

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

RULE I.

The word “dog” were used in these rules, includes both sexes.

RULE II.

A Show is not recognized without the official endorsement of the Premium List, signed by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, published at the Head of the Classification.

RULE III.

SECTION A. Every Show is guaranteed one point toward Championship, except as hereinafter stated. All Shows are to be rated on actual number of dogs benched (dogs “for exhibition only” not to be considered benched); 1,000 dogs and over, 5 points; 750 dogs and over, 4 points; 500 dogs and over, 3 points; 250 dogs and over, 2 points; under 250 dogs, 1 point. Such Shows as do not offer money prizes in ever breed mentioned in their Premium List shall not have a rating unless they have 250 dogs benched, when they shall have the regular rating as specified in this rule.

SECTION B. The Pacific Advisory Committee shall have jurisdiction in all States west of the easterly boundary of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. All application for membership and dates, and all communications, should be addressed to the Secretary of said Pacific Advisory Committee.

All shows authorized by them to be rated as follows: 400 dogs and over, 5 points; 300 dogs and over, 4 points; 200 dogs and over 3 points; 100 dogs and over, 2 points; under 100 dogs, 1 point.

SECTION C. Specialty Club Shows confined to the breed represented by their club shall be rated at 4 points.

Specialty Clubs not active members may be licensed with the written consent of the parent club, and will be rated at two or four points, as the parent club shall decide. IF the consent of the parent club be not given within one month, or if a four point rating be

refused, the applying club may appeal to the License Committee, which may issue a license for a two or four point show.

CLASSES

RULE IV.

Classification shall be confined to the recognized breeds hereinafter named, which 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.

RULE V.

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

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 B. The Novice Class shall be for American-bred dogs only (bred in the United States), never having won a first prize at any recognized show, wins in the Puppy Class excepted, 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 words, "bred in the United States."

SECTION C. The Limit Class shall be for all dogs that have never won six first prizes in this class, and no Champions shall be eligible.

SECTION D. The American Bred Class shall be for all dogs bred in the United States of America and no Champions shall be eligible.

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

SECTION F. The Winners' Class, for which there shall be no entry fee, must be opened only to undefeated winner of first prizes in either the Puppy, Novice, Limit, American Bred, or Open classes, all of which shall constitute the regular classes, at a show giving at least three of the above mentioned classes, one of which must be the Open. The Winners' Class may be divided by sex, provided the required three classes are also divided.

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After awarding the Winners' prizes, the dog or dogs having been place second to the winner in any of these classes must compete with the remaining dogs in said class for "Reserve". No eligible dog can be withheld from competition.

SECTION G. Winners of 15 points in this class, under three different judges (at least 3 points of which shall have been won at one show), 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 \$3.00 will receive a Championship Medal.

SECTION H. The Miscellaneous Class shall be open to all dogs of recognized breeds 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 I. The term, "Field Trial Record", as used at all Dog Shows, applied only to Public Trials where competition is open to all.

SECTION J. Field Trial Classes at Bench Shows shall be confined to dogs that have been placed at a recognized Field Trial.

Hunting Classes shall be 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 K. In estimating the number of prizes 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 L. In any class where there is a limit of weight or height, the person n 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 goof at the time of judging.

Any competing exhibitor or handler shall have the right to demand the weighing or measuring of any dog during the judging of the class, other than those whose record has been officially registered. Any subsequent protest must be made in the formal manner provided for in these rules. The Club must appoint official weighers and measurers and provide scales and standards for use of the exhibitors.

RULE VI.

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.

RULE VII.

The breeder of a dog is a person owning or leasing the dam at the time of service. Dogs bred and whelped in the United States, and dogs whelped in the United States by a bitch purchase by a citizen of the United States in any foreign country, and subsequently bred by him to a foreign dog, shall be considered American bred.

RULE VIII.

Every dog entered under these rules must either be Registered or Listed previous to being exhibited. The fee for registration of \$1.00, and for listing 25 cents. The registration of a dog gives the privilege of competition for life. The listing of a dog gives the privilege of competition only for the show for which it is listed.

Deleted: The penalty of non-compliance is cancellation of winnings, except when a club states in the Premium List "This Club assumes the collections and forwarding to the American Kennel Club all listing fees."

RULE IX.

Every dog must be the bond fid property of the person making its entry on the day of closing of 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 s dog is entered in the name of an 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 making of any such entry. The entry must clearly state the name of the dog, and if known, its date of birth, name of sire and dam, and the name of the breeder. Should any of these particulars be unknown to the exhibitor, it must be so stated on the entry. The penalty for violation of this rule is \$1.00 for each offense.

RULE X.

If the name of a dog which has won a prize at any show has been changed, the old name also must be given on the entry blank and published in the catalog until such a time as it wins a prizes under its new name.

RULE XI.

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.

RULE XII.

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.

RULE XIII.

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

RULE XIV.

Dogs may be entered 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 as amount equal to the entrance fee for each class. Dogs competing for specials only must be entered in one of the regular classes in which they need not compete.

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.

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RULE XV.

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

RULE XVI.

Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors in making out their entry forms. 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 this rule shall be suspension of the exhibitor until restitution is made and receipt for same filed with the American Kennel Club.

RULE XVII.

The regularly appointed veterinarian or his representative 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 in writing.

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 is only temporary.

RULE XVIII.

The appointment of judges shall rest with the Club giving the Show. A judge must be a person in standing with the American Kennel Club. The names of all judges, including those for unclassified specials, also the name of the Superintendent, Secretary of the Show and Veterinarian must be published in every Premium List and 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.

All the classes of any one breed of dogs must be adjudicated upon 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 will be returned.

A judge may order any person from 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 from the ring any person guilty of intentional or deliberate interference with any dog therein competing.

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.

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.

The judges must mark in their own books all awards made by them, and must also mark all absentees in their classes.

RULE XIX.

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 specially 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 at that show.

RULE XX.

The superintendent, the secretary of the show, veterinarian or club official, acting in any of these capacities cannot exhibit or officiate as judge, at the show.

Anyone acting as Judge at a show shall not exhibit for competition, nor act as agent or handler as such show. Penalty for violation of the above rules twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. Dogs belonging to a kennel in which any of the above officials are in any way connected shall be deemed ineligible for competition.

RULE XXI.

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 the 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. No protest shall be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00 (to be returned in case the protest is sustained). This does not apply to the American Kennel Club. Papillons

RULE XXII.

An appeal 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.

In the jurisdiction of the Pacific Advisory Committee, appeals to be made to that committee.

RULE XXIII.

A person or club guilty of misconduct of any kind in connection with dogs, 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, or by the Committee of the Show or Trial where the offense was committed; but such decision must be acting on by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

RULE XXIV.

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

No person under suspension or disqualification can made an entry, exhibit, or take a prizes, act as agent for an exhibitor, or take a dog in the judging ring at any show.

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

RULE XXV.

A person shall not be disqualified without an opportunity of being heard in his own defense and due notice with formal charges be given him.

RULE XXVI.

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.

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.

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

Airedale Terriers	Griffons
Basset Hounds (Smooth)	Harriers
Basset Hounds (Rough)	Irish Terriers
Beagles	Irish Wolfhounds
Bedlington Terriers	Italian Greyhounds
Black and Tan Terriers (Manchester)	Japanese Terriers
Bloodhounds	Maltese Terriers
Boston Terriers	Mastiffs
Bulldogs	Newfoundlands
Bull Terriers	Old English Sheepdogs
Chesapeake Bay Dogs	Otter Hounds
Chihuahuas	Pekingese Spaniels
Chow Chows	Pointers
Collies	Pomeranians
Dachshunde	Poodles (Corded)
Dalmatians	Poodles (Curly)
Deerhounds (Scottish)	Pugs
Dandie Dinmont Terriers	Schipperkes
English Toy Spaniels (Orange and White)	Scottish Terriers
English Toy Spaniels (Red)	Roseneath Terriers
English Toy Spaniels (Black and Tan)	English Setters
English Toy Spaniels (Tri-Color)	Irish Setters
Foxhounds (American)	Gordon Setters
Foxhounds (English)	Skye Terriers
Fox Terriers (Smooth)	Clumber Spaniels
Fox Terriers (<u>Wire</u>)	Field Spaniels
French Bulldogs	Cocker Spaniels
Greyhounds	Sussex Spaniels
Great Danes	Irish Water Spaniels
	St. Bernards (Smooth)

Deleted: Rough)

St. Bernards (Rough)
Toy Poodles
Toy Terriers
Welsh Terriers
White English Terriers
White English Terriers (Toy)

Whippets
Wolfhounds (Russian)
Yorkshire Terriers
Retrievers (Curly-Coated)
Retrievers (Wavy-Coated)

FOREIGN DOGS

Boxers
Chinese Crested
Eskimo (Husky)
Eskimo (Mallimuth)
German, or Belgian Sheep Dog
Griffon Bruxellois
Labrador
Mexican Hairless
Owtchar, or Russian Sheep Dog
Papillons
Pinschers
Samoyedes
[Sheepdogs of the Maremme](#)
[Norwegian Elkhounds](#)

RULE XXVII.

Special prizes can be classified and judged under the following division of breeds.

SPORTING DIVISION

Airedale Terriers
Basset Hounds
Bedlington Terriers
Black and Tan (Manchester) Terriers
Bloodhounds
Bullterriers
Chesapeake Bays
Dachshunde
Dandie Dinmont Terriers
Foxhounds (Smooth)
Foxterriers (Wire)
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)
Whippets
Welsh Terriers
West Highland White Terriers
White English Terriers
Wolfhounds (Irish)
Wolfhounds (Russian)

NON-SPORTING

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

FIELD TRIAL RULES AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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

(1) BEAGLES:

All classes 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.

Twelve inches and under (This class is optional with the Club Holding the trials, but when added the preceding class shall read, "Over twelve inches and not exceeding thirteen.")

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 3 points or over.

All Field Trials to be rated on the actual number of bona fide starters in the open classes. Wins in the open classes only to count. Derby stakes and Pack stakes are not open classes.

Beagle Trials 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.

(2) FOXHOUNDS:

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

(3) POINTERS AND SETTERS:

The winner of the National Field Trial Championship Association's Trials will thereby become a Field Champion.

(4) OTHER BREEDS THAN THOSE SPECIFIED:

Two wins in open classes will constitute a Field Champion.