



MASCUSA Mentor Qualifications

Mentors should focus on breed type and function, avoid discussing wins or pedigrees, and maintain ethical standards, such as not exhibiting to a person they have mentored for at least six months. Mentee-mentor discussions must be conducted discreetly, away from exhibitors.

Individuals engaged in Parent Club mentoring may not exhibit to the judge/applicant for a period of four months after and the mentor may not show to the judge following approval of the breeds for four months after.

- Mentors must have a minimum of 12 years experience exhibiting or 12 years experience judging in that breed
- Mentor must be a MASCUSA member in good standing
- Use breed specific terminology from the AKC Miniature American Shepherd breed standard when making a reference to conformational/anatomical features.
- Mentor must have good communication skills.
- Mentor must dress appropriately (businesslike).
- Mentor and any apprentices/helpers must turn off their phones during the entire ring side mentoring or tutoring.
- NO accomplishments, show wins, registered names OR kennels, owners or handler names shall be used to identify the dog(s) used in the ring side mentoring.
- Mentors will not give their "personal opinions" or "personal preferences".
- 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.

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- Mentor must supply a copy of all forms signed and send to the JEC within 2 weeks.
- Mentors should take ownership in your breed. When you sign a form for a prospective judge for a ringside observation, you are verifying that the experience occurred as described. If it did not, do not sign the form. If the individual displayed conceptual challenges and/or difficulties, state it on the form.