



Northern Boston Terrier Club of England



Judging Criteria

(Updated August 2023)

The NBTC produce A1, A2 & A3 lists of judges that it supports to judge Boston Terriers. The lists will be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the NBTC Annual Returns.

The purpose of the Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons the NBTC would support at Championship Show Level.

A1 List

Contains the names of people who have been approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in the breed and who have carried out their first appointment.

A2 List

Contains the names of people who have not yet awarded CCs but who have been approved by the KC to do so and who are considered by the NBTC to have sufficient knowledge and experience of the Boston Terrier to be recommended and supported to award Challenge Certificates.

Specialists and Non-Specialists

- Must fulfil all the requirements of the A3 list
- Must have been assessed in accordance with current Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list

A3 List

Contains the names of people who have not yet been approved by the KC and who are considered by the NBTC to have sufficient knowledge and experience of the Boston Terrier to be recommended and supported to award Challenge Certificates.

Breed Specialists

- Over a period of at least 7 years must have judged the breed regularly at General Canine Society Open and Limited shows, Boston Terrier Breed Club Special Events/Classes and Breed Club Shows
- Must have judged at least 70 Boston Terriers and 30 classes (*total of B & C list / JEP Level 1 requirements*)
- Must have judged at a minimum of 1 Boston Terrier Breed Club Open Show OR 2 supported entry shows plus 4 open shows. A championship show without CC's on offer will count as the equivalent of a supported entry show.
- Must have owned/bred a minimum of three dogs when they obtained their first entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book – save for exceptional circumstances (one-time qualification for first breed in which a judge awards CCs). If using a Junior Warrant for gaining a stud book number, the applicant must have gained all points needed from start to finish while in their ownership.
- Must have attended and passed a Boston Terrier breed specific seminar hands on assessment where candidates must judge 5 dogs, place them in order and write a critique on each, followed by a one-to-one with an Assessor and pass a multiple choice exam on the breed standard where applicable.
- Must have stewarded on at least 12 separate days at Open/Championship Shows.



Judging Criteria - Continued

A3 list continued

Non-breed Specialists

- Over a period of at least 7 years must have judged the breed regularly at General Canine Society Open and Limited shows, Boston Terrier Breed Club Special Events/Classes and Breed Club Shows
- Must have judged at least 70 Boston Terriers and 30 classes (*total of B & C list / JEP Level 1 requirements*)
- Must have judged at a minimum of 1 Boston Terrier Breed Club Open Show OR 2 supported entry sows plus 4 open shows. A championship show without CC's on offer will count as the equivalent of a supported entry show.
- Must have owned/bred a minimum of three dogs when they obtained their first entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book – save for exceptional circumstances (one-time qualification for first breed in which a judge awards CCs). If using a Junior Warrant for gaining a stud book number, the applicant must have gained all points needed from start to finish while in their ownership.
- Must have attended and passed a Boston Terrier breed specific seminar hands on assessment where candidates must judge 5 dogs, place them in order and write a critique on each, followed by a one-to-one with an Assessor and pass a multiple choice exam on the breed standard where applicable.
- Must have awarded Challenge Certificates in at least one other breed.

B List

Contains the names of people considered by NBTC to have sufficient knowledge and experience of the Boston Terrier to judge the breed at Boston Terrier Breed Club Open and Limited Shows and Championship Shows without CCs

Breed Specialist

- For those persons who have owned and exhibited Boston Terriers over a period of at least 5 years, must have judged at least 20 Boston Terriers and 12 breed classes
- Must have attended a Boston Terrier Breed Specific seminar
- Must have attended a Seminar on the Requirements of a Dog Show delivered by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant exam
- Must have attended a Conformation and Movement seminar delivered by a KC Accredited Trainer (*this will already have been undertaken on JEP Level 1 to progress*)
- Must have attended a Points of a Dog assessment given by a KC Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant exam
- Must have stewarding experience

Non-Breed Specialist

- For those persons who have 5 years judging experience in any one breed, must have judged at least 20 Boston Terriers and 12 breed classes
- Must have attended a Boston Terrier Breed Specific seminar
- Must have attended a Seminar on the Requirements of a Dog Show delivered by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant exam
- Must have attended a Conformation and Movement seminar delivered by a KC Accredited Trainer (*this will already have been undertaken on JEP Level 1 to progress*)
- Must have attended a Points of a Dog assessment given by a KC Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant exam
- Must have stewarding experience



Judging Criteria - Continued

C List

Contains the names of people considered by the NBTC to have sufficient knowledge and experience of the Boston Terrier to judge the breed at General Canine Society Open and Limited Shows and Breed Club Special Events/Special Classes

Breed Specialists

- Must have been actively concerned with successful breeding and/or exhibiting of Boston Terriers at Open, Limited and Championship Shows
- Must have attended a breed specific seminar on Boston Terriers

Non-Breed Specialists

- Must have been actively concerned with continuous successful breeding and/or exhibiting of their own breed at Open, Limited and Championship Shows
- Must be on a judging list for their own breed
- Must have attended a breed specific seminar on Boston Terriers

Additional Guidance Notes

- The judging lists are progressive so you must fulfil the requirements of all earlier lists before progressing upwards
- Up to 5 Boston Terriers judged at breed club seminars (only one occasion and five dogs in total and one class can be counted)
- Any judge who holds a 'Credit' for Boston Terriers under the Kennel Club's Judge's Development Programme only needs to complete half the specified criteria.
- When sending in all Application Forms please attach all relevant certificates.