

JUDGES COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK EXPLAINED

KENNEL CLUB ACADEMY (KCA) & JUDGING LEVELS

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 a Kennel Club Critique writing seminar.

Completed 6 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.

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.

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.

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.

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING DURING THE JCF TRANSITION PERIOD?

Non-breed specialist (Based upon the SBFBA judges list criteria)

Do you have seven years or more judging experience?

Yes



Start JCF

No



process

Do you award CC's in another breed?

Yes



Start JCF

No



process

Have you attended and passed 1 breed specific seminar and judging exam or assessment run in accordance with the KC code of practice?

Yes



Start JCF

No



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process

Have you owned and or bred a minimum of three dogs when they qualified for 1st entry into the KC stud book?

Yes



No



You will not be eligible to move from either the old B list or progress to level 3 under the JCF scheme.

Have you attended and passed the KC requirements of a Dog Show Judges.

Attended and passed the KC points of a dog assessment.

Attended and passed a KC conformation and movement seminar.

Completed and passed the KC Academy on line critique seminar.



Yes

No

You need to complete



You need to complete these to progress to Level one or move from the B list

Have you judged 50 dogs of this breed?

Yes



Follow the JCF process

No.



Contact the breed clubs secretary and ask to be assessed for the A2 list.

THE ROLE OF THE BREED EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR (BEC)

A Breed Education Co-ordinator (BEC) is an administrative role to co-ordinate all points of breed specific education and support for judges. This co-ordinating role is held on behalf of the breed clubs in order to support the breed club obligations under the Judges Competency Framework (JCF) for the education and training of judges.

The BEC will contribute to providing the necessary training opportunities for the judge to progress. They are the point of contact between the judge, breed club and KC and hold an administrative position to co-ordinate all of the educational and judges development opportunities on behalf of the breed clubs.

The BEC will be your point of contact if you require mentoring or observation as part of JCF level 2 or 3. Following the mentoring session, you will be required to fill in an evaluation form on your experience that is to be returned to them.

Any queries you have about the JCF process should be directed to the Clumber Spaniels current BEC at lynn@oakingtons.com