



# **REGULATIONS**

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## SECTION 1

### 1.1 Classes for Exhibit at a Show

#### General Classes (06/95)

Name	No.	Description
Baby Puppy	1	For dogs aged three and under six months.
Minor Puppy	2	For dogs aged six and under nine months.
Puppy	3	For dogs aged six and under twelve months.
Junior	4	For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months.
Intermediate	5	For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
Novice	6	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a First Prize at any Open Parade, Open Show or Championship Show (subject to Member Body Rules). Baby puppy and Local classes excepted. (For the purpose of classifications (6) and (6A) First Prizes won up to and including the day before the date of entry close in a Show only shall be taken into account but such restriction shall not apply in the case of a Special Prize for which more than one win is required).
Graduate	7	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a Challenge Certificate up to and including the day before the date of entry close.
Limit	8	For dogs over twelve months of age which are not Champions, or have not gained sufficient points to qualify as a Champion up to and including the day before the date of entry close.
State Bred	9	For dogs six months of age or over whelped in the State or Territory in which it is exhibited.
Australian Bred	10	For dogs aged six months or over whelped in Australia. (A State and/or Territory may reserve the right to exclude all, or any, of the recognised Australian Breeds).
Open	11	For dogs aged six months or over and of a breed or variety recognised by the ANKC.
Puppy Neuter	15	For neuter dogs and bitches aged six and under twelve months. <b>(05/01)</b>
Junior Neuter	16	For neuter dogs and bitches aged nine and under eighteen months. <b>(05/01)</b>
Intermediate Neuter	17	For neuter dogs and bitches aged eighteen and under thirty-six months. <b>(05/01)</b>
Open Neuter	18	For neuter dogs and bitches aged six months or over. <b>(05/01)</b>

- 1.2 To calculate the age of dogs for entry into breed classes where the date of birth does not occur in the relevant month, the anniversary date be taken as the last date of that month, e.g. dogs born on 31.1. will be eligible to enter the baby puppy class on 30th April. **(06/95, 3.1.2)**
- 1.3 A sweepstakes class for desexed dogs shall be optional at ANKC official shows. **(10/94, 8.1.3)**
- 1.4 Separate classes may be offered for Veterans at fixtures - 7 years and under 10 years; 10 years and over. **(05/92)**
- 1.5 Only entire dogs and bitches can compete in the Veteran Classes at Specialist and Semi-Specialist Show where the winners are eligible to compete for Challenge Certificates. **(10/92, 7.4) (Amended 10/09, 10.3)**
- 1.6 Litter classes shall be deleted from the rules of all Member Bodies. **(04/88, 4.23)**
- 1.7 Colour classes are deemed to be a domestic matter. **(04/87)**

## **SECTION 2**

### **Classification of the Groups of Breeds of Dogs**

- 2.1 Breeds to be listed under common name in group and alphabetical order. **(04/80)**

## **SECTION 3**

### **Neuter Classes (05/01)**

- 3.1 Classes 15, 16, 17 & 18 shall be optional Classes at any ANKC official show.
- 3.2 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be ineligible to compete against entire exhibits for Challenge or Best of Breed awards. **(Amended 10/09, 8.9)**
- 3.3 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at breed level after Best of Breed and any Class elimination judging.
- 3.4 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at both Group and Show level immediately after Class 11.
- 3.5 Only dogs or bitches registered with an ANKC Member Body as a "neuter" on the main register shall be eligible to compete in either Class 15,16,17 or 18. **(Amended 10/01)**
- 3.6 A neuter is a dog or bitch that has been desexed either by castration or ovarian hysterectomy and is rendered infertile. This does not include vasectomies. **(Added 05/04)**

## **SECTION 4**

### **Order of Judging**

The official ANKC judging sequence shall be followed by all Member Bodies **(09/84)**, unless the procedure outlined in Section 5 of these Regulations is approved by a Member Body. **(10/01)**

The following sequence was adopted **(10/92)**:

#### **4.1 Breed Classes**

1. Judge all dog classes in breed.
2. Judge the dog challenge winner from the exhibits placed first, who are unbeaten, in each of the breed classes, excluding baby puppy.
3. Judge the reserve challenge winner from the balance of class winning exhibits and the second place winner from the class in which the challenge winner was entered.
4. Repeat 1, 2 and 3 in the bitch classes in breed.

**N.B.** In accordance with Regulations 3.1.1 and 3.1.4, at all Shows, breeds and varieties shall not be intermingled. **(10/99)**

#### **4.2 Best of Breed Judging**

1. Judge Best of Breed from the challenge winning dog and bitch.
2. The exhibit awarded Best of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered.
3. Judge the Runner Up Best of Breed from the unsuccessful challenge winner in the Best of Breed competition and the exhibit awarded reserve challenge to the exhibit awarded Best of Breed.
4. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered. Provided, the Best of Breed was not entered in the same class.
5. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with clauses 2 and 4, judge the Best of Breed of class immediately after the Runner Up Best of Breed is judged, from the class winners of each sex within that breed. Only the exhibits awarded Best of Class of breed shall be eligible to compete for Best of Class of group.
6. Repeat the above procedure for each breed within the group.

#### **4.3 Group Specials**

1. Judge Best in Group from the Best of Breed winning exhibits only.
2. The exhibit awarded Best in Group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Group award in which it was entered.
3. Judge Runner Up Best in Group from the balance of the Best of Breed winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best of Breed exhibit awarded Best in Group.

4. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best in Group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Group award in which it is entered. Provided, the Best in Group winner was not entered in the same class.
5. Applicable at Royal Shows only, where the award is offered, judge Best Opposite Sex in Group from the challenge winning exhibits of the opposite sex to the exhibit awarded Best in Group. Provided that if the Runner Up Best in Group is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at Royal Shows.
6. The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Group and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Group are not eligible to compete for the Best of Class In Group award for which the Best Opposite Sex in Group was entered. This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite Sex in Group has been offered.
7. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with Clauses 2 and 4, and the requirements of Clause 6, judge Best in Class in Group awards from the respective Best of Breed class winners.

#### **4.4 General Specials**

1. Judge Best in Show from the Best in Group winning exhibits only.
2. The exhibit awarded Best in Show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Show award in which it was entered.
3. Judge Runner Up Best in Show from the balance of the Best in Group winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best in Group exhibit awarded Best in Show.
4. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best in Show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Show award in which it is entered. Provided, the Best in Show winner was not entered in the same class.
5. Applicable at Royal Shows only, where the award is offered, judge Best Opposite Sex in Show from the Group winning exhibits and the Opposite Sex in Group winning exhibits, which are of the opposite sex to Best in Show. Provided that if the Runner Up Best in Show is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at Royal Shows.
6. The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Show and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Show are not eligible to compete for the Best of Class in Show award for which the Best Opposite Sex in Show was entered. This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite in Show has been offered.
7. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with clauses 2 and 4, and the requirements of clause 6, judge Best in Class in Show awards from the respective Best in Group class winners.

#### **4.5 Order of Judging**

The order of judging for Best of Breed of Class, Best in Group of Class and Best in Show of Class shall be from Baby Puppy through to Open Class, except where the award is automatic. Judging of these class awards shall, in each case, take place after the judging of Best of Breed, In Group and In Show, Runner Up to these awards and best opposite if applicable. **(10/92)**

#### **4.6 Optional Order of Judging**

Effective from 1 January, 2003. At Specialist and Semi Specialist Club's Championship and Open Shows, the order of judging shall be optional, provided the order of judging is published in the Show Schedule. **(05/02)**

### **SECTION 5**

#### **In-Group and In-Show Placing System (10/99)**

**(Optional for Shows that only offer Best Puppy in Group/Show and Best Exhibit in Group/Show)  
(10/01)**

##### **(1) Breed Judging**

- (a) Breed judging shall be conducted in the same manner as the existing system to select Best of Breed and Best Puppy of Breed.
- (b) As Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Group will no longer be judged, the Runner-Up to Best of Breed awards may be at the discretion of the Show Committee.

##### **(2) Group/Show Judging**

- (a) Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Group will no longer be judged.
- (b) Only Best Puppy In Group award will be offered. Therefore, only exhibits that have won Best Puppy of Breed are eligible to compete for Best Puppy In Group.
- (c) Only Best Puppy In Show award will be offered. Therefore only Best Puppy In Group winners are eligible to compete for Best Puppy In Show.
- (d) Only exhibits that have won Best of Breed awards are eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Group awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, subject to the provision of Regulation (2)(g)(i).
- (e) Only exhibits which have won Best Exhibit In Group shall be eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Show awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, subject to the provision of Regulation (2)(g)(ii).
- (f) The sequence of judging Best Exhibit In Group and Best Exhibit In Show awards shall be in the following order:
  - (i) Best Puppy In Group
  - (ii) Best Exhibit In Group, placed in the order of 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st
  - (iii) Best Puppy In Show
  - (iv) Best Exhibit In Show, placed in the order of 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st.

(g) **Eliminations**

- (i) A Puppy exhibit which wins Best of Breed but is not awarded Best Puppy In Group, shall be eliminated from competing for Best Exhibit In Group awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.
- (ii) A Puppy exhibit which wins Best Exhibit In Group but is not awarded Best Puppy In Show, shall be eliminated from competing for the Best Exhibit In Show awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

**SECTION 6**

**Shows offering only Puppy in Show and Best in Show**

- 6.1 Where a Show only offers Puppy in Show and no other in show class entry awards, they may offer 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in group and in show awards. These awards shall be selected only from the dogs which compete for the best in group and best in show awards. Under these circumstances, no runner up awards shall be offered. **(10/01)**

**SECTION 7**

**Awards & Titles**

- 7.1 Where a financial member of an ANKC Member Body competes at a recognised show, whether All Breeds or Specialist Breed, that financial member shall be entitled to receive any normally recognised 'in show' and/or 'in group' award. **(09/87, 2(e))**

- 7.2 Where a first place is not awarded, at class level, then all other placings must be withheld. **(04/81)**

- 7.3 Where a Championship Show only offers Puppy in Show and no other in show class entry awards, they may offer 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in group and in show awards. These awards shall be selected only from the dogs which compete for the best in group and best in show awards. Under these circumstances, no runner up awards shall be offered. **(10/00)**

**7.4 Challenge Certificates**

- 7.4.1 Where a Challenge Certificate winner is found to be ineligible for the Challenge award, the Reserve Challenge winner shall be awarded the Challenge and points, less one for the ineligible exhibit. **(05/90, 2.7.1)**
- 7.4.2 Where a Best of Breed winner does not compete for Best Exhibit in Group or Best Exhibit in Show for which it is eligible, the Best of Breed Challenge Certificate shall be cancelled. **(10/99)**
- 7.4.3 Effective 1.1.2002, no Challenge Certificate shall be issued at Shows unless the Overseas Judge has been approved by the ANKC. **(05/00)**

**7.5 Neuter Certificates (Added 10/09, 8.9)**

- 7.5.1 Where a Neuter Certificate winner is found to be ineligible for the award; the Reserve winner shall be awarded the Certificate and points, less one for the ineligible exhibit.
- 7.5.2 No Neuter Certificate shall be issued at Shows unless the Overseas Judge has been approved by the ANKC.

## 7.6 National Titles

National Titles shall be restricted to fixtures conducted by Member Bodies under the approval of the ANKC. **(04/84)**

## 7.7 Championship Points System (05/99)

The owner of a dog registered with the ANKC which:

- (a) wins not fewer than four Challenge Certificates/Best of Breed Certificates under not fewer than four different Judges at four different exhibitions; and **(10/99)**
- (b) gains a total of 100 points, of which twenty five (25) of these points are gained after the age of twelve (12) months; may apply for such dog to be known as a Champion.

Points shall be allotted for exhibits six (6) months of age and over exhibited in a General Class as follows:

- (a) **Challenge Certificate winner – Dogs**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (b) **Challenge Certificate winner – Bitches**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (c) **Best of Breed Certificate winner**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (d) **Best In Group winner**  
Each winner of the recognised seven (7) groups – five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Group at the fixture.
- (e) **Best In Show winner**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Show.

The points awarded under (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed twenty-five (25) points at any one Show.

5 year moratorium imposed on any changes to the Championship Points System **(05/01)**

## 7.8 Neuter Championship Points System (Added 10/09, 8.9)

The owner of a neutered dog registered with the ANKC which:

- (a) wins not fewer than four Neuter Certificates/Best Neuter of Breed Certificates under not fewer than four different Judges at four different exhibitions; and
- (b) gains a total of 100 points, of which twenty five (25) of these points are gained after the age of twelve (12) months; may apply for such dog to be known as a Neutered Champion.

Points shall be allotted for exhibits six (6) months of age and over exhibited in a Neuter Class as follows:

- (a) **Neuter Certificate winner – Dogs:**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered dog of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (b) **Neuter Certificate winner – Bitches:**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- (c) **Best Neuter of Breed Certificate winner**  
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered dog and bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.

The points awarded under (a), (b) and (c), above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed twenty-five (25) points at any one Show.

Only points accrued as a Neutered dog will be accepted towards the Neutered Champion title.

A dog who has gained the title of Champion or Grand Champion prior to being entered on the ANKC Main register as Neutered, shall retain such titles in addition to Neutered Champion. These titles shall have precedence and shall appear in front of the Neutered Champion title in the dogs registered name.

The title of Neutered Champion shall fulfill the Conformation Title requirements for Dual and Triple Championships.

5 year moratorium imposed on any changes to the Neutered Championship Points System.

## **7.9 Grand Champion (10/97, 4.7.2) (10/08, 5.5) (04/09)**

- a) Using the points system as approved by the ANKC at the time, an animal will be required to attain the following qualifications to be eligible to the title of Grand Champion.  
  
1,000 points, including:  
either  
Best in Show (minimum 50 exhibits eligible for a Challenge)  
or  
4 Twenty-five point Challenge Certificates, (Group, BOB or Challenge)
- The new requirements to attain the Grand Champion title to apply to all applications lodged with Member Bodies after 1 January, 2010.
- b) The implementation date for the awarding of the title of Grand Champion be 1.1.98.
- c) Grand Championship will not be awarded to animals retrospectively, but an animal will be eligible to be awarded the title of Grand Champion, if they gain some points towards the title of Grand Champion (1000 points) after the implementation date of the 1.1.98.
- d) The title and number of points for a Grand Champion to be reviewed annually for the next 3 years.

The areas to be examined in the annual review are:

- i Total number of Grand Champion titles awarded.
- ii Number of Grand Champions awarded per individual breeds.

iii Number of Grand Champions awarded per Member Body.

Grand Champion Title retained and a 5 year moratorium imposed on any changes to the Grand Champion Title. **(05/01)**

#### **7.10 International Champion**

The title International Champion shall be recognised if shown on the Export pedigree of a dog imported into Australia. **(04/85)**

### **SECTION 8**

#### **Exhibit**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the size of all exhibit numbers be large enough to be read from a distance of approximately 1200 cm (40 feet). **(10/73)**
- 8.2 Handlers at all competitions must be financial members of the Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which they reside. **(09/83)**
- 8.3 To calculate the age of dogs for entry into breed classes, where the date of birth does not occur in the relevant month, the anniversary date shall be taken as the last date of that month, e.g. dogs born on 31/1 will be eligible to enter baby puppy class on 30/4. **(10/94, 4.3)**

### **SECTION 9**

#### **Disqualification from Conformation Exhibition**

- 9.1 Non entire dogs and neutered dogs and bitches shall be approved to compete in Trials. **(05/00)**
- 9.2 Neutered dogs and bitches shall be approved to compete at any ANKC official Show. **(05/01)**
- 9.3 For Conformation purposes, a dog six months of age or over shall not be accepted as physically entire unless both testicles have fully descended and are in the scrotum. Any dog disqualified for this reason at a Conformation Show will have its registration suspended until it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Member body that it is physically entire. **(05/00)**
- 9.4 Any dog suspended in accordance with 9.3 shall not be accepted for stud purposes and any litter sired by the dog will not be accepted for registration. **(05/00)**
- 9.5 Any dog over the age of twelve months which is proven to be non entire shall be deregistered or transferred to the Limited Register. **(05/00)**
- 9.6 Any dog bred in Australia which has its ears cropped shall be de-registered and barred from participation in any ANKC recognised activity and any person who, by their actions, causes the cropping of a dog's ears other than for medial purposes shall not be eligible for membership of any ANKC Member Body. **(10/92, 16.3)**
- 9.7 Dogs imported into Australia with cropped ears (from countries which approve the cropping of ears) shall not be permitted to compete in conformation breed classes, but may compete in official Trials (Obedience & Field). **(10/92)**
- 9.8 Dogs imported into Australia with cropped ears may be displayed only at conformation fixtures where exhibition classes are offered. **(10/92)**

- 9.9 Dogs with cropped ears, bred in Countries which do not approve the cropping of ears and born before the 1st January, 1992, shall not be permitted to compete in conformation breed classes, but may compete in official Trials (Obedience and Field).  
**(10/92)**
- 9.10 Dogs with cropped ears, imported into Australia from Countries which do not approve the cropping of ears and born after the 1st January 1993, shall not be eligible for registration and shall be barred from participation in any ANKC recognised activity including training activity.  
**(10/92)**
- 9.11 Dogs with ears cropped in Australia are not allowed to participate in any recognised ANKC activity, including obedience training.  
**(11/93, 12.3)**

## **SECTION 10**

### **Facilities at Shows**

- 10.1 A dog exhibitor who has already paid an entry fee to the Dog Section of the show, shall not be required to pay a gate admission charge into the fixture.  
**(04/91, 5.12)**

## **SECTION 11**

### **Use of Firearms**

The ANKC disapproves the use of firearms, including imitation firearms and starting pistols, at any Championship Show, Parade or other conformation exhibition. **(04/88, 4.18)**

## **SECTION 12**

### **Use of Breed Standards at Shows**

- It is mandatory for Clubs to provide a copy of the Breed Standards in each ring at all Shows and for all Judges, including Overseas Judges.
- Judges are to be encouraged to refer to the Breed Standards whilst judging. **(10/99)**

## **SECTION 13**

### **Responsibilities of Clubs**

- Any changes to overseas judges must be advised to exhibitors as soon as the Clubs (including Royal Shows) are made aware of these changes. **(Added 05/04)**
- All Clubs (including Royal Shows) are to refund entry fees if requested prior to the commencement of a show where there is a change of an overseas judge. **(Added 05/05)**
- Breed Clubs are to liaise with other Clubs catering for the same breed around Australia to make sure that Championship Shows catering for their breed are not held within five [5] days either side of another Breed Club Champions Show catering for the same breed. This is to ensure exhibitors are not precluded from participating at both Shows. **(Add 10/06, 7.3 MC)**