

Guidelines for Module 4 Breed Specific IKC Accredited Hands On Seminars.

1. The Hands On Element should follow the Breed Presentation.
2. The purpose of this Hands On is for the Assessor to assess a candidates ability to judge in a Breed Specific manner.
3. Prior to starting all Students should be given a brief talk on the procedures to follow. They should also be informed to approach all dogs with due care and attention.
4. It is the responsibility of the organising body to ensure a minimum of three exhibits of that breed be present in order for the Hands On to be considered valid.
5. A dog used in the Breed Presentation may not participate in the Hands On element.
6. The Student Judge must not assess their own dog(s).
7. The Student Judge may attend any number of Breed presentations but may only participate in a maximum of two Hands On elements on any given day.
8. A ring should be set up for each Senior Judge. The Senior Judge should assess each of the exhibits and place them, on paper, first to fourth. This should be done privately. The Senior Judge must assess a maximum of 15 Students.
9. The Students should be allocated to their Senior judge. At this point each Student should be given an assessment form and fill in their Name, Address etc. A Placing Form should also be made available for each Student.
10. Each Student, should assess each of the exhibits in the class. They may move the exhibits at this stage or the Senior Judge may choose to move the exhibits for the whole group of students after they have all assessed their conformation. During this period the Senior Judge should be assessing the Student using the assessment form provided.
11. Having moved all of the exhibits allow the students time to decide how they will place them. This should be done on paper only. Students should not physically place the exhibits.
12. Students may wish to write a brief reason for each placing, this can be useful for the Senior Judge.
13. The Senior Judge should be given time to assess the Students placings and may wish to write further on the assessment forms. Senior Judges may then have a brief discussion with each individual Student.
14. Assessment forms, (both copies), should be returned to the Show Department of The Irish Kennel Club Ltd who will in turn forward copy of assessment to all Students and certificates to successful candidates.
15. Assessment forms are confidential and should not be discussed with any person other than the Student.

Please Note:

A license fee is payable by the Promoting Body to the IKC.

A fee of €5 per person, is payable to the IKC, for those who participate in the Hands On element of these Seminars.

Successful completion of Module 4 (An IKC Accredited Breed Specific Hands On Seminar) is a requirement for all progressing Judges in their First and Second Groups. For subsequent Groups attendance at same is a requirement.

An application for accreditation of a Module 4 Seminar must be lodged with and approved by the IKC prior to advertising of the event. The Application should reach the IKC offices no later than three months prior to the event.