



THE PATH TO JUDGING

The objectives of the new education of Judges is:

- To maintain and improve the quality of IKC shows.
- To retain existing exhibitors/competitors
- To attract new exhibitors/competitors
- To ensure that judges have the correct levels of knowledge and experience for the breeds they are to judge.
- To give exhibitors/competitors confidence in their judge.
- To underpin the value of awards gained at Irish Kennel Club licensed shows, particularly the Green Star Awards.
- To reinforce the importance of health and welfare of breeds in the minds of judges whilst judging

Modular Approach

Module 1. Steward Training and Assessment

Rules, Regulations, Ring Procedure and Documentation

Module 2. Seminar on Structure and Anatomy

Points of Dog Presentation and Assessment

Video/Presentation on Movement and Construction

Module 3. Seminar on General Breeds and Types

How to Judge a Dog (Ten Steps)

Include Hands On Assessment

Critiques and Grades

Module 4. Breed Focused Training

Hands on Assessment for Specific Breed or Group

Student Judge Training For progressing Judges

Module 1. Steward Training and Assessment

Rules, Regulations, Ring Procedure and Documentation

Module 2 – Canine Anatomy, Movement and Construction

Seminar on Canine Anatomy

Points of the Dog Assessment (must pass)

Video(s) Presentation on Movement and Construction

This ensures that intending judge has an understanding of:

Different points of the dog,

General terms to use and what they mean.

Movement and General Construction.

Module 3: - How to Judge a Dog. Understanding General Breed Types.

Critique Writing and Grading

How to Judge a Dog -

GENERIC JUDGING PROCESS

Ten Steps to Judging Dogs

How to go over a dog.

Assessing Bites etc.

Correct Ring Procedure “Do’s and Don’ts”

Hands On Assessment

Breed Types/Critiques and Grading

IKC Seminar on General Breeds and Types

Coat Colour

Critiques/Grading

Having successfully completed Modules 1, 2 and 3, he/she is now eligible to Judge at Open or Limited Shows (Lower Level)

Module 4 – Breed Focused Training

Before any Championship appointment,

Judge must have attended and passed

Breed Specific Hands On

or

Group Specific Hands On

or

Trainee Judge in ring for 3 related breeds.

Breed/Group Specific Hands-on Gives the intending judge an insight into the Essential Breed Specific points, Focused on the Breed Standard and Type, and how to judge it

Student/Trainee Judge

Trainee Judge will apply to Judges Committee to be a Trainee under a Breed Specialist or a Group Judge

Trainee will write critiques on 5 dogs in each breed (agreed in advance) Discuss the critiques with Senior Judge after the completion of Judging.

Senior Judge to Complete Assessment

After Judging is completed, Trainee to give critiques to Senior Judge

Time permitting - Trainee and experienced Judge can discuss the critiques.

Having successfully completed all Modules 1-4, he/she is now eligible to Judge their Specialist Breed at Championship Level
