



# International Irish Red Setter Club

[www.IIRSC.com](http://www.IIRSC.com)  
[redclub.IIRSC@gmail.com](mailto:redclub.IIRSC@gmail.com)

Presidents of the F.C.I. members of Europe

President Federation Cinologique Internationale - F.C.I.

Their addresses

Dublin, 12.08.2019.

Dear Presidents,

At the meeting of the Council of the International Irish Red Setter Club - I.I.R.S.C., held in Monctez Longevas - France, on 15 March 2019, all participating Clubs highlighted two areas of significant concern.

The first issue discussed by delegates was that in dog shows taking place in Europe some Judges are not complying, in their judgments, with the Morphological Standard of the Irish Red Setter breed: F.C.I. - Standard N ° 120 - 02.04.2001 / EN.

The particular reference to the height of the Irish Setter that the Morphological Standard indicates is the following:

**SIZE:**

Height at withers: Males 23 ins (58 cm) to 26.5 ins (67 cm).

Female 21.5 ins (55 cm) to 24.5 ins (62 cm).

In fact, it has been noted that, more and more frequently, Irish Setters of heights much greater than that provided for by the official Breed Standard are being rewarded, thus breaching the requirements of the Breed Standard.

The second issue of concern raised by the Clubs adhering to the I.I.R.S.C. was that the some Judges are ignoring the existence of the official Work Standard, approved by the Irish Red Setter Club in 1998, referred to in the F.C.I. - Standard N ° 120 - 02.04.2001 / EN.

In fact some Field Trial Judges, in their assessment, penalize Irish Setters who set in a crouched position, when instead the official Work Standard of 1998, approved by the I.R.S.C., foresees "Standing or crouched setting are normal attitudes".

Having said that, I am asking you, dear President, to invite the Irish Setter Breed Club recognized by your Kennel Club to ask the judges to comply with the aforementioned Official Standards in their judgments.

In thanking you for your kind cooperation, please accept my most cordial greetings.

Raymond O'Dwyer  
President of the I.I.R.S.C.  
President of the I.R.S.C.