

Obedience - Listed Status - Questions & Answers

Background

1) Why are the KC bringing in Listed Status for Obedience?

Following on from the successful implementation of Listed Status for Rally and Agility it was considered that the format would also be of benefit to other Kennel Club disciplines. Listed Status allows those who do not want to undergo the full requirements of running a Registered society to run Kennel Club licenced shows. Previously many unaffiliated clubs and groups 'borrowed' licences from registered clubs to run shows, however there was little recourse for competitors should something happen. In general the KC would prefer a show to be licenced, than not. This safeguards and provides support to all those involved at a show, whether they are competing, organising or judging. To address this issue, and ensure that fully registered clubs have their profits rightfully returned to their club, members and facilities, as of 1 January 2014 a regulation was introduced to preclude KC registered clubs from "selling" licenses to other clubs or groups.

Listed Status Clubs Explained

2) Who can apply to have a Listed Status Club?

Any club, group or individual.

3) Why should I/We become a Listed Status Club?

- Clubs will be associated with the Kennel Club brand.
- Publicity through the Kennel Club database, enquiries and website.
- Minimal club administration i.e. no need to submit annual accounts, list of club members, or have a committee structure.
- Access to Kennel Club services and free advice from the office.
- Compliance to the Kennel Club's Obedience Code of Conduct as well as the Kennel Club Code of Conduct.
- Eligibility to hold "Limited shows" and "Open shows".
- An annual certificate of being a Listed Status Club.

4) What do you need to do to become a Listed Status Club for training purposes only?

- A statement outlining the club's commitment to canine welfare which is to be signed and dated by the applicant.
- Third party liability insurance, a copy of the certificate to be submitted to the KC.
- First Aid provisions, in line with the size and number of expected attendees.
- Two supporting references; the first letter confirming the applicant(s) training experience written and signed by an experienced dog trainer i.e. Kennel Club Championship Obedience Judge, Kennel Club Obedience Accredited Trainer/Instructor. The second letter must be submitted by a local Dog Warden/Environmental Health Officer to confirm the safety and suitability of the premises/ground(s) being used for the purposes of dog training.
- Joining fee.
- Completed Application form including Direct Debit mandate for renewal fee.

5) What do you need to do to become a Listed Status Club in order to hold KC licensed Obedience shows?

- A statement outlining the club's commitment to canine welfare which is to be signed and dated by the applicant.
- Third party liability insurance, a copy of the certificate to be submitted to the KC.
- First Aid provisions, in line with the size and number of expected attendees
- A show management profile and risk assessment to show evidence of suitability to hold a Kennel Club licensed show.
- A reference from an experienced/established committee member from a fully registered club that holds an Obedience show.
- Joining fee.
- Completed Application form including Direct Debit mandate for renewal fee.

6) What do you need to do to become a Listed Status Club for training purposes AND be able to hold KC licensed agility shows?

- A statement outlining the club's commitment to canine welfare which is to be signed and dated by the applicant.
- Third party liability insurance, a copy of the certificate to be submitted to the KC.
- First Aid provisions, in line with the size and number of expected attendees.
- Two supporting references; the first letter confirming the applicant(s) training experience written and signed by an experienced dog trainer i.e. Kennel Club Championship Obedience Judge, Kennel Club Obedience Accredited Trainer/Instructor. The second letter must be submitted by a local Dog Warden/Environmental Health Officer to confirm the safety and suitability of the premises/ground(s) being used for the purposes of dog training.
- A show management profile and risk assessment to show evidence of suitability to hold a Kennel Club licensed show.
- A reference from an experienced/established committee member from a fully registered club that holds an Obedience show.
- Joining fee.
- Completed Application form including Direct Debit mandate for renewal fee.

7) Do you need a Committee structure?

No.

8) Will the Kennel Club reduce its governance of fully registered clubs as a result?

No, the KC is of the view that the current stipulations are the minimum necessary requirement to safeguard a club's membership.

9) What are the costs involved?

- Initial enrolment / Joining fee: £90

Type of Show	Registered Club/Society	Listed Status Club
Limited	£10	£25
Open	£35	£60
Premier	£45	N/A
Championship	£60	N/A

10) Why are shows that hold Kennel Club qualifiers called "Premier"?

A similar "Premier" type of show already exists in showing and Agility and it would be in keeping with the current range of shows the Kennel Club has to offer.

11) How can payment be made for becoming a Listed Status Club and for annual renewal?

Through Debit / Credit card or cheque initially, but payment for annual renewal would be by Direct Debit only.

13) What needs to be submitted on an annual basis to the Kennel Club?

- A statement outlining the club's commitment to canine welfare which is to be signed and dated by the applicant.
- A copy of the third party liability insurance certificate.
- Renewal fee (payable by Direct Debit).

14) When is the annual renewal date for submissions and payment?

Each year from the date the Listed Status Club was registered.

15) Will I/We be inspected by the Kennel Club?

The reference submitted by a local Dog Warden/Environmental Health Officer to confirm the safety and suitability of the premises/ground(s) being used for the purposes of dog training, will be the only inspection of the training venue. If you plan to hold a show, Field Officers will be sent as is the standard procedure for all KC licensed shows.

16) There will be 4 different types Obedience shows, what do these entail and what are the differences?

CHAMPIONSHIP OBEDIENCE SHOWS

The most prestigious show offered by KC clubs with the highest standards expected, no different to the Championship shows currently taking place. *Societies running Championship shows will be fully registered organisations only.*

PREMIER OBEDIENCE SHOWS

This is a level of shows that have qualifying heats for any of the KC major events. This could be for Crufts or any future KC qualifying event.

Societies running Premier Shows will be fully registered organisations only.

OPEN OBEDIENCE SHOWS

Open shows can have any number of standard or special classes, except for qualifying heats for KC competitions.

Societies running Open Obedience Shows will be fully registered organisations OR the new Listed Status Club.

LIMITED OBEDIENCE SHOWS

Limited shows can have their entries restricted by the following conditions at the societies choice: entries from members of the society only, competitors from within a specific area only, entries from specific breeds only, a defined number of entries or by other conditions subject to approval by the General Committee of the Kennel Club.

Societies running Limited Obedience Shows will be fully registered organisations OR the new Listed Status Club.

17) What shows can Listed Status Clubs hold?

- Open Shows
- Limited Shows

18) What shows can a fully registered club hold?

- Championship Shows
- Premier Shows
- Open Shows
- Limited Shows

19) Will there be a specimen schedules to cover each type of show?

Yes and these will be available from the KC website.

20) How many guarantors need to be present at a Listed Status Club show?

The minimum requirement will be the one person as named on the licence.

Show Management

21) Is there a limit on the number of shows a Listed Status Club or Fully Registered club may hold?

No, but if there is a significant detrimental effect on the show calendar as a whole, then the General Committee will reserve the right to review the number of licenses issued to a particular show organiser.

22) Will the Kennel Club continue to manage show date clashes?

Yes, clubs will still be able to register objections to shows which are to be held within 100 miles by road of their own show. Objections will not be upheld if the clubs involved agree to the clash of show date.

23) Will the Kennel Club regulate the cost of entry fees?

No, the KC has never regulated the cost of entry fees.

24) How do we manage entry forms?

Specimen entry forms will be available from the KC website. Entry forms must be completed for all dogs entered. They must be retained by the show organisers for 12 months from the date of the show and forwarded to the KC on request.

25) Limited & Open Shows; when is the closing date and can entries be accepted on the day of the show?

The closing date for entries to classes at shows must be at least 14 days before the date of the show. Entries from competitors claiming that missing entries have been correctly posted must be accepted on the day of the Show as per the G Regulations.

This document will be available on the KC website and we will add replies to queries received after its publication.