

# AKC Conformation Judging Eligibility

\*Approved includes both permit and full status judges. \*\*\*"Exhibit" refers to any dog personally handled by the individual OR any dog owned or co-owned by the individual. Restrictions apply to all members of the same household.

COMPETITION	CAN I JUDGE?	CAN I SHOW?
AKC Conformation events (all-breed, limited breed and independent specialty shows)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be approved by the AKC to judge the applicable breeds, groups and/or Best in Show.</li> <li>• Must be included on AKC's list of eligible judges.</li> <li>• Current list may be accessed via <a href="#">AKC's online judges directory</a>.</li> <li>• Approved judges must be assigned to competitions such as stud dog and brood bitch.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not exhibit the day he/she judges, three days prior and three days following at any AKC Conformation event within 200 miles of the assignment(s).</li> <li>• May not exhibit in any competition (agility, obedience, rally, etc.) the same day he/she judges.</li> </ul>
AKC 4-6 month puppy competitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have an AKC Conformation number.</li> <li>• Includes any individuals currently approved by the AKC to judge at least one breed or has applied and been approved as an <a href="#">Open Show Judge</a>.</li> <li>• Eligible individuals may be assigned any breed/competition at the event.</li> <li>• Judges approved for Junior Showmanship ONLY <b>may not</b> judge the 4-6 competition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May exhibit the same day he/she judges.</li> <li>• Judge and members of the same household should refrain from competing in the 4-6 month puppy competition.</li> </ul>
AKC National Owner Handled Series (NOHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be AKC approved Conformation breed judge or eligible Visiting judge.</li> <li>• To be assigned NOHS group - Must be approved for at least one breed within that group or any one complete group.</li> <li>• To be assigned NOHS BIS - Must be eligible to judge any NOHS group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not exhibit the same day he/she judges at any event within 200 miles.</li> </ul>
Special attractions (excluding NOHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be in good standing with the AKC to judge special attraction group/BIS competitions (i.e. Best Puppy, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Veteran) at AKC Conformation events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May exhibit the same day he/she judges.</li> <li>• Judge and members of the same household should refrain from competing in the special attraction which he/she is judging.</li> </ul>
Sweepstakes/Futurities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be in good standing with the AKC to be assigned sweepstakes and/or futurities.</li> <li>• Must be submitted to AKC Event Plans for approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not exhibit in any competition the same day he/she judges.</li> <li>• May exhibit on the days before and after they judge.</li> <li>• When part of a multi-day specialty, the restriction runs the entire length of the event.</li> </ul>
AKC FSS Open Shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have an AKC Conformation number.</li> <li>• Includes any individuals currently approved to judge at least one breed and or has applied and been approved as an <a href="#">Open Show Judge</a>.</li> <li>• Eligible individuals may be assigned any breed/competition at the event.</li> <li>• Judges approved for Junior Showmanship ONLY <b>may not</b> judge Open Shows.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not exhibit on the day he/she judges at any event within 200 miles.</li> </ul>