



Background

The OLC have been asked by several members of the Obedience Community to look at the qualification for Championship C (Ticket), specifically the difficulty in achieving the required win in Open C needed to qualify, with the aim to increase the numbers able to compete in that class, motivate competitors to stay in the sport, to make the class more financially viable but at the same time maintain an acceptable standard for qualification.

- The responses to the consultation showed that the majority supported change in the qualification for Championship C (Ticket).
- The thoughts left by the Obedience Community on the most popular options suggest that Option 4 'Progression on Points' and Option 5 'Progression on Places' would be the most supported change.
- We asked people to suggest the number of places they thought would be equivalent to a win in Open C. Most respondents thought that three second places would be a fair equivalent to a C win.
- We asked people to suggest the number of points they thought would be a fair number to qualify for Championship C. 60% of respondents suggested between 16 and 20 points would be fair.
- The connection between points and places is already well established in the G Regs because winning a set number of places will award you a certain number of points. When considered together, Option 4 and Option 5 combined had a positive response of 72% (where the person responded positively to either Option 4 or Option 5 or both#).

The OLC have therefore, in line with the wishes of the majority of the Community, created a proposal for a change to the qualification for Championship C that enables Progression on Places (the number of places based on points equivalent to current qualification requirements).

#Where a respondent was positive to both Option 4 AND Option 5 this was counted as ONE positive response in favour of the combined Option.

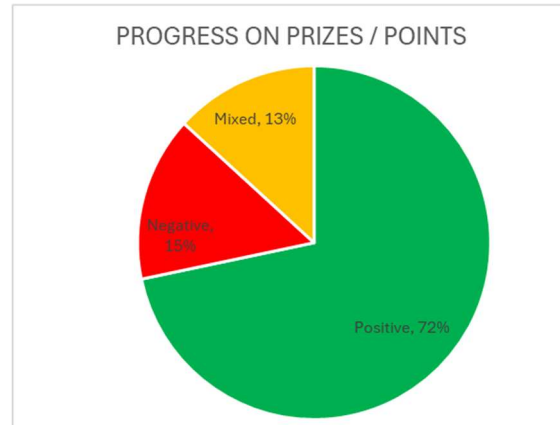


Combined Option 4/5 – Progression on Places (based on Points)

Both Option 4 ‘Progression on Points’ and Option 5 ‘Progression on Places’ had a high level of supportive comments from the Obedience Community in the consultation. These Options are, however, already connected - because winning a set number of places will award you a certain number of points. They were therefore reviewed these further and considered them together.

When considered together, Option 4 and Option 5 combined had a positive response of 72% (where the person responded positively to either Option 4 or Option 5 or both#).

This level of support was seen across the board, at all levels of competition and amongst those not competing.



We asked people to suggest the number of places they thought would be equivalent to a win in Open C. Most respondents thought that three second places would be a fair equivalent to a C win. Many also stated they did not think that fourth place should be used towards progression.

We asked people to suggest the number of points they thought would be a fair number to qualify for Championship C. 60% of respondents suggested between 16 and 20 points would be fair (the current minimum points required to qualify for Ticket being 16).

Taking both these most popular options together creates a proposal to add a route for Progression on Places to qualify from Open C to Championship C, set at a level based on the existing Points for those places (as set out in G(A)5) that is hoped will increase the options for teams looking to qualify for Championship C whilst maintaining an acceptable standard within that class.



Summary of Proposal

It is proposed that the qualification for Championship C be amended to allow substitution of a win in Open C with additional places in Open C, under different judges.

It is proposed that the criteria for Progression on Places is set at a level based on the existing points for those places (as set out in G(A)5) with the following substitutions:

- 1 Open C win (10 points) can be replaced by 3 second places in Open C (12 points)
- 1 Open C win (10 points) can be replaced by 6 third places in Open C (12 points)
- A mixture of second and third places can be used where 1 second place = 2 third places
 - See Appendix A for the possible combination of awards to qualify
- **Three additional qualifiers are still required** over and above the win/substitute places
- All wins and places used for qualification are still **required to be under different judges.**
- Fourth places do not count towards progression in Open C
- Handlers are required to keep full records of their wins and places.

This proposal will allow teams that are consistently placed in Open C to progress on places if they wish. Competition will still be against teams already qualified, keeping the standard consistent. Teams who feel the win is important to them can still work to attain it. Whilst this proposal is likely to increase the numbers competing in Championship C the quantity of places needed is unlikely to see a rapid increase in numbers, thus not threatening to get close to 60 in a class regularly (if at all). If numbers in Ticket become consistently high in future years the number of places required to progress can be reviewed and altered upwards.

Regulation in Question

G Annex A 15.a. Class C

For Championship Class C at Championship Shows, dogs must have won out of Novice, Class A and Class B, or have progressed on points from those classes, and have won Open Class C on one occasion and have been placed not lower than third on three further occasions; all Open Class C places and wins must have been won under different judges at Royal Kennel Club licensed shows.

Changed to:

For Championship Class C at Championship Shows, dogs must have won out of Novice, Class A and Class B, or have progressed on points from those classes, and have won Open Class C on one occasion and have been placed not lower than third on three further occasions. **The win in Open Class C may be substituted by three Second places in Open Class C or by six Third places in Open Class C (or a mixture of both, where two Third places are equivalent to one Second place);** all Open Class C places and wins must have been won under different judges at Royal Kennel Club licensed shows. (Insertions in bold)



Recommendation

We recommend that the regulation on qualification for Championship C (Ticket) is changed in line with the wishes of the Obedience Community as voiced in the initial consultation on this topic.

Action Required

The OLC would like to receive the views of the community. Please submit your view using **ONE of the following options.**

Please follow this link

<https://forms.gle/vqn2B1rgzYiCbgd89>

to a form that can be completed to share your view on this proposal.

Or

Please attend a meeting with the OLC reps at one of the shows they are holding meetings. These can be found listed on the OLC facebook page.

Or

Please contact one of your reps directly to give your view.

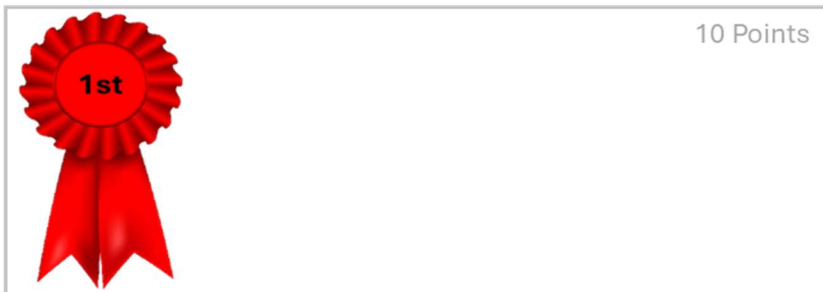
Your feedback option must be completed by **19^h April 2026**



Appendix A

The proposed combinations of awards that would qualify teams for Championship C:

Four Awards: One Win **plus** three additional places no lower than third under three different Judges. (The existing criteria for qualification)



Six Awards: Three Seconds under three different judges **plus** three additional places no lower than third under three different judges



Seven Awards: Two Seconds and Two Thirds under four different judges **plus** three additional places no lower than third under three different judges



Eight Awards: One Second and Four Thirds under five different judges **plus** three additional places no lower than third under three different judges



Nine Awards: Six Thirds under six different judges **plus** three additional places no lower than third under three different judges

