

**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.

Puppies shall be benched after their classes have been judged.

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

**RULE II.**

**BREEDER. - OWNER**

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

The owner or owners of a dog shall be determined solely by the recorded registration of such dog on file with the American Kennel Club. A listed dog may only be shown at three shows unless the owner or owners of such dog can furnish acceptable proof to the American Kennel Club that such dog is ineligible for registration, in which case such unregistered dog may be shown more than three times, provided every entry of such dog has "ineligible for registration" attached to its entry.

## **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.)

## **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 names and complete addresses of all judges, superintendent or secretary of the show, veterinarians, and all exhibitors.

SECTION 2. The catalogue shall be in book form and not exceeding 6 x 9 inches, nor less than 5 x 8 inches. It shall contain, arranged as follows, the names and particulars of every dog entered in the show, catalogue number, the name of the owner, the name of the dog, the American Kennel Club registration number, the name of sire and dam, the date of birth, and the breeder. If not registered, a dog shall be listed and so marked.

SECTION 3. The schedule of points governing each breed in the show must be published in its catalogue.

SECTION 4. A catalogue marked with the winnings and absentees, in all regular classes and group specials as well as awards of all specials, certified to by the Secretary of the Show-giving Club, shall be filed with the American Kennel Club within seven days after the closing of the Show. Penalty for non-compliance, \$1.00 per days, and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors.

## **RULE V.**

### **CANCELLATIONS.**

SECTION 1. In regular classes, all cancellations will be made by the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 2. 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 3. If a win be cancelled by the American Kennel Club, the exhibitor or entrant shall return all prizes for such win to the Secretary of the show or field trial giving club within thirty days of receipt of notice of said cancellation.

SECTION 4. Whenever any wins of a dog are cancelled by reason of any errors or violations of rules committed by a show or field trial giving club through its bench show or field trial committee or superintendent, said club, within ten days of receipt of notice of such cancellation from the American Kennel Club, shall return to the exhibitor, the wins of whose dog or dogs have been this cancelled, double the amount of all entry fees paid by him for such dog or dogs in the class affected.

#### **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 entered for exhibition or specials only, will not count for championship rating.

SECTION 2. When the winners' class is divided by sex, the judge shall have the winners' dog and winners' bitch compete for 'Best of Winners,' and the dog thus designated shall be entitled to the number of points based on the number of dogs or bitches competing, whichever is greater, and then the dog so declared 'Best of Winners' shall meet any dogs entered for 'Special Only' and the winner shall be adjudged 'Best of Breed.'

#### **RULE VII.**

##### **CLASSES AND CLASSIFICATION.**

SECTION 1. At all shows the general classification of breeds shall be published in the official alphabetical order in the premium list. Except when a condensed form of premium list is used, in which case breeds having classes which vary according to heights, weights, colors, etc., may be omitted from the general classification and listed in official alphabetical order, immediately following the general classification.

AFGHAN HOUNDS  
AIREDALE TERRIERS  
BASSET HOUNDS  
BEAGLES  
BEDLINGTON TERRIERS  
BELGIAN SHEEPDOGS  
BLOODHOUNDS  
BOSTON TERRIERS  
BULLDOGS  
BULLTERRIERS  
CAIRN TERRIERS  
CHESAPEAKE BAYS  
CHIHUAHUAS  
CHOW CHOWS

COLLIES  
DACHSHUNDS  
DALMATIANS  
DANDIE DINMONT TERRIERS  
DEERHOUNDS (SCOTTISH)  
ENGLISH TOY SPANIELS  
    (King Charles and Ruby) (Blenheim and Prince Charles)  
ESKIMOS  
FOXHOUNDS (AMERICAN)  
FOXHOUNDS (ENGLISH)  
FOXTERRIERS  
FRENCH BULLDOGS  
GREAT DANES  
GREYHOUND  
GRIFFONS (BRUSSELS)  
GRFFONS (WIRE-HAIRED POINTING)  
HARRIERS  
IRISH TERRIERS  
ITALIAN GREYHOUNDS  
JAPANESE SPANIELS  
KERRY BLUE TERRIERS  
MALTESE  
MANCHESTER TERRIERS  
MASTIFFS  
MEXICAN HAIRLESS  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
NORWEGIAN ELKHOUNDS  
OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOGS  
OTTER HOUNDS  
PEKINGESE  
PINSCHER (DOBERMAN)  
PINSCHER (WIRE-HAIRED)  
POINTERS  
POMERANIANS  
POODLES  
PUGS  
RETRIEVERS  
    (Curly-Coated) (Flat-Coated) (Golden) (Labrador)  
SAMOYEDS  
SCHIPPERKES  
SCOTTISH TERRIERS  
SEALYHAM TERRIERS  
SETTERS (ENGLISH)  
SETTERS (GORDON)  
SETTER (IRISH)  
SHEPHERD DOGS

SKYE TERRIERS  
SPANIELS (CLUMBER)  
SPANIELS (COCKER)  
SPANIELS (FIELD)  
SPANIELS (ENGLISH SPRINGER)  
SPANIELS (IRISH WATER)  
SPANIELS (SPRINGER)  
SPANIELS (SUSSEX)  
ST. BERNARDS (Rough)  
ST. BERNARD (Smooth)  
Salukis  
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. At all shows the classification of breed shall be published in the official alphabetical order in the catalog in six groups, as follows:

- Group 1 – Sporting Dogs
- Group 2 – Sporting Dogs (Hounds)
- Group 2 – Working Dogs
- Group 3 – Terriers
- Group 4 – Toys
- Group 5 – Non-Sporting Dogs

SECTION 3. 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.

SECTION 4. 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, and no dog under six months shall be entered in any show excepting as may be provided for in rules or regulations governing sanctioned matches. Puppies, irrespective of classes in which they are entered, 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.

SECTION 5. 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 6. The Limit Class shall be for all dogs except Champions.

SECTION 7. The America-Bred Class shall be for all dogs whelped in the United States of America and born of a mating took place in the United States of America.

Champions barred. The entry blank must state the name of the breeder and the place of birth.

SECTION 8. The Open Class shall be for any dog.

SECTION 9. 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.

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 10. Winners of fifteen points in the winners' class, under three different judges, six points of which shall have been won at two shows with a rating of

three or more championship points, shall thereby become Champions of Record; and when registered in the Stud Book, shall be entitled to a Champions Certificate. A dog becomes a champion when it is so officially recorded by the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 11. The Miscellaneous Class shall be open to all recognized breeds of dogs, as determined by the American Kennel Club, which have not otherwise been provided for in the Premium List. Entries in this class shall specify the breed of the exhibit. Dogs entered in this class are ineligible to compete in group specials.

SECTION 12. 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 13. 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 14. The term, "Field Trial Record," as used at all Dog Shows, shall apply only to public trials where competition is open to all.

SECTION 15. 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.

If a dog is incorrectly entered, Rule XI, Section 1 will apply.

SECTION 16. Only dogs whelped in the United States of America and born of a mating which took place in the United States of America shall be considered American-bred.

SECTION 17. 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  
Eskimos  
Great Dane  
Mastiffs  
Newfoundlands  
Old English Sheepdogs  
Samoyeds  
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 18. 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 19. 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 20. A show-giving club may give six 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 17 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.

SECTION 21. The six dogs winning in the above six 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. 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."

No dog shall be eligible to compete in the above group specials or for best in show unless it has been entered in a regular class or specially for specials only, and of course not unless judged best of breed.

SECTION 22. In Sections 4, 5, 6 and 16 of this rule, the words United States shall be construed as embracing all territories and possession of the United States and all vessels sailing under the American flag.

## **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 two issues 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 two issues 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 or either field trial.

SECTION 2. Member clubs are entitled to hold one show a year and one field trial, without charge. But for every additional show or field trial 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 shows or field trials, shall be filed with the American Kennel Club for approval by the license committee. The deposit shall be forfeited in case the show or field trial be not held on that date.

SECTION 4. Member Clubs which have held shows or field trials 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 or field trial committees may make such regulations or additional rules for the government of their shows or field trials 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 or field trial 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.

SECTION 15. Any club or organization or any official of any club or organization, including those acting as judges, veterinarians, superintendent, committeemen, stewards, and exhibitors, who shall hold a dog show or dog exhibition, not held in accordance with the rules of the American Kennel Club, which apply to such show or exhibition shall be disciplined to the extent of having all 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 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 of Member of a Bench Show or Field Trial Committee of any Club holding a Show in the United States of America under any rules other than those of the American Kennel Club, may be disqualified from all privileges of said Club.

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SECTION 2. No person under suspension or disqualification shall be employed in any official capacity, exhibit at a show, or enter a dog in a field trial, 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, field trials 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, except breed that are divided by height, in which case all dogs shall be measured before being judged, and if incorrectly entered as to height, shall be transferred to their proper corresponding classes.

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, or entrant" is an individual, partnership exhibiting or entering a field trial as an individual, or kennels. In the case of such entry, every member shall be in good standing with the American Kennel Club. All entries made in the name of a kennel must be signed with the kennel name followed by the word "registered".

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 entered in a show or field trial 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 or run 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, sex and color 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 carries 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 at a show or field trial, 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 or field trial giving Club which accepts an entry fee other than that published in its Premium List, or in any way discriminates between exhibitors and entrants, shall be disciplined.

SECTION 11. A bench show or field trial committee may decline any entries, or may remove any dog from its show or trials, 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.**

EXPLANATION: -- When used in these rules the word "DOG" includes both sexes.

Member Field Trials are those given by Member Clubs of the American Kennel Club.

Licensed Field Trials are those given by other organizations, especially licensed for that particular field trial by the American Kennel Club.

Sanctioned Field Trials are informal trials held by any organization with the sanction of the American Kennel Club and carry no championship points.

SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible to judge at any field trial until he has been approved by the American Kennel Club, except that substitute or additional judges may be appointed by a Field Trial Club, at a field trial, if occasion demands it; provided, however, said judges 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 if present.

SECTION 2. All field trials held under the rules of the American Kennel Club except sanctioned field trials shall use the following colors and designs for their prize ribbons and rosettes:

<u>First prize</u>	<u>Blue</u>
<u>Second prize</u>	<u>Red</u>
<u>Third prize</u>	<u>Yellow</u>
<u>Fourth prize</u>	<u>White</u>

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 the name of the Field Trial Club, with numerals of year, and date of trial.

**Deleted:** SECTION 19. . Any dog entered and received at a show must compete in all classes in which it is entered. ¶  
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SECTION 3. Ribbons for sanctioned field trials shall be:

First prize    Rose  
Second prize    White  
Third prize    Green  
Fourth prize    Brown

SECTION 4. All cancellations will be made by the American Kennel Club and should the win of a dog be cancelled, the dog next in order shall be moved up and the win shall be counted in every respect the same as if it had been the original award.

SECTION 5. Each Field Trial Club shall specify the date on which its entries shall close, but may – if it wishes – accept post entries up to the time of drawing. Entrants are responsible for their own and their agents’ errors in making out entry forms.

SECTION 6. No change in the name of a dog registered in the American Kennel Club is permitted. If the name of a listed dog – which has won a prize at any field trial – has been subsequently changed, the hold name shall also be given on the entry blank until such time as the dog wins a prize under its new name.

SECTION 7. The bona fide owner or owners of a registered dog shall be determined solely by the recorded registration of such dog filed with the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 8. Every dog entered under these rules unless registered in the American Kennel Club shall be “listed” with the American Kennel Club previous to each field trial in which it starts. 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 trial for which it is “listed”.

SECTION 9. Every dog shall be the bona fide property of the person making the entry. The right to run a dog cannot be transferred.

SECTION 10. 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 11. Officers of Field Trial Clubs are not debarred from running dogs in nor acting as judges at field trials.

SECTION 12. Premium lists or entry blanks shall contain a list of the officers of the club, of all officials of the field trial and of all judges who are to officiate, the classes and their conditions and state the rules under which the trials are to be run. The exact location of the field trial must be specified. Before distribution one copy of the premium list or entry blank shall be forwarded to the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 13. Field Trial Club shall provide the judge with book containing full names of the dogs entered, their color and markings, their owners and the addresses of the owners, and names of handlers. The awards and absentees in said judges' books shall be marked by the judges themselves and the judges' books shall also be signed by the judges and certified to by the secretary of the Field Trial Club who shall file said judges' books together with the entry blanks and a full report of said trial with the American Kennel Club within ten days after the closing of the trial.

The said report shall contain a list of all officers, member of field trial committees, names and complete addresses of judges and the name and address of the superintendent or secretary of the field trials. Penalty for non-compliance \$1.00 per day and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 14. Field trial champions of record of any breed when registered in the American Kennel Club Stud Book shall be entitled to a championship certificate. A dog becomes an American Kennel Club field trial champion when it is so officially recorded by the American Kennel Club.

The following shall apply only to field trials for pointers, setters and wire-haired pointing griffons.

SECTION 15. Any club or organization not a member of the American Kennel Club may be licensed to hold a field trial for pointers, setters and wire-haired pointing griffons in accordance with the rules of the American Kennel Club upon payment of a fee to be determined by the Board of Directors and fee must accompany application. Applications from non-member clubs shall also be accompanied by a deposit, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors, which deposit shall be forfeited in case the field trial is not held on the date granted, or any postponed date within 30 days thereafter.

SECTION 16. Field Trail Clubs except Special Clubs may hold field trials open to pointers, setters and wire-haired pointing griffons.

SECTION 17. In a Member Club or Licensed Field Trail for pointers, setters and wire-haired pointing griffons, winners of ten points in stakes at least three points of which have been won in one 3 point or better all age stake, and not more than 2 points in puppy stakes, shall thereby become field trials champions of record. Championship points shall count in field trials whether the stakes are open or members stakes.

SECTION 18. At each Member Club or Licensed Field Trial for pointers, setters, and wire-haired pointing griffons, the number of points toward a field trail championship to be credited to the winner of a stake shall be based on the actual number of dogs competing in each stake according tot eh schedule of points as determined by the License Committee.

SECTION 19. The winner of the Amateur Field Trial Club of America annual championship race, the winner of the National Field Trail Champion Association annual championship race, and the winner of the All-American Field Trial Club annual championship race shall be recorded American Kennel Club Field Trail Champions.

The following shall apply only to Beagle Field Trials.

SECTION 20. 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. All classes for beagles may be divided by sex. Splitting of prizes and places in trials is prohibited.

SECTION 21. All beagle trials shall be rated on the actual number of starters in the open classes, namely, fifteen-inch dogs, fifteen-inch bitches, thirteen-inch dogs and thirteen-inch bitches.

SECTION 22. The above fifteen-inch class or the above thirteen-inch classes shall be combined and run with both sexes in a single class of each size unless there are six or more starters in each sex division and not otherwise.

SECTION 23. A class of dogs and bitches fifteen inches and under may be substituted for any one of the above classes, to be run as a pack for not less than four hours on hare only (not cotton tail rabbits), the entry fee to be determined by the club conducting the trial. Derby stakes and pack stakes shall not be open classes.

SECTION 24. Any beagle placed in first in an open all-age class, fifteen-inch dogs, fifteen-inch bitches, thirteen-inch dogs, thirteen-inch bitches, or in a combined class of fifteen-inch dogs and fifteen-inch bitches, or thirteen-inch dogs and thirteen-inch bitches shall be awarded a number of championship points equal to the number of starters in the class in which the win was made.

SECTION 25. A beagle which has won a total of seventy-five (75) such points shall be declared a champion of record, except that in the case of thirteen-inch dogs the total of points required for a champion of record shall be fifty (50).

The following shall apply only to Foxhounds Field Trials.

SECTION 27. An English springer spaniel, having won two open all-age stakes for English springer spaniels only in an American Kennel Club Member Club or Licensed Field Trial, in each of which stakes not less than six English springer spaniels have actually competed, shall become a field trial champion of record.

SECTION 28. A cocker spaniel having won two open all-age stakes for cocker spaniels only in an American Kennel Club Member Club of Licensed Field Trial, in each

of which stakes not less than six cocker spaniels have actually competed, shall become a field trial champion of record.

### **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 after the opening of a show, 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 provide a substitute judge, and no dogs present of that breed may be withdrawn from competition. Should a bench show committee be advised any time up to a week from the opening of a show that an advertised judge cannot fulfill his engagement, they shall substitute a judge and shall advise all those entering in that breed of his name, and such exhibitors shall have the privilege of withdrawing their entries in that breed at any time prior to the opening day of the show.

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**

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

A Show or field trial 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 shall be forwarded to the Secretary within seven days from closing of the Show or field trial.

#### **RULE XV.**

##### **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 or field trial 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 the Premium List of every show, excepting those of Specialty Clubs.

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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 or field trial Club shall pay or distribute all prizes offered by it, within thirty days of the last day of the Show or field trial.

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SECTION 2. In case of special prizes offered by others through the Show field trail 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 or field trial.

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SECTION 3. No specials may be accepted, or offered, by any Show or field trail giving club, unless they have been published in the Premium List of that show or field trial; nor may any be withdrawn; nor 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 or field trail 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.

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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. If money prizes are offered, a fixed amount for each prize shall be stated and no specials shall be offered other than those which can be awarded automatically, excepting in the case of specials offered by or through specialty clubs, which have still to be won

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outright, and in the case of specials for best Puppy, best Novice, best American-bred, and best Bred-by-Exhibitor and except in the case of specials offered for best of opposite sex where dogs of both sexes are entered; 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 specials only, or for certain breed specials which must be specified on the entry blank, but any dog entered for such specials and received at the show, must compete for all specials for which it is entered.

SECTION 7. All dogs entered either for exhibition, or specials, shall be entered in the catalog, in special lists, called "for exhibition only and for specials only"; this list to follow the winners bitch class, and the same entry fee charged, and same particulars given, 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, entrant 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 or Field Trial Club within seven days of the last day of the show or field trial, 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 or field trial. 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 or field trial 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 or field trial, the bench show or field trial 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 or field trial, 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 Winners .....	Royal 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 from, 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.

### **RULE XXIII.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENTS.**

No person shall act as superintendent of a show or field trial held under American Kennel Club rules unless he shall hold a license granted by the said Club through its License Committee.

### **RULE XXIV.**

#### **HANDLERS AND AGENTS.**

No person shall be eligible to handle dogs for pay or act as agent for pay at any show held under American Kennel Club rules unless he shall hold a license granted by the said Club through its License Committee.