

# Part B - Preconditions for the activity as student judge

## 1. Experience in Breeding

At the time of starting his activity as a student judge the candidate must have

- bred 4 or more litters in at least 4 years in a registered WCF cattery name.
- must have attended at least 10 shows and earned 10 certificates on cats in his cattery

## 2. Knowledge of language

The official languages for writing judge's reports, for training seminars and international conferences are German, English and French.

The applicant must have knowledge of at least one of the other official judging languages, besides his capability of his native language, including spelling, grammar and punctuation.

## 3. Membership in a WCF-club

At the beginning of his activity as a student judge the applicant must have been a member of a WCF-club for at least 2 years without interruption.

#### 4. Application for admission to the activity as student judge

To be admitted to the training the candidate has to write an application in a free form to the club whereof he is a member. Certificates for his activities as a steward, for his breeding practice and his membership in a WCF-club must be enclosed.

To be admitted to the training the candidate must have reached a minimum of 22 years of age, has to write an application on the form "Student judge inscription bulletin / Certificate Pre-Exam", certificates for his activities as a steward, his preliminary exam and for his breeding practice to be sent to his club and scanned copies to the JC. Upon completion of the consent form data protection and judge contract will the candidate be permitted to start his training as a student judge.

The hair category, for which the judge qualification should be acquired has also to be indicated. The training takes place only en bloc for every complete hair category, where the applicant can choose between

- Longhair (LH)
- Semi-Longhair (SLH)
- Shorthair (SH)
- Siamese / Oriental breeds (SIA / ORI)

Simultaneous training in two hair categories is possible, however only in the combinations Longhair with Semi-Longhair and Shorthair with Siamese / Oriental breeds.

The decision on the application has to be sent to the applicant by his club latest 4 weeks after receipt. If the application is rejected, valid reasons have to be given. In this case the applicant must have the opportunity to repeat the application to be admitted to the training.

#### 5. Preliminary Examination about standard and genetics

The applicant is admitted automatically to the preliminary examination for the career as a judge when he gets a positive decision on the application from the Judges and Pedigree Commission.

The preliminary examination is theoretical and contains 30 questions, which have to given written, according to the questions in the catalogue of the preliminary examination.



The official catalogue of questions for the preliminary examination, produced and published by the Judges' Committee, will be given to the applicant or his club on a written request so that he has enough time for preparation.

The preliminary examination lasts at most 75 minutes.

The exam is to take place in a show hall with two WCF judges. The examinee must have a separate place which he is not allowed to leave for the duration of the exam.

The preliminary examination is to be regarded as passed if the examinee has answered at least 75 % of the questions correctly. The result of the preliminary exam has to be presented in writing, it has to be announced to the examinee on the same day. Scanned copies of the steward certificates and the preliminary exam are to be sent to the Chairperson of the Judges' Commission of the WCF within 4 weeks.

The successfully passed preliminary examination entitles the applicant to start his activity as a student judge once the signed Data Protection form and the Judge's contract is received by the Chairperson of the Judges' Commission.

If the preliminary examination had not been passed, a repetition for the relevant hair category is possible once.