

# Judges' Education Guidelines

## Preface:

Judges' Education is a critical component of the KCA's mandate to promote and protect the Kuvasz. Judges' Education Seminars and ringside mentoring provide face-to-face education for those seeking to judge or learn about the Breed. Because the quality of Judges' Education is paramount, Judges' Education must be carried out in a disciplined, objective, and consistent manner using materials approved by the KCA Board.

KCA Breed Mentors and/or Presenters shall take due care in interacting with potential and existing judges to present an objective interpretation of the official Breed Standard and avoid any perception of bias. Breed Mentors and Seminar Presenters are expected to conduct themselves professionally, behaving and dressing in a manner that reflects positively on the Club. Under no circumstances will a mentor promote their own breeding program or disparage the breeding program, individual dogs, or character of others.

## Role of Judges' Education Council:

The Judges Education Council shall develop and administer the KCA Judges' Education Program, including presentations by invitation from various clubs and/or judges' groups as well as including oversight of the application process for Mentors, development of materials, the publishing of approved Mentors and Presenters, and the recommendation for removal of poorly performing Mentors and Presenters.

## Club Sponsored Seminars:

A Judges' Education Seminar shall be held in conjunction with each annual KCA National Specialty Show and shall be conducted by a Presenter.

## Application Process:

Members interested in becoming a KCA-approved Breed Mentor shall make application to the Committee Chairperson via a letter requesting consideration. Such letter shall demonstrate 12 years of KCA membership in good standing and activity as a show person/breeder, ability and willingness to travel, other accomplishments of note. In the letter, the applicant should also demonstrate an understanding of the JEC role in promoting the AKC Kuvasz standard and that this role is never an opportunity to promote one's

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own breeding program. Applicants should not have a history of publicly making disparaging remarks about the breeding program, individual dogs, or character of other KCA members.

Future Judges Education Council members will be selected from the approved Mentor list as vacancy appears or additional members needed.

Applicants will subsequently take a test on the Kuvasz standard demonstrating their knowledge of breed type, structure, and movement.

Upon receipt, certification, and scoring of applicants' test, the Chairperson shall advise Judges' Education Council with recommendation for approval or disapproval. Any applicant failing to meet any of the requirements will be so advised and no further action on behalf of the Judges Education Council will be required. Applicants meeting all requirements and passing JEC approved test will then be voted on by the JEC for final approval. Any change in Mentor members or JEC members will be reported to the KCA Board of Directors.