



THE KENNEL CLUB

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CODE OF BEST PRACTICE FOR THE SELECTION OF JUDGES

3. Nomination of Judges Resident Overseas to Award Challenge Certificates for the First Time and/or Judge Groups, Sub-groups and Best in Show

3.1 When selecting judges from overseas and before an invitation is issued, the club/society Committee must be satisfied that the judge is competent and has sufficient knowledge and experience to undertake the appointment.

3.2 The Kennel Club will accept nominations (electronically) for FCI International Judges resident in FCI member countries to award Challenge Certificates to a breed or breeds for the first time without requesting completion of a questionnaire subject to the following criteria being satisfied: -

- 3.2.1 The nominating society accepts full responsibility and accountability for ensuring the eligibility and verifying the status of judges so nominated.
- 3.2.2 Judges so nominated must have previously awarded CACIBs to the relevant breed(s) in their country of residence and countries other than their own for a minimum period of 5 years prior to their first UK appointment for the breed(s).
- 3.2.3 Judges so nominated must be included in the FCI list of International Judges at the time the invitation is issued. <http://www.fci-judge.org/FciJudge/>
- 3.2.4 All such nominations are subject to approval by the Kennel Club's Board

3.3 Judges who are resident overseas and are not included on the FCI list of International Judges for the relevant breed(s) are required to complete the relevant Kennel Club Questionnaire.

3.4 Judges who are resident overseas and who have not previously been approved to judge Groups, Sub-groups and/or Best in Show at championship shows held in the UK are required to complete the relevant Kennel Club Questionnaire(s) for approval to carry out such appointments for the first time.

3.5 At a General or Group Championship Show the number of overseas¹ judges nominated to award Challenge Certificates and/or judge Groups and Best in Show must not exceed 20% of the total number of judges² appointed.

3.6 The nominating society will be held responsible for the performance of its overseas judges. Should a pattern of poorly performing overseas judges emerge at any particular show or shows the organising society will be asked to explain and mitigate the observed pattern which may be taken into consideration when determining the renewal of championship show status.

3.7 The nominating club/society must ensure that overseas judges are properly briefed on UK judging procedures. (Code of Best Practice for Judges and Ring Stewards refers)

***Policy for the Selection of FCI International Judges under the 2017 Agreement**

3.8 ALL judges resident in FCI member countries invited to award Challenge Certificates and/or to judge Groups, Sub-groups and/or Best in Show at championship shows held in the UK, whose nominations are received by the Kennel Club on or after 1 May 2017 must complete the Kennel Club/FCI judges contract. The contract must be sent to the Kennel Club, preferably electronically at the time of submitting the nomination and should be issued as part of show society's judging contract procedure.

4. Evaluation of judges

4.1 All judges, resident either in the UK or overseas, who are approved to award Challenge Certificates to a breed for the first time may be subject to evaluation, by a Kennel Club approved evaluator when carrying out the appointment. Approval for subsequent appointments to award Challenge Certificates for the same breed will be subject both to the outcome of said evaluation and the proviso that the judge remains in good standing.

¹ Overseas Judges refers to any judge who is not a UK resident.

²The total is calculated from the number of individual judges invited for all separately classified breeds (CC and non CC), Stakes/Variety Classes, Groups and Best in Show. Where a judge is invited to judge for more than one breed/appointment that judge need only be counted once.

4.2 Those Societies which nominate FCI International Judges are also responsible for appointing a suitably qualified Evaluator, if required, and for paying their expenses. The nominating society should offer a minimum of 25p per mile or offer to pay full petrol costs on the production of a receipt.

4.3 FCI International Judges nominated under the 2017 agreement must be evaluated on the first occasion that they judge in the UK for any breeds they are judging, and at subsequent appointments if required by the Board.

4.3 Evaluators for FCI International Judges awarding Challenge Certificates to a breed for the first time must themselves have awarded Challenge Certificates to the breed on at least three occasions, or have judged the group relevant to the breed being evaluated at a championship show