

Attachment B

AKC OPEN SHOW REGULATIONS

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Section 6, Judges

- Open shows must be judged by judges that have an AKC judges number. (Individuals that have successfully completed the Open show application process including the anatomy exam, procedural exam, wicket and scales test will be issued a judges number.)
- AKC approved judges need not be approved for the breeds they are to judge at the Open Show. Open Show judging assignments may qualify as educational or enriching components for additional breed or initial judging approval.
- Judges will be credited with an enriching component for breeds judged in the Open Show.
- The 30 day 200 mile judging conflict criteria will not apply to Open Show judging.
 - Judges are expected to comply with Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Rules, Policies, and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges except as follows:
 - Breed standard disqualifications (i.e. color, height, full dentition, etc.) need not be considered in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy classes and male puppies without 2 fully descended testicles need not be disqualified or excused in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy class but the judge's book must describe the condition.
 - In all other classes, male puppies without 2 fully descended testicles need not be disqualified but should be excused and the judge's book must describe the condition and Certificate of Merit points withheld.
 - The speed of judging expectation is reduced to 20 dogs per hour in order to accommodate puppies and inexperienced exhibitors. Judges should interact and encourage exhibitors in order to make their exhibiting a positive experience.
 - Judges may ask exhibitors if they prefer to open their dog's mouth for examination. However judges have the authority to personally open the dog's mouth.
 - No protests against dogs for height, weight or any other breed specific disqualification may be entertained at Open Shows.
 - A dog with a disqualifying condition or behavior shall not be disqualified but shall simply be excused for the day. The judge may only disqualify dogs for attacking the judge in the ring.

Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

Section 6 – Judging

- Individuals that have an AKC judge's number are the required judges for the Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition. Judges assigned regular classes may not judge the Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition if it interferes or delays the judging of regular classes, Groups or Best in Show. The judging conflict requirements of 30 days and 200 mile between assignments will not apply to the Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition. A change in the listed judge due to an overload will not result in a return in the entry fee.

- Judges will be credited with an enriching component for breeds judged in the 4- to-6 Month Puppy competition.
- Judges of this competition must follow the policy for sweepstakes/futurity judges outlined in the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges. “Effective January 1, 2009 Sweepstake/Futurity judges may not exhibit on day(s) they judge. Sweepstake/Futurity judges will continue to be allowed to exhibit the day before and the day after the event they judge. A multi-day specialty is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event.”
- Exhibitors should open their dog’s mouth for examination. If the judge finds it necessary to open the mouth they should disinfect their hands prior to examining other dogs. Judges will comply with the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Judges except the speed of judging may be reduced to 20 dogs an hour.
- Male puppies without 2 fully descended testicles need not be disqualified or excused but the judge’s book must describe the condition and Certificate of Merit points must be withheld.
- Dogs with breed standard disqualifications should not be excused but may not receive placements. However, dogs with age related disqualifications such as color (as related to age), height, teeth etc. are permitted to receive awards in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy classes.
- Dogs must be excused for attacking a person or other dogs.
 - No dog is to be judged if it is brought into the ring bandaged, taped, glued or stitched anywhere including ears or tail. These dogs must be excused from judging but, at the judge’s discretion, may return to be judged after the tape or bandage is removed.