

# **Kennel Club JEP Levels & Criteria**

## **Level 1**

- Minimum of five years proven interest in pedigree dogs
- Attend a Conformation and Movement seminar hosted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer
- Complete a minimum of two full-day stewarding appointments
- Attend a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and pass associated exam (either in person or online via Kennel Club Academy, exam effective from 1 January 2024)
- Pass the Points of a Dog assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer (effective from 1 January 2024)

## **Eligibility to judge**

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

## **Level 2**

### **First breed:**

- 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**

- 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 once mentoring sessions have been undertaken
- 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 breed: 60 Dogs

### 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 4 CC Judge

- Attend and passed a breed-specific assessment for the specific breed run by The Kennel Club

### Eligibility to judge

- Award Challenge Certificates in the respective breed
- Any variety classes, groups and best in show at open and limited shows

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<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/dog-showing/judging-dog-shows/>

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