

ELIGIBILITY TO JUDGE TITLE CLASSES – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FROM 1.1.2023

Please note these are the minimum requirements ... many judges more than comply.

OLYMPIAN –

a) All-Breed Show

Judges should be qualified to judge the Imperial classes in two Sections and be a Full Judge on at least one list in a third section.

NB: There has been no recent change to this requirement, but Judges already eligible because of judging at Imperial level in either or both the Oriental and Siamese Section before June 2018 retain their Olympian eligibility.

b) Breed & Multi-Breed Shows

The judge should be at least one of the following:-

1. A Full Judge on the list of the breed(s) shown,
2. Eligible to judge the Imperial (s) of the breed(s) shown,
3. For a Multi-Breed Show covering more than two sections a qualified Olympian Judge as for an All-Breed Show.

IMPERIAL

Judges of Imperial classes must be:-

1. Those judges who are eligible to judge the Grand classes in the relevant section.
2. In Sections 2 and 4 this is any two of the three Grand classes.
3. Maintain a previous eligibility to judge a breed at Imperial level from a qualification prior to June 2018.

Note: In the case of Specialist Judges (following previous amalgamation within a section) only those with a previous right to judge the Imperial maintain this right.

GRAND

Section 1

Group A: Persian LH

1. Full Judge on the Persian list
2. A Specialist Judge prior to June 2018 with the right to judge one of the two previous Grand Classes.

Group B: Exotic

1. Full Judge on the Exotic list.

Section 2

Group A: Birman, Ragdoll, RagaMuffin

1. A Full Judge on two of the three breed lists
2. A Full Judge of Birmans prior to June 2018 retaining eligibility to a Grand Class.
3. A Full Judge who judged Ragdolls and Ragamuffins in the SLH AOV Grand prior to June 2018.

Group B: Norwegian Forest Cat, Somali (SH & LH), Turkish

1. A Full Judge on two of the three breed lists
2. A Full Judge who judged Norwegian Forest Cats, Somalis and Turks in the SLH AOV Grand prior to June 2018.

Note: The Nebelung is in this Group, but at Assessment Level. It cannot be counted towards eligibility until it gains Championship Status when the requirement will become a Full Judge on two lists of the four.

Group C: Maine Coon & Siberian

1. A Full Judge on one of the two breed lists.
2. A Full Judge who judged Maine Coons and Siberians in the SLH AOV prior to June 2018.

Section 3

Group A: British Shorthair & Manx

1. A Full Judge on the BSH & Manx breed list.

Group B: Selkirk Rex (SH & LH), British Longhair

1. A Full Judge on one of the two breed lists.

Note: The Chartreux is in this Group, but at Assessment Level. It cannot be counted towards eligibility until gaining Championship Status. When there are three breeds at Championship Status it will be necessary to be a Full Judge on two of the three lists, but eligibility to judge this Grand Class prior to the Chartreux promotion will not be lost.

Section 4

Group A: Abyssinian, Korat & Thai, Russian, Singapura, Snowshoe

1. A Full Judge on three of the five breed lists
2. Retention of eligibility to judge the Grand Group gained prior to June 2018 when additional breeds were included.
3. Retention of eligibility to judge the breeds of the AOV Foreign Grand Class

Group B: Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, LaPerm (SH & LH,) Sphynx

1. A Full Judge on two of the four breed lists.

Group C: Bengal, Egyptian Mau, Ocicat & Ocicat Classic, Sokoke

1. A Full Judge on two of the **four** breed lists
2. Retention of eligibility to judge the breeds of the AOV Foreign Grand Class

Note: The Toyger is in Group 3, but at Assessment Level. It cannot be counted towards eligibility until gaining Championship Status. When there are five at Championship Status it will be necessary to be a Full Judge on three of the five lists, but eligibility to judge this Grand Class prior to **the Toyger promotion** will not be lost.

Section 5

Group A: Burmese

1. A Full Judge on the Burmese list.

Group B : Asian & Tiffanie, Australian Mist, Suffolk, Tonkinese

1. A Full Judge on two of the **four** breed lists.
2. Retention of eligibility to judge the breeds of the AOV Foreign Grand Class.

Section 6

Group A: Oriental

1. A Full Judge on the Oriental list
2. A Full Judge qualified to judge the Oriental Grand Class prior to June 2018.
3. A Specialist Judge of Orientals qualified to judge the Grand Class prior to June 2018.

Group B: Siamese & Balinese

1. A Full Judge on one of the two breed lists.

Rationale for the 2023 updates:

This document incorporates changes made due to two breed promotions to Championship status, the transfer of the Suffolk from Section 6 to Section 5 and Council agreement (October 2022) that eligibility for Grand Class judging was to be a Full Judge on the majority of the lists for a Group with an uneven number of breed lists (no change) and on half of the lists when there was an even number, regardless of whether this consisted of four breeds or two (removal of a difference).