



Important information for all Newfoundland Breed Judges.

This is an update on the Judges' Education Programme requirements from Maxine Munday, the Kennel Club Newfoundland Judges' Education liaison Officer. If you are currently on the NNC Judges' B or C lists it is essential to read these requirements with care if you wish to continue judging. Failure to comply may mean you will be ineligible to judge at future shows and may forfeit future judging appointments.

Judges Education Programme (Breed shows)

From 1 January 2021, no one can judge unless they meet JEP level 1 requirements (existing CC judges excluded). The exception to this is where a valid contract was in place before the 24 February 2020 press announcement and the appointment complies with Kennel Club Regulation F(1)20.b. To be able to judge more than three classes of a breed (four if a puppy class is scheduled) at any show or any number of classes at a championship show without CCs, a judge must be listed on a breed club/council B list or above or meet level 2 requirements. The criteria for breeds at stud book band E have been rescinded. All breeds now have the same class number criteria.

Read the full requirements for JEP Levels.

Eligibility to judge at each JEP Level

Level 1	Up to three classes (four if a puppy class is scheduled) for any breed at limited or open shows
Level 2	Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs) Any variety classes, groups and Best in Show at limited shows
Level 3	Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs) Any variety classes groups and Best in Show at limited shows
Level 4	Award Challenge Certificates in the respective breed Any variety classes, groups and Best in Show at open and limited shows

Judges are reminded that on accepting an appointment they must ensure that their name is included on a relevant breed council/club judges list or that they meet the appropriate level of the JEP. In the case of the latter, judges are asked to keep records to support their JEP level.

Level 1

Requirements to meet this level:

- Minimum of five years proven interest in pedigree dogs.
- Attend a Requirements of a dog show judge seminar (but not mandatory to take and pass examination)
- Attend a conformation and movement seminar
- Complete a minimum of two full-day stewarding appointments

Eligibility to judge

Up to three classes (four if one is a puppy class) for any breed at limited or open shows.

LEVEL 2

Requirements to meet this level

First breed:

- Take and pass Requirements of a dog show judge examination.
- Pass points of a dog assessment.
- Attend a Breed appreciation day (BAD) and pass a multiple-choice examination (MCE) for the respective breed.
- View ring stewarding seminar and take online quiz.

- Complete critique writing seminar and take online quiz

Subsequent breeds

- Attend a breed appreciation day (BAD) and pass a multiple-choice examination (MCE) for each breed. Note: Not mandatory for group judge for breeds in the group that they are not approved at level 4, but attendance strongly recommended

Eligibility to judge

- Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)
- Any variety classes, groups and best in show at limited shows
- **LEVEL 3**
- **Requirements to meet this level**
- Undergo minimum of three mentoring sessions with a minimum of 12 months between first and third session
- Be observed judging a breed club show, breed supported entry show or championship show without CCs
- Complete remaining 10 full-day stewarding appointments (onetime qualification)
- Have owned/bred a minimum of three dogs when they obtained their first entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book – save for exceptional circumstances (one-time qualification for first breed in which a judge awards CCs)
- Attended the appropriate sub-group field trial/open gundog working test for first gundog breed or ring procedure at licensed shows (German Shepherd Dog education programme) online exam (one-time qualification)
- Have achieved the relevant hands-on experience in line with the stated requirements for the relevant stud book band:
 - Band A minus¹ – 15 dogs
 - Band A – 20 dogs
 - Band B – 35 dogs
 - Band C – 60 dogs
 - Band D – 90 dogs
 - Band E – 125 dogs
- The following types of event may be used to claim hands-on experience numbers:
- Breed classes at championship shows without CCs
- Breed classes at open shows
- Breed classes at limited shows
- Mock/training classes at breed club shows (practical judging days) – only one occasion can be claimed and a maximum of five dogs
- Dogs judged at Kennel Club approved assessments, maximum of five dogs – only one occasion and a maximum of five dogs. Cannot be used in addition to mock classes
- Dogs judged at inter or intra-club single-breed matches
- Special award classes at breed club shows
- Supported entry shows
- Dogs judged at single breed dog of the year competitions
- Overseas appointments
- Dogs judged at the following types of event may *not* be included in a judge's hands-on experience:
 - AVNSC and variety classes
 - At fun days
 - Conjointly with other judges at events where the candidate judge is not required to give independent judgment on the dogs
 - Any JEP mentoring sessions
- **Eligibility to judge**
- Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)
- Any variety classes groups and best in show at limited shows

If you have passed a multiple choice exam or a breed specific assessment seminar pre Breed Appreciation Days you won't have to do another multiple choice exam.
If you're currently on a B list you can register at level 2 BUT you still have to meet ALL criteria for level 1 if you haven't already done so before you can accept any further judging appointments.
There are more levels but these are the 3 to work on towards CC's obviously there is no requirement to move up if you don't wish to.

It's extremely important to know that regardless as to which judges list you're on even though the current Breed lists & the Judges Education programme (JEP) (Breed shows)are running in tandem for 5 years as from January 2021 you can no longer accept any further judging appointments unless you meet the current criteria for level 1 under the JEP.

For those people on A3 list this will be the way forward.

Grandfathering' applications

From 1 January 2021 eligible judges may submit an application form for consideration to be pre-approved to award Challenge Certificates.

Candidates can self-nominate provided they are included on at least one breed club/council A3 list and/or have a pre-existing JDP credit pass for the relevant breed. Each judge must also meet all The Kennel Club's mandatory requirements for approval to award CCs.

Judges of breeds that do not yet have CC status are advised that they too have grandfather rights which may make it possible to achieve level 4 status in such breeds. In those cases it is recognised that breed specialists will not have the three stud book numbers (as required for CC judges), but the judges committee will take into account dogs owned and/or bred and any significant wins.

It should be noted that all applications made using the grandfathering system are still subject to approval by the judges committee and The Kennel Club Board. Judges are only able to make one submission per breed, group or Best in Show and there will be no appeal process available. Therefore judges should ensure they meet the required criteria before making an application.

Those judges wishing to complete a hard copy of the form or to grandfather for groups and Best in Show are asked to complete the relevant questionnaire and submit via our online form.

If you would like any more information on the way forward in your judging career please get in touch..
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The Kennel Club advises societies to use the following wording within future judging contracts: "In accepting this appointment I confirm that I comply with the requirements of Kennel Club Regulation F(1)20b or the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows)".

Kind regards
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR JUDGES

THE KENNEL CLUB JUDGES' EDUCATION PROGRAMME (BREED SHOWS) HAS BEGUN.

Have you - A minimum of 5 years proven interest in pedigree dogs?
 Attended a KC Conformation & Movement Seminar & have certificate?
 Attended a KC Requirements of a dog show judge seminar & have certificate?

Completed 2 full days stewarding appointments & have signatures from judge or show manager/secretary?

If the answer is NO to any of these then you will NOT be able to judge anymore until you meet the requirements...

If you already have a judging appointment please check when the contract was dated if its before 24th February 2020 then you can still do it if it is not then please contact the secretary immediately as you must decline.

If you need more info please call Max Munday 07765 583881