



## “So You Want to be a Dog Show Judge?” Webinar Questions and Answers

**1. Are breed specific tests based on parent club standard?**

Yes – they are based off the breed standard; the only exceptions are questions related to where the bred may be examined and the appropriate oral exam. In both cases reference materials are provided where the answers may be gleaned.

**2. Is it number of years IN conformation or number of years in that particular breed you're applying for?**

It varies – the 12/5/4 application is respective to that breed. For the NB alternative – you must have 15 years in one of the applied breeds, not necessarily the one the form is being used for and the qualifying component of 25 years in conformation is general and not breed specific.

**3. How do we handle the " dogs owned" part of the synopsis for puppies that would have been original registered because we were the breeder?**

Great question which I cover in the Basic Institute but did not broach here out of time constraints. Reports can be purchased from the AKC that will display all dogs owned per AKC records. You can also make note on the synopsis if the information provided is only those dogs that lived with you or does not account for puppies from litters that were not registered by new owner.

**4. Are there any recommendations of what to supply if my name was different during my years in my breed?**

A note informing of any aliases is sufficient.

**5. Are the rules the same for Rally judges applications?**

Questions concerning applications for approval of other sports would be best addressed by the department that manages that sport – for Rally that is the Companion Events Department.

**6. Can you apply for both breeds and Rally and how does that work with the 12 breed applying for?**

Applications for different spots/competitions are separate and apart and do not impact one another.

**7. Do special exhibitions (like versatility class) count (from an AKC breed specialty)?**

If you are referring to “speciating” a dog – that primarily pertains to entering in the BOB/BOV competition; however, entries for a CH of record would still be reflected and be counted.

**8. How do you determine the number of years in the breed?** The number of years in a breed is determined by the date the first dog owned in that breed competed in an AKC conformation event (match, dog show, 4-6 puppy, etc.)

**9. For applying for first breed and that breed is a newly accepted breed, do the CM titles count for championship requirements?**

The titles are CH titles.

**10. In 12 -5-4 do the twelve years need to be exhibiting the breed applied for?**

Yes, they do.

**11. Is there any initiative to shorten the experience and simplify the process?**

There currently is not. The process to apply and be approved itself does not take long. The experience criteria if that is what you are referring to as the knowledge gained from the years of experience is integral to the individual's qualifications.

**12. How much of the interview is Breed info and how much are rules?**

For the 1<sup>st</sup> time applicant it is mostly procedures and policies.

**13. What about a breeder invited to judge a specialty, not a sweepstakes at the specialty?**

If asking in reference to the pre-application judging experiences – that would be counted as 2.

**14. If you have served as Cluster Chair for multiple years can that be used in place of stewarding.**

It does not as it does not serve the purpose of the up-close experience and observation of how to manage a ring.