

JUDGES COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK EXPLAINED

BREED CLUB DUTIES

1. Appoint a Breed Education Coordinator (BEC)

Ideally one per breed but if clubs do not agree they can each have own.

This is an administration role and therefore the BEC does not need to be a Judge of the breed, they do need to understand the judging process.

The BEC will have an access portal to relevant sections of the Academy free of charge.

2. Provide a list of Mentors

Each breed/club to submit a list via the BEC to the Kennel Club.

Mentors should be individuals who have proved a good understanding of the breed and the breed standard. This can include long standing successful breeders & exhibitors that do not judge. And both specialist and non-specialist Judges, current and retired.

Mentoring can be arranged at shows by ringside, at shows as a student judge and at seminars. More than one judge can be mentored by one mentor at a time. A meaningful number of dogs of the breed must be present.

Mentors can exhibit at the show as long as enough time is dedicated to the judge.

Clubs are responsible for paying any fees required. KC recommend use of local mentors and those interested in attending the shows and therefore will hopefully not require a fee.

3. Provide a list of Observers

Each breed/club to submit a list via the BEC to the KC.

Observers should be senior judges of the breed.

Observations to be carried out at Breed Club Shows or Club Supported shows. A meaningful number of dogs of the breed must be present.

Clubs are responsible for paying any fees required.

4. Hold Breed Appreciation Days

BEC to coordinate with clubs to hold a minimum of 1 seminar every 2 years or as demand requires. Seminar must include a multiple choice written exam on the breed standard.

5. Assist KC with Level 3 Breed Assessments

Assessment days will be organised by the KC as and when demand requires.

Clubs to help with the provision of dogs and handlers.

Clubs to nominate 2 breed specialist assessors. The KC will nominate 2 non-specialists.

6. Sponsor & promote Supported Entry Shows

Support a minimum of 2 supported entry shows per year.

Provide a short list of Judges for the hosting society to select from.

Help with advertising and promotion of show and judge.

Suggested support – Provide Rosettes, Special Prizes, Prize Money, Judges expenses.

No restriction on number of classes, suitable number to be suggested to encourage entries and valuable hand on experience for the judge.

KENNEL CLUB ACADEMY (KCA) & JUDGING LEVELS EXPLAINED

From 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2021

Judges for Open and Limited shows, with a maximum number of 3 breed classes + 1 breed puppy class, must be on either level 1 or above on the KCA or on a breed club B or A list.

Judges for Open, Limited and Championship Shows (without CC's), with more than 3 breed classes, must be on either level 2 or above on the KCA or on a breed club B or A3 list.

CC judges must be either on level 4 for the breed on the KCA or on a breed Club A2/A1 list.

From 1st January 2022

All judges for KC licensed events must be members of the KCA and on the appropriate level.

Current fee for joining the academy £26 per annum. To be reviewed by the KC as scheme progresses.

Individual judges are responsible for keeping their profiles on the KCA up to date.

General information

Academy fees are for the continuing management of the system, these will be reviewed once a better idea of numbers of judges are known.

From 2019 Judges for Special Award Classes must be a Level 1 member, preferably Level 2. These classes can be used for Observation, but only if a meaningful number of dogs are present.

Overseas judges will be observed at first appointment in the UK but do not need to fulfil the JCF requirements.

KENNEL CLUB ACADEMY JUDGING LEVELS

Entry Level - NO JUDGING ALLOWED

Member of the KCA.

Have access to all the educational resource available on the KCA.

Level 1 – Aspiring Judge

Completed and passed the three KC seminars and recorded details on KCA profile;

Regulations of a Dog Show Judge (RDSJ), Conformation & Movement and Points of the Dog.

Completed 4 full days stewarding at KC shows

Allowed to judge up to 3 (5 for stud book band E breeds) classes plus a puppy class of any breed at Open or Limited shows.

Levels 2-4 are to be achieved on a specific breed by breed basis. i.e. you need to complete all requirements at each level in each breed you wish to judge at that level.

Level 2 – Breed Specific non CC judge

Attended a Breed Appreciation Day and passed a written multiple choice exam on the breed standard.

Undertaken a KC Critique writing seminar.

Ensure the RDSJ seminar is up to date, must be taken & passed every 5 years (can be done online).

Allowed to judge unlimited number of classes of the breed at Open, Limited and Championship shows without CCs and up to 3 (5 for stud book band E breeds) classes plus a puppy class of any other breed at Open or Limited shows.

Level 3 – Breed Specific non CC Judge waiting assessment.

Have had 3 individual positive mentoring sessions with 3 different mentors.

Have a positive report from an Observer, from being observed judging a meaningful number of dogs at either a Breed Club Open Show, Special Award Classes or a Breed Club supported entry show.

All the above to be arranged via the Breed Education Coordinator (BEC).

Taken the KC 'An Eye For A Dog' seminar.

Ensure the RDSJ seminar is up to date, must be taken & passed every 5 years (can be done online).

Attended a Field Trial for appropriate breeds.

To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances).

Allowed to judge unlimited number of classes of the breed at Open, Limited and Championship shows without CCs and up to 3 (5 for stud book band E breeds) classes plus a puppy class of any other breed at Open or Limited shows.

Level 4 – Breed Specific CC Judge

Attended and passed KC assessment day.

Ensure the RDSJ seminar is up to date, must be taken & passed every 5 years (can be done online).

Allowed to Judge the breed at CC level and up to 3 (5 for stud book band E breeds) classes plus a puppy class of any other breed at Open or Limited shows.