



SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS

Guidelines & Requirements for Presenters

The Breed Standard Education Committee (BSEC), together with the MASCUSA Board Of Directors, has approved the current Presenter requirements and guidelines for PARENT CLUB APPROVED Judge's Education seminars. The requirements and guidelines may change from year to year as it becomes necessary.

Anyone wishing to become a presenter should submit an [application](#) to MASCUSA. Applications are reviewed by the BSEC Judge's Education Coordinators and referred to the MASCUSA Board for approval.

Section "A" - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESENTERS

(Presenters – May give BSEC presentations at MASCUSA National and Regional specialties, Member Club specialties and meeting programs, and seminars/workshops by independent judges organizations).

- 1) Presenter must be a MASCUSA member in good standing for a minimum of 2 years.
- 2) Presenter must have good communication skills.
- 3) Presenter must dress appropriately for all seminars (businesslike).
- 4) Presenter and any apprentices/helpers must turn off their phones during the entire presentation/seminar/workshop.
- 5) Presenter agrees to follow the written seminar and presentation "outline" as supplied by the Committee.
- 6) Presenter agrees to use any or all visual aids in the exact form in which they were received from the Committee.
- 7) Presenter will distribute only those written materials approved and supplied by the Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA.
- 8) On the day of the presentation, dogs used for any part of the presentation will remain anonymous (including before and after the presentation).
- 9) Presenter shall try to utilize quality MAS specimens of different sexes, ages and sizes (that fall within the correct breed standard height range) and agree to aptly present all sizes as equal and without preference.
- 10) NO accomplishments, show wins, registered names OR kennels, owners or handler names shall be used to identify the dog(s) used in the presentation.
- 11) Presenters will not give their "personal opinions" or "personal preferences" nor deviate from the presentation "guidelines".

- 12) Presenter must document handling/exhibiting or ownership of the MAS breed for at least 2 years prior to the application.
- 13) Applicant must have attended at least one (1) Club-Approved Breed Seminar within the past two (2) years.
- 14) Applicant must have attended at least one (1) National Specialty within the past three (3) years.
- 15) Applicant must pass a Miniature American Shepherd "breed standard knowledge test" and a basic canine anatomy test.

Section "B" - GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. 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.
2. Must have thorough knowledge of the specific subject to be presented (such as herding instinct, breeding, health care, judges' education, etc.) including the ability to answer in a clear and correct way, all questions that may be asked concerning the subject.
3. Must agree to use only MASCUSA programs, outlines, and handout material as approved by the BSEC and the Board of Directors at any MASCUSA approved presentation.
4. Must be able to speak coherently and describe characteristics in specific terms using a positive style using correct canine terminology.
5. Must agree to conduct oneself ethically.
6. 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.
7. Must be willing to attend a training session if requested.
8. Must obtain the names and addresses of attendees at presentations or individuals tutored.