

JUDGES NOMINATIONS 2019 FOR OPEN SHOW 2021 AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2022

BEFORE LAST YEAR'S AGM the Judges Sub-Committee reviewed procedures and trialled a different method of selection of judges. In addition, in view of the uncertainties surrounding contracting of UK judges during the implementation phase of the Judges Competency Framework, a decision was made to select overseas judges for our 2021 championship show. As has always been done, a shortlist of names for the open show 2020 was produced by the Judges Sub-Committee to be voted on and results were announced at the AGM.

While this worked well, with the Judges Competency Framework still evolving the Judges Sub-Committee undertook to continue reviewing procedures. The move not to contact every A and B list judge beforehand for availability is a sound one. This cuts out one stage in the selection process where in the past judges' expectations have been raised unnecessarily when many didn't make the short-list. It also avoided the exorbitant costs of a full member postal ballot where the majority of ballot papers were not returned. The next stage has remained as it always has, where the JSC are best placed to decide who would potentially draw a better entry for the Club and pass the recommended short-list on for the ballot. Last year we vested the final decision from the short-list in the committee. To move this forward and again involve members, this year the final vote will be made by those present at the AGM.