

Parent Club Best Practices

Junior Coordinator Role

The AKC Board approved the role of a Junior Coordinator for **every Club**. The person filling this role is to be submitted with the officers from each club as the Judges Education Coordinator and Public Education Coordinator. This will allow the AKC to communicate with the individual in this role.

Recommended that every club consider having a Junior Membership.

Establish a fund for Scholarships for Juniors participating with the breed as well as stipends to attend major event, Westminster, AKC National Championship all events, National Specialty and any other event a Junior may need to qualify to compete. (International Junior Agility Competition).

Parent Club Junior Coordinator – Suggested Responsibilities:

The coordinator may wish to form a committee to assist in handling the development of opportunities for Juniors with the breed, the following are suggestions:

- Contact person for Junior members.
- Coordinate activities for Juniors participating at the National Specialty which might include clinics, grooming, stewarding, educational seminars (breeder/judges), trophies, goodie bags, social events, etc.
- Maintain list of Juniors competing with the Breed in all events.
- Coordinate stipends provided to Juniors competing at Westminster and AKC National Championship Junior Events.
- Coordinate the awarding of Scholarships for education to Juniors who competed with the breed.
- Provide information for the Parent Club website about the Junior activities.
- Coordinate the highlighting of Juniors in club publications.
- Contact for those who may offer a dog to a Junior.
- Coordinate recognition and awards for Juniors that have competed in any event with the breed.
- Reaching out to Juniors who may have the breed who are not Junior members.

- Provide guidance to local Specialty Clubs to enhance activities for Juniors.
- Include Juniors in opportunities where the breed is being represented: AKC Meet the Breeds®.
- Establish Mentorship with officers of the club for Juniors to learn the roles of other positions.
- Coordinate Juniors participating in the Companion or Performance Events to assist with the events at the National.
- Coordinate volunteer activities for Juniors, throughout the year as well as at the National: assist with fundraising, social media, event set up/clean up, show raffle, catalog sales, grooming space, etc.