CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM

2027 | YOUR JUDGING JOURNEY

Select the pathway that applies to you

You may be a theory candidate and a practical examination candidate in the same calendar year (for different Groups).

1 FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

Entering the judging system

1 — APPLY BY 31 MAY 2027

Include: Stewards Accreditation Certificate; signed Stewards' Card; Club Activity Form.

2 — INTRODUCTION TO JUDGING

Attend the July–October program.

3 — ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

17 November 2027 at 6:00 pm. Minimum pass: 75%.

4 — YOUR PRIMARY GROUP

Once successful, apply for your Primary Group as a Trainee Judge.

Check initial eligibility under Regulation 14.

2 THEORY CANDIDATES

Training in a new Group

1 — APPLY BY 31 OCTOBER

Apply in the preceding year for Group Training.

2 — STUDY AND TRAIN

Watch recorded breed lectures. Attend mandatory sub-group Zoom sessions and field nights.

3 — PASS FOUR THEORY PARTS

A: 7 Apr | B: 23 Jun
C: 1 Sep | D: 17 Nov

4 — OPEN SHOW PANEL

Pass each of A–D with at least 75% to progress to the Open Show Panel.

3 HANDS-ON / PRACTICAL

Applying for Championship elevation

1 — APPLY BY 15 JULY 2027

Include: Current Stewards' Card; Open Show assessments; Critique forms; Assessment/Mentoring Card; Open Show Judge's Card; Club Activity Form.

2 — COMPLETE PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2 × individually assessed full-Group Open Show appointments — competent grading required
- 1 × mentored Open Show appointment — assessed
- 1 × three-person full-Group Open Show assessment — competent grading required
- Minimum 100 dogs judged
- 25 critiques
- 3 × Championship Show mentoring attendances
- 1 × Breed Club Specialty Championship Show mentoring attendance

3 — HANDS-ON EXAMINATION

Tentative dates: 15, 20 or 21 August 2027.

ALL TRAINEES: Minimum 10 stewarding appointments annually (1 Jan–31 Dec), including 5 Championship Shows; active Club participation and annual Club Activity Form.

First 3 Groups: 12-month wait from final theory pass before elevation application • Theory valid for 5 years • Max 2 Open Show Groups