanship.

In order for a judge to be considered for a panel, the judge must have the ability to judge two or more groups and a total of approximately 250 dogs between the groups that he or she is approved to judge.

To date, following is the estimated total number of entries for each of the seven groups plus juniors:

Group 1 / Sporting = 95 to 105 dogs entered
Group 2 / Hounds = 50 to 60 dogs entered
Group 3 I Working = 150 to 160 dogs entered
Group 4 I Terriers = 20 to 25 dogs entered
Group 5 1 Toys = 50 to 60 dogs entered
Group 6 1 Non-Sporting = 50 to 60 dogs entered
Group 7 I Herding = 140 to 150 dogs entered
Junior Showmanship = 30 to 40 dogs entered

Every panel must also include two judges that have the ability to judge Junior Showmanship and Best in Show. **Foreign judges do not have the approval of the American Kennel Club to judge junior showmanship.** A judge's assignment on each day should consist of approximately 140 dogs, including juniors. The American Kennel Club will not allow any judge to judge more than 175 dogs per day. No judge will be assigned to judge a breed, the group of that breed and then Best in Show. The judge selected to judge Best in Show for a panel, shall not be assigned any groups to judge. When feasible, a judge that judges breeds shall be assigned to judge the group for those breeds, on the same day. It is the policy of the club to honor, when possible, all request to have a particular judge invited for a panel or to have a judge be assigned a particular breed. Requests are to be in writing and can be made by the judge, a breed club or individual. Requests from breed clubs are given priority to individuals.