

Junior Showmanship Judging Checklist

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YES	NO	Personal Appearance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Neat, tidy, clean and pressed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Color of outfit is appropriate for the breed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Skirts and pants not too tight.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Shoes allow handler to move dog freely (No high tops, clogs, high heels).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Girl's skirt is long enough to bend over without being revealing; and girl's tops are long enough to not reveal stomach or cleavage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Boy's shirts are tucked in trousers; Tie or bowtie preferred.
Presentation of the Dog		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Dog groomed and trimmed consistent with breed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Grooming in ring is not excessive or detracting
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Handler shows dog in a breed specific way
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Handler shows dog to best advantage. Do not point out strengths to the judge. Good judges are insulted by such strategies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Dog is responsive to the handler; and handler is responsive to dog
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Handler is in control of dog -- but not excessively firm
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Handler stays calm if dog acts up.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Dog's faults are minimized by handler.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Dog and handler appear to work as a team
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Handler does not "grand stand."
Knowledge of Ring Procedure		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Handler's focus is on the dog more than on the judge
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Handler does not smile excessively at judge
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Handler follows judge's directions
Stacking the Dog		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Per AKC rules, handler does not stack the dog until told to do so by the judge.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Dog's feet appropriately placed. Facing front. Straight
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Rear extension of dog not too great or too little.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Handler stands or kneels so as to not detract from the dog.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Lead is appropriately held. For small breeds, it is folded up into palm of hand.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Handler takes his or her time so as position dog to best advantage
Moving the Dog		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Handler does not distract or interfere with judge's vision of the dog
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Handler moves dog at the correct pace for the breed -- even if other handlers move faster or slower
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Handler stops dog as directed—not too far away from judge.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Handler uses space wisely. Does not crowd or upstage other handlers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Handler executes pattern correctly
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Handler keeps dog on the mats
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Handler is prepared for changes in pattern. Does not have to be told.