

THE GORDON SETTER BREED COUNCIL

The British Gordon Setter Club – The Gordon Setter Association – The Gordon Setter Club of Scotland – The Gordon Setter Field Trial Society



Judges List Criteria – with effect from 01 January 2024

Please read all of the Criteria for the judging lists carefully before making an application. The suitability of applicants for inclusion in the GSBC list of judges will be at the discretion of the committee, using the criteria as a guideline. Applicants may also be considered on their merit. Official certification for all examinations listed must be supplied with application.

A1 List

For people who have previously been approved by the KC to award CCs in the breed and have completed their first appointment, and who have the support of the Gordon Setter Breed Council

A2 List

For people who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 List and who have been assessed in accordance with KC requirements and have been accepted by the KC for inclusion on an A2 List and have the support of the Gordon Setter Breed Council. Must have evidence of attendance at a Pointer and Setter Field Trial Stake

A3 List (breed specialist)

Requirements include:

1. Minimum of seven years judging experience of Gordon Setters.
2. Preferably to have judged the breed at one breed society show or two breed society supported entry shows.
3. To have judged the breed at eight Limited, Open, or Championship shows without CCs, and have an adequate geographical spread.
4. To have judged a minimum of 30 classes.
5. To have judged a minimum of 120 Gordon Setters hands- on, excluding repeat entries.
6. To have attended a Pointer and Setter Field Trial Stake (not required if passed by The Kennel Club to award CC's in another gundog breed after 01.01.2011)
7. To have attended a seminar given by a KC Accredited Trainer on Requirements of a Dog Show Judge, and passed the relevant examination.
8. To have attended a seminar given by a KC Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement.
9. To have passed the Kennel Club Points of a Dog assessment, conducted by a KC Accredited Trainer.
10. To have attended at least one Gordon Setter breed specific seminar, preferably within the last 7 years, and passed a hands-on assessment where applicable (see notes below).
11. To have bred or owned a minimum of three Gordon Setters when they obtained their first entry in the KC Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances)
12. To have stewarded over a minimum of 12 days at Limited, Open or Championship shows.
13. To have ten years experience of personally owning and exhibiting this breed and have the support of the Gordon Setter Breed Council.

A3 List (non-specialist)

Requirements include:

1. Minimum of seven years judging experience in any one gundog breed (to include five years in this breed).
2. Preferably to have judged at one breed society show or two breed society supported entry shows.
3. To have judged the breed at eight Limited, Open, or Championship shows without CCs, with an adequate geographical spread.
4. To have judged a minimum of 30 classes in this breed.
5. To have judged 120 dogs hands-on, excluding repeat entries, in this breed.
6. To have awarded CCs in at least one other breed.
7. To have attended at least one Gordon Setter breed specific seminar, preferably within the last 7 years, and passed a hands-on assessment where applicable (see notes below).
8. To have attended a Pointer and Setter Field Trial Stake (not required if passed by The Kennel Club to award CC's in another gundog breed after 01.01.2011).
9. To have bred and/or owned a minimum of three dogs of any breed when they obtained their first entry in the KC Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances)

B List (breed specialists & non-breed specialist)

1. To have five years experience of owning and exhibiting this breed (see notes below).
2. To have judged 12 classes of this breed at Limited, Open, or Championship shows without CCs, over a reasonable geographical spread.
3. To have judged 24 Gordon Setters hands-on, excluding repeat entries.
4. To have attended at least one Gordon Setter breed specific seminar, preferably within the last 7 years, and passed a hands-on assessment where applicable (see notes below).
5. To have met the Kennel Club's minimum requirements for all judges (see notes below).

C List (Breed specialists and non-breed specialists)

Owing to the cessation of the Traditional Judging route, the C list is no longer accepting any new applications.

Notes & Further Guidance

1. *The Gordon Setter Breed Council strongly recommends applicants for all lists should have attended a Field Trial, Training day, or demonstration of the working ability of Gordon Setters.*
2. *To remain on any of the Lists, it is obligatory that all judging critiques be submitted to the weekly dog paper.*
3. *Please contact the Secretary of the of one of the UK breed clubs, or Gordon Setter Breed Council, for an application form. Forms can be downloaded from the Breed Council website and can be emailed to the Breed Council Secretary when completed, along with evidence of relevant education/training/etc. Judging experience in other than gundog breeds to be briefly summarized. Large attachment of generalized CV is not necessary.*
4. *“Owning” Gordon Setters must include living with. “Exhibiting” means having exhibited your own dog, not just handling Gordon Setters owned by others.*
5. *Copies of certificates for KC assessments and Gordon Setter seminars must be submitted with initial application. Once the Breed Council Secretary has confirmed receipt, the same copies will not be required for future applications.*
6. *Breed Specific Seminars: “Attendance” at a seminar is applicable to having attended either an in-person “live” seminar, or an online seminar; such online seminars are also considered acceptable for those who require a “refresher” seminar, should they not have attended any Gordon Setter breed specific seminars in the past seven years and be required to do so.*
7. *“Hands on” assessment requirements can only be obtained in person and undertaken at “live” events. Only one hands-on assessment is required to be passed. All Gordon Setter Breed Specific seminars, of any type, must be organised by, or in conjunction with, one of the UK Breed Clubs and run under Kennel Club Code of Best Practice to be considered acceptable. Championship show judges who are passed by the Kennel Club to award CC’s in four or more breeds are not required to pass a hands-on assessment. Kennel Club*
8. *Minimum Requirements - applicable to all judges who are not passed to award CC’s in any breed, and come into effect from 01.01.2021. These minimum requirements are that all judges MUST have (1) a minimum of five years proven interest in pedigree dogs; (2) attend a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and pass examination; (3) attend a Conformation and Movement seminar; and (3) completed a minimum of two full-day stewarding appointments.*
9. *Data Protection: Judges names, addresses and telephone numbers will be published on the Breed Council Website and held both electronically and in paper format by the Secretary. Under the Data Protection Act should you wish to have any or all of your details not published, or removed/destroyed, please advise the Secretary in writing: David R. Alcorn, Secretary GSBC, Annvale, Biggar, ML12 6LX.*