

- Step #1 – Send appropriate fee to ABA Office
- Step #2 – An application will be sent to you if not already done
- Step #3 – Send completed application to ABA Office

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Policy on Judges Licensing as of March 1, 2013

LICENSES: There one type of license: General License (which includes Bantam Chickens and Ducks)

APPLICATION: Candidate must have been a member of the ABA in good standing for five consecutive years at the time of application, and be at least 21 years of age.

A non-refundable fee must be sent to the ABA Secretary. Secretary will then forward the application to the applicant. Applicant is to complete form and send it back to the Secretary of the ABA.

FEES: General License \$300.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: The two-year stewardship program includes stewarding or clerking at a minimum of eight different shows under eight different licensed ABA judges. Each candidate will send their completed forms to the chairman. The applicant must take his/her examination within one year of the end of the two year stewardship program. An extension of one year may be applied for by writing the Chairman of Judges Licensing Committee and approval by at least two members of the committee. The committee will have the final decision in granting the extension. The candidate must successfully complete the exam. If the candidate fails the exam three times, he/she will be dropped from the program and barred from re-entering for a period of five years. This may be waived by unanimous approval of the committee and the President and Vice-President.

EXAMINATIONS: After successful completion of the stewardship program, the applicant will have one year to take the showroom practical examination and written examination under a licensed ABA judge who has been licensed for at least five years. The examining judge will be appointed by Chairman of the Licensing Committee. The examining judge will report his confidential findings when returning the written examination for grading and will be paid \$30.00.

Passing grade for the showroom examination is 90% and for the written examination is 80%. Should the applicant fail any of the examinations, he or she must retake the examination within 6-12 months, and paying a refilling fee of \$150. Examining Judge is paid to give exams as per above.

An applicant who has passed both the showroom and the written examinations will be issued a license number by the ABA Secretary. Grades are not sent to the candidate. Effective March, 2005, all newly licensed judges are required to participate in the Judge's Continuing Education Program.

Candidates who do not take the written exam within two years after being eligible to take it, will be dropped from the program. They may be re-admitted after completing a new application, payment of the general license fee (\$300) and approval of all three members of the committee.

MISCELLANEOUS: Any licensed ABA judge in arrears of annual dues for 90 days or more will have his or her license revoked. To be reinstated, the judge must pay up the dues and a fine of \$25.00. If the ABA judge fails to renew before a year has elapsed, a new written exam based on the current BANTAM STANDARD and the fee for taking exam will be the same as those for retake, with the examining judge paid \$30.

Should a General Licensed APA judge wish an ABA judging license, all provisions listed earlier must be met except for the 2 year stewardship program. The APA judge in question must be a member of the ABA for five consecutive years and have been licensed for at least two years.

Any Licensed Canadian judge wishing an ABA judging license, all provisions listed earlier must be met except for the stewardship program. The Licensed Canadian judge in question must be a member of the ABA for five consecutive years and have been licensed for at least two years.

All tests given will be based on the latest edition of the Bantam Standard. All judges are required to have the latest Bantam Standard.

Effective March 1, 2013