

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America Judges Mentor Program

The role of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America (SBTCA) Judges Mentor is to educate prospective Staffordshire Bull Terrier judges by providing ringside tutoring.

Mentors possess and demonstrate the following qualities:

1. Knowledge of the background, history and function of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier.
2. Good communication skills.
3. Time availability and willingness to mentor prospective judges by meeting them ringside at shows and specialties.

Mentors agree to the following principles:

1. Good sportsmanship at all dog events.
2. Ability to be unbiased in critiquing dogs.
3. Commitment to never promote their own dogs or dogs of their breeding.
4. Commitment to use the AKC standard and the SBTCA-currently approved materials for ringside tutoring.
5. Dress and speak in a professional manner.
6. Agree to follow and comply with the [JEC Mentoring Guidelines](#) and the [JEC Code of Ethics](#).
7. Always keep in mind that the Official Staffordshire Bull Terrier [Breed Standard](#) takes precedent over your own personal beliefs or opinions.

A SBTCA member who wishes to become a SBTCA Judges Mentor and feels they meet the criteria outlines below may make an application to the SBTCA Judges' Education Committee, documenting their qualifications. Applicant will then need to be recommended by the JEC, based on the application and approved by the SBTCA Board. The following are basic criteria for a SBTCA member to become a Judges' Mentor: (See application attached)

STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB of AMERICA MENTOR APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

1. I am a member of the SBTCA in good standing: _____
2. I am currently in good standing with the AKC: _____
3. I am a licensed AKC Staffordshire Bull Terrier breeder judge with approved status. _____

If YES, please provide AKC Judges license number and breeds licensed for and proceed to **QUESTION #8**

AKC Judges #: _____

Breeds Licensed to Judge:

4. I have 12 or more years' experience breeding and/or exhibiting Staffordshire Bull Terriers in conformation. _____
5. I have bred **5** or more litters of Staffordshire Bull Terriers, list dam's registered name and whelping dates.

6. I have bred **4** or more Staffordshire Bull Terriers AKC Champions. Please list the champions' names and AKC numbers.

7. JEC Mentor Applicants must complete the AKC's *ABC's of Canine Anatomy Course for Judges*. This course is available for free on the AKC's Canine College:

https://www.caninecollege.akc.org/user_catalog_class/show/867521

This course is also a pre-requisite if you plan to pursue approval to judge. Please attach a copy of proof of completion.

8. **JEC Mentor Applicants must also** attend a breed seminar on the Staffordshire Bull Terrier presented by a JEC approved presenter? Please attach a copy of proof of completion.

9. In the space provided below write a short synopsis on what you feel is the main problems in our breed that need to be emphasized when mentoring:

10. I agree that I will follow the SBTCA [JEC Mentoring Guidelines](#) and the [JEC Code of Ethics](#).

Signed: _____

Please return the completed application with proof of completed seminar and certificate of successfully passing the AKC's *ABC's of Canine Anatomy Course for Judges* to:

judgesed@sbtpa.com