

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**  
**RULES GOVERNING DOG SHOWS**  
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The following rules must be published in every Premium List.

**RULE I.**

**BENCHING.**

SECTION 1. No exhibitor is permitted to affix any award, sign, or notice on the bench, or any prizes not won at that show, unless it is specifically stated on such notice the name of the show where such prizes were awarded and the year in which that show was held. For violation of this rule the exhibitor shall forfeit any prize won a that show.

SECTION 2. All dogs at shows must be kept on the benches or in the cages provided or allowed for them for exhibition purposes except while its breed is being judged, or during the periods designated by the show-giving clubs for exercising or before the time specified as the opening hour of the Show or after the time specified as the closing hour of the Show each day. A dog may, however, be removed from its bench or cage by permission of the Superintendent or by order of the Veterinarian or his representatives.

This rule must be enforced by all Superintendents, who shall report to the American Kennel Club each and every infraction of it and the offending exhibitors shall be fined five dollars for each offense.

The exercising periods, hours and opening and closing of Show, must appear in every premium list as additional rules.

**RULE II.**

**BREEDER.**

The breeder of a dog is a person owning or leasing the dam at the time of service.

**BREEDS.**

(See Rule VII, Section 19, under Classes and Classification.)

Recognized breeds shall be such breeds as are eligible to registration in the Stud Book, and such breeds as may hereafter be made eligible for such registration.

#### **RULE IV.**

##### **CATALOGUES.**

SECTION 1. Every show must provide a printed catalogue which shall contain all particulars required of exhibitors in entering dogs as hereinafter provided. It must also contain a list of all the officers under whose management the Show is held, as well as the names and addresses, in the last pages, of all exhibitors.

SECTION 2. The catalogue must be compiled in the following manner. The catalogue must be in book form and not exceeding in surface size, 6x9 inches, nor less than 5x8 inches. The name of the owner, and then the name of the dog, and registration number immediately follow the catalogue number, followed by the name of sire and dam, date of birth and breeder; if registered and if listed when known.

**Deleted:** full pedigree particulars, where registered and, where known, in dogs listed.

SECTION 3. A catalogue marked with the winnings and absentees certified to by the Secretary of the Show-giving Club, must be filed with The American Kennel Club within seven days after the closing of the Show. Penalty \$1.00 per day.

SECTION 4. The schedule of points governing each breed in the show must be published in its catalogue.

SECTION 5. The names of all judges, including for in classified specials, also the name of the Superintendent, Secretary of Show and Veterinarian must be published in every Catalogue. Failure to publish such names shall be punishable by a fine of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. After the list of judges has been published in the Premium List it cannot be changed, unless an appointed judge is unable to fill his engagement. The Committee shall then have the right to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 6. Clubs in the jurisdiction of any Representative of the American Kennel Club must forward to said Representative, within seven days, two marked and certified copies of the Catalogue and also all Judges' books, and same must be forwarded to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club within three days.

#### **RULE V.**

##### **CANCELLATIONS.**

SECTION 1. All cancellations in regular classes must be made by the American Kennel Club as soon as possible after the closing of the show.

SECTION 2. Cancellations of wins must follow in all cases of violation of rules, except for technical errors, the penalty for which is prescribed.

SECTION 3. Should the win of a dog be cancelled the next dog in order of merit shall be moved up, and the win shall be counted in every respect the same as if it had been the original award. For this purpose the judge shall place one dog “reserve” after the regular prizes are awarded if a dog of sufficient merit is available.

SECTION 4. If a win is cancelled subsequent to the closing of the Show, the exhibitor must return to the Club holding the Show, within thirty days after receipt of notice to that effect, all prizes won by the dog. Penalty for non-compliance with his rule shall be suspension of the exhibitor until restitution is made and receipt for same filed with the American Kennel Club.

## RULE VI.

### CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

SECTION 1. At each authorized show the number of points towards a Championship for each breed shall be based on the actual number of dogs benched in each breed, according to the schedule of points determined by the License Committee (Dogs for exhibition or specials only will not count toward the number of dogs present in the matter of rating for the Breed).

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(Also see rule VII, Section 9, under Classes and Classification.)

## RULE VII.

### CLASSES AND CLASSIFICATION.

SECTION 1. The classification at all shows must be arranged and published in the Premium Lists and Catalogues in alphabetical order.

Deleted: the following order:

#### LARGE DOGS

Bloodhounds

Otterhounds

Mastiffs

St. Bernards (Rough)

St. Bernards (Smooth)

Great Danes

Newfoundlands

Russian Wolfhounds

Irish Wolfhounds

Scottish Deerhounds

Owtchars (Russian Sheepdogs)

Eskimo Dogs

Norwegian Elkhounds

#### MEDIUM SIZED DOGS

Foxhounds (American)

Foxhounds (English)

Harriers

Pointers

English Setters

Gordon Setters

Irish Setters

Retrievers

Wire-Haired Pointing Griffons

Chesapeake Bay Dogs

Basset Hounds  
 Irish Water Spaniels  
 Clumber Spaniels  
 Sussex Spaniels  
 Springers (Welsh)  
 Field Spaniels  
 Cocker Spaniels (Solid Colors, Parti-Colors)  
 Beagles  
 Badger Dogs  
 Whippets  
 Collies (Rough)  
 Collies (Smooth)  
 Belgian Sheepdogs  
 Shepherd Dogs  
 Sheepdogs of the Maremmes  
 Old English Sheepdogs  
 Poodles  
 Chow Chows  
 Dalmatians  
 Samoyeds  
 Boxers  
 Pinschers (Doberman)  
 Bulldogs  
 Bulldogs (Miniature)  
 Airedale Terriers  
 Bullterriers  
 Bullterriers (Toy)

SMALL SIZE DOGS

Shetland Sheepdogs  
 French Bulldogs  
 Boston Terriers  
 Toy Boston Terriers  
 Foxterriers (Smooth)

Foxterriers (Wire)  
 Sealyham Terriers  
 Irish Terriers  
 Scottish Terriers  
 West Highland White Terriers  
 Cairn Terriers  
 Welsh Terriers  
 Skye Terriers  
 Dandie Dinmont Terriers  
 Bedlington Terriers  
 Black and Tan (Manchester) Terriers  
 White English Terriers  
 Schipperkes  
 Chinese Crested Dogs  
 Mexican Hairless Dogs

CAGE DOGS

Pomeranians  
 English Toy Spaniels (Black and Tan)  
 English Toy Spaniels (Tri-color)  
 English Toy Spaniels (Orange and White)  
 English Toy Spaniels (Red)  
 Japanese Spaniels  
 Pekingese  
 Pugs  
 Toy Poodles  
 Yorkshire Terriers  
 Maltese  
 Toy Terriers (Black and Tan, not exceeding 8 lbs.)  
 Griffons (Brussels)  
 Chihuahuas  
 Papillons  
 Italian Greyhounds

SECTION 2. Classification shall be confined to the recognized breeds hereinafter named, and may be divided or limited by variety, weight, color, height, or sex, and otherwise, as provided for in these Rules. All classification must be arranged as follows: Puppy, Novice, American-Bred, Limit, Open and Winners, after which additional classes can be included in any breed.

SECTION 3. The Puppy Class shall be for dogs over six months and not exceeding 12 months of age; and no entry may be made of one under six months, or whose date of birth, breeder, sire and dam is unknown.

Note: A dog whelped, for instance, on January 1, 1920, is not eligible to compete in a puppy class at a Show, the first day of which is January 1, 1921.

Puppies may be permanently removed from a show after their classes have been judged, but only after the close of a show in any evening.

Puppy classes must be judged not later than the second day of the show.

SECTION 4. The Novice Class shall be for dogs never having won a first prize in regular classes, wins in puppy classes excepted, at any recognized show, but only dogs bred in the United States, Canada, Mexico or Cuba shall be eligible. The entry blank must state the name of the breeder and the place of birth.

SECTION 5. The Limit Class shall be for all dogs that have never won six first prizes in this class, Champions barred.

SECTION 6. The America-Bred Class shall be for all dogs bred in the United States of America, Champions barred. The entry blank must state the name of the breeder and the place of birth.

SECTION 7. The Open Class is for all dogs over six months.

SECTION 8. The Winners' Class for which there shall be no entry fee be no entry fee must be open only to undefeated winners of first prizes in either the Puppy, Novice, American-Bred, Limit or Open Classes, together with the Winners' Class, constitute the regular classes at a show giving at least the American-Bred and Open Classes in each breed. The Winners' Class may be divided by sex provided the American-bred and the Open Classes are so divided. After awarding the Winners' Prize, the dog or dogs having been placed second to the Winner in any of these Classes must compete with the remaining dogs in said Winners' Class for "Reserve." Unless such dog or dogs have been previously defeated in these classes, by an dog or dogs other than the dog awarded "Winner". No eligible dog can be withheld from competition.

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SECTION 9. Winners of fifteen points in this class under three different judges (at least six points of which shall have been won at two three point shows and in which such three point shows there has been competition in one or more of its regular classes), shall thereby become a Champion of Record, and if registered in the Stud Book shall be entitled to a Championship Certificate, and on payment of a fee, if any, to be determined by the Board of Directors, will receive a Championship Medal.

SECTION 10. The Miscellaneous Class shall be open to all dogs of breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club which have not otherwise been provided for in the Premium List, and to such other breeds of foreign dogs as are published in Count Henry de Bylandt's Book, "Dogs of All Nations." Entries in this class must specify the breed of the exhibit. Failure to comply with this condition shall cancel the award.

SECTION 11. The term, "Field Trial Record," as used at all Dog Shows, applied only to Public Trials where competition Field Trial.

Hunting Classes shall confined to dogs that received a Certificate of Merit as a hunting dog from judges at a recognized Field Trial or that have been placed at such a trial.

SECTION 13. In estimating the number of wins a dog has won, no award received by it on or after the day of closing of the entries of the Show at which the dog is to be shown will be counted.

SECTION 14. In any class where there is a limit of weight or height, the person in charge of a dog entered in such class may claim of the Show Committee the right at any time after the opening of the show, and before the judging of its class, to have the dog weighed or measured, and the record of the dog shall be registered and hold good at the time of judging.

Any competing exhibitor or handler shall have the right at any time after the opening of the show, and before the judging of its class, to have the dog weighed or measured, and the record of the dog shall be registered and hold good at the time of judging.

SECTION 15. In a classification where there is a division of weights a dog may be entered in two different weight classes, but the second entry in such a case must be noted on the entry blank as "alternate entry" for which no entry fee shall be charged. The owner of person making such entry must notify the superintendent of the Show as hereinafter provided in which class said owner or person elects to show the dog and the dog must be shown in that class and must conform to the weight called for in that class. Such notice must be made either by letter or telegram showing a postmark or date of filing respectively prior to twelve noon of the day preceding the first day of the Show and received by the superintendent of the Show before the Show opens. The superintendent shall attach all such notices before the Show opens then the dog must compete as originally entered; the alternate entry being deemed null and void.

SECTION 16. Dog Show Committees may provide such classes for dogs of recognized breeds as they may choose, provided they do not conflict with the conditions of the above-mentioned classes.

SECTION 17. Dogs bred and whelped in the United States, and dogs whelped in the United States by a bitch purchased by a citizen of the United States in any foreign country

SECTION 18. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the show.

SECTION 19. The following list comprises all breeds of dogs for which separate classes may be provided:

Group I.  
Sporting Dogs

Basset Hounds  
Beagles  
Bloodhounds  
Chesapeake Bays  
Foxhounds (American)  
Foxhounds (English)  
Greyhounds  
Harriers  
Labrador Retrievers  
Otter Hounds  
Pointers  
Retrievers  
Scottish Deerhounds  
Setters (English)  
Setters (Gordon)  
Setters (Irish)  
Spaniels (Clumber)  
Spaniels (Cocker)  
Spaniels (Field)  
Spaniels (Irish Water)  
Spaniels (Sussex)  
Spaniels (Springer)  
Wire-haired Pointing Griffons  
Wolfhounds (Irish)  
Wolfhounds (Russians)  
Whippets

Group II.  
Working Dogs

Belgian Sheepdogs  
Collies  
Dachshunde  
Doberman Pinchers  
Eskimos  
Great Danes  
Mastiffs  
Newfoundlands  
Old English Sheepdogs  
Samoyeds

**Deleted:** Airedale Terriers¶  
Badger Dogs ¶  
Basset Hounds (Smooth) ¶  
Basset Hounds (Rough) ¶  
Beagles ¶  
Bedlington Terriers¶  
Black and Tan (Manchester Terriers) ¶  
Bloodhounds¶  
Boston Terriers¶  
Bulldogs¶  
Bulldogs (Miniature) ¶  
Bullterriers ¶  
Bullterriers (Toys) ¶  
Cairn Terriers ¶  
Chesapeake Bay Dogs ¶  
Chihuahuas¶  
Chow Chows¶  
Collies ¶  
Dalmatians¶  
Deerhounds (Scottish) ¶  
Dandie Dinmont Terriers¶  
English Toy Spaniels (Orange and White) ¶  
English Toy Spaniels (Red) ¶  
English Toy Spaniels (Black and Tan) ¶  
English Toy Spaniels (Tri-color) ¶  
Foxhounds (American) ¶  
Foxhounds (English) ¶  
Foxterriers (Smooth) ¶  
Foxterriers (Wire) ¶  
French Bulldogs ¶  
Great Danes ¶  
Greyhounds ¶  
Griffons (Brussels) ¶  
Harriers ¶  
Irish Terriers ¶  
Irish Wolfhounds ¶  
Italian Greyhounds ¶  
Japanese Spaniels ¶  
Maltese ¶  
Mastiffs¶  
Newfoundlands ¶  
Old English Sheepdogs ¶  
Shetland Sheepdogs ¶  
Otter Hounds¶  
Pekingese ¶  
Pointers¶  
Pomeranians ¶  
Poodles (Corded) ¶  
Poodles (Curly) ¶  
Pugs¶  
Retrievers (Curly-coated) ¶  
Retrievers (Wavy-coated) ¶  
Schipperkes¶  
Scottish Terriers¶  
Sealyham Terriers¶  
Setters (English) ¶  
Setters (Irish) ¶  
Setters (Gordon) ¶  
Shepherd Dogs ¶  
Skye Terriers ¶  
Spaniels (Clumber) ¶  
Spaniels (Cocker, Solid Colors, Parti-Colors) ¶  
Spaniels (Field) ¶  
Spaniels (Irish Water) ¶  
Spaniels (Sussex) ¶  
Springers (Welsh) ¶  
St. Bernards (Smooth) ¶  
St. Bernard (Rough) ¶  
Toy Poodles ¶

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Shepherd Dogs  
St. Bernards (Rough)  
St. Bernards (Smooth)

Group III.  
Terriers

Airedale Terriers  
Bedlington Terriers  
Bullterriers  
Cairn Terriers  
Dandie Dinmont Terriers  
Foxterriers (Smooth)  
Foxterriers (Wire)  
Kerry Blue Terriers  
Irish Terriers  
Manchester Terriers  
Sealyham Terriers  
Scottish Terriers  
Skye Terriers  
Welsh Terriers  
West Highland White Terriers  
White English Terriers

Group IV  
Toys

Chihuahuas  
English Toy Spaniels  
Griffons (Brussels)  
Italian Greyhounds  
Japanese Spaniels  
Maltese  
Mexican Hairless  
Papillons  
Pekingese  
Pomeranians  
Pugs  
Toy Poodles  
Toy Terriers  
Yorkshire Terriers

Group V.  
Non-Sporting

Boston Terriers

Bulldogs  
Chow Chows  
Dalmatians  
French Bulldogs  
Poodles (Corded)  
Poodles (Curly)  
Schipperkes

SECTION 20. Two copies of the proposed Classification must be sent to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club for approval and none shall be valid without his endorsement, which must be printed at the head of the Classification.

SECTION 21. The judge of each breed at a show shall designate after judging the regular classes, the best specimen, either male or female, of that breed entered at the show either in the regular classes or entered for specials only.

SECTION 22. A show-giving Club may give five variety classes not divided by sex, such classes to be designated the same as the list of dogs in Rule VII, Section 19 (amended), and all dogs at a show to compete only in the variety class in which they belong according to this grouping. Only dogs designated "Best of Breed" by the Regular Judge as above set forth, shall be eligible to compete in these classes. All entries for such variety classes to be post entries made after the judging of the regular classes and the show-giving may or may not charge an entry fee according to its discretion, such entry fee however, must have been published in the Premium List. In case of the absence or failure of the dog winning "Best of Breed" to enter in such variety class in which it is eligible, no other dog of the same breed shall be allowed to enter this class.

SECTION 23. The five dogs winning in the above five variety classes may compete, in an extra class, to which no entry fee shall be charged for the best dog in the show.

## **RULE VIII.**

### **CLUBS.**

The use of a Club's name for show purposes cannot be transferred to any other body or person.

## **RULE IX.**

### **DATES FOR SHOWS.**

SECTION 1. Application for dates of shows must be filed with the Secretary of the American Kennel Club for approval by the License Committee, accompanied by a fee of \$25.00, which shall be forfeited in case of the show not being held.

SECTION 2. Clubs which have held shows the previous year shall have first choice for the corresponding date for the succeeding year.

In the jurisdiction of the representative of any designated territory, applications for dates must be filed with him and immediately forwarded to him by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club and copies of the proposed Premium List must be submitted to him in triplicate for approval and endorsement.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of and Club, or Organization, applicant for a license shall deposit with the application a fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars which shall be forfeited in case of violations of Rules XVI and XVII.

SECTION 4. The Committee will not approve applications where show dates conflict unless it is shown conclusively that the granting of such application will not work to the detriment of either club.

SECTION 5. An active member, except specialty clubs, shall have the sole show privilege in the city or town of its organization, provided it shall hold an annual fixture. No show shall be licensed in said city or town without permission of the said member, except said member should fail to hold a show within a period of eighteen months, in which case a show may be licensed in said city or town, without the permission of the resident member. If said resident member fails to hold a show within twelve months after a licensed show has been held in said city or town, an application from a new organization for active membership may be accepted by the American Kennel Club without the consent of the original member. Where there are two or more show-giving clubs, in the same city or town, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

## **RULE X.**

### **DISCIPLINE.**

SECTION 1. Any person or person acting in any official capacity, paid or unpaid, including that of Judge, Secretary, Superintendent, Steward, Clerk of a Show, or as an Officer or Member of a Bench Show Committee of any Club holding a Show in the United States of America under any rules antagonistic to the American Kennel Club, shall be disqualified and debarred from all privileges of said Club.

SECTION 2. No person under suspension or disqualification shall be employed in any official capacity or exhibit or donate a prize, or act as agent for an exhibitor, or enter any judging ring.

SECTION 3. No person under suspension or disqualification may make an entry, exhibit, or take a prize.

SECTION 4. Any person or club guilty of misconduct of any kind in connection with Clubs, Dog Shows or Field Trials, may be suspended by the President of the

American Kennel Club, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents, but such decision must be approved or otherwise by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

SECTION 5. The Bench Show or Field Trial Committee may suspend any person for misconduct at or in connection with its Show, notice of such suspension must be forwarded within twenty-four hours to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, who shall refer it to the Board of Directors at its next meeting for approval or otherwise, provided all parties in interest have had an opportunity to be heard.

SECTION 6. The suspension or disqualification of an owner shall date from the date of the perpetration of the act, and shall apply to all dogs owned by him or connected with the perpetration of the act, and no dog so disqualified is eligible for entry at any show under any ownership.

SECTION 7. The privileges of the Stud Book are withheld from all persons under suspension or disqualification for registration of dogs owned or bred by them.

SECTION 8. No person shall be disqualified without an opportunity of being heard in his own defense and due notice with the charges be given him.

SECTION 9. For any violation of these rules, not otherwise here above specified, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the American Kennel Club, such action may be taken and penalty imposed as may be deemed proper by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 10. The Secretary of the American Kennel Club must enforce penalties for violation of rules, and reserve same from deposit made with application for dates.

## **RULE XI.**

### **ENTRIES AND ENTRY-FEES.**

SECTION 1. The word "dog" where used in these rules includes both sexes.

SECTION 2. A dog wrongly entered in a class may not be transferred to another class by the Show officials, nor may any alterations be made on an entry blank by any official of the Show-giving Club. Penalty, \$25.00 for each offense.

SECTION 3. A dog that is blind, deaf, lame, castrated, spayed, dyed or faked shall be ineligible to compete at any show, except in the case of lameness, when the veterinarian is satisfied that it is only temporary.

SECTION 4. No entry can be made in a Kennel Name unless that name has been registered. The partners in a kennel will be deemed equally culpable in the case of fraud perpetrated in their name. The term "exhibitor," shall mean an individual, or a co-

partnership exhibiting as an individual, firm or kennels. Penalty for infraction of this rule, cancellation of wins.

SECTION 5. The Superintendents, Secretary of the Show, Veterinarians or Club Officials acting in any of these capacities, shall not exhibit, act as agent or officiate as judge, at the show.

SECTION 6. Anyone acting as a judge at a show shall not exhibit for competition, nor act as agent or handler at such show. Penalty for violation of the above rule twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

SECTION 7. Dogs belonging wholly or in part to any of the above officials or to any member of their immediate family or household shall be deemed ineligible for competition at such show.

SECTION 8. Every dog must be the bona fide property of the person making the entry on the day of closing for the entries, and the right to exhibit a dog cannot be transferred. If an entry is made in the name of an agent, and the name of the owner is not given, the win of the dog shall be cancelled. If a dog is entered in the name of the association, the name of the association, proof of its incorporation, and a list of its officers shall be filed with the Secretary of The American Kennel Club prior to the making of any such entry. The entry must clearly states the name of the dog, and if known, its date of birth, name of sire and dam, and the name of its breeder. Should any of these particulars be unknown to the exhibitor, it must be so stated on the entry blank. If the dog is registered in the American Kennel Club Stud Book, the Stud Book number of the dog must be given with the entry. The penalty for violation of this rule is \$1.00 for each offense.

SECTION 9. If the name of a dog which has won a prize at any show has been changed (no change in the registered name of a dog will be permitted in other than the current year.), the old name also must be given on the entry blank and published in the catalogue until such time as it wins a prize under its new name.

SECTION 10. Every dog entered under these rules must be Registered or Listed previous to being exhibited. The fee for Registered and for Listing shall be such as determined upon by the Board of Directors. The Registration of a dog gives the privilege of competition for life. The Listing of a dog gives the privilege only for the show for which it is listed.

SECTION 11. Should a dog be not properly entered in any of the regular breed classes at a show, all prizes, including Special Prizes awarded to said dog shall be cancelled. Such prizes to be void where there is no dog of record to move up, and in computing the Championship Points for its breed, said dog shall not be considered as in the Show.

SECTION 12. If a dog has been entered without being identified as directed in these rules, a fine of \$1.00 shall be imposed for each error, unless fraud shall be shown, in which case the wins shall be cancelled.

SECTION 13. The Show-giving Club will be held liable for the penalty if it accepts an entry from one of its judges or superintendents.

SECTION 14. Any Show-giving Club which accepts an entry fee other than that published in its Premium List, or in any way discriminates between exhibitors, shall be suspended.

SECTION 15. The Dog Show Committee may decline any entries, or may remove any dog from the show for cause.

SECTION 16. Dogs, unless specifically entered for Specials, are not required to compete for same; but the presence of the dog at the show shall be considered as making competition whether they are brought into the ring or not.

SECTION 17. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in making out their entry forms.

SECTION 18. Entries shall not be received less than seven days prior to the first day of the show. An additional entry fee of one-half the advertised entry fee shall be charged for entries received after the advertised date of closing and prior to seven days before the first day of the show. No alteration of the advertised date of closing in the premium list shall be allowed. Penalty for accepting entries within seven days prior to the first day of the show shall be \$25.00 for each entry.

SECTION 19. The date of the closing of entries of any show shall determine the qualification and ownership of the entry, and a person eligible to make entries must be in good standing. A list of person who are not in good standing must be obtained from the Secretary of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 20. No entries shall be accepted in the name of an agent only. Penalty for each offense, \$2.00.

## **RULE XII.**

### **FIELD TRIAL AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

SECTION 1. Specialty Clubs not active members of the American Kennel Club may be licensed to hold Field Trials with the written consent of the Parent Club. If the consent of the Parent Club be not given within one month, the applying club may appeal to the License Committee which may issue a license in its discretion.

SECTION 2. Every Club holding Field Trials must forward to the American Kennel Club one copy of the Premium List before distribution.

SECTION 3. Premium List must contain a list of the officers of the Club, the Judge or Judges who will officiate at the Trials, The classes and their conditions, and state the Rules which the Trials are to be run.

SECTION 4. Every dog entered under these Rules must be registered or listed previous to being started in a Field Trial. The registration of a dog gives the privilege of competition for life. The listing of a dog gives the privilege for the Field Trials for which it is listed.

SECTION 5. No person shall be eligible to judge at any Field Trial until he or she has been licensed by the American Kennel Club through its License Committee, except that substitute or additional judges, whether Licensed or Non-Licensed, may be appointed by a Field Trial Club at a Field Trial if occasion demands it; provided, however, said Judges have never been refused a License by the American Kennel Club and are in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 6. Field Trials must provide the Judges with books containing names of the starters and their owners and the addresses of the owners.

SECTION 7. The awards in the Judges' Books are to be marked by the Judges themselves, signed by the Secretary of the Club and forwarded to the American Kennel Club within seven days after the closing of the Field Trials.

SECTION 8. Officers of Field Trial Clubs may run dogs in or act as Judges at Field Trials.

SECTION 9. The winner of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America's Champion Race, will be recorded as a champion.

SECTION 10. Penalty for non-compliance with Section 2,3,5,6,7, non-recognition of wins.

SECTION 11. Every dog must be the bona-fide property of the person making the entry. The right to run a dog cannot be transferred.

SECTION 12. All classes for Beagles may be divided by sex. Classes when divided by height must be divided as follows:

Over thirteen inches and not exceeding fifteen inches.

Thirteen inches and under.

SECTION 13. All Beagles must be measured by the standards of the National Beagle Club before starting and if incorrectly entered must be transferred to their proper classes. Classes when divided by height must be divided as follows: Over thirteen inches

and not exceeding fifteen inches, and thirteen inches and under; and hounds can only compete in the classes for their respective heights.

SECTION 14. The total number of points required to entitle any Beagle to a Field Championship is ten (10). One win must be at a Field Trial that is rated at three points or over, and only one win of a hound can be recognized at any Field Trial toward a Championship.

SECTION 15. All Beagle Trials to be rated on the actual number of starters in the open classes, namely, fifteen-inch dogs and fifteen-inch bitches, thirteen-inch dogs and thirteen-inch bitches; or if any of these classes are combined, a class may be substituted for dogs and bitches fifteen inches and under, to be run as a pack for not less than eight hours; the entrance fee to be not less than 50 per cent, in excess of entrance fee of other open classes for each hound. Derby Stakes and Pack Stakes are not open classes.

SECTION 16. Beagle Trails are to be rated as follows:

Fifty starters and over, 5 points  
Forty starters and under fifty, 4 points  
Thirty starters and under forty, 3 points  
Twenty starters and under thirty, 2 points  
Under twenty starters, 1 point.

SECTION 17. The Foxhounds winning the All-Age Class at the Trials of the Brunswick Foxhound Club will thereby become a Field Champion.

SECTION 18. Other breeds than those specified:

Two wins in open classes will constitute a Field Champion.

### **RULE XIII.**

#### **JUDGES AND JUDGING.**

SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible to judge at any show held under these Rules, until he or she shall have been licensed by the American Kennel Club, through its License Committee.

SECTION 2. The appointment of judges shall rest with the Club giving the show.

SECTION 3. In the event of an advertised judge being unable to fill his or her engagement, and no licensed judge being present at a show who may be available, the Dog Show Committee of such Club shall have the power to appoint a temporary non-licensed substitute judge, provided however such person has never been refused a license by the American Kennel Club and is in good standing.

SECTION 4. In case the regularly appointed judge shall have judged part of the classes of a breed and then finds it absolutely impossible to finish the classes of the breed he is judging a substitute judge may be appointed by the Bench Show Committee in which case the awards made by the regular judge shall stand and the substitute judge shall only judge the remaining classes and specials.

SECTION 5. Should a judge be substitute for the regular judge because of the absence of the latter and while judging the regular judge arrives at the show the substitute judge shall continue and finish the judging of the breed he is adjudicating.

SECTION 6. This shall also be the procedure in the cases of special classes such as Variety, Local, Members', etc., and Unclassified Specials.

SECTION 7. A judge cannot handle, show, or take any dog into the ring under another judge at any show at which he is officiating under any circumstances. This will apply to specials as well as regular, or additional classes.

SECTION 8. The judge will be held liable for the penalty if he or she handles, shows, or acts as agent for any dog at a show in which he or she officiates.

SECTION 9. The judges must mark in their own books all awards made by them, and must also mark all absentees in each class.

SECTION 10. All the classes of any one breed of dogs must be adjudicated upon by the same judge, or judges, acting in conjunction. In the event of any appointed judge not officiating, it shall be optional with the exhibitor before the commencement of judging the breed to withdraw his dog or dogs from competition and from the Show, in which event his entry fee shall be returned.

SECTION 11. A judge may order any person form the ring. Upon the complaint of anyone actually engaged in the handling or showing of a dog during the judging of a class, he may, if in his opinion the complaint is warranted, order form the ring any person guilty of intentional or deliberate interference with any dog therein competing.

SECTION 12. The judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to the judge to withhold any or all prizes for want of merit.

SECTION 13. The Superintendent, the Secretary of the Show, Veterinarian, or any Club officially acting in any of these capacities, cannot officiate as Judge at the Show.

SECTION 14. Professional Superintendents of shows, and professional handlers, shall not be eligible to act as judges.

## **RULE XIV.**

### **LISTING AND LISTING FEES.**

A Show-giving Club must assume the responsibility of collecting all listing fees for The American Kennel Club, which fact must be stated in the Premium List. Such fees collected, with complete data, must be forwarded to the Secretary within seven days from closing of the Show. Penalty for non-compliance, \$1.00 per day. (The amount deposited with the application for dates cannot be applied as payment of said fees.)

## **RULE XV.**

### **PREMIUM LISTS.**

SECTION 1. A show is not recognized without the official endorsement of the Premium List signed by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, or the representative designed for the territory for Show held within his jurisdiction and the same published at the head of the Classification. No change whatever in the classification shall be allowed after such official endorsement.

SECTION 2. The Premium List must contain a list of the Officers of the Club and Officials of the Show. One copy of the Premium List must be forwarded to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club before distribution. Penalty for non-compliance, \$10.00

SECTION 3. Two copies of the Premium List must be forwarded to the territorial representative immediately after publication by Clubs within his jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. A list of breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club must be published in every Premium List, excepting those of Specialty Clubs confined to their own breed.

SECTION 5. The schedule of points governing each breed in the show must be published in its Premium List.

SECTION 6. The following extracts from the Rules must be furnished with every Premium List: Rule II, Rule VII, Sections 4,8,9,10,12,16 and 17. Rule XVI, Sections 5,6, and 7.

Note: Printed copies of these rules will be furnished in sufficient quantities to Bench Show Committees for each and every show.

## **RULE XVI.**

### **PRIZES AND SPECIAL PRIZES.**

SECTION 1. The Show-giving Club shall be responsible for the payment of all prizes within thirty days of the last day of the Show, in default of which the said club may be suspended.

SECTION 2. In case of special prizes offered by others through the Show-giving Club, said club shall not be responsible unless a claim is filed with said club within sixty days.

SECTION 3. No specials may be accepted or offered by any Show-giving club, unless same have been published in the Premium List of that show, nor may any be withdrawn, or the conditions thereof changed after the same have been published in the Premium List (except where a Specialty Club's prizes are governed by its own rules, in force when announced), and provided that the conditions are properly stated as in the written terms of the gift; or if there be no such written terms, in the event of Specials being offered shall govern. The Show-giving Club shall be responsible for the errors of interpretation or publication of Special prizes, and shall award prizes of equal value.

SECTION 4. All prizes must be in accordance with description in the Premium List. Prizes of gold or silver must be of the purity of the United States coin. If money prizes are offered, a fixed amount for each prize must be stated. This, however, does not prevent the offering of percentage prizes in the classes. All specials offered must be described or value stated.

SECTION 5. Dogs may be entered either for exhibition or for Specials only or for certain Specials which must be specified on the entry blank, but any dog entered for competition and received at the show must compete in all the classes for which it is entered, and failing to do so shall be fined an amount equal to the entrance fee for each class.

SECTION 6. Dogs so entered either for Exhibition or Specials Only must be entered on one of the Breed classes, but shall not compete in the class in which they are entered.

SECTION 7. All classified specials offered in any breed must be adjudicated upon by the judge of the regular classes appointed for that breed. An unclassified special is one not confined to the breed or breeds adjudicated upon by any judge or judges. A dog shall be deemed ineligible to compete for a special against any dog or dogs that have previously beaten it in competition at the show then being held.

SECTION 8. Special prizes may be classified and judged under the following division of breeds:

SPORTING DIVISION

Airedale Terriers  
Badger Dogs  
Basset Hounds  
Beagles  
Bedlington Terriers  
Black and Tan (Manchester)  
Terriers  
Bloodhounds  
Bullterriers  
Cairn Terriers  
Chesapeake Bays  
Dandie Dinmont Terriers  
Foxhounds  
Foxterriers (Smooth)  
Foxterriers (Wire)  
Sealyham Terriers

Whippets  
Wire-Haired Pointing Griffons  
Welsh Terriers  
West Highland White Terriers  
White English Terriers  
Greyhounds  
Harriers  
Irish Terriers  
Otter Hounds  
Pointers  
Retrievers  
Scottish Deerhounds  
Scottish Terriers  
Setters  
Spaniels (Clumber)  
Spaniels (Cocker)  
Spaniels (Field)  
Spaniels (Irish Water)  
Spaniels (Sussex)  
Spaniels (Water, other than Irish)  
Springers (Welsh)  
Wolfhounds (Irish)  
Wolfhounds (Russians)

NON-SPORTING

Boston Terriers  
Bulldogs  
Chow Chows

Collies  
Dalmatians  
English Toy Spaniels  
Foreign Dogs  
French Bulldogs  
Great Danes  
Griffons (Brussels)  
Italian Greyhounds  
Japanese Spaniels  
Maltese  
Mastiffs  
Newfoundlands  
Old English Sheepdogs  
Pekingese  
Pomeranians  
Poodles  
Pugs  
Schipperkes  
Shepherd Dogs  
Skye Terriers  
St. Bernards  
Toy Terriers  
Yorkshire Terriers

#### **RULE XVII.**

##### **PROTESTS.**

SECTION 1. A protest against a dog may be made by any exhibitor, or any member of a club of the American Kennel Club, but must be in writing, and be lodged with Secretary of the Show Club within seven days of the last day of the show, except the same is lodged by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, provided, however, that a protest calling for a decision as to the physical condition of a dog and determined only by the veterinarian must be made before the closing of a show, and in case of a show lasting for three or four days, it must be made before six o'clock, on the last day of the show. No protest shall be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$10.00. If the decision is sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the American Kennel Club, but if the decision is reversed, then all deposits must be returned to the appellant.

SECTION 2. An appeal from a decision of a Bench Show Committee may be taken to the American Kennel Club, but such appeal must be forwarded to its Secretary within seven days of the decision being rendered, together with a deposit of \$10.00. If the decision is sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the American Kennel Club, but if the decision is reversed, then all deposits must be returned to the appellant.

SECTION 3. In the event of a protest being made during the Show, the Dog Show Committee shall hold a meeting as soon as possible, affording all parties in interest an opportunity to attend. The decision of the Committee must be rendered at once, and a written copy thereof immediately forwarded to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club. If a protest is lodged subsequent to the Show, it must be decided by the Show-giving Club within thirty days of its receipt. Five days' notice of the date and place of the meeting for that purpose must be given to all parties interested and decision rendered as above.

**RULE XVIII.**

**RIBBONS.**

SECTION 1. All organizations or clubs holding dog shows under the Rules of the American Kennel Club, shall, after June 1, 1916, use the following colors and designs for their prize ribbons or rosettes:

First prize.....	Blue
Second prize.....	Red
Third prize.....	Yellow
Fourth prize.....	White
Winners.....	Royal Purple
Reserve Winners.....	Royal Purple and White

SECTION 2. Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least 2 inches wide and approximately 8 inches long and bear on the face of same the seal of the American Kennel Club, the name of the prize, and name of show-giving club, with numerals of year and date of show. The seal shall not be less than the diameter of the standard seal  $1 \frac{7}{8}$  inches in diameter, except that where the show-giving club wishes, they may use their club colors for winners' rosette and may reduce the size of the A.K.C. seal.

SECTION 3. There shall be printed on all ribbons or rosettes numerals giving the year in which the show was held. Said numerals shall be at least  $\frac{3}{8}$  inches in height. Where rosettes are used, the ribbons may be smaller, but the numerals and seal of the American Kennel Club must be stamped on the rosette.

SECTION 4. Any show-giving organizations not conforming to the above regulations, shall be fined the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for any show at which the offense may occur.

**RULE XIX.**

**SHOWS.**

SECTION 1. The duration of a show shall not exceed four days.

SECTION 2. Any Active Member of the American Kennel Club may hold a show under the Rules of the American Kennel Club. No charge will be made for the first show, but for every additional show held during any calendar year.

SECTION 3. Any Club or Organization not a Member of the Club may be licensed to hold a show in accordance with the rules of the American Kennel Club. A charge of \$15.00 shall be made for each and every show held during any calendar year.

SECTION 4. Bench Show Committees may make such regulations or additional rules for the government of any show as shall be considered necessary, provided such regulations or additional rules do not conflict with any of the regular rules of the American Kennel Club. Violations of any regulations or additional rules shall be considered the same as violations of the regular rules.

SECTION 5. Show Committees and Superintendents will be held responsible for the enforcement of all rules.

## **RULE XX.**

### **SANCTION SHOWS.**

SECTION 1. Any Club, or Organizations whether a member of the American Kennel Club or not, may hold an informal or sanction Show (otherwise or formerly known as a match, club match or matinee) provided they obtain a sanction for each such event from the License Committee of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 2. Such events shall be governed by the following: Rule I, Section 1; Rule VII, Section 18; Rule X, Section 5; Rule XI, Sections 3, 4, 15 and 17; Rule XIII, Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14; Rule XVI, Section 5 and 7; also any regulations which shall be made from time to time by the License Committee.

SECTION 3. If ribbons are given to indicate wins they shall be of the following colors:

First prize, Rose; Second prize, White; Third prize, Green; Special prize, a combination of these colors.

SECTION 4. No class shall be given which shall be called the Winners' Class, nor shall any class be given resembling the same.

SECTION 5. Persons who have been refused a License to judge by the License Committee of the American Kennel Club or person who have held licenses which licenses have been revoked, or person who are specially denied the right to judge by any rules of the American Kennel Club shall not be invited or allowed to officiate as judges.

SECTION 6. Any Club, or Organization or any official of any Club or Organization, including those acting as Judges, Veterinarian, Superintendent,

Committeeman or Steward who shall hold a Dog Show or Dog Exhibition of any kind, character or description, or any individual action in connection with any Dog Show, or Dog Exhibition, shall be disciplined to the extent of having all the privileges of the American Kennel Club withheld from them for a given period or indefinitely, and if an active member of the American Kennel Club, they shall be expelled from membership in said Club.

#### **RULE XXI.**

##### **SPECIALTY CLUBS.**

SECTION 1. Specialty Clubs may hold shows confined to the breed represented by their club and shall be rated according to the schedule of points of their breed.

SECTION 2. Specialty Clubs not active members may be licensed with the written consent of the parent club. If the consent of the parent club be not given within one month, the applying club may appeal to the License Committee, which may issue a license in its discretion.

#### **RULE XXII.**

##### **SUPERINTENDENTS.**

SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible to act as superintendent of any show held under these rules until he or she shall have been licensed to act in that capacity by the American Kennel Club through its License Committee.

SECTION 2. Judges' books must be provided at all shows held under the rules of the American Kennel Club, except sanction shows, and said books and all entry blanks must be filed with the American Kennel Club within seven (7) days from the close of the show.

Penalty for non-compliance, Twenty-five (\$25) dollars.

#### **RULE XXIII.**

##### **VETERINARIANS AND DUTIES**

SECTION 1. Every Show must have a qualified veterinarian who shall be in attendance before and during the progress of the Show. The Veterinarian or one of his associated or assistants, must examine every dog before it is admitted to the show whether it is brought to the show on a lead, or in a crate, box basket, or other carrier. The Veterinarian must stamp on the stall tag of each dog after examining it, a certification of such examination, and no dog shall be considered officially admitted to a show until this stamp is so attached. In cases of shows of more than one day duration, every dog must be examined before the twelve o'clock noon of each day after the first day. Any dog show, or any dog suspected of suffering from any such disease, shall be quarantined under observation until the Veterinarian shall decide to either exclude it form, admit it to, or allow it to remain in a show. If more than one Veterinarian is appointed, one of these

Veterinarians shall be designated by the Bench Show Committee as Chief Veterinarian and his decision shall be final in all cases. Should the Chief Veterinarian be incapacitated at any time during the show, one of his associates or assistants or another Veterinarian shall be designated or appointed by the Bench Show Committee to take his place and act for him. Show management shall furnish to Veterinarians a self-inking rubber stamp for certification on stall tags as required above. Veterinarians shall also be furnished with a handy receptacle, containing a proper disinfectant for use after a dog suffering from or suspected of suffering from a contagious disease, has been handled by the Veterinarian. Veterinarians, should they desire a dog's mouth opened, shall request the owner or person in charge to open it, for by so doing, they will not bring their hands in contact with the infected secretions. Veterinarians should examine the dogs shipped to shows by express, first, or as soon after their arrival as possible, so they may be taken from the crates for exercise with as little delay as possible.

SECTION 2. The regularly appointed veterinarian, designated as Chief Veterinarian shall determine the physical condition of dogs during the Show. When appealed to by the judge, or when giving an opinion on a protest to the Show Committee, he shall immediately render his decision which shall be in writing, if so requested by any official of the Show or any party in interest.

SECTION 3. Show managements may be liable to a fine of \$100.00 for each and every dog which shall be admitted to or allowed to remain in a show, if showing visible signs of distemper or other contagious diseases. All monies collected by the American Kennel Club for such fines shall be used, as may be directed by the President, towards the extermination of distemper or the reduction of its ravages.

**Deleted:** , an dno dog shall be benched without having been examined and passed by him or his representative, who shall himself be a qualified veterinarian. He is required to personally inspect the dogs on the benches and the quarters where the dogs are exercised, or crated before 6 p.m. on the opening day of the Show, and at least once during the morning of each day shall examine all dogs and submit a written report to the Bench Show Committee. Dogs suffering from contagious diseases must be removed from the building. The Show Committee shall be empowered, in case the regularly appointed veterinarian shall be incapacitated to serve, to appoint another veterinarian to take his place and act for him in all things. Failing to comply with this rule, the Club shall be liable to discipline.

Airedale Terriers  
Badger Dogs  
Basset Hounds (Smooth)  
Basset Hounds (Rough)  
Beagles  
Bedlington Terriers  
Black and Tan (Manchester Terriers)  
Bloodhounds  
Boston Terriers  
Bulldogs  
Bulldogs (Miniature)  
Bullterriers  
Bullterriers (Toys)  
Cairn Terriers  
Chesapeake Bay Dogs  
Chihuahuas  
Chow Chows  
Collies  
Dalmatians  
Deerhounds (Scottish)  
Dandie Dinmont Terriers  
English Toy Spaniels (Orange and White)  
English Toy Spaniels (Red)  
English Toy Spaniels (Black and Tan)  
English Toy Spaniels (Tri-color)  
Foxhounds (American)  
Foxhounds (English)  
Foxterriers (Smooth)  
Foxterriers (Wire)  
French Bulldogs  
Great Danes  
Greyhounds  
Griffons (Brussels)  
Harriers  
Irish Terriers  
Irish Wolfhounds  
Italian Greyhounds  
Japanese Spaniels  
Maltese  
Mastiffs  
Newfoundlands  
Old English Sheepdogs  
Shetland Sheepdogs  
Otter Hounds  
Pekingese  
Pointers

Pomeranians  
Poodles (Corded)  
Poodles (Curly)  
Pugs  
Retrievers (Curly-coated)  
Retrievers (Wavy-coated)  
Schipperkes  
Scottish Terriers  
Sealyham Terriers  
Setters (English)  
Setters (Irish)  
Setters (Gordon)  
Shepherd Dogs  
Skye Terriers  
Spaniels (Clumber)  
Spaniels (Cocker, Solid Colors, Parti-Colors)  
Spaniels (Field)  
Spaniels (Irish Water)  
Spaniels (Sussex)  
Springers (Welsh)  
St. Bernards (Smooth)  
St. Bernard (Rough)  
Toy Poodles  
Toy Terriers  
Welsh Terriers  
West Highland White Terriers  
White English Terriers  
White English Terriers (Toy)  
Whippets  
Wire-Haired Pointing Griffons  
Wolfhounds (Russian)  
Yorkshire Terriers

#### FOREIGN DOGS

Boxers  
Chinese Crested  
Eskimo (Husky)  
Eskimo (Mallimuth)  
Eskimo (North Greenland)  
Belgium Sheepdogs  
Labrador Retrievers  
Mexican Hairless  
Owtchar, or Russian Sheepdogs  
Papillons  
Pinschers (Doberman)  
Samoyedes

Sheepdogs of the Maremmes  
Norwegian Elkhounds