

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. Exhibitors are not permitted to display at a show, any notice of any prizes not won at that show.

SECTION 2. All dogs at shows, except those entered in puppy classes only shall be kept on the benches or in the cages between the official opening and closing hours of the show, except while its breed is being judged, or during the periods designated for exercising.

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.

Recognized breeds shall be such breeds as are eligible to registration in the American Kennel Club's Stud Book, and such breeds as may hereafter be made eligible for such registration. (See Rule VII., Section 17, under Classes and Classification.)

Deleted: 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 at that show.

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Deleted: 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.

RULE IV.

CATALOGUES.

SECTION 1. Every bench show committee must provide a printed catalogue which shall contain all particulars required of exhibitors in entering dogs as hereinafter provided. It shall also contain a list of all the officers, bench show committee, name of all judges, the name of the superintendent, the secretary of the show, and the veterinarians. as well as the names and addresses, in the last pages, of all exhibitors.

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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.

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.

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.

Deleted: 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.

Deleted: 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 at the beginning of each year. Dogs entered for exhibition or specials only, will not count for championship rating.▼

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 in both the premium list and catalogue. The following is the list:

AIREDALE TERRIERS
BASSET HOUNDS
BEAGLES
BEDLINGTON TERRIERS
BELGIAN SHEEPDOGS
BLOODHOUNDS
BULLDOGS
BULLTERRIERS
CAIRN TERRIERS
CHESAPEAKE BAYS
CHIHUAHUAS
CHOW CHOWS
COLLIES
DACHSHUNDS
DALMATIANS
DANDIE DINMONT TERRIERS
DEERHOUNDS (SCOTTISH)
ENGLISH TOY SPANIELS
FOXHOUNDS (AMERICAN)
FOXHOUNDS (ENGLISH)
FOXTERRIERS
FRENCH BULLDOGS
GREAT DANES
GREYHOUND
GRIFFONS (BRUSSELS)
GRFFONS (WIRE-HAIRED POINTING)
HARRIERS
IRISH TERRIERS
ITALIAN GREYHOUNDS

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

JAPANESE SPANIELS
KERRY BLUE TERRIERS
MALTESE
MANCHESTER TERRIERS
MASTIFFS
NEWFOUNDLAND
OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOGS
OTTER HOUNDS
PEKINGESE
PINSCHER (DOBERMAN)
PINSCHER (WIRE-HAIRED)
POINTERS
POMERANIANS
POODLES
PUGS
RETRIEVERS
SAMOYEDES
SCHIPPERKES
SCOTTISH TERRIERS
SEALYHAM TERRIERS
SETTERS (ENGLISH)
SETTERS (GORDON)
SETTER (IRISH)
SHEPHERD DOGS
SKYE TERRIERS
SPANIELS (CLUMBER)
SPANIELS (COCKER)
SPANIELS (FIELD)
SPANIELS (IRISH WATER)
SPANIELS (SPRINGER)
SPANIELS (SUSSEX)
ST. BERNARDS
TOY POODLES
TOY TERRIERS
WELSH TERRIERS
WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIERS
WHIPPESTS
WHITE ENGLISH TERRIERS
WOLFHOUSES (IRISH)
WOLFHOUSES (RUSSINA)
YORKSHIRE TERRIERS
FOREIGN DOGS
BOXERS
CHINESE CRESTED
ESKIMOS
MEXICAN HAIRLESS

NORWEIGIAN ELKHOUNDS
OWTCHAR, OR RUSSIAN SHEEPDOGS
PAPILLONS
SHEEPDOGS OF THE MAREMMES

SECTION 2. Classes shall be confined to the recognized breeds and shall be arranged as follows: Puppy, Novice, American-Bred, Limit, Open and Winners. These classes shall constitute the regular official classes of the American Kennel Club, after which additional classes may be added.

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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. This class shall be open only to puppies bred in the United States or Canada.

The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the show. A dog whelped, for instance, on January 1 is not eligible to compete in a puppy class at a Show, the first day of which is January 1 of the following year. Puppies need not be brought to a show until the opening of the show the day on which they are to be judged. They may be permanently removed from a show after the closing hour on the day their classes have been judged.

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SECTION 4. The Novice Class shall be for dogs never having won a first prize in regular class at a show where championship points are given, wins in puppy classes excepted. In determining whether a dog is eligible for this class, no award received on or after the official day of closing of entries of a show at which the dog is to be shown will be counted. 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 except Champions.

SECTION 6. The America-Bed 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 shall be for any dog more than six months.

SECTION 8. The Winners' Class for which there shall be no entry fee shall be open only to undefeated dogs which have won first prizes in either the Puppy, Novice, American-Bred, Limit or Open Classes.

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After the winners' prizes has been awarded, any dog that has been placed second in any previous class to the dog awarded winners and which has not been defeated by any other dog, shall complete with the remaining first prize winners, for reserve winners.

No eligible dog may be withheld from competition. The Winners' Class may be divided by sex provided the American-bred and the Open Classes are so divided.

Winners' Classes shall be allowed only at shows where American-bred and Open Classes have been given.

SECTION 9. Winners of fifteen points in the winners' 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 when registered in the Stud Book shall be entitled to a Championship Certificate, and an American Kennel Club Championship Medal. To win championship points a dog must have had competition in its sex. A dog becomes a champion when it is so officially recorded by the American Kennel Club.

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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. Dogs entered in this class are ineligible to compete in group specials.

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SECTION 11. Bench show committees may provide such other classes of recognized breeds as they may choose, provided they do not conflict with the conditions of the above-mentioned classes. No class, however, may be given in which more than one breed may be entered except as provided in this rule.

SECTION 12. Field Trial Classes at bench shows shall be confined to dogs that have been placed at a recognized 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. The term, "Field Trial Record," as used at all Dog Shows, shall apply only to public trials where competition is open to all.

SECTION 14. In any additional 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. Only dogs whelped in the United States shall be considered American-bred.

SECTION 16. The following list comprises all breeds or varieties of dogs for which separate classes may be provided: This list may be amended by the Stud Book Committee.

GROUP

SPORTING DOGS

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

GROUP II

WORKING DOGS

Belgian Sheepdogs
Collies
Dachshunds
Doberman Pinschers

Deleted: 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.

Eskimos
Great Dane
Mastiffs
Newfoundlands
Old English Sheepdogs
Samoyedes
Shepherd Dogs
St. Bernards (Rough)
St. Bernards (Smooth)
Wire-haired Pinschers

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
Schipperkes

SECTION 17. Two copies of the proposed Classification shall be sent to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club for approval, and shall not be valid without his endorsement, which shall be printed at the head of the Classification.

SECTION 18. The judge of each breed shall designate the best specimen, either male or female, entered either in the breed classes or for specials only.

SECTION 19. A show-giving club may give five Group Specials not divided by sex, such groups to be arranged in the same order and to comprise the same breeds as listed in Section 16 above. Only dogs designated "Best of Breed" by the regular judges as above set forth shall be eligible to compete in the group special in which they belong according to this grouping. All entries for such group specials shall be made after the judging of the regular classes, and the show-giving club may charge an entry fee, if said entry fee has been published in the premium list. In case of absence or failure of the dog winning "Best of Breed" to enter in the group specials to which it is eligible, no other dogs, of the same breed shall be allowed to enter this group special. Each of the group specials shall be judged by an odd number of judges.

SECTION 20. The five dogs winning in the above five group special may compete in a final group special for the title of "The Best in Show", for which no entry fee shall be charged. Not more than five judges shall officiate in this group. When specials, other than the above group specials are given, they shall be judged subsequently to, and by the same judge or judges as have judged the final Group Special for "The Best in Show."

RULE VIII.

CLUBS.

SECTION 1. The use of a Club's name for show purposes cannot be transferred.

SECTION 2. All applications for membership shall be filed with the American Kennel Club in sufficient time to appear in the issue of the Gazette published previous to the meeting at which action on such applications will be taken. The regular quarterly meetings are held in February, May, September and December of each year.

SECTION 3. No club, or association, is eligible for admission to the American Kennel Club unless it be specified in its constitution, or by-laws, that one of the objects of such club, or association, is the holding of annual dog shows, or field trials, or for the protection, or benefit, or dogs.

SECTION 4. If a member club fails to hold a show within one year after a licensed show has been held in its territory, as provided for under Rule IX, Section 6, an application from a new organization for active membership may be accepted by the American Kennel Club without the consent of the original member club. Where there are two or more show-giving clubs, except specialty clubs, in the same city, town or territory, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. When a specialty club is a member of the American Kennel Club, no other specialty club of the same breed shall be admitted to membership except the permission of the parent club.

SECTION 6. All credentials of delegates of club shall be filed with the American Kennel Club in sufficient time to appear in the issue of the Gazette previous to the meeting at which action on such credentials is to be taken. The candidate for delegate shall be known to at least one member of the membership committee; or if not so known, shall be vouched for by some person known to at least one member of that committee; or if neither of these conditions can be compiled with the candidate must appear personally, before the membership committee, at some time prior to a regular meeting at which credentials are to be acted upon.

SECTION 7. Persons who accept pay for judging of shows, employees of sporting journals, employees of kennels and professional handlers and dealers are not eligible as delegates.

RULE IX.

SHOWS.

Explanation. Member shows are those given by members of clubs of the American Kennel Club.

Licensed shows are those given by other organizations, specially licensed for that particular show by the American Kennel Club.

Sanctioned shows are informal matches held by any organization with the sanction of the American Kennel Club. Sanctioned shows carry no championship points.

SECTION 1. The license 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 show.

SECTION 2. Member clubs are entitled to hold one show a year, without charge. But for every additional show held during the calendar year, a charge of \$15.00 will be made.

SECTION 3. Applications from member clubs, accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00 for dates for show, shall be filed with the American Kennel Club for approval by the license committee. The deposit shall be forfeited in case the show be not held on that date.

SECTION 4. Member Clubs which have held shows the previous year shall have first choice for the corresponding date or dates for the succeeding year.

SECTION 5. Any club, or organization, not a member may be licensed to hold a show, in accordance with the rules of the American Kennel Club upon payment of \$50.00.

SECTION 6. A member club, except specialty clubs, shall have the sole show privilege in its city, town, or territory, provided it shall hold a show as least once in two years. If said member fail to hold a show within two years, a license may be given to another club to hold a show in said city, town, or territory, without permission of said member club.

SECTION 7. The duration of a show shall not exceed four days, unless permission be granted by the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 8. Bench show committees may make such regulations or additional rules for the government of their shows as shall be considered necessary, provided such regulations or additional rules do not conflict with any rule of the American Kennel Club. Such regulations or additional rules shall be printed in the premium list. Violations thereof shall be considered the same as violations of the regular rules.

SECTION 9. Bench show committees and superintendents shall be held responsible for the enforcement of all rules relating to shows, and must provide themselves with a copy of the American Kennel Club rules and regulations for reference.

SECTION 10. Sanctioned shows shall be governed by such rules and regulations as shall be determined by the license committee.

SECTION 11. If ribbons are given at sanctioned shows, they shall be of the following colors: First prizes, Rose; Second prize, White; Third prize, Green; Special prize, a combination of any of these colors.

SECTION 12. At sanctioned shows, no winners' class, or any class resembling it, shall be given.

SECTION 13. At sanctioned shows, persons who have been refused a license to judge by the American Kennel Club, or whose licenses have been revoked, or who are specifically denied the right to judge by any rules of the American Kennel Club, shall not officiate as judges.

SECTION 14. Bench show committees, or superintendents, shall, in every instance, notify appointed judges of the breeds and special upon which they are to pass, and such notifications shall be given before the publications of the premium lists.

RULE X.

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 1. Any person acting in any official capacity, paid or unpaid, including that of Judge, Secretary, Superintendent, Steward, Clerk, 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 other than those of the American Kennel Club, shall be disqualified from all privileges of said Club.

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

SECTION 3. The President of the American Kennel Club or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents may suspend any member club, association, licensed or sanctioned show, person or persons, for alleged misconduct in connection with dogs, dog shows, or field trials, until the next meeting of the board of directors or executive committee, when such suspension shall be acted upon.

SECTION 4. A bench show or field trial committee may suspend any person for alleged misconduct at or in connection with its show or field trial. Notice of such suspension must be forwarded to the American Kennel Club within seven days from rendering of the decision.

SECTION 5. 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 or subsequently acquired by the person so suspended or disqualified.

SECTION 6. All privileges of the American Kennel Club shall be withheld from any person suspended or disqualified.

SECTION 7. 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 8. For any violations of these rules, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of dog shows or the American Kennel Club, such action may be taken and such penalty imposed as may seem proper to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. The Secretary of the American Kennel Club shall enforce monetary penalties for violation of rules; and in case of violation by clubs, deduct same from deposit made with application for dates.

RULE XI.

ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES.

SECTION 1. A dog wrongly entered in a class may not be transferred to another class, nor may any alterations be made on an entry blank.

SECTION 2. A dog that is blind, deaf, lame, castrated, spayed, dyed, or whose appearance has been changed by artificial means other than those recognized by the standard of the breed shall be ineligible to compete at any show, except in the case of lameness, when the veterinarian certified that such lameness is only temporary.

SECTION 3. No entry shall be made in the name of a kennel unless that name has been registered. An "exhibitor" is an individual, partnership exhibiting as an individual, or kennels. In the case of such entry, every member shall be in good standing with the American Kennel Club before the entry will be accepted; and in case of any infraction of these rules, all partners shall be held equally responsible.

SECTION 4. The Superintendent, Secretary of the Show, Veterinarians or Club Officials acting at a show in any of these capacities, shall not exhibit, act as agent or officiate as judge, at the show. A judge at a show shall not exhibit, act as agent of handler at such shows, and dogs belonging wholly, or in part, to any of the above officials, or to any member of their immediate families or household, shall be ineligible for competition or exhibition at such show.

SECTION 5. Every dog shall be the bona fide 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 be made in the name of an agent, and the name of the owner be not given, the win of the dog shall be cancelled. If a dog is entered in the name of an association, the name of the association, 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 state the name of the dog, The American Kennel Club registration number, and, if known, the 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, and the dog shall be "listed" with the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 6. No change in the registered name of a dog permitted. If the name of a listed dog, which has won a prize at any show, has subsequently been changed, the

old name also shall be given on the entry blank and published in the catalogue until such time as the dog wins a prize under its new name.

SECTION 7. Every dog entered under these rules must be registered or “listed” with the American Kennel Club previous to being exhibited. The fee for registration and for listing shall be determined upon by the Board of Directors. Registration of a dog carried the privilege of show competition for life. The “listing” of a dog gives the privilege only for the show for which it is “listed”.

SECTION 8. Should a dog be entered improperly in any regular class, all prizes won in that class, including specials relating to the class, shall be cancelled. If cancellation occurs, all prizes shall be void if there is no dog of record to move up. In computing the championship point for a breed, said dog shall not be considered as in the show, unless he has been entered properly in at least one other regular breed class.

SECTION 9. If errors be made in entering a dog, a fine of \$1.00 shall be imposed for each error, unless fraud be shown, in which case the wins shall be cancelled, and such other penalties imposed as may be decided upon by the board of directors.

SECTION 10. 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 disciplined.

SECTION 11. A bench show committee may decline any entries, or may remove any dog from its show, but it shall file its reasons for so doing with the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 12. A dog, unless specifically entered for specials, is not required to compete for same; but the presence of the dog at the show shall be considered as making competition for such specials, even if the dog is not brought into the ring.

SECTION 13. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and their agent’s error in making out entry forms.

SECTION 14. Each show-giving club shall specify the date on which its entries shall close. All entries must be received in time for publication in the catalogue.

SECTION 15. No entry shall be received from any person who is not in good standing with the American Kennel Club on the date of the closing of the entries. Before accepting any entries, a list of person not in good standing must be obtained by the show superintendent or secretary from the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 16. No dog not regularly entered in a show shall be allowed within the show precincts.

SECTION 17. No entry shall be made under a judge of any dog which said judge has owned or sold within one year prior to the date of the show.

SECTION 18. No dog may be entered from any kennel or quarters in which there has been distemper within six weeks fro the date of entry. Violation of this rule may subject those guilty to disqualification for life.

RULE XII.

FIELD TRIALS AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SECTION 1. Specialty Clubs, not 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 then issue a license at its discretion.

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

SECTION 3. Premium List shall 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 under which the Trials are to be run.

SECTION 4. Every dog entered under these Rules must be registered, or “listed, with the American Kennel Club previous to being in a Field Trial. The registration of a dog gives the privilege of Field Trial competition for life. The listing of a dog gives the privilege only for the Field Trials for which it is “listed”.

SECTION 5. No person shall be eligible to judge at any Field Trial until he has been licensed by the American Kennel Club, except that substitute or additional judges, whether Licensed or Non-Licensed, may be appointed by a Field Trial Club at a Field Trail 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. When additional judges are used, they shall always act in conjunction with one or more of the regularly advertised judges.

SECTION 6. Field Trial Clubs shall provide the Judge with books containing names of the starters, their owners and the addresses of the owners.

SECTION 7. The awards in the Judges’ Books shall be marked by the Judges themselves, signed by the Secretary of the Club and filed with 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. All beagles shall be measured by the standards of the National Beagle Club before starting, and if incorrectly entered shall be transferred to their proper classes. Classes, when divided by height, shall be divided as follows: more than thirteen inches and not exceeding fifteen inches; and thirteen inches and under. Hounds may compete only in the classes for their respective heights.

SECTION 10. Every dog shall be the bona fide property of the person making the entry. The right to run a dog cannot be transferred.

SECTION 11. All classes for Beagles may be divided by sex. Classes when divided by height must be divided as follows: more than thirteen inches and not exceeding fifteen inches; thirteen inches and under. Splitting of prizes and placed in trials is prohibited.

SECTION 12. Non-compliance with Section 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 will subject the club of discipline.

SECTION 13. The total number of points required to entitle any beagle to a Field Championship is ten (10). One win shall be at a Field Trial that is rated at three or more points. Only one win of a hound, toward a championship, shall be recognized at a Field Trial.

SECTION 14. All Beagle Trials shall be rated on the actual number of starters in the open classes, namely, 15-inch dogs and 15-inch bitches, 13-inch dogs and 13-inch bitches, but there shall be six entries of each sex before classes may be divided. A class may be substituted of dogs and bitches 15-inches and under, to be run as a pack for not less than four hours, on hare only (not cottontail rabbits) the entry fee to be determined by the club conducting the trial. Derby Stakes and Pack Stakes shall not be open classes.

SECTION 15. Beagle Trials 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 16. The Foxhound winning the All-Age Class at the Trials of the Brunswick Foxhound Club will thereby become a Field Champion.

SECTION 17. Pointers and Setters. The winner of the Amateur Field Trial Club of America Champion Race shall be recorded a champion.

SECTION 18. In other breeds than those specified, a dog scoring two wins in open classes shall be recorded a Field Champion.

RULE XIII.

JUDGES AND JUDGING.

SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible to judge at any show held under these Rules, unless they hold a license granted by the American Kennel Club, except at sanctioned shows, and as provided in Section 3 of this rule.

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

SECTION 3. If an advertised judge is unable to fill his engagement, and no other licensed judge is available, the bench show committee shall have the power to select a non-licensed substitute judge, provided such person has never been refused a license by the American Kennel Club, is eligible for a license, and is in good standing. If an advertised judge cannot officiate, the bench show committee shall notify the exhibitors in the breed immediately upon receipt of information to this effect, and the notice, if possible, shall state the name of the substitute judge. If an advertised judge does not officiate, an exhibitor may, before the beginning of judging of the breed, withdraw his entry in that breed from competition, or from the show; in which latter case his entry fee shall be returned.

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

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

SECTION 6. A judge shall not handle, show, or take any dog into the ring at any show at which he is officiating.

SECTION 7. A judge shall mark in the judges' book all awards and also mark all absentees in each class. The original judge's books at show shall be in the custody of the judge, steward, superintendent, or superintendent's assistant. None other shall be allowed access to them. At the conclusion of the judging, the book must be signed by the judge and any changes that may have been made therein initialed by him.

SECTION 8. A judge may order any person or dog from the ring. For the purpose of facilitating the judging, judges are required to exclude from the rings in which they are judging, all persons except the steward and those actually engaged in exhibiting.

SECTION 9. A judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to withhold any, or all prizes for want of

merit. After a class has once been judged in accordance with these rules, it shall not be rejudged.

SECTION 10. The Superintendent, the Secretary of the Show, the Veterinarian, or any Club official acting at a show in any of these capacities, cannot officiate as Judge at the Show.

SECTION 11. Professional Superintendents of shows, and professional handlers, shall not be eligible to act as judges.

SECTION 12. A judge's decision, as marked in the judge's book, cannot be changed, after filing, except in case of clerical error.

RULE XIV

PENALTIES

Infringement of the rules of the American Kennel Club shall be subject to penalty, either monetary or otherwise. Penalties shall be determined by the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, of the American Kennel Club, and may range from a reprimand to fine to suspension for life from all privileges of the American Kennel Club.

RULE XVI.

PREMIUM LISTS.

SECTION 1. A show is not recognized unless the official endorsement of the Premium List signed by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, be 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 shall contain a list of the Officers of the Show-Giving Club, of all Officials of the Show and of all judges who are to officiate. The exact location of the show must be specified. Before distribution, one copy of the Premium List shall be forwarded to the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. A list of breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club shall be included in every Premium List, excepting those of Specialty Clubs.

SECTION 4. Such extracts from the rules as designed by the Rules Committee shall be furnished with every premium list.

RULE XVII.

PRIZES AND SPECIAL PRIZES.

SECTION 1. A Show-giving Club shall pay or distribute all prizes offered by it, within thirty days of the last day of the Show.

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

SECTION 3. No specials may be accepted, or offered, by any Show-giving club, unless they have been published in the Premium List of that show; nor may any be withdrawn; not the conditions thereof changed after they have been published in the Premium List. (The only exception to this rule is in a case where a mistake has been made in publishing a Specialty Club's regular Specials or a Special offered by an individual. In such a case prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the conditions stated in the original written terms of the gift, or if there be no such written terms, the conditions in the first premium list under which they were offered shall subsequently govern.) The Show-giving Club shall be responsible for the errors in publication of special prizes; and shall, in the event of error, award prizes of equal value.

SECTION 4. Regular specials, offered by a member specialty club, need not be printed in full in the premium list, but may be referred to by number or name. A complete list, however, shall be printed in the catalogue and must be on file with the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 5. All prizes shall be in accordance with descriptions 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. But this does not prevent the offering of percentage prizes in classes. All specials offered shall be correctly described or the value stated. Stud services shall not be accepted as specials.

SECTION 6. A dog may be entered either for exhibition, for breed specials only, or for certain breed specials which must be specified on the entry blank. Any dog entered for competition and received at the show must compete in all the classes for which it is entered.

SECTION 7. All dogs entered either for exhibition, or breed specials only, shall be entered in the catalog, in a special list, called "for specials only"; this list to follow the winners bitch class, and the same entry fee charged, and same particulars give, as if entered in a regular class.

SECTION 8. All classified specials offered in any breed shall be adjudicated upon by the judge of that breed. An unclassified special is one not confined to one breed. Unclassified specials shall not be offered at any show, except such as have previously

been competed for which require further competition to be finally won, or such as have previously been competed for, and for which the deeds of gift require further continuous competition. Any club may refuse to accept such unclassified specials.

SECTION 9. A dog shall be deemed ineligible to compete for a special prize against any dog or dogs that have previously beaten it at that show.

RULE XVIII.

PROTESTS.

SECTION 1. A protest against a dog may be made by any exhibitor, or nay member of a member club of the American Kennel Club. It shall be in writing, and be lodged with the Secretary of the Show Club within seven days of the last day of the show, unless the same be made the American Kennel Club, provided, however, that a protest calling for a decision as to the physical condition of a dog which can be determined only by the veterinarian, shall be made before the closing of a show. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00, which will be returned if the protest is sustained. This does not apply to protests by the American Kennel Club, nor to a protest made in the ring and previous to the judge rendering his decision.

SECTION 2. An appeal to the American Kennel Club from the decision of a bench show committee may be taken; and shall be forwarded to the American Kennel Club 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 reversed, the deposits shall be returned.

SECTION 3. In the event of a protest being made during a Show, the bench show committee shall hold a meeting as soon as possible, affording all parties concerned an opportunity to be heard; and the decision of the Committee shall be rendered at once. If a protest is lodged subsequent to the Show, it shall be within seven days; and it shall 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 concerned. Written copies of all decisions on protests shall be forwarded immediately to the American Kennel Club.

RULE XIX

REGISTRATIONS.

SECTION 1. The owner of a stud dogs shall, upon request, sign the registration application blank in the proper place for such signature regardless of whether or not any remuneration for the stud service has been received. If it is proved that remuneration of any sort was agreed upon previous to the service, and that subsequently the breeder refused to fulfill the agreement, such owner shall be disqualified from all privileges of the American Kennel Club as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. A breeder on transferring a dog, previously unregistered, to another person shall upon request sign the registration application blank in the proper place regardless as to whether agreed upon previous to the transfer, and that subsequently the person to whom the dog was transferred refused to fulfill the agreement, such person shall be disqualified from all privileges of the American Kennel Club or otherwise penalized as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

RULE XX.

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 WinnersRoyal Purple and White
- Special prize.....Green
- Best of Breed.....Purple and Gold

SECTION 2. Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least 2 inches wide and approximately 8 inches long; and bear on its face 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.

SECTION 3. Ribbons for sanction shows: See Rule IX, Section 11.

RULE XXI.

SPECIALTY CLUBS.

SECTION 1. Member specialty clubs may hold shows confined to the breed represented by their clubs, which shows shall carry a rating 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 member club be not given within one month, the applying club may appeal to the License Committee, which may, then, issue a license at its discretion.

RULE XXII.

VETERINARIANS AND DUTIES.

SECTION 1. Every Show shall have one or more qualified veterinarians, one of who shall be in attendance before and during, the entire progress of the show. The veterinarians, or one of his assistants, must examine every dog before it be admitted to the show. 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.

At shows of more than one day duration, every dog shall be examined before twelve o'clock noon of each day after the first day. Any dog suffering from any contagious disease shall be refused admission to, or be immediately removed from, the precincts of the 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, or admit it to remain in a show.

If there be more than one veterinarian, one shall be designated 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 assistants, or another veterinarian, shall be designated to take his place.

Show managements shall furnish to veterinarians a self-inking rubber stamp for certification on stall tags as required above. 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 possible infected secretions. Veterinarians should examine dogs shipped by express first; or as soon after the dogs' arrival as possible, so that they may be taken from the crates with as little delay as possible.

SECTION 2. The regularly appointed 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 bench show committee, he shall immediately render his decision in writing. A dog once disqualified by a veterinarian's report for such conditions as specified in Rule XI, Section 2, shall not be eligible for entry at any subsequent show, until reinstated through an appeal to the American Kennel Club.