



The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales

CLUB RULES 2025

1. The Club shall be called "THE SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF NORTH WALES" and its aim shall be to encourage and promote the breed as a working dog and to adhere to the Breed Standard approved by the Kennel Club, in breeding, showing and obedience. To help and encourage novice owners, breeders and handlers.
2. The Club shall consist of an unlimited number of members.
3. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer who together with a committee of nine members, shall conduct the affairs of the club. Any five to form a quorum.
4. In the event of a Committee member retiring for any reason, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt a replacement. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on a committee or hold any other office or appointment within a KENNEL CLUB REGISTERED SOCIETY.
5. The Officers and Committee Members shall retire in rotation but shall be eligible for re-election for a three-year period. If a retiring officer is not re-elected, he or she can if desired, be automatically nominated for election as a committee member. If any member of the Committee fails to attend three meetings in succession without giving prior notice to the Secretary, he or she shall cease forthwith to be a member.
6. No member of the Club shall be eligible for election as an officer or Committee who is an official of another Club devoted to the same breed.
7. Candidates for any office of the Club must have served a term as a committee member or officer of the Club.
8. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not dealt with in the Club Rules.
9. All members shall be asked to put forward any names they may wish to suggest and these together with names of retiring Officers and committee members shall be voted for by a postal ballot of all members provided that those members are fully paid up. Permission of the nominee in writing to be obtained before submitting. In the event of a postal ballot resulting in a tie, the members attending the A.G.M. shall be asked to decide the issue by a secret ballot without prior discussion being permitted.
10. A banking account shall be opened in the name of "The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales" and all Club money lodged to that account, excepting that a Deposit Account may be opened with a Building Society in which those funds which the Committee deems not to be immediately needed for the efficient running of the Club may be deposited. All payments made by cheque and signed by two appointed officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer. Similarly, cash transfers from the Building Society Account to be signed by two appointed officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer.
11. Annual subscriptions shall be decided at each year's Annual General Meeting. Junior members shall not be entitled to vote on Club matters. Subscriptions are due on January 1st each year notice of withdrawal must be given before the above date. Members joining after September 30th shall not be liable to pay their next subscription until 1st January of the following year after. No other form of payment shall entitle to membership of the Club. Any member whose subscription is one year in arrears shall be communicated with and, in the event of the Subscription remaining unpaid, shall cease to be a member. A member who joins after September 30th shall not be entitled to vote in any ballot, nor stand for any office or committee of the Club before the A.G.M. following.
12. No expense shall be incurred by the Club's officials or Committee beyond the Club's funds.

13. The Committee shall have the power to accept any new member.
14. The financial year ends 31st December, and the accounts shall be audited and a copy of the balance sheet sent to all members. The Annual general meeting shall take place in the first quarter of the year. 12 members shall constitute a quorum. Certification of accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accounting experience, independent of the committee. The certified accounts will be made available on request to members fourteen days prior to the A.G.M. A Special general meeting can be called at any time by the Secretary of the Club or on the request of ten members. All members shall receive at least fourteen days' notice before the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. No business other than that named in the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. No business shall be transacted at the A.G.M. unless notice appears thereof in the agenda, with the exception of routine matters, which in the opinion of the Chairman are urgent.
15. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the assets.
16. The Rules of The Club shall not be altered except at an A.G.M. or Special General Meeting. Any alterations of rules passed at the General Meeting shall not be brought into force until The Kennel Club has been advised and given approval of the alteration the notice for which contains specific proposals to amend the rules.
17. The Club shall not join any federation of Clubs or Societies. The Club must produce a list of judges each year which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Club's annual returns. (Kennel Club Regulation C4a(1)(b)) refers). The Committee shall be empowered to remove any names from the list if, in its opinion, it is no longer desirable that the name shall be included. This list shall be added to from time to time as the Judges Sub-Committee decides, such additions to be obtained from a list of persons proposed by members of the Club. This list should be reviewed at least every three years. Before being placed upon the club's list candidates must satisfy the following criteria: -

C List/JEP Level 1

Requirements to meet this level:

- Minimum of five years proven interest in pedigree dogs.
- Attend a 'Conformation & Movement' seminar hosted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer.
- Attend a 'Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' seminar and pass associated exam either in person or online via Kennel Club Academy (*exam effective from 1 January 2024*).
- Pass the 'Points of a Dog' assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer (*effective from 1 January 2024*).
- Complete a minimum of two full day stewarding appointments.

Eligibility to judge:

Up to three classes (four if one is a puppy class) for any breed at Limited or Open shows

B List (Breed Specialist)

Requirements to meet this level (*in addition to completed requirements for C List/Level 1*):

- To have a minimum of 5 years judging experience in Shetland Sheepdogs.
- To have judged a minimum of 24 classes at open shows or championship shows without CC's on offer.
- To have judged a minimum of 60 Shetland Sheepdogs present.

Eligibility to judge:

Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at Limited, Open or Championship shows (no CCs).

Any variety classes, Groups and Best in Show at Limited shows.

And/Or to have achieved JEP Level 2 requirements as below:

JEP Level 2 (B List Equivalent, Non-Breed Specialist)

Requirements to meet this level (*in addition to completed requirements for C List/Level 1*):

First Breed:

- Attend a breed appreciation day (BAD) and pass a multiple-choice examination (MCE) for the respective breed.
- View ring stewarding seminar and take online quiz.
- Complete critique writing seminar and take online quiz.

Subsequent Breeds:

- Attend a breed appreciation day (BAD) and pass a multiple-choice examination (MCE) for each breed. Note: Not mandatory for group judges for breeds in the group, that they are not approved for at level 4, but attendance strongly recommended.

Eligibility to judge:

Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at Limited, Open or Championship shows (no CCs)

Any Variety classes, Groups and Best in Show at Limited shows.

A3 List (Breed Specialist)

Requirements to meet this level (*in addition to completed requirements for B List Breed Specialist*):

- To have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in Shetland Sheepdogs & the support of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales (*KC Policy).
- To have judged a minimum of 120 Shetland Sheepdogs present (*KC Policy).
- To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations & Judging Procedures (*KC Policy).
- To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on 'Points of the Dog' and passed the assessment (*KC Policy).
- To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable (*KC Policy).
- To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs in the breed when they obtained their first entry into the Kennel Club Stud (*save in exceptional circumstances).
- To have stewarded over a minimum 12 days for any breed(s) at KC licenced shows, excluding companion shows (*KC Policy).

Eligibility to judge:

Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)

Any variety classes, groups and best in show at limited shows.

A3 List (Non-Breed Specialist)

Requirements to meet this level (*in addition to completed requirements for B List Non-Breed Specialist*):

- To have a minimum of 10 years judging experience in any one other breed and including 7 years judging experience in Shetland Sheepdogs & have the support of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales (*KC Policy).
- To have judged a minimum of 120 Shetland Sheepdogs present (*KC Policy).
- To have awarded CC's in at least one other breed in the Working or Pastoral (*KC Policy).
- To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations & Judging Procedures (*KC Policy).
- To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on 'Points of the Dog' and passed the assessment (*KC Policy).
- To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable (*KC Policy).
- To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs in any breed when they obtained their first entry into the Kennel Club Stud (*save in exceptional circumstances).
- To have stewarded over a minimum 12 days for any breed(s) at KC licenced shows, excluding companion shows (*KC Policy).

Eligibility to judge:

Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)

Any variety classes, groups and best in show at limited shows

Or to have achieved JEP Level 3 requirements as below:

JEP Level 3 (A3 List Equivalent)

Requirements to meet this level: (*in addition to completed requirements for JEP Level 2*):

- Undergo minimum of three mentoring sessions with a minimum of 12 months between first and third session
- Be observed judging a breed club show, breed supported entry show or championship show without CCs once mentoring sessions have been undertaken
- Complete remaining 10 full days stewarding appointments (onetime qualification)
- 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*)
- Have achieved the relevant hands-on experience in line with the stated requirements for the relevant stud book band: Shetland Sheepdogs are currently in Tier 4 therefore 60 dogs are required for hands on.

Eligibility to judge:

Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at limited, open or championship shows (no CCs)

Any variety classes groups and best in show at limited shows

A2 List

Requirements to meet this level:

For people who fulfil all the requirements for the A2 list, who have been assessed in accordance with KC requirements, have been accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 list and have the support of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales.

A1 List (Level 4 Equivalent)

Requirements to meet this level:

For people who have been previously approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed, have completed their first appointment and have the support of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales.

Eligibility to judge:

Award Challenge Certificates in the respective breed, Any Variety Classes, Groups and Best in Show at Open and Limited shows

Level 4 (A1 List Equivalent)

Requirements to meet this level:

- Attend and passed a Breed-Specific Assessment for the specific breed run by The Kennel Club

Eligibility to judge:

Award Challenge Certificates in the respective breed, Any Variety Classes, Groups and Best in Show at Open and Limited shows

N.B. Inclusion on the Judges list is subject to the following:

- Provision of proof of attendance and passing examinations/assessments of the required Seminars.
This applies to all Lists for both Breed Specialists and Non-specialists.
- Approval of the Committee
- The above qualifications are guidelines for the Committee. Attainment of criteria does not automatically guarantee inclusion on any list*.

16. Any member who shall be suspended under kennel Club rules A42j(4) and/or any member whose dog(s) is/are disqualified under K.C. rule A42j(8) shall ipso facto cease to be a member of The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales for the duration of the suspension and/or disqualification. If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the committee of The Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interest of the Club, the committee of the club may, at a meeting, the notice of convening which include as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a special General Meeting of the club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising him/her of the place, date and hour of the meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at that meeting, a resolution is passed by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the club, except that he/she may within two calendar months from the date of such a meeting appeal to The kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club shall impose. The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.
17. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns, as may be stipulated in the Kennel Club regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities, will be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the kennel club of any change of Secretary of the society, which may occur during the course of the year. The Club shall maintain a list of member's names and addresses which are available for inspection if so requested by the members of the club or by the Kennel Club.
18. Judges for the Shetland Sheepdog Club of North Wales Championship and Open Shows are selected by postal ballot of the membership annually.