

## 1. Selection of Judges

Applicants for the 'A' List will be required to complete a questionnaire, to assess conformity with the minimum requirements for AHA approved judges.

Championship Judges are those suitable to judge more than 10 classes at Open and Championship Shows and to award Challenge Certificates.

The Afghan Hound Association Judging Lists are divided into five parts, namely A1, A2, A3, B and C.

### A1 List

For persons who have previously been approved by The Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed and have completed their first appointment. To have the support of the AHA. **(KC Policy)**.

### A2 List

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by The Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list and have the support of the AHA. **(KC Policy)**

### A3 List

For persons who are recommended by the AHA as being suitable to award CC's in the breed, but are not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list.

### A3 Breed Specialist

Requirements include:

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in the breed and have the support of the AHA. **(KC Policy)**.
2. To have attended three Breed Specific Seminars run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. **(KC Policy)**.
3. To have judged a minimum of 40 classes.
4. To have judged a minimum of 120 dogs. **(KC Policy)**.
5. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures. **(KC Policy)**.
6. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement. **(KC Policy)**.
7. To have attended a Points of the Dog Assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment. **(KC Policy)**.
8. To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their 1st entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book (Save in exceptional circumstances). **(KC Policy)**.
9. To have stewarded over a minimum of 12 days at shows (Open or Championship shows only). **(KC Policy)**.

### A3 Breed All Rounder

Requirements include:

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed (to include 5 years in this breed) and have the support of the Afghan Hound Association. **(KC Policy)**.
2. To have judged a minimum of 50 classes in this breed.
3. To have judged 160 dogs in this breed. **(KC Policy)**.
4. To have attended at least one breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. **(KC Policy)**.
5. To have awarded CCs in at least one other breed. **(KC Policy)**.
6. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures. **(KC Policy)**.
7. To have attended a Conformation and Movement "Hands-on-Assessment" conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment. **(KC Policy)**.

### **B List**

For all persons whom the AHA would support to judge the Breed at Shows without CC's or Open Shows.

Junior List to be maintained of those eligible to judge up to six classes at general Open Shows. Qualifications to include: The criteria of The Afghan Hound Breed Council, those who have passed examinations conducted by other Clubs may be exempt from the Afghan Hound Association examination upon application to the Association.

### **B Breed Specialist**

1. To have 5 years experience owning and exhibiting in this breed and have the support of the AHA.
2. To have judged 40 dogs of this breed at Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs.
3. To have attended three breed specific judging seminars and passed an assessment where applicable.
4. To have passed Breed Council approved examination.
5. To have stewarded over a minimum of four days at shows (Open or Championship Shows only).
6. B Non-Breed Specialist
  1. To have attended one Breed Seminar.
  2. To have passed Breed Council approved examination.
  3. To award Challenge Certificates in at least one other Breed.
  4. To have judged a minimum of 40 dogs of this breed at Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs (save in exceptional circumstances).

### **C Breed Specialist/Non-Specialist**

To be maintained of those eligible to judge at Limited and up to three classes at general Open Shows.

For aspirant judge who has shown an interest in the Breed and have the support of the Afghan Hound Association.

### **Overseas Judges**

1. To fulfil the KC requirements for overseas judges.

2. To complete an Overseas Judges Application Form.
3. This would go before the committee as with all UK judges.
4. If KC approved they would then be put on the relevant Overseas List.
5. Their names would be balloted with UK judges.
6. If they were offered an appointment for the AHA it would be in an Honorary capacity.

**These items apart each applicant will be decided on its own merit.**

Applications for a place on any List to be submitted to the Secretary at any time, a questionnaire to be sent to each applicant, the Committee's approval to be on the basis of the conformity of the replies with the criteria of the Association.

**Procedure for Judging Competence Assessment**

The procedure to be similar to a normal selection board.

The board to comprise the Chairman and one Championship Judge Committee Member, together with three other Championship Judges. All judges to be from the Association's Championship List. The Chairman to be a permanent member to assist continuity. At least three of the examining judges must have been active in the breed for at least fifteen years and to have awarded not less than five C.C.'s spread between the sexes.

Each Board Member will be allowed to ask the applicant questions after the practical test.

Each Board Member will assess in his own way the suitability of the candidate and will declare his verdict immediately after the completion of the test and interview. The applicant will be recalled and notified of the result, with reasons, before leaving the building.

**Preparation for the Practical Test**

1. The Committee will undertake to find a suitable venue and fix a date.
2. The Committee will provide at least 4 Afghan Hounds in show condition, of any age over 6 months.
3. Refreshments will be provided for the applicants after the examination, in a separate room.
4. Applicants will be notified in writing of the examination procedure, venue and date. A maximum of 9 applicants will be allowed at each examination session.
5. Applicants must have been members of an Afghan Hound breed club for 4 years and completed the required educational programme.
6. Each applicant will have three minutes in which to examine and move each dog with a further fifteen minutes for placing the dogs in order of preference and answering the Board's questions.
7. After examining each dog he will place them in order of preference, with a quick verbal summary of his reasons.
8. The applicant will then be asked questions by the Board, before leaving the Boardroom.

The judging lists to be amended to include the names of successful candidates, as soon as possible, after the holding of the examinations each year, and to be circulated to the secretaries of dog show societies.

Election of Judges

**Foreign Judges**

In the event of a foreign judge being decided upon by a majority at the Annual General Meeting, the method of selection shall be such as may be decided at that meeting.

Expat and all overseas Judges, when accepting an appointment to judge an Afghan Hound Association Open or Championship show must be clearly informed and understand that they do so in an Honorary Capacity.

Once the Judge/Judges have accepted the appointment and have been KC approved, it will be for the serving committee to decide what they deem as appropriate, in the form of accommodation, gift or nominal fee to the Judge/Judges.

**The Judges for the Association's shows :**

Judges will be selected either by ballot, or at the discretion of the committee. In the event of the committee selecting the judge(s) for an AHA Show then the AHA Officers and committee would not exhibit or handle at that AHA Show.