



AGREEMENT ON THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DOG SHOW JUDGES BETWEEN THE KENNEL CLUB AND THE FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE

This agreement refers only to the mutual recognition of judges, hereinafter referred to as 'FCI Judges' who are resident in a FCI member country and are listed as designated 'International Judges' in the 'Judges Directory published by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), to award Challenge Certificates and to judge Groups and Best in Show at Kennel Club (KC) licensed Championship Shows and for UK resident judges who are approved to award Challenge Certificates and Groups and Best in Show as published on the Kennel Club's Find a Judge² website to award Certificats d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (CACIBs) and to judge Groups and Best in Show at International FCI CACIB Shows held under the auspices of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).

It is intended that this agreement exists to recognise the mutual respect of both FCI and Kennel Club for judges and their training and education while upholding the highest standards of judging.

Furthermore, all other recognised canine activities such as Competitive Obedience, Agility, Field Trials, Working Trials etc. are specifically excluded.

¹ FCI Judges Directory www.fci.be/en/judges/

² KC Find a Judge www.thekennelclub.org.uk/faj

1. This agreement will commence on the 1st day of May in 2022 and will be binding on both parties, subject to the right of termination by one or other of the parties giving no less than six months' notice prior to such termination.
2. Subject to six months' notice this agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties concerned.
3. **This agreement is predicated on the basis that the Kennel Club (KC) and Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) have agreed to recognise and respect the knowledge and experience of their approved judges of their respective schemes for the approval, education and training of dog show judges.**

Approval to award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates (CCs)

4. The Kennel Club will accept nominations for approval, in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published and amended from time to time, to award Challenge Certificates to a breed(s) for the first time, without requesting completion of a Kennel Club Questionnaire, for FCI Judges resident in an FCI member country, providing they are suitably experienced, having previously awarded CACIBs to the relevant breed(s) in at least three different countries for a minimum period of 5 years prior to their first UK appointment for the breed(s).

5. FCI Judges resident in an FCI member country who were previously approved to award Challenge Certificates at Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows prior to the signing of this agreement will continue to be considered for approval for subsequent appointments subject to the proviso that they remain in good standing.
6. All nominations to judge at KC licensed shows will continue to be subject to the approval of the Kennel Club's Board.

Approval to award Fédération Cynologique Internationale Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (CACIBs)

7. UK resident judges who remain in good standing and are listed as having been approved to award Challenge Certificates for the relevant breeds on the Kennel Club Find a Judge website will be eligible to award CACIBs to these breeds.

Approval to judge Groups at International FCI CACIB Shows and Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows

8. FCI Judges resident in an FCI member country who were previously approved to judge Groups at Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows prior to the signing of this agreement will continue to be considered for subsequent appointments subject to the proviso that they remain in good standing.
9. UK resident judges who were previously approved to judge Groups at International FCI CACIB Shows, prior to the signing of this agreement will continue to be recognised as approved to judge the relevant Group(s) subject to the proviso that they remain in good standing.
10. The FCI and KC recognise and respect each other's approval criteria and agree to the mutual recognition of all those approved to judge Groups at International FCI CACIB Shows and at KC licensed Championship Shows. Those judges listed on the FCI Judges Directory and KC Find a Judge are eligible to accept an invitation to judge at this level, subject to the approval of the national kennel club.

FCI Group	KC Group
1 – Sheepdogs and Cattle dogs (except Swiss Cattle dogs)	Pastoral
2 – Pinscher and Schnauzer – Molossoid and Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs	Working
3 – Terriers	Terrier
Any two of 4 – Dachshunds, 6 – Scenthounds and related breeds, 10 – Sighthounds	Hound (UK Hound Group judges may only judge Group 4 if approved for Dachshunds in the UK)
7 – Pointing Dogs and 8 – Retrievers – Flushing Dogs – Water Dogs	Gundog
9 – Companion and Toy Dogs	Toy and Utility
5 – Spitz and Primitive Breeds	Utility
A full list of breeds recognised by the FCI can be found at http://www.fci.be/en/Nomenclature/Default.aspx	A full list of breeds recognised by the KC can be found at https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/search/breeds-a-to-z/

Approval to judge Best in Show at International FCI CACIB Shows and Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows

11. The FCI and KC recognise each other's approval criteria and agree to the mutual recognition of all those approved to judge Best in Show at International FCI CACIB Shows and at KC licensed Championship Shows. Those judges listed on the FCI Judges Directory and KC Find a Judge are eligible to accept an invitation to judge at this level, subject to the approval of the national kennel club.

Signature

Date

Dr Tamas Jakkel, FCI President

Signature

Date

Tony Allcock OBE, Chairman of the Kennel Club