Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows)

Kennel Club Breed Education Co-ordinator (BEC)

What is the purpose of a Breed Education Co-ordinator (BEC)?

A Breed Education Co-ordinator (known as the BEC) is an administrative role to co-ordinate all points of breed specific education and support for judges up to CC awarding level. This co-ordinating role is held on behalf of the breed clubs in order to support the breed clubs’ obligations under the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) for the education and training of judges.

The BEC is, therefore, someone who will work with breed clubs/breed council to assist and monitor Level 1 – 3 judges who wish to progress through the breed specific judging levels with the purpose of helping the judge to identify opportunities for them to enhance their knowledge of the breed right through to achieving Level 4.

It may be in some breeds that have large numbers of breed clubs that each breed club might wish to appoint a representative with the sole purpose of liaising with the BEC. This will ensure that all breed clubs are involved as well as creating balance in the distribution of workload. Breeds will develop a model of working that suits them.

The BEC’s role is not intended to remove the responsibility for a judge’s education process from a breed club/breed council. The BEC is a key co-ordinating role on behalf of the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) for the education and training of judges.

Who can be a Breed Education Co-ordinator?

- Someone with good administration skills, including spreadsheets, reports and a familiarity with computers would be advantageous
- They do not necessarily need to already award CCs in that breed or actively judge the breed
- They do not necessarily need to be a current or previous breed club committee member
- The BEC does not necessarily have to be someone from within the breed, as this is a co-ordination role.
- Someone who is personable and approachable, who will be able to create a good rapport with both judges and member of the relevant breed clubs/councils
- Please note: The Kennel Club appreciates that in numerically small breeds the BEC could act as either a Mentor or Observer, in addition to the role of BEC, with the permission of the Kennel Club and breed clubs, but not all 3 roles

What are the responsibilities of a Breed Education Co-ordinator (BEC)?

- To identify the need for educational opportunities
- To forward plan the breed’s education and training needs to ensure an effective process
- To assist breed clubs in co-ordinating Breed Appreciation Days
- To develop the Multiple-choice Breed Standard Exams for use at Breed Appreciation Days in line with Kennel Club guidance
- To arrange the delivery of the Multiple-choice Breed Standard Exam to breed clubs/councils hosting Breed Appreciation Days
- To identify through breed clubs/breed councils and assist in the recruitment of Mentors within the breed
- To facilitate the mentoring process
- Arrange initial introduction of the Mentor to the Mentee as and when required, and to monitor the mentoring process
- To identify through breed clubs/breed councils and assist in the recruitment of Observers to observe judges when required
- To arrange for judges to be observed at the appropriate time/show To assist the Kennel Club with the delivery of Breed Specific Assessments as required
- To encourage breed clubs/breed council to actively promote breed supported entry shows
- To update the Kennel Club with details of all educational activity within the breed, upon request via an annual return form
- To provide reports to breed clubs/breed councils upon request
- To collate and maintain records received from breed clubs/councils and judges to give an accurate record of the breed’s education of judges
- To keep up-to-date, accurate and confidential records of all contacts made and subsequent actions taken
- Please note: any work/material is created during the tenure of being the BEC, to assign all copyright to the breed clubs/council commissioning the work
- To comply with Data Protection legislation in place (or as amended from time to time) and forward all documentation and personal data held to the relevant breed club(s) as appropriate when the position of BEC is relinquished