

# THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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## BER letter to B and C List Judges

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Dear Judge,

### GOLDEN RETRIEVER 'B' AND 'C' JUDGING LISTS

I am writing to you, as the Breed Education Representative (BER) for The Golden Retriever Club because you are on this Breed Club's or 'C' Judges list.

The system for educating judges in the UK is changing from 1 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 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 BER) or will be coming into place between now and 31 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: the present education system will end on 31 December 2021 and the JCF will fully replace it on 1 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 license as part of the JCF system. This will cost £26 per year (£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 will need 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 (Level 4); and then by you for any other breeds you wish to judge. This online system 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 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 & Movement seminar.
- Completed KC Academy online Critique Writing seminar and multiple-choice exam.

**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 Specific Seminar 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 an earlier Breed Seminar or as part of a new JCF BAD).
- RDSJ exam pass within the last 5 years.

Please note: if you have previously attended a Breed Specific Seminar before 1 January 2019 and did not take a multiple-choice exam, you may have undertaken a Hands-on assessment instead. If this is the case and you passed the assessment, then you can use this instead of the multiple-choice exam - but only for registering as JCF Level 2.

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

If you meet the above criteria and are ready to start the mentoring process please let me know. It could be that you are close to meeting the A3 list criteria. If this is the case, the A2 process may be better for you. 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 BER. 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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## FOR GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

The Breed Education Coordinator (BEC) is Christine Morrell ([christine@crowshott.co.uk](mailto:christine@crowshott.co.uk)); and each Golden Retriever Club has its own Breed Education Representative (BER) with delegated responsibilities to arrange seminars and mentoring sessions etc in the local area.

