



# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE - FIFe

## Explanation of and short guidelines for Mentor Judges

At the 2008 GA in Poprad, the proposal of the FIFe JSC to formalise the concept of Mentor Judge within FIFe was accepted. From 01.01.09, all first category student judges will be required to have a Mentor Judge.

Articles 3.9 and 2.1.7 of the 2013 FIFe Judges Rules are applicable.

It is not mandatory for an International FIFe Judge to be a Mentor Judge; this is a voluntary position/activity if you should wish to contribute to the training of student judges within FIFe.

Judges who are appointed by FIFe in more than one category may not wish to be a mentor in all appointed categories. You should only choose the category (-ies) in which you wish to be a mentor. Of course if you wish to change this at a later date, this will be possible.

The following is a list of areas, identified by the FIFe JSC, where FIFe Mentor Judges can be active in helping first category student judges in their studies to become FIFe Judges.

- To monitor the progress of the student judge to ensure that they maintain a suitable level of activity and knowledge, taking the student's personal circumstances into account.
- To monitor the activities of the student judge and provide guidance for future activity based on students certificates received if necessary.
- To provide guidance to the student as to where to obtain experience, especially with breeds where numbers and/or geographical location are limited, and to recommend instructing judges where appropriate.
- To provide assistance to student judges in obtaining student positions by liaising with organising clubs and/or instructing judges if necessary.
- To advise the student judges regarding student assignments if necessary. This advice could cover travel, accommodation and other practical aspects.
- To monitor and advise the student judge regarding other aspects of the judge training scheme such as compulsory student seminars, judge's seminars, midstream assessments etc.
- To provide advice and guidance to the student judges regarding any questions they might have regarding breeds, standards or rules etc.
- To provide assistance to the student judge in matters pertaining to the final judge's exam.

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