



MASCUSA Mentor/Presenter Qualifications

The requirements and guidelines may change from year to year as it becomes necessary. Anyone wishing to become a mentor/presenter must fulfill all requirements before and then submit an application to the judge's education coordinator (JEC). Applications are reviewed by the MASCUSA JEC and referred to the MASCUSA Board for final approval.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTOR/PRESENTERS

- 1) Mentor/Presenter must be a MASCUSA member in good standing for a minimum of 5 years.
- 2) Must be an AKC Miniature American Breeder of record for 10 years
- 3) Must have bred/co-bred at least 2 litters of AKC registered Miniature American Shepherds litters in the past 3 years.
- 4) All Presenter/mentors must have bred 5 Miniature American Shepherd AKC champions of record.
- 5) Applicants must have attended at least one (1) Club-Approved Breed Seminar within the past three (3) years.
- 6) Applicants must have attended at least one (1) National Specialty within the past three (3) years.
- 7) Must submit to the Judges Education Coordinator an official application form that outlines an individual's history with Miniature American Shepherds and lists the completed above requirements with documentation.
- 8) Must take and pass the Mentor/Presenter's Open Book Exam (3 part), provided by the judges education coordinator.
- 9) The application shall be reviewed and pre-approved by the JEC and then forwarded to the MASCUSA Board of Directors for final approval.
- 10) All presenters either attend a wicket seminar run by AKC representatives or a private lesson with an AKC rep/Judge. Before presenting any seminar or mentoring any judge. Presenter must prove this with a signed form (submitted first to the JEC) OR attend the judge's seminar with hands-on practice using the wicket. (specific steps are shown in the AKC You Tube video)

Other Requirements

- Mentor/Presenter must have good communication skills.
- Mentor/Presenter must dress appropriately for all seminars (businesslike).

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- Mentor/Presenter and any apprentices/helpers must turn off their phones during the entire presentation/seminar/workshop/ring side mentoring or tutoring.
- Mentor/Presenter agrees to follow the written seminar and presentation "outline" as supplied by the Judges Education coordinator.
- Mentor/Presenter agrees to use any or all visual aids in the exact form in which they were received from the Judges Education coordinator.
- Mentor/Presenter will distribute only those materials approved by the Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA.
- NO accomplishments, show wins, registered names OR kennels, owners or handler names shall be used to identify the dog(s) used in the presentation or ring side mentoring.
- Presenters will not give their "personal opinions" or "personal preferences" nor deviate from the presentation "guidelines" or while ring side mentoring.
- Mentors/Presenters need to feel comfortable speaking before an audience, and tutors need to feel comfortable with one-on-one discussions and dealing with the individuals' needs.
- Must agree to use only MASCUSA Breed Standard, programs, outlines, and handout material as approved by the JEC and the Board of Directors at any MASCUSA approved presentation or ring side mentoring.
- Must agree to conduct oneself ethically.
- Must follow up on all questions from any participant who needs more specific information either by referring him/her to other people or researching the information requested.
- Must obtain the names and addresses of attendees at presentations or individuals tutored.
- Mentor/Presenter's must supply a copy of all forms signed and/or attendance sheets for seminars to the JEC within 2 weeks.

Additional Presenter Requirement

(Presenters – May give JE presentations at MASCUSA National and Regional specialties, Member Club specialties and meeting programs, and seminars/workshops by independent judges organizations). Must have apprenticed with an approved presenter in charge at 1 MASCUSA sanctioned Judge's Education presentation, or must have assisted an approved presenter at a minimum of 1 MASCUSA sanctioned Judge's Education presentation, and have other verifiable public speaking skills.

- On the day of the presentation, dogs used for any part of the presentation will remain anonymous (including before and after the presentation).

*Approval may depend on geographical location