

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB - Judges Lists Criteria 2023/24

“A1” LIST

For people who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in the Golden Retriever Breed, have satisfactorily completed their first appointment and have the support of the Golden Retriever Club

“A2” LIST

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 list, who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 and have the support of the Golden Retriever Club. Also, to have attended any Field Trial or an Open Gundog Working Test (GWT) for a Gundog Breed in the relevant sub-group (KC Policy as of 1.1.2011)

“A3” LIST - Breed Specialist (Persons who own/show Golden Retrievers)

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in the breed and have the support of the Golden Retriever Breed Council. (KC Policy)
2. To have judged a minimum of *250 dogs - wef 17 Oct 2022 (KC Policy)
3. To have attended a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar given by a KC Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures. (KC Policy)
4. To have attended a Points of the Dog Assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment. (KC Policy) (Formerly called Conformation & Movement “Hands-on Assessment”).
5. To have attended a seminar by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement. (KC Policy)
6. To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for the Running of a Breed Seminar & Judging Competence Assessment and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. (KC policy) (Not required by non-Breed Specialists who award CCs in at least 3 different breeds).
7. 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) (KC policy)
8. To have stewarded over a minimum of 12 days at shows (Open of Championship Shows only). (KC policy).
9. To have attended any Field Trial or an Open Gundog Working Test (GWT) for a Gundog Breed in the relevant sub-group (KC Policy as of 01.01.2011).

“A3” LIST – Non Breed Specialist

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed (to include 5 years in Golden Retrievers) and have the support of the Golden Retriever Club(KC policy)
2. To have judged a minimum of *250 dogs in this breed (KC policy - number optional by Club)
3. To have awarded CC's in at least one other breed. (KC Policy)
4. To have attended any Field Trial or an Open Gundog Working Test (GWT) for a Gundog Breed in the relevant sub-group (KC Policy effective from 01.01.2011).

“B” LIST - Breed Specialists and Non-Breed Specialists

1. To have 7 years experience owning and exhibiting in this breed (*applicable to Breed Specialists only); and a minimum of 5 years judging and have the support of the Golden Retriever Club
2. To have judged 50 dogs in breed classes (wef 17 Oct 2022)
3. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures.

4. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement.
5. To have attended a Points of the Dog Assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment. (Formerly called Conformation & Movement “Hands-on Assessment”).
6. To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for the Running of a Breed Seminar & Judging Competence Assessment and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. (Not required by non-Breed Specialists who award CCs in at least 3 different breeds.)

The Kennel Club Board has approved amendments to the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows) Level 1 and Level 2 criteria.

These amendments will come into effect for shows held on or after 1 January 2024 and apply to judges signing contracts from the date of this announcement (21 August 2023). Existing CC judges are exempt from this requirement.

Judges Education Programme (JEP) Level 1 criteria:

- 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)
- *Pass the Points of a Dog assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer*

JEP Level 2 criteria:

- Attend a Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) and pass a multiple-choice examination for the respective breed
- View ring stewarding seminar and take online quiz via Kennel Club Academy
- Complete critique writing seminar and take online quiz via Kennel Club Academy