

General notes regarding Criteria

1. Judges should be aware of the Rules & Regulations of the Irish kennel Club.
2. All Irish resident Judges must be members of the Irish Kennel Club and hold a current Judges Licence
3. Judges should be aware of the dress code which is:

Ladies; Dress, Skirt, or Trousers (not jeans) with Jacket.

Men: Suit & Tie or Jacket, Trousers (not jeans) with Shirt & Tie.
4. Judges must NEVER sign a blank questionnaire.
5. Judges should be aware that there are penalties double booking. Judges may not judge the same breeds within a twenty-four month period.
6. Judges awarding Greenstars for the first time must write a critique on all exhibits present on the day of the show. This must be completed on the day of the show and submitted to the Show Secretary who shall return same to the IKC.

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AGE LIMITS FOR JUDGING:-

- 1 Limited Shows, Matches, Members or Open Shows, Junior Handling
18 years or over on day of Show
- 2 Championship Shows
21 years or over on day of Show

FIRST TIME JUDGES – NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

To judge a Limited, Match, Members or Open Show the judge elect must be active in their own breed or breeds (written confirmation of his/her involvement in exhibiting and general activity in dogs – seminars etc must be submitted to The Irish Kennel Club) and must have a minimum of two (2) dogs registered in their own name or in partnership for at least four (4) years prior to their first judging appointment. Ring stewarding experience on at least three (3) occasions is also required.

Judges shall be assessed on their first lower level appointment. (See notes attached regarding assessments).

A judge may not judge the same classes at limited show/match level or the same breed/s, group/s or variety classes at open show level within a six month period.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS – (UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE IRISH KENNEL CLUB)

FIRST APPOINTMENT

To be considered for awarding Green Stars a judge elect must start in their own breed:-

- 1 He/She must have a minimum of two (2) dogs registered in their own name or partnership for a minimum of seven (7) years and be actively involved in exhibiting/breeding and general activity in dogs
- 2 He/She must have judged at least three (3) times at a lower level
- 3 He/She has successfully completed a Student Judge assignment and/or an Irish Kennel Club Hands On Accredited Seminar (See notes attached re Student Judging process).
- 4 He/She has stewarded on at least three (3) occasions at Championship level
- 5 He/She has attended seminars and has documented proof of same
- 6 A person with **ACTIVE** involvement in more than one breed will be considered for awarding Green Stars in these breeds but, as with all prospective judges, may only progress through one Group at any given time

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- 7 Written critiques on all exhibits present on the day will be required and must be written on the day of the show and submitted to the Show Secretary who shall forward same to the IKC along with the show returns.

Judges awarding Greenstars on their first occasion shall be assessed. (See notes attached regarding assessments.)

Special consideration may be given to those judges who wish to judge their own breed but who do not necessarily meet all aspects of the criteria. In such cases the proposed judges must comply with the following:

1. Must be of age.
2. The proposed judge must prove that he/she has been a breeder with a registered affix or alternatively he/she has achieved successful results as an exhibitor for at least seven years.
3. He/she has had an active and responsible involvement in canine matters at club level for a minimum of five years.
4. Has acted, and has documented proof, as a ring steward on at least 5 times over a minimum of one year to become knowledgeable about ring procedure.
5. Has attended, and has documented proof, a minimum of 2 seminars relating to the proposed breed. At least one seminar to be a "Hands On" seminar.
(Documented proof shall be a certificate of attendance in the case of seminars and written confirmation from the show promoting society in relation to stewarding).

1st PROGRESSION TO OTHER BREEDS AT CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL.

After completion of first Green Star appointment the Judge elect may be considered for a further three (3) breeds within that Group provided that:-

1. A total of at least five (5) exhibits must have been judged in his/her own breed at Green Star level (under Licence of The Irish Kennel Club) before any progression is possible.
2. Questionnaire must not be signed until after completion of first judging appointment.
3. Eighteen (18) months will have elapsed between appointments.
4. He/She has judged at a lower level on at least four (4) occasions.
5. Further stewarding experience is desirable.
6. He/She has demonstrated continuing activity in the dog scene (proof of attendances at lectures etc.) will be required.

Judges will be assessed on this appointment. (See notes regarding assessments)

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FURTHER PROGRESSION TO OTHER BREEDS AT CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL

After completion of first progression the Judge elect may be considered for a further four (4) breeds within that Group provided that:-

- 1 Questionnaire must not be signed until after completion of last judging appointment
- 2 Twelve (12) months will have elapsed between appointments
- 3 He/She has judged at a lower level on at least four (4) occasions
- 4 Further stewarding experience is desirable
- 5 He/She has demonstrated continuing activity in the dog scene (proof of attendances at lectures etc.) will be required

Judges will be assessed on this appointment. (See notes regarding assessments).

Twelve (12) months after this progression the judge elect may be considered for the remaining breeds within the Group.

GROUP QUALIFICATION (8) = (1 + 3 + 4 = 8) To move to GROUP 2 (minimum 14 required)

All progressions within the first group must be as above. A Judge may only judge the same breeds once in a twenty-four (24) month period.

ALL GROUP JUDGING AT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS UNDER LICENCE OF THE IKC (A JUDGE MAY ONLY JUDGE THE SAME GROUP ONCE IN A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD)

To qualify as a Group Judge it is necessary to have the following qualifications:-

- 1 Must have judged the minimum number of dogs relevant to that Group. At least one (1) exhibit of each of the eight breeds needed to qualify for this status must have been judged.
(This relates to **GROUP STATUS ONLY** and will not halt a progressing judge from progressing further within the specified timeframe as set down in the Criteria).
- 2 Awarded Green Stars to a minimum of eight (8) breeds with the Group.
- 3 Have judge a minimum of sixty (60) dogs at Green Star Level within Group to be judged.
- 4 **Group Judges are expected to be familiar with the Breed Standards of all breeds recognised by The Irish Kennel Club with that Group.**

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PROGRESSION TO 2ND GROUP

To progress to a second Group the judge elect must have judged a minimum of fourteen (14) breeds within his/her first Group. Having completed the first Group the judge elect may nominate a breed in a New Group and will be considered for awarding Green Stars provided he/she:-

- 1 Has judging experience within this Group on at least two (2) occasions at lower level
- 2 That the judge elect satisfies The Irish Kennel Club as to his/her general interest in the breed

All progressions in this Group must be a minimum of twelve (12) months apart

GROUP QUALIFICATIONS (8) = (1 + 3 + 4 = 8) To move to Group 3 (minimum 14 required)

Twelve (12) months after this progression the judge elect may be considered for the remaining breeds within the Group.

All progressions within the second Group must be as above. A Judge may only judge the Group once in a twelve (12) month period.

PROGRESSION TO 3RD AND 4TH GROUP

Progression to 3rd and 4th groups is as follows:-

- 1 Has judging experience within this Group on at least one (1) occasion at lower level
- 2 That the judge elect satisfies The Irish Kennel Club as to his/her continual general activity in dogs
- 3 Progression through these Groups is at the rate of 6 + 6 then any amount of the remaining breeds
(1st Appointment 6; 2nd Appointment 6; then any amount of the remaining breeds)

All progressions in this Group must be a minimum of twelve (12) months apart

GROUP QUALIFICATION (8) = (6 + 6 = 12) To move to Groups 5 & 6 (minimum 14 required)

All progressions within these Groups must be as above. A Judge May only judge the Group once in a twelve (12) month period.

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PROGRESSION TO 5TH AND 6TH GROUP

- 1 That the judge elect satisfies The Irish Kennel Club as to his/her continual general activity in dogs
- 2 Progression through these Groups is as follows:-
(1st Appointment 8; then any amount of the remaining breeds)

All progressions in this Group must be a minimum of twelve (12) months apart

**GROUP QUALIFICATION (8) = (8+ any amount + = 14) To move to Group 7
(minimum 14 required)**

PROGRESSION TO 7TH & SUBSEQUENT GROUPS

There is no limit on the number of breeds which may be judged in these Groups

All progressions within these Groups must be as above. A Judge may only judge the Group once in a twelve (12) month period.

UNLISTED BREEDS: To judge Unlisted breeds the proposed judge must be qualified to judge all breeds within the relevant Group.

BEST IN SHOW

The qualifications to judge Best In Show are as follows:-

- 1 Having judged a minimum of twenty-eight (28) breeds to cover a minimum of two (2) Groups judged the judge elect may then be considered for a Best In Show appointment.
- 2 The judging of Best In Show does not entitle the Judge to award Green Stars to any additional breeds other than those for which he/she was previously qualified
- 3 A Judge may only judge Best In Show once in twelve (12) months

STAKES CLASSES – same requirements as Best In Show Judge

PUPPY GROUPS – may only be judged by a Best In Show Judge or an appropriately qualified Group Judge

Judges for Stakes classes may not judge Breeds, Groups or Best in Show at the same show

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JUNIOR HANDLING – The qualifications for Junior Handling Classes are as follows:-

- 1 Best In Show Judge
- 2 Where a Junior Handler has been five (5) years actively involved and is eighteen (18) years or over on the day of the show he/she may be considered for Junior Handling classes only.

JUNIOR HANDLING INVOLVEMENT.

Credit will be given to those persons who have been actively involved in Junior handling, both exhibiting and at club level, for a minimum of five years. In such cases, providing he/she is over eighteen years of age, he/she may be considered for lower level judging. He/she may then be considered for greenstars providing they are over twenty one years of age and has had a dog registered in his/her name with the Irish Kennel Club for a minimum of two years and has been actively involved at breed level.

CONTINUITY OF JUDGING CAREER

ACTIVITY

- If a Judge has not been actively involved in dogs during the previous five years he/she may judge those breeds for which they are already qualified but may not progress at any level until a further period of two (2) years active in dogs has elapsed.

RESIDENCY

- A Judge who has not resided in Ireland for a period of (5) five years or more immediately prior to appointment cannot progress, but will still retain judging qualifications achieved.

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SUBSTITUTE JUDGES

A substitute Judge must have awarded Green Stars in the breed(s) concerned on a previous occasion or to have judged the appropriate Group on two previous occasions at championship show level.

A Judge cannot act as a substitute if he/she has awarded Green Stars to the breeds(s) concerned within twenty four months and having judged as a substitute judge he cannot award Green Stars for the same breed(s) within a **twelve month** period.

Should **AN ARD CHOMHAIRLE** have approved a substitute Judge prior to the Show, the relevant exhibitors must be notified of the change – time permitting

Once a substitute judge has commenced judging – i.e. Breed, Group, Stakes or Best In Show he/she shall complete judging of said Breed, Group, Stakes or Best In Show

If a substitution becomes necessary during judging, all awards made by the original Judge must stand.

DOUBLE BOOKING.

Any Judge who contracts to judge the following **MORE THAN ONCE IN TWELVE MONTHS:-**

- 1 The same Group
 - 2 Stakes Classes
 - 3 Best in Show
- or The same breed/s in a twenty four month period.

WILL,

- 1 On the first occasion receive a formal reprimand in writing from The Irish Kennel Club.
- 2 On a second occasion receive an automatic fine of fifty euro (€50.00).
- 3 On a third of subsequent occasion receive an automatic fine of two hundred euro (€200.00).

Any decision may be appealed within fourteen days from date of issue.

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ADDENDUM TO CRITERIA FOR PROGRESSIONS THROUGH F.C.I. GROUPS

Groups 1,2,3,5, 7, 8 & 9

There will be no change in the status for progressing through these groups.

- 1 Rate of progression for first time judges is 1-3-4=8
- 2 To attain group status a judge must judge eight (8) breeds within that group with a minimum of sixty (60) dogs to be judged.

To move to a new group he/she must judge a minimum of fourteen (14) breeds. The exception to this is Group 7 where twelve (12) breeds is the required number to move to a new group.

Group 4

- 1 First time judges judging Dachshunds may judge any number of varieties.
- 2 A qualified group 4 judge may judge both the Breed and the Group on the same day.

Groups 6 & 10

For the purposes of **progressions only** groups 6 & 10 will be amalgamated, therefore the rate of progression for progressing judges will be as with all other groups ie: 1-3-4=8. For the purposes of progressions to a new group, groups 6&10 will count as **one** (1) group.

To attain group status a judge must comply with the following:

- 1 Must have judged a minimum of eight (8) breeds across these groups.
- 2 Must have judged a minimum of sixty (60) dogs.
- 3 The first group to be judged, ie: 6 or 10, will be determined by the highest number of breeds judged within either section.
(eg: six breeds in group 6 and two breeds in group 10 a judge will judge group 6 on their first occasion)

Having judged fourteen (14) breeds across groups 6 & 10 a judge may move to a new group and will be qualified to judge all breeds within groups 6 & 10.

All non F.C.I. judges must sign a declaration with regard to F.C.I. standards.