

JASRG COUNCIL REPORT -NOVEMBER 2021

The group has continued to meet regularly since the last council meeting. We are primarily working on the development of the new training programme for judges that is firmly based within the current Sections Grand Groups but also ensuring there is sufficient flexibility should these change in the future.

However, to make this a reality we must consider the entire process and ensure that we bore down into the very fine minutiae of every aspect so that the full implications of any change on Pupil/Full Judges, BACs, Show Managers and the show day are taken into account. I'm sure you all agree that it is essential that any new initiative is well thought through prior to instigation so as to ensure a smooth transition.

We are working towards bringing a draft proposal in the Spring for this forum's consideration - but not promising!

Although, this initiative consists of the bulk of the Groups work we have also:-

- In the light of shows restarting, produced guidance for BACs/FJ(P)s to reiterate expected requirements to aid the smooth and successful implementation of the Accelerated Judges Scheme given that it had only been running for 6 months prior to lockdown.

- Opened conversation with the SRG to ensure that any new training approaches are "workable" within a show day situation.
- Examining, in conjunction with the SRG, of the current difficulty experienced by First-Time judges in receiving invitations to officiate that will enable them to fulfil their training requirements, with the aim to improve this in both the short and long-term.
- Advised and assisted a couple of BACs
- Considered ways in which to market and encourage input from all elements in the Cat fancy - to this group primarily but also any other relevant Group or committee.