



Kennel Club Accredited Judges Trainers (Obedience) **Friday 4 November 2022**

As The Kennel Club Accredited Trainers for Obedience did not attend the annual seminar held in October 2023, they held a separate Zoom meeting on Friday 4 November 2022.

Present:

Kay Allen, Sue Garner, Ellen Herries, Richard Kebble, Bryan Lucock, Kate McCartney, Michael McCartney, Carole Patrick.

From the minutes of the Obedience Liaison Council meeting held on 23 June 2022

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

55. Qualifications for Judges

Mrs Di Kay, represented by Mrs Lavender, wished the Council to discuss the following suggested changes to G Regulations in relation to the qualification for Judges.

(Please see minutes for suggestions)

The Accredited Judges Trainers discussed this item and agreed that as there are so few opportunities to judge at a lower level and to insist on 2 years experience at a lower level was difficult and unnecessary.

The group agreed that once a person has won out of beginner class, passed the relevant exams and assessments, and completed the relevant stewarding appointments they should have sufficient knowledge and experience to take on the role of judging. They therefore propose a change to this regulation as follows:

Judging Qualifications

Regulation G.31.c. is outdated in that there are so few opportunities to judge at a lower level and to insist on two years' experience at lower level is unnecessary. The group agreed that once a person has won out of beginner class, passed the relevant exams and assessments, and completed the relevant stewarding appointments they should have sufficient knowledge and experience to take on the role of judging. They therefore propose a change to this regulation as follows:

“G.31. c.

On first appointment judges must satisfy the show committee that they:

1. have won out of Beginners at a licensed championship, premier or open obedience show as a handler.
2. have acted as a caller steward or scribe (for the whole class) for any scheduled non-special classes on eight occasions at licensed championship or open shows, at least three of which must be as caller steward.



3. have completed and passed an Obedience Regulations and Judging Procedure examination on The Kennel Club Academy prior to attending a Kennel Club Obedience Test Design and Practice of Judging seminar.

4. have attended a Kennel Club Obedience Test Design and Practice of Judging Seminar and passed the Assessment.”

The OLC also may be interested to know the following was also agreed:

Re-instatement of face-to-face seminars.

There is a feeling that the face-to-face ‘Requirements of an Obedience Judge Seminar’ and exam should be re-instated.

The general opinion was that the personal connection with delegates was an important element in the learning process and allowed for interaction between the delegates and the trainers.

This was now missing following the move to The Kennel Club Academy. Unfortunately there would be some difficulties in re-instating the exam papers.

It was however acceptable for individual Judges Trainers to present face-to-face seminars if they wish to, providing the candidates with the opportunity for interaction and then they could go on to sit the exam on The Kennel Club Academy either at home or at the venue.

This is very much a matter for the individual trainer and is not compulsory.

Please note:

All of the above suggestions need to be approved by the Activities Committee.

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