

IRISH SETTER JUDGING LIST

This Judging List has been compiled jointly by the following Breed Clubs and Societies (referred to hereafter as “the Clubs”) and is endorsed by each of them:-

Irish Setter Breeders Club; Irish Setter Association, England; South of England Irish Setter Club; Midlands Irish Setter Society; North East of England Irish Setter Club; Irish Setter Club of Wales; Irish Setter Club of Scotland; Belfast & District Irish Setter Club

The Clubs maintain a single Judging List which is revised and updated at least annually in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations.

DEFINITIONS, CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING CANDIDATES

(a) Definition of Lists

A1 List

Judges who, having been authorised by the Kennel Club, have awarded Challenge Certificates in Irish Setters in the United Kingdom, and who are supported by the Clubs.

A2 List

Judges who, if invited to judge by a society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in Irish Setters for that occasion, and who are supported by the Clubs.

A3 List

Experienced Judges, not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 List, whom the Clubs would support to award Challenge Certificates in Irish Setters.

B List

Judges whom the Clubs would support to judge Irish Setters at Championship Shows where Challenge Certificates are not on offer and at Open/Limit Shows where six or more classes of Irish Setters are scheduled.

C List

Judges whom the Clubs would support to judge Irish Setters at Open/Limit Shows where five or less classes are scheduled.

(b) General Conditions

- 1) Inclusion on this Judging List is open to all including non-breed specialists and is at the discretion of the Clubs. Subject to meeting the requirements of sections (a) “Definition of Lists” and (c) “Criteria for Assessing Candidates” as set out herein, inclusion on the A1 List can be by invitation or application, on the A2 List by Kennel Club approval only, and on the A3, B and C Lists by application only, with the exception of Championship Show Gundog Group Judges who will be considered annually and may, at the discretion of the Clubs, be placed on an appropriate List.
- 2) Applications for inclusion on this Judging List may be made to any of the Clubs, each of whom will participate in determining the placing of applicants on relevant lists.

- 3) Since inclusion on this Judging List is regarded as an honour bestowed by the Clubs, achievement of the criteria stated DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY mean acceptance for inclusion on the List.
- 4) The reviewed and updated List will be published by the Clubs annually, will be included in their annual returns to the Kennel Club, and be available on application to any of the Clubs.

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(c) Criteria for Assessing Candidates

A1 List

- 1) Must have awarded Kennel Club Challenge Certificates in Irish Setters in the United Kingdom.

A2 List

- 1) Must fulfil all the requirements of the A3 List.
- 2) Must have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on this List.

A3 List (Breed Specialists)

- 1) Must have judged 75 classes of Irish Setters at Open/Limit Show level and 300 Irish Setters (hands on) in the United Kingdom with a good geographic spread
- 2) Must have had 10 years judging experience in Irish Setters including 1 Show with a minimum of 40 Irish Setters (hands on)
- 3) Must have a minimum of 3 Irish Setters entered in The Kennel Club Stud Book, each of which must have been bred and/or owned by the applicant at the time when the dog obtained its first entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances)
- 4) Must have stewarded at 12 shows at Open or Championship level
- 5) Must have fulfilled the Judges Training Requirements, Parts 1, 2 and 3, as specified by the Kennel Club at the time of application. As from 01. 07. 2001 these are:
 - i) To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures
 - ii) To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement
 - iii) To have attended at least one breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or an assessment where applicable.

A3 List (Non Breed Specialists)

- 1) Must have awarded Kennel Club Challenge Certificates in at least one other breed
- 2) Must have judged 75 classes of Irish Setters at Open/Limit Show level and 300 Irish Setters (hands on) in the United Kingdom
- 3) Must have had 7 years judging experience in Irish Setters, and 10 years in their specialist breed
- 4) Must have a minimum of 3 dogs of any breed entered in The Kennel Club Stud Book, each of which must have been bred and/or owned by the applicant at the time when the dog obtained its first entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances)
- 5) Must have attended at least one breed specific seminar on Irish Setters run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.

A3 List (Non UK Judges, i.e. judging experience gained wholly or mainly outside UK)

- 1) Must have awarded the equivalent of Kennel Club Challenge Certificates in Irish Setters outside the United Kingdom
- 2) Must provide other relevant information and details of judging experience.

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(c) Criteria for Assessing Candidates (continued)

B List (Breed Specialists)

- 1) Must have judged 20 classes of Irish Setters at Open/Limit Show level and 80 Irish Setters (hands on) with a reasonable geographic spread
- 2) Must have had 5 years judging experience in Irish Setters
- 3) Must have attended one breed specific seminar on Irish Setters run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.

B List (Non Breed Specialists)

- 1) Must be listed as B List (Breed Specialists) for their own specialist breed
- 2) Must have judged 20 classes of Irish Setters at Open/Limit Show level and 80 Irish Setters (hands on)
- 3) Must have had 5 years judging experience in Irish Setters
- 4) Must have attended one breed specific seminar on Irish Setters run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.

C List (Breed and Non Breed Specialists)

- 1) Must have exhibited Irish Setters or their own specialist breed for 5 years.

NOTE Individuals residing in Northern Ireland may use their judging experience in Southern Ireland (at Championship/Open Show level) when stating number of classes and dogs judged (hands on)

Agreed by all the Irish Setter Breed Clubs listed above on 23 November 2003