

The English Setter Breed Clubs

Criteria for Judging Lists 2026

A1 List

People already approved by The Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in English Setters, who have completed their first appointment in the breed and have the support of the English Setter Breed Clubs.

A2 List

This list is no longer applicable.

A3 List

People who would be supported by the English Setter Breed Clubs to award Challenge Certificates in English Setters if so invited to do so. The minimum criterion for this list is:

- To have judged 120 English Setters
- To have judged 40 classes of English Setters, with a wide geographical spread
- To have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in the breed
- To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their 1st entry in the KC Stud Book (save exceptional circumstances)
- Complete a minimum of 12 full day stewarding appointments *
- To have attended and passed an English Setter Module 3 assessment or a breed specific A3 assessment
- To have attended a Kennel Club licenced Field Trial at Open Stake level for the relevant gundog sub-group (not required if you already award CCs in another Gundog Breed)
- Or, to have been approved by the KC at JEP Level 4, but haven't completed their first CC appointment in the breed.

Note: The 'A3' List criterion is in addition to the 'B' and 'C' List requirements.

B List

People who are supported by the English Setter Breed Clubs to judge an unlimited number of English Setter classes at Open Shows and at Championship Shows without Challenge Certificates. The minimum criterion for this list is:

- To have passed an English Setter Breed Appreciation Day Multiple Choice Exam (MCE) or a Module 2 Breed Specific Seminar
- To have judged over 40 English Setters and to have judged 15 classes of English Setters, with a wide geographical spread, before being considered for a Breed Club Open Show
- Or, to have been approved by the KC at JEP Level 2 or Level 3 and listed on FAJ

Note: The 'B' List criterion is in addition to the 'C' List requirements.

C List

People who do not qualify for the 'A' or 'B' lists, but who are aspiring judges and have the confidence of the English Setter Breed Clubs to judge up to 3 classes at an Open Show, or up to 4 classes if a puppy class is scheduled. The minimum criterion for this list is:

- To have shown an active interest in the Breed for 5 years, or attended a breed specific seminar, and have the support of the Breed Clubs
- Attend a Conformation and Movement seminar hosted by a KC Accredited Trainer*
- Attend a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge (RDSJ) seminar and pass associated exam (either in person or online via KC Academy) *
- Pass the Points of a Dog assessment conducted by a KC Accredited Trainer*
- Complete a minimum of 2 full day stewarding appointments (another 10 appointments must be completed for the judge to meet the 'A3' requirements) *
- To be registered on the KC 'Find a Judge' website (FAJ) at JEP Level 1 or above.

Notes

- Existing CC judges are exempt from the criteria marked with an asterisk (*) in order to be eligible for the Breed Clubs 'C', 'B' and 'A3' List.
- The English Setter Breed Clubs expect all judges to submit a written critique to the dog press within the time limit specified (KC Policy). Failure to do so may result in the judge's name being removed from The English Setter Breed Clubs List of judges.
- The English Setter Breed Clubs place a significant emphasis on judges attending and passing the English Setter Module 3 assessment or a breed specific A3 assessment. Failure to do so may result in the judge's name being removed from The English Setter Breed Clubs List of judges.
- English Setters judged at either Module 2 (4 dogs) or Module 3 (5 dogs) can be included in the number of dogs judged and assume one class per Module.

Agreed by the JJC in February 2026