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**HOUSEHOLD PET JUDGING**  
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## A. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

**Applicant must complete HHP Program within two years.**

1. Member of ACFA in good standing for last three consecutive years and 18 years of age.
2. Exhibited in a minimum of 12 shows within the past 5 years. (A show, for the purpose of this rule shall be a weekend, whether it is a one-day or a back-to-back show.)
3. Have clerked at 2 different weekend shows (either back-to-back or one day).
4. Have been exhibiting at least 5 years at time of application (a combination of ACFA shows and other experiences may be substituted).
5. Exhibited 3 cats, alters, kittens or HHPs to Supreme or Grand Championship Level or Inter-American or Regional Award Level.
6. Is encouraged to have attended an ACFA Judging School or approved Breeder's Seminar within the last 12 months.
7. Be active in and sponsored by a club.
8. Be sponsored by an ACFA Allbreed Judge.
9. All information shall be submitted on the appropriate form, along with a current photo of the applicant and the appropriate fee, to ACFA Central Office at least 60 days prior to a regularly convened session of the Board. Central Office will forward a copy to the HHP Judging Administrator.

## B. HHP Judge Training Procedures

1. Mechanics:
  - a. One day Specialty assignment, HHP Section only
  - b. One day Allbreed assignment, HHP Section only
2. Hands on:
  - a) Two Specialty assignments, one day each
  - b) Two Allbreed assignments, one day each
3. Test
4. Upon successful completion of the test, the HHP Trainee will be licensed as an HHP Judge.

## C. HHP Judging Fees

The fee for a HHP Judge is \$30 if contracted in advance. If they are taken off the floor to Judge household pets in someone else's place, they will be paid whatever the Judge they are replacing would have been paid, up to a maximum of \$30.

## D. MAINTENANCE OF HHP JUDGE STATUS

To be relicensed annually, a Household Pet Judge must:

1. Be a member of ACFA in good standing.
2. Be a member of an ACFA club.

3. Have Judged a HHP Ring, or exhibited (personally showing a cat of one's ownership), ~~or been on a show committee, or clerked (Ring, Entry or Master)~~ a minimum of two (2) weekends during any calendar year at an ACFA Show.

4. Each licensed HHP judge will be required to complete six (6) hours of Continuing Education Requirements (CER's) every 2 years beginning January 1, 2018. Each HHP judge will be "encouraged" to participate in at least one hour of "Ethics" training that is occasionally offered as part of the Championship program of Continuing Education Requirements.

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CER's will be granted for the following activities performed by an ACFA licensed HHP Judge.

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1. Serve as a "handler" for a Championship Judge during a sectioned show = 1 hour

2. Serve as a show manager or ACTIVE member on a show committee that puts on an ACFA show = 1 hour

3. Serve as a master clerk, ring clerk or entry clerk at a show for the full length of the show = 1 hour

4. Judge a 4-H or other youth event, such as a County Fair, etc. = 1 hour, submitting a statement as to length of time, number of cats judged, and number of exhibitors.

5. Provide a grooming or other cat related educational presentation to a 4-H or other youth group = 1 hour, submitting a statement as to length of time, number of exhibitors/youth present, and topic presented.

6. Attend any scheduled Championship Judge training program = 1 hour for each hour of the length of program.

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7. Serve as a volunteer at a local shelter = 1 hour, submitting proof of volunteer hours.

HHP Judges will participate in taking a refresher test once every 2 years beginning January 1, 2018, and must obtain a passing grade of 80% on this refresher test.

The Board may waive the required minimum for HHP Judges in isolated areas or who may have personal or family reasons for lack of compliance.

45. Complete the renewal application form sent out by Central Office and pay the required fee. That form must be returned by April 30. (It is sent out in March, in order that it can be processed before the beginning of the new Show season.

#### **E. APPLICATION FROM COUNTRIES WITH NO ACFA CLUBS**

Section 1: Application into the ACFA HHP Judging Program

A person who has experience in breeding and exhibiting and who lives in a country where there are no ACFA shows may apply to become an ACFA HHP Judge

1. For application in a country where there are no ACFA shows or ACFA Judges
  - a. Must be a member of ACFA in good standing and be 21 years of age or older.
  - b. Training requirements will be prescribed by the Board and the HHP Judging Coordinator, based on individual's experience and circumstances. Additional input may be considered based on a report that includes an evaluation and recommendation from the International Division Committee.
  - c. Must be sponsored by an ACFA Allbreed Teaching Judge with international judging experience, in the country of residence of the applicant.
  
2. For applicants in a country where there are no ACFA shows but there is at least one ACFA judge in residence.
  - a. Must be a member of ACFA in good standing and be 21 years of age or older.
  - b. Training requirements will be prescribed by the Board and the HHP Judging Coordinator, based on individual's experience and circumstances. Additional input may be considered based on a report that includes an evaluation and recommendations from the International Division Committee.
  - c. Must be sponsored by an ACFA Judge in the applicant's country of residence and an Allbreed Teaching Judge with International Division experience.
  
3. Applicants from a country where there are one or more ACFA shows but where any ACFA Judges in residence were accepted under section D above.
  - a. Must be a member of ACFA in good standing and be 21 years of age or older.
  - b. Training requirements will be prescribed by the Board and the HHP Judging Coordinator, based on the individual's experience and circumstances and on the number of ACFA shows in the country. Additional input may be considered based on a report that includes an evaluation and recommendations from the International Division Committee.
  - c. Must be sponsored by an ACFA Teaching Judge, preferably in the country of residence.