

Judges Competency Framework

Summary of recommendations affecting Breed Clubs and General Canine Societies

Breed Club Activity	
1.	Change focus of club Judges Sub-Committee from overseeing the club's judging lists to focus on providing Breed Appreciation Days and subsequent Multiple-choice Breed Standard Exam (subject to demand), overseeing mentoring and observations of judges.
2.	Breed Club Judges lists will no longer be necessary from 1 January 2022 as the KC will hold a central list accessed through Find A Judge. Clubs may wish to retain their Honorary A list/Roll of Honour. Kennel Club Academy membership will not be required from 1 January 2022 for someone acting as a referee. Breed clubs can appoint anyone who has previously awarded CCs in the breed to undertake this role and Kennel Club nomination will not be formally required. This applies to referees only and not judges appointed to award BIS at breed, group, or sub-group shows (ie not variety breeds such as Dachshund, Poodle etc). Judges will transfer to the relevant level within JCF via their personal KC Academy page and their new status will be published on 'Find A Judge'
3.	KC would prefer that each breed establishes one group to oversee its contribution to the JCF requirements. Appointment of Breed Education Co-ordinator, one per breed preferably. Point of contact for KC and to ensure regular Breed Appreciation Day seminars are held and to facilitate the Multiple-choice Breed Standard Exam. Breeds with more than one club are encouraged to work together to provide this education at least once every two years from 1 January 2019, with all clubs undertaking this. Co-ordinate mentoring programme and observations.
4.	To develop a Breed Appreciation Day and Multiple-choice Breed Standard Exam for Level 1 Judges wishing to become a Level 2 judge in their breed. Content to be in accordance with Kennel Club Code of Best Practice. The Kennel Club will provide advice on compiling a Multiple-choice Breed Standard Exam. Breeds with more than one club should work together to provide this education at least once every two years from 1 January 2019.
5.	Responsibility for Mentoring Programme and oversight of Judging observations. Appointment of Mentors and Observers. Role descriptions for mentors and observers will be provided by the Kennel Club. Planning Mentoring Days and managing one to one mentoring. The Kennel Club will provide a guide to organising mentoring days and other mentoring opportunities. Identifying observations opportunities and appointment of observers. Breeds with more than one club should work together to agree a list of mentors and observers.
6.	Whilst the Kennel Club will be organising the Level 3 Breed Competence Assessments, the breed clubs will assist the Kennel Club in running these.
7.	Breed Education Co-ordinator to appoint observers and to use breed shows as a mentoring opportunity.
8.	Use Find a Judge to select judges, as breed club Judges Lists are redundant from 1 January 2022 when only judges featured on Find a Judge are eligible to be invited dependent on their status.
9.	Promote supported entry shows, work with general canine societies – further opportunities for mentoring and observation.
10.	When inviting judges to judge at shows check to ensure they are eligible to judge the breed and number of classes.
11.	Facilitate Observation and Mentoring opportunities.

12.	<p>From 1 January 2019 no person should be appointed who has never judged before, unless they have undertaken the new Kennel Club mandatory requirements. All aspiring judges must have completed the introductory education and training. Anyone hoping to judge for the first time in 2019, and those with some judging experience but not yet on a breed club B list, should now work towards meeting all of the Level 1 requirements</p> <p>Non CC Classes at championship shows, any number of classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Level 2 status under JCF or • On a breed club B List or above for the relevant breed(s). <p>Limited general and group shows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3(5) classes of a breed – approved Level 1 status under JCF • More than 3(5) classes of a breed – approved Level 2 status under JCF or on a breed club B List or above for the relevant breed(s) • Stakes/variety classes, groups and best in show – to have achieved Level 2 status in any breed. <p>Breed club shows – open and limited, any number of classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Level 2 status under JCF or • On a breed club B list or above for the relevant breed(s). <p>Open general and group canine society shows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3(5) classes – approved Level 1 status under JCF • More than 3(5) classes – approved Level 2 status under JCF or on a breed club B List or above for the relevant breed(s) • Stakes/variety classes, groups and best in show – approved Level 4 status under JCF (ie previously approved to award Challenge Certificates) for at least one breed.
13.	Offer breed club supported entry at open shows.
14.	Where appropriate offer facilities for judges education seminars.
15.	Be aware at show there may be a range of breeds/judges being mentored/observed and assist where necessary.
16.	To note that in some cases a student judge may be in the ring. Show organisers will be made aware in advance, and their permission sought, if this is the case and exhibitors should be told at the show.

Timetable

With effect from 1 January 2019 no new judge will be eligible to start judging at licensed shows until level 1 status has been achieved. All those who have judged prior to 1 January 2019 will transition to their new level, assume their new judging privileges and have until 1 January 2022 to complete all the relevant criteria at their new level to continue to judge at licensed shows from this date.