

## American Rottweiler Club Judges Education Presenter Policy

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### What is a Presenter?

A Presenter is a person that has breed knowledge acquired by years in the breed long enough to have established a reputation. They must have been breeding their own line for at least three generations to know the genetic weaknesses in the breed. Their dogs should not only excel in the show ring, but should have done some work in whatever field for which the breed was created. They will travel to present our standard to groups of judge applicants in a classroom environment.

### Presenter criteria

A Presenter must be a member in good standing with the American Rottweiler Club. Presenter must be available to allocate the time, be comfortable speaking one-on-one or in groups ringside evaluating dogs with judge applicants. A list of ARC Approved Presenter, by state, is available from the Judges Education Coordinator and submitted to AKC for issuance to seminar attendees. If a Presenters ARC membership should lapse, the Presenter will be removed from the list. Presenters must be available to allocate the time, be comfortable with public speaking, able to learn computer skills necessary to perform a presentation, and have the energy and enthusiasm to conduct a seminar. The Judge's Education Seminar will be presented in a collegial atmosphere.

A Presenter must meet the following criteria:

Be an AKC licensed judge, with the Rottweiler as first breed

#### **OR**

Been involved in the breed for a minimum of 12 years experience breeding, handling, exhibiting in conformation and performance events AND have met at least 25% of the requirements under the AKC "12-5-4 Method" \* for becoming an AKC licensed Rottweiler judge.

#### **OR**

Been involved in the breed for a minimum of 15 years experience breeding, handling, exhibiting in conformation and performance events AND have met at least 1 of the 4 required components under the AKC "New Breed Alternate Method" \* for becoming an AKC licensed Rottweiler judge.

#### **AND**

Have attended at least one ARC Judges Education Seminar within the last 5 years.

#### **AND**

Have viewed the ARC Mentor/Presenter Training PowerPoint Presentation on the ARC Judges Education website: [www.americanrottweilerclubjudgeseducation.com](http://www.americanrottweilerclubjudgeseducation.com)

\* Note: Requirements for both Methods may be found at <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rjl003.pdf>

Presenters may not be active professional handlers. Professional handlers are defined as any individual who has been compensated by another to show a dog in conformation in an AKC show within the previous 12 months.

All presenters are required to strictly adhere to the AKC Rottweiler Breed Standard. The ARC will not approve Breed Presenters who deviate from the Standard in their presentations and any Presenter who does not adhere to this requirement will subsequently be removed from the Presenter list. All presenters will be required to sign a letter indicating they understand and will adhere to this requirement.

No one who is judging Rottweiler conformation as an AKC, Sweepstakes or Futurity judge will present, attend, or assist during an ARC approved Judges Education seminar on a dog show circuit prior to a judging assignment on that circuit.

Presenters are eligible to receive a \$75 stipend for each Seminar. There is no other reimbursement for expenses from the ARC other than for the cost of copying materials/forms for an ARC Sanctioned Seminar. Request for stipend and original receipts for copying expenses must be submitted with ARC Expense Report form to the ARC Treasurer for reimbursement within a week after the end of the quarter.

In order to remain on the ARC Presenters List, a presenter must have attended at least one ARC Judges Education

Seminar within the last 5 years. Also, if a presenter's ARC membership should lapse, the presenter will be removed from the list.

### **Guidelines for Presenter**

- This is training for judges in a class format. A collegiate atmosphere of tutoring is required. Presenters are encouraged to follow the order of the Format as outlined in the ARC Judges Seminar Program, but can mix or rearrange the order to customize to a particular audience.
- Know the Rottweiler Standard and the commentary in the Illustrated Standard.
- Stick to the approved standard without personal preferences.
- Use only the tools provided by the American Rottweiler Club. Any materials not on the list in the ARC Judges Seminar Program must be approved by the ARC Board before they can be used.
- If Seminar includes a hands-on demonstration with live specimens:

Presenters should try to use mature dogs, as well as some that are immature and/or puppies. The presenter is encouraged to use some of the Champions that are being shown at the shows connected with the Seminar or who are currently being campaigned, including those entered in the Top Twenty at the National.

However, presenters may not use dogs of their own breeding and they should try to select dogs from owners with whom they have no relationship (co-ownership, co-breeders, handlers, etc.).

Also, if a presenter is to be judging the ARC National or other major Rottweiler Club Specialty within 6 months after the date of the Seminar, he/she will use no "Specials" that might possibly be entered to be judged under him/her.

And if a judge, who will be doing the same, is attending, then either the judge will be asked to leave while these dogs are critiqued, or the specials will not be used.

- Use only positive aspects of dogs during discussions. AKC encourages trainers NOT to discuss any aspect of a dog's failure to comply with the standard. Try to point out a dog with correct aspects, if one is in the ring.
- Refrain from discussing pedigrees, wins, or show records, registered names, titles or boasting of a dog's capabilities. A competent judge has had enough dogs stuffed under their nose as 'the Presenter perfect dog'. This will only lend to invalidating anything you teach.
- Do not use profanity. You are a representative of the American Rottweiler Club.
- If a judge asks if there is too much of this or that on a dog, please try to be patient and point out a better this or that on another animal, decline to comment on traits you don't like in that dog, or just be kind in how you indicate that the dog may be lacking adherence to the standard.
- Stay abreast of the FAQ page and 'walk-the-talk' of the parent club on sensitive issues.