

(Outline, Standard and 60 Point Applications)

The following criteria are mandatory to receive approval as a MCOA Judges Education Mentor:

Have completed and signed the general Mentor/Presenter Application Form.

- Have 12 years continuous membership in the Mastiff Club of America
- Have bred and raised 5 or more litters on applicant's premises
- Have bred 10 or more champions from litters whelped on the applicant's premises (whether or not owned or handled by the applicant)
- Completed 2 judging assignments at AKC sanctioned matches, sweepstakes, futurities and/or non-regular classes (Breeder's Cup, Tournament or Fun-match)
- Viewed the MCOA Standard PowerPoint presentation

If the applicant has documented experience in the owning, breeding and exhibiting category, approval will be granted on the first application. However if the applicant **does not meet** litter/or champion requirements, a degree of flexibility may be employed by the Judges Education Steering Committee through the **60 point application process** to ensure that quality of experience rather than quantity, is the determining factor in acceptance of the applicant. **If alternate experiences are used the applicant must have 15 years of documented experience in the sport and must achieve a total of 60 points, using a combination of the following "enriching" factors:**

Breeding, Owning and Exhibiting Elements (15 Points for each)

- Bred and raised four litters on the applicant's premises
- Bred at least two champions from the litters whelped on the applicant's premises

- ❑ Owned at least one dog that sired 4 champions (dog must have resided at applicant's home while used at stud)
- ❑ Owned four dogs that earned championships while residing at the applicant's home
- ❑ Personally exhibited four dogs to their championships, earning all 15 points and both majors (this requirement is the same for owners and professional handlers)
- ❑ Personally exhibited two dogs as specials for a minimum of two years or approximately 60 showings (this requirement is the same for owners and professional handlers)
- ❑ Participated in performance events with two dogs for a minimum of two years

Breed Specific Breeding, Owning and Exhibiting Elements (10 points for each)

- ❑ Member of household where five or more litters produced four or more champions but was not breeder of record
- ❑ Judged an AKC sanctioned Mastiff match, sweepstakes and/or futurity

Professional Experience (10 points for each)

- ❑ Handled professionally or assisted professional handler for at least five years (attach details and dates of duties if assisted professional handler)
- ❑ Professionally groomed breeds in a show-related context (for a show kennel, for a professional handler, etc) for at least five years
- ❑ Practiced canine health related profession for at least five years
- ❑ Recognized author or frequent speaker on subjects related to purebred dogs. (Specific criteria to be established by the JEC/MCOA BOARD)
- ❑ Instructor/teacher of purebred dog-related classes for at least five years or approximately 60 classes

Club-Related or Educational Experiences (5 points for each)

- ❑ Active kennel club member (to qualify applicant must have served as a club officer, committee chair or on a show committee)
- ❑ Performed show-giving club services, such as committee work, site and ring preparation, and club educational programs
- ❑ Attend institutes sponsored by knowledgeable organizations or parent clubs

- ❑ Present parent club workshops, study groups or seminars on the Mastiff
- ❑ Volunteered on behalf of regional or national breed club as mentor or presenter for parent club's educational programs or other credible educational programs
- ❑ Viewed the AKC Mastiff Standard Video

The applicant is reviewed by the Judges Education Steering Committee and if all criteria are met the application is forwarded to the MCOA Board of Directors for approval. Applicants are notified of the Board's decision by letter or e-mail.

If an applicant does not meet all criteria or is disapproved by the MCOA Board of Directors, one year must elapse from the Board date before submitting another application.

The applicant must successfully complete Mentor Training as defined in the Mentor/Presenter Process Document in order to gain approved status.