

**DOG SHOW RULES
AND
REGULATIONS
May 20, 1885**

1. The term “dog” where used in these rules is general in its application.
2. All dogs entered for competition or exhibition only shall be entered in the name of the bona fide owner. Such entry must be identified by the name of dog, its date of birth, and if known, the name of its sire, dam and breeder; otherwise it must be entered “pedigree unknown”. If the name of a dog which has won a first prize has been changed, its name at time of winning any and every such prize, and the place thereof, must be given.
3. If a dog shall be entered without being identified, as directed in Rule 2, it shall be disqualified from competition.
4. Puppies may be entered in the grown class in addition to the puppy class by the payment of an extra entrance fee.
5. A prize won in a puppy class, does not count as a win under the champion rule.
6. Dogs to be eligible for special prizes must in all cases be entered in their regular classes, and no dog is eligible for special prizes can be withdrawn from competition, unless it has been stated on entry blanks, “Will not compete for special prizes”. Stud dogs and brood bitches, with their progeny, may compete for such special prizes as may be offered, but the progeny must be entered in regular classes.
7. A dog to compete in the champion class must have won three first prizes at bench shows given under the auspices of club members of this Association. A dog having won three first prizes as above, cannot compete in an open class when there is a champion class for its kind, but must compete in such champion class.
8. Any dog entered in a champion class must have stated on its entry blank at least three winnings, with the date of each, to show that it is eligible to such class.
9. In estimating the number of prizes a dog has won, with reference to whether it should compete Champion Class or not, the number of prizes won shall e calculated up to 12 o'clock noon of the day previous to the day of closing entries for the show.
10. Dogs that have won in a Champion Class shall be continued in said class.
11. A dog affected with mange or other contagious disease shall be disqualified from competition and may, at the discretion of the Managers or Superintendent, be removed from the show. A competent person shall be appointed by the Managers to pass judgment as to the disease of dogs.
12. The judge may withhold such prizes as his judgment may dictate.
13. In miscellaneous classes judges will award prizes only to dogs of a recognized breed, that have no regular classes assigned. Dogs that have a regular class provided for them will not be allowed to compete in the Miscellaneous Class.
14. Dogs that have been erroneously entered may be transferred by the judge to their proper classes. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened.

15. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion can be shown. In such case the Manager, or such referee as they may appoint must decide all cases, and the dog may be rejudged.
16. All protests and charges must be made in writing, and be delivered to the Managers or Superintendent as soon as possible after the awards are made.
17. Any person guilty of misconduct, or has been guilty of misconduct, in any way in connection with dogs, dog shows, or field trials, may, in the discretion of the Managers, be disqualified from exhibition or competition at these shows. Such disqualification shall be recognized by all the members of this Association, until the person or persons disqualified shall appeal to, and the case has been decided by the Executive Committee. The disqualification of the owners will apply to all dogs connected in the perpetration of the fraud.
18. A castrated dog or spayed bitch shall be disqualified from competing or from receiving a prize if awarded. Total or partial blindness shall have great weight against a dog.
19. The Managers or Superintendent shall have the rights to exclude or remove any dog from the show for any cause appearing to them to be sufficient.
20. Each member of the Association shall appoint their judges, arrange prize lists, form of catalogues, assume its own financial responsibility and arrange such other details as may properly come under its individual management.
21. Other rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws, may be adopted by the members of this Association for the government of their shows.