

PROCESS FOR PROMOTION OF BCSA JUDGES

TRAINEE JUDGE

- An applicant must be at least 18 years of age and have been a member of the Budgerigar Council of South Australia Inc. or equivalent Interstate body/s for a minimum of 5 years, noting that only Open exhibitors can qualify to become a Judge.
- Once a Trainee Judge's application is received and accepted by the Judges Executive the prospective Trainee Judge will be required to purchase a copy of *The Standard* and then sit on a day so nominated, a Trainee Judges exam as per the following:
 - 1) Theory exam of 15 basic questions from ANBC *The Standard* with a pass mark of 70%
 - 2) Practical exam of two classes of 8 birds (one being Normal's) each judged over a 15 minute period with a pass mark of 70%
 - 3) If not successful with the theory, but successful with the practical, the candidate will be invited to re sit the theory at a later date as the main emphasis is on the practical exam.
- Results will not be given until the end of the days activities. Once the above has successfully been completed, the candidates may be invited to undertake further studies in a mentor situation over a period of a minimum of 18 months with existing Major Award Judges.
- Through this minimum 18 month period a number of mini tests will be sent to each trainee to assist with their mentorship, which will cover all varieties.

TRAINEE JUDGE TO JUDGE

- Minimum of 18 months as a Trainee Judge before being able to apply to the Judges Executive for sitting the examination for promotion to Judge. (See above)
- Promotion follows a 20 question (multi choice) written examination paper from the ANBC *The Standard* as amended, plus Penalty & Disqualification clauses for A.N.B.C. Judges with a pass of 75%, once this section has been successfully passed, the Judge may proceed to the practical testing consisting of:
 - 1) Identifying correctly 10 varieties currently listed within The Standard with a pass of 100%
 - 2) Judging 2 Classes of 10 birds, 1 being Normal Series (Green or Blue) and the other a variable class with a pass of 75%

JUDGE TO MAJOR AWARD JUDGE

- Minimum of 3 years as a Judge before being able to apply to the executive for sitting the examination for promotion to Major Award Judge.
- Acceptance to sit is observed as being a good ambassador for the fancy by being punctual, approachable, well presented etc.
- Promotion follows a 30 question (multi choice) written examination paper from the ANBC *The Standard* as amended, plus Penalty & Disqualification clauses for

A.N.B.C. Judges with a pass of 85%, once this section has been successfully passed, the Judge may proceed to the practical testing consisting of:

- 1) Identifying correctly 10 varieties currently listed within *The Standard* with a pass of 100%
- 2) Judging 2 Classes of 10 birds, 1 being Normal Series (Green or Blue) and the other a variable class with a pass of 85%

ANBC NATIONALLY ACCREDITED JUDGE

- Once reaching Major Award Judge Status, the eligibility to sit for the ANBC Judges examination is reached. Applications are taken annually and must be with the ANBC National Secretary with a copy to the ANBC Judges Coordinator by the 1st of March of the year the exam is to be sat. This application is to proceed through the State Body by the 1st of February to enable the correct selection procedures to take place if the BCSA executive receives more than one application.
A Major Award Judge must have been at that level for two full years to qualify, under ANBC guidelines, to apply to the BCSA to nominate.
- The ANBC has a procedure in place where only ONE nomination per each State / Zone is accepted BUT has the ability to include extras from any given State / Zone if another State / Zone does not have any applicants.

COMMENTS

Written application to the BCSA Judges Panel Secretary for promotion must be received annually by the 1st of May for the examination to proceed as close as possible to the 3rd or 4th full weekend of the following June.

The above Trainee system gives breeders in all areas of the State the opportunity to complete Judges Traineeship without penalty.

The numbers of Trainee Judges accepted into the scheme will be determined on a needs basis by the Judges Executive.

If a Judge of any level is not successful in passing their promotion examination, they are only able to reapply to sit after a 12-month period has lapsed. Two such attempts without success will see this period extended to 24 months.

The degree of difficulty for promotion from Judge to Major Award Judge is apparent with extra written questions and a higher pass mark. This promotion process should be a good learning curve for Major Award Judges desiring to nominate for the Australian National Budgerigar Council Judges examination at a later time. Judges' of all levels **MUST** read and then sign The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Inc. *Judges Rules and Guidelines* before being eligible to judge at BCSA affiliated or associated members shows without exception.

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Update as and when required.