



TRADITIONAL GYPSY COB ASSOCIATION
Judges Appointment Process

All applications must be sent to the TGCA Head Office by post or email: tgcajudges@gmail.com or TGCA Ltd, Po Box 1120, Canterbury, CT1 9UL

Who Can apply to be a TGCA Judge?

Existing Judges on an Accredited Panel

Existing panel judges must submit an application form and subject to agreeing to the TGCA Code of Conduct / Rules & Regulations for Judges and approval by the TGCA Panel may be appointed directly to the equivalent level without assessment been required dependent on level of experience with the breed.

Judges with 3 years or less experience on a panel may be asked for extra supporting evidence.

New Applicants not on a Panel

Applicants not on any panel must submit an application form stating relevant experience for the level applied.

Existing TGCA Judges Upgrade Request

Existing TGCA judges who wish to upgrade to a higher level will be required to complete the request for an upgrade application form and attend the next available assessment before being considered. If such upgrade application is successful, a probationary period of 1 year at the upgraded level requested will be implemented and will be internally reviewed after this period and maybe returned to previous level or removed from TGCA Panel if review is unsatisfactory.

How does the Judges Appointment Process Work?

All parts must be completed in a 12 month period.

Part 1

Existing Judges on an Accredited Panel

1. Complete a Judges Application Form and Self-Disclosure Form and either post or email to TGCA Head Office.
2. Provide evidence of the appointment/s to the accredited panels.

All application forms will be reviewed and if successful you be invited to proceed to the next step (dependant on level of experience with the Breed).

3. A. Be appointed on to the TGCA panel at relevant level.

Or



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B. Complete 3 Probationary appointments with 3 different Level 1 Judges (or above) within a 12 month period and submit to TGCA Head office.

4. Applicants completing the probationary appointments successfully will be invited and required to attend the next available Assessment Day.

Judges with 3 years or less experience on a panel may be asked for extra supporting evidence.

New Applicants not on a Panel

1. Complete a Judges Application Form, Self-Disclosure Form and provide 2 independent references and either post or email to TGCA Head Office.

All application forms will be reviewed and if successful you be invited to proceed to the next step

2. Complete 3 Probationary appointments with 3 different Level 1 Judges (or above) within a 12 month period and submit to TGCA Head office.

Applicants completing the probationary appointments successfully within a 12 month period will be invited to the next available Assessment Day.

Part 2.

Stewarding at TOYS for at least 1 of the 3 days

As part of your assessment you are required to steward at the Traditional of the Year Show (TOYS). Marks will be taken for turnout, punctuality, interaction with stewards and competitors, control of the ring.

Part 4.

The Assessment Day

An assessment day that will cover way of going, conformation , type and an interview. You will be marked on:

- Knowledge of Aims of the TGCA
- Knowledge of Breed standard
- Knowledge of Way of Going
- Knowledge of Conformation
- Knowledge of Marking Classes
- Knowledge of Evaluation Process
- Interview

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Applicants will be notified within month of assessment if they were successful in being appointed and to what level.

TGCA Code of Conduct & Judges Membership

All judges whether probationary or appointed must agree to abide by the TGCA Code of Conduct & Rules & Regulations as stated in the TGCA Handbook.

Potential judges must also adhere to the following rules.

1. Confidentiality is vital as a judge you must not discuss any comments made or comment on any individual competitors when outside the ring.
2. You should advise a senior judge or assessor if any exhibit/exhibitor you are assessing has a previous connection to you.
3. You will not be able to compete at any show on the same day where you are being assessed or holding an official position i.e. steward etc
4. You should hold you own public liability insurance.

Any person found to bring the potential judges assessment process into disrepute will be removed from the scheme.

The onus is on the Judge to ensure they keep up with any updates/changes in the handbook and annual membership renewal. Judges Membership runs from 1st November to 31st October the following year.

It is TGCA's policy that if a judge is removed by a society/association panel or the panel is no longer recognised then TGCA will withdraw or amend the judges TGCA appointment accordingly.

The TGCA reserves the right to remove/amend a judge from the TGCA Judges Panel at any time if the TGCA Code of Conduct (as detailed in the Members Handbook & Judges Rule book) is breached.

Appeal Procedure

Should any applicant wish to appeal against a decision made by the TGCA Panel they can do so in writing with a deposit of £250 (which will be refundable if the appeal is upheld). The appeal should be received within 7 days of notification of the decision by the TGCA Panel and received by recorded delivery. The appeal shall be referred and determined by the Appeals Committee. The committee shall be appointed by TGCA and shall comprise such persons as TGCA shall decide but will be made up of three independent persons. The committee shall proceed by way of written submissions only and no party shall be entitled to attend in person or be represented.