AKC Sportsmanship Award Application

Applicant Name:
In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Program was established in 2006 to provide each AKC Member Club with an embossed AKC medallion to award on a yearly basis. This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the Sport of Purebred Dogs, embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC Member Club.
FLCA members who meet the criteria below can be nominated by another club member or can self-nominate. Please describe how each of the following criteria have been met by the applicant. (Prior recipients are not eligible to apply.)
FLCA Membership. The applicant is currently a FLCA member in good standing and has been a FLCA member for 3 or more continuous years. • Membership Type: • Membership Join Date:
AKC Club Support. In the past 3 years, the applicant has served on a FLCA Committee, OR The applicant has volunteered to support a FLCA National Specialty, Regional Specialty, or their local AKC club's show or trial event.
FLCA Volunteer Activities:
Other AKC Club Activities:

Sports and Activities. In the past 3 years, the applicant has actively competed in conformation, performance, or companion sports, **OR** The applicant has helped to create a deeper sense of pride in the fancy by volunteering to train or mentor others. Examples include teaching dog classes, guiding 4-H participants or juniors, mentoring new competitors or breeders, or evaluating or judging at club events.

Competition Activition	es:
 Training or Mentoring 	ng Activities:
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Signature:	Date:
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ATC Review By:	Date:
Approved:	Not Approved:
(Approved March 2024)	

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- · The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- · Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

