

Newcomer Competition Rules

- **Ezzmare Perpetual Cup for ‘Newcomer to Dog Showing’ (awarded annually)**
- **Ezzmare Perpetual Cup for ‘Breeder Who Encouraged Newcomers’ (awarded annually)**

Points System

Entry in an IKC licenced Dog Show (<i>Open show, Limit shows, Matches, Champ shows</i>)	1 point	
Winning 1 st in your class	4 points	
Winning 2 nd in your class	3 points	
Winning 3 rd in your class	2 points	
Winning 4 th in your class	1 point	
Winning “Best Dog” or “Best Bitch” (<i>or a green star</i>)	1 point	
Winning Best of Breed (<i>or BIS at a club show</i>)	1 point	
Winning the Group at all breed or Group shows	1 point	
Winning Best in Show at all breed or Group shows	1 point	

The Rules

1. This competition is for Newcomers to dog shows and exhibiting.
2. This competition is confined to Owners and/or Handlers of Rough Collies who have never entered/handled a dog (of any breed) in a dog show in this or in any other jurisdiction.
3. Competitor must be the registered owner of the IKC registered Rough Collie
4. Competitor must be a fully paid up member of the AICSS
5. In this competition, a “newcomer” means a member who joined the club (for the first time) less than five years before each annual competition commences
6. The competition will be launched at the CLUB OPEN SHOW on MAY 16th of 2015 and will close on the eve of the Club Open Show Of 2016 (Members who joined in 2012 will then have reached the 5 year criteria and so will rotate out)
7. Each Rough Collie will hold a separate record but the totals will be combined for the owner’s total points.
8. The Ezzmare Cup for the ‘**Breeder Who Encouraged Newcomers**’ will go to the breeder of the Rough Collie with the most points. (This may not necessarily be the club member with the most points).
9. Competition is open to non-champions. If a dog gains the title of Champion, they must withdraw from the competition.
10. It is the responsibility of the owner to inform the competition co-ordinator of the entry and/or placing at shows within two weeks after the show.
11. The co-ordinator reserves the right to check all information regarding Entry/Wins at shows with Show Secretaries.
12. Contact co-ordinator Marie Delaney by email at marieb.del@gmail.com
13. Competition co-ordinator will require the following information:
Name, Address, phone, email of Owner/Handler. Registered Name, IKC No, Sex, Breeder of Rough Collie

The aim of this competition is to encourage the owners of Rough Collies to join our Club and to participate in dog showing. The committee are suggesting to members who are selling Rough Collies that they encourage the new owner to join the AICSS and that if they indicate an interest in showing – the breeder directs them to the website and suggests this competition to them. We aim to use this competition to prompt buyers to select from reputable breeders who have their best interest and that of the breed to the fore. There is an added incentive for breeders to become involved in this initiative as the breeder of the dog/bitch with the most points at the end of the competition will win a perpetual cup for breeding that dog and encouraging the new owner to show.

Both of these prestigious trophies were donated by Eamon Nealon (himself a newcomer). The competition coordinator for this particular competition is Marie Delaney, Email: marieb.del@gmail.com

This competition is a totally new concept – so please be patient if there are a few teething problems at the start. The committee reserve the right to make changes to the above rules in order to facilitate the smooth running of the competition. The points are awarded on a trust basis – whereby contestants give their word that they have been to a show. However – should a dispute arise, the committee reserve the right to contact the show secretary to confirm. The Committee reserves the right to amend the rules, should they feel it appropriate, during the lifetime of this competition year. In the event of query or dispute the decision of the committee shall be final.