

AEDCA JUDGES' EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Purpose: The purpose of the American Eskimo Dog Club of America ("AEDCA") Judges' Education Committee ("Committee") is to ensure that all education materials provided to all AKC judges who are preparing to apply to judge the American Eskimo Dog across the country are an accurate reflection of the official AKC Breed Standard; and to conduct all Judges Education seminars and study groups for the AEDCA.

Who May Be a Member: All members of the Judges' Education Committee must be AEDCA members in good standing with the AEDCA and the AKC; and meet one of the criteria listed in the Eligibility paragraph number 1.a. or 1.b., below. Each member will serve until he/she resigns from the AEDCA and/or this Committee; he/she is no longer an AEDCA member; he/she is no longer in good standing with The American Kennel Club; or he/she is removed from the Committee by the Board for cause.

The minimum number of members on the Judges' Education Committee will be five (5), and the maximum will be nine (9), excluding the President as the ex-officio member.

ELIGIBILITY

1. In order to be considered qualified to for appointment to the Committee an AEDCA member must meet criteria as specified in either paragraph a. or b., below:

a. AEDCA member-judges.

1. The member-judge is licensed (permit/provisional or regular status) to judge the American Eskimo Dog; and
2. The member-judge is actively breeding and/or exhibiting American Eskimo Dogs within the past three years.
3. Apply to the AEDCA Corresponding Secretary and provide the following documentation:
 - a. The member-judge's AKC Judges Number; and
 - b. The names and dates of any American Eskimo Dog which they own which was shown at an AKC show or bred in the previous three years.
4. At no time may the number of member-judges exceed 50% of the appointed members of this Committee. The 50% Rule will not apply to members who qualify under both paragraphs 1.a, above, and 1.b., below.

OR

b. Other AEDCA members who are do not meet the qualifications in paragraph 1.a, above, must:

1. Meet the requirements of the AKC's 12-5-4 Rule with American Eskimo Dogs, which is an essential minimum qualification to become an AKC judge. This rule requires that the member:
 - a. Have at least twelve (12) years documented experience exhibiting American Eskimo Dogs at AKC Conformation events;

- b. Have bred and raised five (5) or more American Eskimo Dog litters on their premises; and
 - c. Have bred four (4) or more American Eskimo Dogs from the five (5) litters which earned their AKC Championships, whether or not owned or handled by the member.
 2. Be an AEDCA member in good standing; AND
 3. Have attended at least two (2) different AEDCA Judges' Education seminars given by two (2) different presenters.
 4. Apply to the AEDCA Corresponding Secretary and provide the following documentation:
 - a. Dates of exhibiting American Eskimo Dogs;
 - b. A list of the litters which the member has bred and raised on their premises, including the size of the dam- Toy, Miniature, or Standard;
 - c. A list of four American Eskimo Dogs from those litters which earned their AKC Championships; and
 - d. Dates of AEDCA Judges seminars attended and the name of the presenters.
 5. The Board of Directors shall consider the qualifications of each applicant and the size(s) of American Eskimo Dog which they own, breed, and/or exhibit. All three sizes MUST have representation on this Committee.
2. Once appointed to the Committee, a member will serve until he/she resigns from the AEDCA and/or this Committee; he/she is no longer an AEDCA member; he/she is no longer in good standing with The American Kennel Club; or he/she is removed from the Committee by the Board for cause.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Upon approval of this Policy:
 - a. All AEDCA members who meet the qualifications of the Eligibility 1.a. paragraph, above, will be invited to apply to serve on the Committee. If the member submits their application documenting their qualifications with the requirements in Eligibility paragraph 1.a., above, then they will be presented for approval by the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting.
 - b. After members who meet the qualifications of the Eligibility 1.a. paragraph, above, have been appointed to the Committee, the Board shall appoint from the pool of qualified members who have submitted their documentation described in paragraph 1.b.4., above, a sufficient number of members so that the final number of Committee membership is between the minimum and maximum.
2. After the initial membership is appointed by the Board, any future vacancy will be announced by the Board and potential members must meet one of the Eligibility paragraphs 1.a. or 1.b., above in order to apply. The Board must announce the vacancy through *The Review* and allow at least 30 days after the official publication date for interested members to apply.

COMMITTEE DUTIES

1. The Judges' Education Committee:

- a. Creates and maintains all materials for AKC judges' education in both print and electronic formats;
- b. Provides qualified presenters for judges' education seminars hosted by AKC dog clubs, judges study groups, and the AKC. All seminars must be open to all interested persons, including American Eskimo Dog owners and breeders;
- c. Maintains the judges' education materials published on the official AEDCA website. The Committee will work with the AEDCA Web Committee using the Web Committee Policy for the actual posting of content on the website; and
- d. Reviews all critiques from seminar participants for all seminars given in the AEDCA's name. If consistently negative comments are received regarding any presenter, the Committee will provide a report to the Board of Directors.
- e. All members of the Judges' Education Committee are also designated as Parent Club Approved Mentors.

2. All judges' education material must be approved by the Board prior to publishing as a paper copy or an e-copy.

3. Between March 1 and March 31 of each even-numbered year, the Committee will decide from among its membership which person will serve as the Committee Chairman and which will be recommended to the AEDCA Board to serve as the AKC Judges' Education Coordinator (JEC). These positions may be held by one person.

a. The Committee Chairman:

1. Is responsible to ensure that all work assigned to the Committee is completed within the deadline(s) provided by the Board; and
2. Makes all periodic reports to the Board as it may require.

b. The JEC:

1. Must be approved by the Board at its next regular meeting after March 31 of each even-numbered year; and
2. Performs all duties as the AKC requires of its JECs in addition to the duties as a member of this Committee.

This Policy was adopted by the AEDCA Board of Directors on August 20, 2015.

This Policy was amended by the Board of Directors on March 17, 2016, to state that some breeder-judges are not included in the 50% member-judges limit and to remove a minimum tenure as an AEDCA member, and to state that all Committee members are Parent Club Approved Mentors.