

# THE ENGLISH SETTER CLUBS' JOINT JUDGING COMMITTEE

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Dear Judge,

## English Setter 'B' and 'C' Judging Lists

I am writing to you, as the Breed Education Co-ordinator (BEC) for English Setters because you are on the joint breed club's 'B' or 'C' judging lists.

The system for educating judges in the UK is changing from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The new system is called the Judges Competency Framework (JCF).

In the present judging system we have C, B, A3, A2 and A1 judging lists, and under the new JCF system these will be replaced by Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 listings. More details can be found at [www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jcf](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jcf)

Some of the new judging systems and processes are either now in place to support the JCF (including the role of the BEC) or, will be coming into place between now and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. This '**transition period**' is where the Kennel Club and breed clubs start the process of changing over the way they carry out judges education so that the present education system ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and the JCF fully replaces it on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

## **What this might mean to you as a judge**

If you wish to carry on judging when the new system starts, you will need to have a judges licence as part of the JCF system. This will cost £26 per year (or £10 per year for judges who currently award CCs to one breed only and do not wish to judge any other breeds at any level).

This license fee will also give you access to the KC Academy so that throughout your judging career you can keep up to date with any judging information and also complete many of the free and valuable online judges education courses available. The 'Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' multiple-choice exam will also be made available online through the Academy, and this needs to be completed by all judges every 5 years.

Your own personal information, will be input by the KC in the first instance if you are already a judge who awards CCs, and then by you for any other breeds you wish to judge. This will be available to you during the second half of 2019. Information about a person's judging levels will feed into the 'Find a Judge' website which will make it easier for societies to be able to choose a wide variety of judges for their shows at all levels.

## **What you need to do to make sure you are ready for JCF**

As you are currently on a breed club list, it is likely that you might be able to register as both a JCF Level 1 and / or Level 2 judge with your existing evidence of the judge's education. If there is anything that you are missing, you will no doubt have time to achieve it before applying for the new JCF levels.

## **What are JCF Level 1 and Level 2 and the requirements for me?**

**Level 1** – is not breed specific and a person registered as Level 1 can judge a limited number of classes of any breed at Limited / Open shows.

Briefly, the requirements to register at JCF Level 1 are certificated evidence of:

- 5 years proven interest in any aspects of the pedigree dog world
- 6 full days of stewarding
- Completed KC 'Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' (RDSJ) seminar and exam within the last 5 years
- Completed KC Points of the Dog Assessment (also known as 50 Points of the Dog)
- Attended a KC Conformation and Movement seminar
- Completed KC Academy online Critique Writing seminar and multiple-choice exam

Please note that new KC regulations will be introduced with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to confirm that no person should be appointed to judge who has never judged before or those with some judging experience but not yet on a breed club B List, unless they have completed all the JCF Level 1 requirements. What does this mean? If an existing C List judge (who doesn't already award CCs in another breed) wants to continue judging after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 they must satisfy all the JCF Level 1 requirements and have an active JCF account.

**Level 2** – is breed specific and a person at this level can judge any number of classes of the breed at Limited / Open / Championship shows without CCs.

Requirements to register at JCF Level 2 are certificated evidence of:

- Attendance at either a breed seminar (Module 2) or the new Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) held by a breed club
- A pass for a multiple-choice exam based on the breed standard organised by a breed club (carried out as part of a Module 2 breed seminar or as part of a new JCF BAD)
- RDSJ exam pass within the last 5 years

Please note that if you have previously attended an English Setter Module 2 breed seminar before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 you can use this instead of the new BAD / MCE – but only for registering as JCF Level 2.

## **Do you want to move towards awarding CCs in the breed?**

If you meet the above Level 2 criteria and are ready to start the mentoring process please let me know.

It may be that you are close to meeting the A3 list criteria. If this is the case the A2 process may be better for you to consider. Details of the A2 process can be found at [www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/577402/jd31\\_a2\\_judges\\_list\\_procedure\\_4.pdf](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/577402/jd31_a2_judges_list_procedure_4.pdf)

**Where can I find out more information about the JCF?**

You can find out more about this and much more by visiting [www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jcf](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jcf) or by speaking to myself as BEC or one of your breed clubs. There are also many talks about the new JCF system going on throughout the country, details of which are also on this link, where you will be able to address any queries you might have.

Yours sincerely

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