

ARBA Online Judges' Conference Guidelines

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1. Software Usage

Live conferences will be broadcast using two kinds of software:

Facebook Live: Conferences will be broadcast to Facebook Live on the Official Judges and Registrars Group. Anyone who is a member of the group will be able to watch all or a portion of the conference. Attendance cannot be monitored, so credit will not be awarded for viewing via this software.

Zoom: Zoom will be used for judges wishing to attend for credit. This platform shows participants on camera and allows the moderator to verify attendance.

Self-study courses will use any combination of the following, or other platforms as presenters prefer, to deliver content: Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, YouTube, .pdf, .mp4 video files, etc. Survey software (Qualtrics, Microsoft Forms, etc) will be used to administer a post-quiz to participants.

1. Course Content

Course content shall be designed to provide advanced education on posing and handling, breeds, groups of breeds, "soft skills" (such as table management, giving comments, etc) and other topics of value in the judging process.

Significant emphasis should be placed on the relevant parts of the Standard of Perfection or other relevant ARBA publications. Course content should aim to demonstrate, illustrate, and/or expand on these topics utilizing the presenters' relative experience.

Self-study courses will require participants to answer at least three questions about each presentation. Questions should address a variety of levels in Bloom's Taxonomy (knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation).

Examples:

Knowledge: "How many points does the Havana Standard assign to fur?"

Comprehension: "Describe ideal Crème d'Argent color."

Application: "Choose the most correct Californian topline from the photos presented."

Analysis: "Compare and contrast the Sable and Seal varieties of Rex."

Synthesis: "Arrange the recognized Blue varieties into categories based on ideal intensity of color."

Evaluation: "Consider these examples of Dutch stops. Which do you consider most correct, and why? Which would you fault the most heavily, and why?"

Correct answers to questions will be determined by the question type and desired answer.

Some, particularly in the Knowledge, Comprehension and Application categories, may have one correct answer.

Others, particularly in the Analysis, Synthesis or Evaluation categories, may only have required keywords or may simply require a thoughtful response demonstrating reference to or knowledge of the Standard or other ARBA publications.

Before publication, all course content is subject to approval by the Judges' Continuing Education Committee. As there is no geographical limit to participation in an Online Conference, the expectation is that courses presented will be relevant, accurate, and of high quality.

1. Presenters

Presenters shall be experienced and trusted sources in relevant subject material. Posing and Handling presentations shall be conducted by ARBA Judges licensed in the relevant species. Other presentations may be created by Judges, experienced breeders, Breed Specialty Clubs, etc.

1. Verification of Attendance

Zoom participation will be monitored by the conference moderator. Judges attending for credit will be required to turn their cameras on and be present for the large majority of the conference.

1. Requirements to Complete a Conference

Attendance of an entire live conference on Zoom will be considered a completed conference.

One continuing education credit (CEC) will be earned upon the completion of a self-study course. Earning a CEC for Posing and Handling plus at least four other CECs shall be considered equivalent to attending a Judges Conference. This shall be considered to fulfill Article IV, Section 4 of the ARBA By-Laws.

1. Convention Cancellation Contingency Plan

Article I, Section 5 of the ARBA Constitution states that "There shall be a one-day session at each annual meeting for judges, at which session the judges in attendance shall exchange ideas relative to judging different breeds and interpretation of various sections of the Standard of Perfection."

This requirement is typically fulfilled by the ARBA Cavy and Rabbit Judges' Conferences. In the event that the ARBA Convention is cancelled, one Closed Conference shall be held utilizing video meeting software. This will be scheduled to coincide with the annual meeting dates set by the ARBA Board. Attendance will be limited to licensed Judges.