



Webinar Questions and Answers:
“Getting a Handle on the AKC National Owner-Handled Series”

- 1. If someone advertises on their website or social media as a Handler, are they prohibited from entering NOHS?**

That would meet the definition of a profession and render them ineligible for NOHS

- 2. At specialties, how does an award of Merit judged in NOHS work?**

Awards of Merit are a club award, not an AKC award. Each club establishes its own parameters for how many may be awarded and which dogs may or may not receive. Because of this, they would be clumped with any other NOHS eligible entry in its sex.

- 3. Are judges allow to exhibit in NOHS, and if so, why?**

Yes - unless they were a professional handler within the previous 5 years.

- 4. If 6 are eligible, do you judge them over again, or just award the ribbon out of the 6 standing there?**

The judge would simply pick as he/she had already judged them all.

- 5. How are points awarded for NOHS? How many points are needed for a Bronze?**

250 points is the benchmark for the Bronze Level of Achievement. The NOHS point scale can be found on the AKC website at: <https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-owner-handled-series/akc-nohs-point-scale-and-ribbon-colors/>

- 6. Why is there no reflection in points on the number of dogs defeated in group? A group 1 over four other dogs is worth the same points as a group 1 over twenty dogs.**

Many options were considered in establishing the point scale. It was determined the best course was to assign points based on the placement as absentees in groups are not recorded and it is impossible to determine the number of NOHS eligible entries that competed in the individual breeds

- 7. If a NOHS exhibitor has someone else show the dog in the winners class and it gets winners and then the owner goes back on the dog for BOB, is it still eligible for NOHS BOB?**

An eligible owner/handler for that dog must handle it in all classes through Best of Breed to be eligible for NOHS BOB

- 8. Once the judge determines who is eligible for NOHS BOB and only those dogs remain in the ring, can the judge re-examine and/or move the dogs again before making the NOHS BOB selection?**

They may, but it should not be necessary as he/she has already judged them all and should know which dog or bitch they view superior.

- 9. If WD and WB are OH, does only the BOW compete in NOHS or can both WD and WB compete?**

Because BOW defeated the "other" Winners

- 10. Realizing that 85% of all AB shows offered NOHS in 2020, are there any stats showing what the increase in entries are for a show that offers NOHS, vs one that does not?**

Early in the program, that was tracked, but as it has grown the data is inconclusive as there are too many variables such as date, location, panel and number of competing events

- 11. If we have multiple dogs coming back in the ring - do we need to re-gait them before choosing?**

You do not. All dogs have already been judged and the judge should know which it views superior. Similar to Winners - no need to re-examine or gait any of the class winners if the judge knows, only need to make sure all eligible are called into the ring.

- 12. As a steward, what should be done if our judge isn't properly retaining eligible exhibitors?**

It is the judge's ring - you can bring to the attention Executive Field Representative if one is in attendance or cordially and professionally advise the judge.

- 13. How many breeds does a judge need to have to be able to judge a NOHS group?**

Approved for at least one in that group.