

Criteria for inclusion on SESSS judging lists.

The SESSS produce consolidated A1, A2 & A3 lists that it supports to judge English Springer Spaniels.

A1 List. For persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in the breed. The SESSS A1 List indicates persons who have our support.

A2 List. For persons who fulfil all the requirements of the A3 list and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 list.

A3 List. indicates persons who the SESSS would recommend as being suitable to award Challenge Certificates in the breed, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 list.

B List. This list contains the names of judges of the Breed who have satisfied the B List criteria as determined by the SESSS and are considered suitably qualified to judge ESS at Championship Shows without CC's on offer, at Breed Club Open Shows and at General Open Shows exceeding 4 classes of the Breed.

C List The KC have directed, that, with effect from January 1st 2021 ,all first time judges must complete and comply with all Level 1 Requirements as contained within the [Judges Education Programme](#) (JEP) before undertaking appointments

Details for addition to an SESSS Judging list.

SESSS judges lists are valid for one year only and will expire on the 31st December each year. New and updated applications to the judging lists will be considered by the SESSS JSC and supported applications will be added to the appropriate list.

New applicants wishing to be considered for inclusion in the judging lists MUST, in the first instance, complete an SESSS judging questionnaire. Any person can apply for inclusion on the lists. A judging questionnaire can be obtained from the judges page on www.sesss.org

Copies of all relevant seminar certificates (where required) MUST be attached to the questionnaire as proof of attendance. Membership of the SESSS is not a pre-requisite for inclusion on the lists.

The suitability of applicants for inclusion in the Breed's A1, A2 and A3 lists of judges will be considered by the SESSS at its discretion, using the criteria previously detailed as a guide. The decision of the SESSS is final and no reason for non-inclusion will be given. This does not preclude a re-submission of an application in any subsequent year.

Judges who are to be included for the first time on judging lists will be informed of the SESSS decision in writing. A copy of the judging lists will be made available on request or can be found on www.sesss.org and the SESSS Year Book. Judges who are to be included for the first time on judging lists will be informed of the SESSS decision in writing.

A copy of the judging lists will be made available on request. By completing and submitting the questionnaire it is accepted that you agree to your name and contact details being published.

In accordance with the KC recommendation, voting of a person for inclusion on judging lists will be by secret ballot. Voting will take place at an SESSS JSC meeting.

A3 List Criteria - For breed specialists

Persons included on this list must have met all the following criteria:

- To have had a minimum of seven years judging experience in the breed, and have the support of the SESSS;
- To have owned and exhibited English Springer Spaniels for a minimum of 10 years;
- To have judged a minimum of 120 dogs
- To have judged an English Springer Spaniel Breed Club/Society Open Show;
- To have attended a KC seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on the 'Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' (**this is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed);
- To have attended a KC seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on "Conformation and Movement".(** this is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed);
- To have attended and passed a KC '50 Points of the Dog' Assessment delivered by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer. (**this is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed);
- To have passed a multi-choice written exam on the English Springer Spaniel Breed Standard
- To have attended and been successful at an English Springer Spaniel Breed Assessment that was organised and run in accordance with the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice.

- To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their 1st entry in the KC Stud Book. (Please Note: KC Policy advises a requirement of 3 dogs in the Stud Book for approval to the A2/A1 Lists, save in exceptional circumstances)
- To have stewarded at 12 shows;
- To have attended a Kennel Club Field Trial at Open Stake level, or an Open Gundog Working Test for the relevant gundog sub group (KC mandatory requirement from 1.1.2011; i.e. KC Guidance states that if you are attending a Field Trial you need to attend an Open (ESS) Stake or above. If you are attending an Open Gundog Working Test then you can go to either an Open (ESS) Test or an Open Any Variety (AV) Spaniel Test. You should obtain a marked card signed by the FT Secretary or WT Secretary as evidence of attendance.
- To agree to produce a written critique for the first two placings in each class at Championship Shows and Breed Club Open Shows, and also agree to dispatch the critique to the weekly UK canine journal - all as required by the KC - within three months of the judging appointment save in exceptional circumstances.
- To have submitted the application on the SESSS judging questionnaire.

A3 Criteria - For Non - Breed Specialists

Persons included on this list must have met all the following criteria:

- To have a minimum of 20 years' experience exhibiting dogs.
- To have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed (to include 5 years in this breed) and have the support of the SESSS.
- To award CCs in at least one other breed.
- To have judged a minimum of 120 dogs.
- Judging at an English Springer Spaniel Breed Club/Society Open Show is highly desirable.
- To have attended an English Springer Spaniel Breed Seminar that has been organised and run in accordance with the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice.
- To have passed a multi-choice written exam on the English Springer Spaniel Breed Standard
- To have attended and been successful at an English Springer Spaniel Breed Assessment that was organised and run in accordance with the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice.
- Where appropriate, to have attended a Kennel Club Field Trial at Open Stake level, or an Open Gundog Working Test for the relevant gundog sub group (KC mandatory requirement from 1.1.2011); i.e. KC guidance states that if you are attending a Field Trial, you need to attend an Open (ESS) Stake or above. If you are attending an Open Gundog Working Test then you can go to either an Open (ESS) Test or an Open Any Variety (AV) Spaniel Test. You should obtain a marked card signed by the FT Secretary or WT Secretary as evidence of attendance.
- To agree to produce a written show critique for the first two placings in each class at Championship Shows and Breed Club Open Shows, and also agree to dispatch the critique to the weekly UK canine journal - all as required by the KC - within three months of the judging appointment save in exceptional circumstances;
- To have submitted the application on the SESSS judging questionnaire.

Criteria for Overseas Judges Applications will be considered on their individual merit and in accordance with Kennel Club guidance.

Notes:

1. The SESSS considers that an ESS judging appointment at a Championship Show without CCs does not equate to a judging appointment at an ESS Breed Club/Society Open Show.

B List Criteria – For breed specialists

- To have at least 5 years owning and exhibiting experience;
- To have attended a KC seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on the "Requirements of a Dog Show Judge" (** This is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed).
- To have attended a KC seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on "Conformation and Movement" (** This is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed).

- To have attended and passed a KC "50 Points of the Dog" Assessment delivered by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer (** This is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed).
- To have attended an English Springer Spaniel Breed Seminar.
- To have passed the multi-choice tick box exam (MCE) on the English Springer Spaniel Breed Standard.
- To have stewarded on at least 4 occasions at either Open or Championship Show level. (**This is not required if the applicant already awards CCs in another breed).
- Can prove a depth of interest in the breed; To have judged at least 9 classes in the breed at Open Show level with an overall minimum total of 25 dogs present and judged.
- To agree to write show critiques as required by The Kennel Club.
- To have the support of the SESSS.

B List criteria - For Non-Breed Specialists,

- To have at least 10 years overall judging experience,
- To have attended a KC seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on "The Requirements of a Dog Show Judge" (** This is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed).
- To have attended a KC seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on "Conformation and Movement" (** This is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed).
- To have attended and passed a KC "50 Points of the Dog" Assessment delivered by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer (** This is not required if the applicant already awards Challenge Certificates in another breed).
- To have attended an English Springer Spaniel Breed Seminar.
- To have passed the multi-choice tick box exam on the English Springer Spaniel Breed Standard.
- To have stewarded on at least 4 occasions at either Open or Championship level. (**This is not required if the applicant already awards CCs in another breed).
- Can prove a depth of interest in the breed.
- To have judged at least 18 classes in the breed at Open Show level with an overall minimum total of 50 dogs present and judged.
- To agree to write show critiques as required by The Kennel Club.
- To have the support of the SESSS.

Criteria for Overseas Judges

Applications will be considered on their individual merit and in line with The Kennel Clubs Guidance for Overseas Judges.

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