

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR IFCA JUDGES

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The Apprenticeship Program

1. Application requirements for a nominee:

- a Know the IFCA Standard
- b Be recommended/endorsed by any IFCA Certified Judge and the District Director of the nominee's resident district.
- c Be a current dues paid member of the IFCA.
- d Must have at least four years as a breeder of Indian Fantails.

2. The Apprenticeship

The apprentice must train under no less than two different IFCA certified judges at three IFCA point shows for a total of three shows, none of which may be one of the two National shows. While it is the official (Certified) show judge's full responsibility to evaluate each class and determine the final placing, the official judge may ask the apprentice to judge some of the classes to determine his abilities, but these class placings will not be finalized until the certified judge concurs with the results. The judge will periodically question the apprentice in private to confirm the apprentice's own judgement and also evaluate the thinking/placing process of the apprentice. In filling this role, the apprentice:

- a Will observe and converse with the official judge on all classes and handle entries as desired except in classes in which the apprentice may have birds competing.
- b Will abstain from visiting with the exhibitors and those at ringside.
- c Must be able to answer any questions the judge may ask concerning the IFCA Standard.
- d Will not comment on the final judging of the class winners for Champion but, after judging is completed, will discuss the final placement with the judge.

The official judge, after the show, will complete a "Judge the Judge" evaluation form on the apprentice and provide it to the IFCA Judges Certification Committee. After three favorable reports, the apprentice will qualify as a "Judge in Training".

Judge in Training Program

1. Application requirements for a nominee:

- a Meet all apprenticeship application program requirements.
- b To have successfully completed the apprenticeship program or to have been granted an exemption by the IFCA Judges Certification Committee.

2. Judge in Training (AKA 50 point judge)

A judge in training will be allowed to judge only IFCA 50 point shows. After each show a "Judge the Judge" evaluation form will be completed and sent to the IFCA Judges Certification Committee.

After four shows (one of which must be outside of the "Judge in Training's" district) with good evaluations from the "Judging the Judges" reports, the training will be considered complete and the "Judge in Training's" name will be placed on the Certified Judges List.

Requirements for Certified Judges List

Certified judges may judge 50 and 100 point shows, as well as National shows

- a Know the Standard and remain currently informed as to the development of the Indian Fantail.
- b Be a current dues paid member
- c Raise Indian Fantails or if no longer able to raise Indian Fantails has kept current with the hobby through attending shows, loft visits or the like.
- d If asked to judge, a judge must judge at least one IFCA point meet every two years.

A certified judge may only be removed from the Certified Judges list by the judge's own request.

- a failure to comply with the above requirements
- b numerous poor judging reports
- c ethical, medical or mental reasons that prevent a judge from being competent

Removal will be at the discretion of the current IFCA Judges Certification Committee and a 3/4 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Requirements and Procedures for Reinstatement of Judge Certification

If a judge has been removed from the certified judges list at his/her request or for failure of being a dues paid member or not having judged a point show for more than two years, they must:

- a Submit a request in writing to the Chair of the IFCA Judges Certification Committee requesting reinstatement as well as verification of b, c and d.
- b Know the Standard and remain currently informed as to the development of the Indian Fantail.
- c Be a current dues paid member
- d Have raised Indian Fantails for at least the last 18 months or have kept current with the hobby through attending shows, loft visits or the like.
- e After reviewing the submitted information the IFCA Judges Certification Committee will vote on the reinstatement. A simple majority vote is required for reinstatement.

If a judge has been removed from the list for any other reason, they must submit a request showing they meet all the requirements and explain why they feel they should be reinstated. These requests will be handled on a case by case basis. After reviewing the submitted information, the IFCA Judges Certification Committee will vote on their reinstatement. A 4/5 majority vote is required for reinstatement.

Requirements for Exemption of Apprentice Program

- a Know the IFCA Standard
- b Be recommended/endorsed by any IFCA Certified Judge and the District Director of the nominee's resident district.
- c Be a current dues paid member of the IFCA.
- d Applicant must have raised Indian Fantails for eight (8) or more years.

- e Must have demonstrated the ability to produce competitive Indian Fantails
- f Have won champion, reserve champion or second reserve champion at no less than three (3) 100 pt. shows in no less than two (2) IFCA districts. Exceptions may be granted by the IFCA Judges Certification Committee for non-USA resident judges.
- g Be approved by a 4/5 majority vote of the current IFCA Judges Certification Committee. Upon approval by the IFCA Judges Certification Committee applicant will be considered a Judge in Training (50 point show judge) until qualifying for full Certification.

Master Judge Certification

This award is to recognize the acceptance of an individual's judging skills by the IFCA members and his/her superiority in procedure, knowledge and fairness in judging the Indian Fantail.

- a Applicant must have been an IFCA Certified Judge for no less than 5 consecutive years.
- b Must have been voted by IFCA members to judge at least 3 National Shows (one NYBS, plus two Grand Nationals). Once the NPA requirements for Master Judge have also been met, the applicant may apply on his/her own for that award, as well.
- c A wall plaque and coat patch will be awarded.

When a non IFCA Certified judge may be used

In the event a certified judge is unavailable to judge an IFCA sanctioned show, an individual who is recognized by the NPA, or comparable organization, as an All-Breed Judge may judge the show providing

- a *The submission of the all breeds judge be submitted to the IFCA Judges Committee along with qualifications in plenty of time for a proper vetting before the show.*
- b Approval has been given by the judges committee.
- c Judge the Judge forms are filled out by the exhibitors and forwarded to the Judges Committee

IFCA Judges Certification Committee

The Judges Certification Committee will be appointed by the President of the IFCA.

The committee will stand for two years, after which no more than three (3) members may be replaced for the next two (2) years.

The Judges Certification Committee will consist of five people -- a chair and four members.

The chair must be a certified judge in good standing and have been a committee member. Of the four committee members, one must NOT be a certified judge.

No more than two of the five members of the Judges Certification Committee can be from the same district, with the desire to represent as many different IFCA districts as feasible.