

Obedience report from Activity Judges Sub Group

The last Sub Group meeting was held on 16 October 2025.

Issues affecting judges across all disciplines were discussed and any recommendations forwarded to the Activities committee.

Items discussed at this meeting included those around competency of judges and lapsed judges for Agility and Bloodhounds.

Membership of the group has been reviewed following the retirement of Miss Pogodzinski.

The Activities Committee will appoint a new Chair and approve a replacement Bloodhounds representative.

Obedience items were:

- A review of the CC judges assessment form, which was accepted and will be updated accordingly.
- Appointment of additional Accredited Trainers for Obedience. It was agreed that, along with Heelwork to Music, an appointment process will be put in place to recruit to both disciplines in 2026.
- The Obedience Accredited trainers met outside the AJSG meetings and have reviewed the criteria, recruitment and accreditation process and induction for new judges trainers.
- A review of the seminar structure in order to provide additional means of supporting judges as their career progresses.
- Updating and reviewing of the Rules and Regulations exam questions to take into account changes to the G regs from January 2026.
- Judges also being able to compete at shows, will be reviewed alongside and in partnership with the Liaison Council.
- Updating the judges guide and Chief Steward guidance document including clarification of the run-off procedure and regulations. These will be published once the review is completed.

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