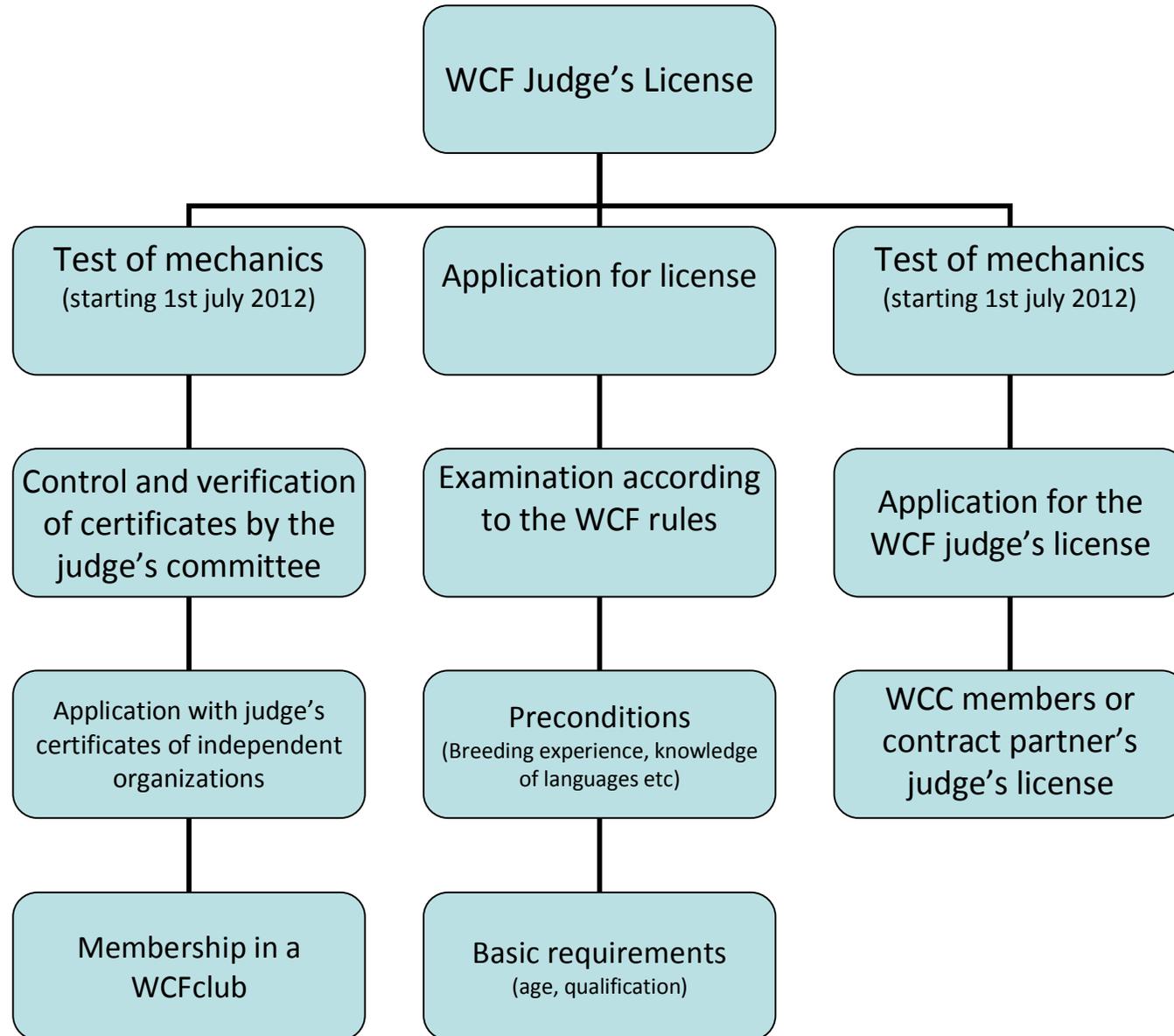


The Judges education in WCF





Basic requirements

Rules for stewarding as qualification for the admission to the judge's examination

- 🌐 The applicant will have completed over a period of at least two years ten assignments as a steward at national or international shows at home and abroad. He must have a valid tetanus vaccination.
- 🌐 The work of a the steward is certified in form of steward certificates, which contain information on the cat breeds which have been carried each time as well as the aptitude for this job. The certificate will be signed by the judge to whom the candidate was assigned as a steward. Merely carrying notes with numbers does not entitle to a steward's certificate.

During his activity as a steward the applicant is to help the judge in accordance with the following rules.

- 🌐 He has to wear a steward coat or shirt and has to provide of a careful disinfection of the table of the judge, the cages, his coat and his hands. He must take the cat correctly out of the cage.
- 🌐 He is not allowed to leave the judge before the end of the judging and has to be available for the Best in Show.
- 🌐 He is not allowed to give any comment, whether it is his opinion of the carried cat or its identity.
- 🌐 He is not allowed to inform the exhibitors of the judgment but for the case when the judge allows it expressly and/or his translation is required.
- 🌐 He must inform the Chief Steward if a cat is absent.
- 🌐 He is never allowed to present his own cat to the judge. In this case a replacement steward has to be appointed by the organizer.
- 🌐 The steward has to be at least 16 years old at the beginning of his activities.

Preconditions for the activity as pupil judge

1. Breeding experience

The applicant must have had breeding practice for at least 2 years by the time of the beginning of his activity as a judge's pupil.

2. Knowledge of languages

The official languages for writing judging reports, of training seminars and international conferences are German, English and French.

The applicant must, have knowledge of at least one of the official judging languages, including spelling, grammar and punctuation skills, apart from his native language.

3. Membership in a WCF-club

At the beginning of his activity as a judge's pupil the applicant must have been a member of a WCF-club for at least 2 years without interruption.

4. Application for admission as student judge

To be admitted to the training the candidate has to write an application in a free form to the club whereof he is a member. He has to send in certificates about his activities as a steward, about his breeding practice and the proof of his membership in a WCF-club must be enclosed. The pupil judge has to name the category with which he wants to start his education. The groups are:



Longhair (LH)



Semi-longhair (SLH)



Shorthair (SH)



Siamese/Oriental Shorthair (SOSH)

- Simultaneous training in two hair categories is possible, however only in the combinations Longhair with Semi-Longhair and Shorthair with Siamese/OSH.
- The decision on the application should be sent to the applicant by his club at least 4 weeks after receipt. If the application is rejected, valid reasons have to be given. In this case the applicant should have the opportunity to give a repeat application to be admitted to the training.

5. Preliminary examination

- The applicant is admitted automatically to the preliminary examination for the career as a judge when he gets a positive decision on the application.
- The preliminary examination is theoretical and contains 25 written answers to the questions of the catalogue of the preliminary examination, of which 10 are of general nature and 15 refer to the chosen hair category.
- The selection of the questions for applicants for two hair categories contains also 10 questions of general nature as well as 15 questions to each hair category.
- The preliminary examination is held by the responsible body of the club whereof the applicant is a member.
- The preliminary examination lasts at most 60 (one hair category) or 90 (two hair categories) minutes. The examinee should have a separate place which he is not allowed to leave for the duration of the exam.
- The preliminary examination is to be regarded as passed if the examinee has answered at least 75 % of the questions correctly. The result of the theoretical exam has to be presented in writing, to the examinee on the same day and to the Chairperson of the Judges' Committee of the WCF within 4 weeks.
- The successfully passed preliminary examination entitles the applicant to start his activity as a judge's pupil. If the preliminary examination has not been passed, a single repeat attempt for the relevant hair category is possible.
- The official question catalogue for the preliminary examination, produced and published by the Judges' Committee, will be given to the applicant by his club on a written request so that he has enough time for preparation.

Examination rules for WCF judges

Preliminaries

- 🌐 The applying person must be a member of a WCF-club.
- 🌐 There may not be a disciplinary case pending or any disciplinary sanction against the applicant.
- 🌐 An examination after WCF regulations can only be held for a judge's pupil if there is a written confirmation of the Chairperson of the Judges' Committee. The letter presumes a correct application for the examination, including the date of the examination and the names of the examining judges.
- 🌐 The application should be sent to the office of WCF
- 🌐 Judges with WCF examinations conduct examinations only after WCF rules. Exceptions are possible only by permission of the office of WCF.
- 🌐 Judges with WCF examinations conduct examinations only for judge's pupils who on the date of the examination are full members of a WCF club.
- 🌐 WCF judges (judges having the WCF examination and/or licensed judges) judge at WCF shows exclusively according to WCF standard.
- 🌐 Licensed judges shall keep absolute loyalty to the WCF.
- 🌐 Licensed judges having a recognized non-WCF examination give examinations in WCF clubs only for WCF judge's pupils and only according to the WCF rules. The membership of the candidate in a WCF club is to be certified by the office of WCF.
- 🌐 Examination certificates, with all required documents attached, will be sent to the Chairman of the Judges's committee in order to confirm the regularity of the examination.
- 🌐 The Committee issues the certificate and the WCF license provided that the judge's pupil is a member of a WCF club and the examination has taken place according to the WCF rules.

Additional qualifications for judges

1. If a trained judge applies for an additional hair category, he has to work at international shows as a judge's pupil before he can take a further examination. Between the examinations in the categories LH/SLH, on the one hand, and SH/SOSH, on the other hand, a waiting period of at least 24 months is required.
2. If a judge takes an examination for an additional hair category, he is not allowed to officiate at the same time as a judge at the same show or perform other activities. This is also valid for two one-day-shows.
3. For an additional qualification (i.e. an examination for a further hair category) a period of training of no more than four years is valid as well.
4. In further WCF-examinations the 15 general questions are not applicable. In such cases the theoretical examination consists of 25 questions of the examined hair category. The time at the disposal of the examinee is 75 minutes.
5. For the number of judge's pupil certificates for the additional qualification of an international judge the following is valid:
 -  Longhair (LH): 15 certificates only in this category
 -  Semi-longhair (SLH): 20 certificates only in this category
 -  Shorthair (SH): 20 certificates only in this category
 -  Siamese/OSH: 10 certificates only in this category

How to become a licensed WCF judge?

Necessary documents for the first application

- 🌐 Completely filled out form application for the issue of a WCF Judge's License
- 🌐 The same form is to be used for the application as a WCF judge or licensed guest judge
- 🌐 The form has to be signed and stamped by the club in which the judge is a member.
- 🌐 You find the form in the download area "Infotheque"
- 🌐 A copy of the bank transmission, that the license fee was paid.
- 🌐 New judges who passed an examination in the WCF and who apply for the first time for a judge's license for a specific category do not have to pay a license fee. This applies to each category in which you have passed an examination.
- 🌐 Copy of the certificate of the examination for each hair category.
- 🌐 Passport picture

Where to send these documents?

To the chairman of the Judges' Commission. The actual chairman is published with address on wcf-online.de

Rights and duties of WCF judges

1. A WCF judge cannot be obliged to give a certificate (title), either by the organizing club or by other persons.
2. A WCF judge is not obliged to accept a judge's pupil at a show, but should give sound reasons for rejection. The assignment of more than one judge's pupil should be declined.
3. A WCF judge is only allowed to vote in the Best in Show for the cats of the categories he is licensed for.
4. A WCF judge is not allowed to award CACM and CAPM at other shows than those of WCF members.

Duration of validity of the licence!

- 🌐 The license is valid for a period of 3 years.
- 🌐 Also the renewal of a license is valid for a period of 3 years.

Judge's list of WCF-judges

- 🌐 You will be listed on the internet page of Judges, if your application is recognized and verified by the chairperson of the judge's commission and the board. Your coordinates with your full address, phone number, fax number, mobile number and email-address will be published.
- 🌐 There will be also listed the categories, for which you are entitled to judge, as well as the languages you speak. This information is taken from the application for the license.
- 🌐 Latest change of rules on last general assembly will be published 1st of July.

IMPORTANT

- 🌐 The renewal of the license is in your responsibility. You will not be notified that your license has expired.
- 🌐 If you apply for the renewal of your judge's license 3 months or more after the expiration of the license, you will be deleted from the judge's list and you will have to pay a higher fee for the late renewal.
- 🌐 You receive your license in form of a license-card, size like a ccredit card, including your passport picture.
- 🌐 At each renewal you will receive a new license-card.
- 🌐 The old license-card has to be returned.

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