

EKF Dog Show

Rules & Regulations



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REGULATIONS FOR EKF DOG SHOWS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS / ADMISSION OF DOGS

The dogs' welfare and health must be of **UTMOST PRIORITY** at all dog shows.

The exhibitors are responsible for the welfare of the dogs at a FCI international dog show. It is forbidden to expose a dog to a situation that can be dangerous for its health and welfare, such as for example leaving it in the car in excessively hot or cold weather and/or treating it in a cruel manner. Violation of this ruling will result in exclusion from the ongoing and future dog shows.

Only breeds that will be shown are those for which breed standards have been definitively or provisionally accepted by the FCI and which are registered with the studbook or with the appendix to the studbook (waiting list) of an FCI member country.

Breeds that are not yet recognized (neither definitively nor provisionally) by the FCI, must be recognized at a national level and have pedigrees issued by a national kennel club that is a member or a contract partner of the FCI. These breeds cannot be incorporated in any group (they have to appear in a special section of the catalogue called "breeds not recognized by the FCI" and they are not eligible for the CACIB and for the various FCI titles. In addition, they cannot compete in the Best in Group finals.

At all shows in which the CACIB or CAC are awarded, the division into groups must be in accordance with the current FCI Breed Nomenclature.

These groups are as follows:

Group 1 Sheepdogs and Cattle- Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)

Group 2 Pinschers and Schnauzers – Molossoid Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs

Group 3 Terriers

Group 4 Dachshunds

Group 5 Spitz and Primitive Types

Group 6 Scenthounds and related breeds

Group 7 Pointing dogs

Group 8 Retrievers – flushing dogs – water dogs

Group 9 Companion and toy dogs

Group 10 Sighthounds

Dogs and bitches must be entered separately. Numbering must start at no.1 and shall not be interrupted through the catalogue. Within the same breed, the numbering cannot be interrupted.

Sick (temporarily ill or suffering from a contagious illness) dogs and bitches which are lactating or which are accompanied by their puppies must be excluded from any dog show.

Bitches on heat are allowed to participate under condition to be kept in a cage far away from the gathering of dogs and to be brought exactly on the time for ring then evacuating the ring after judging and to move far away from gathering.

Blind or deaf dogs are not allowed to take part in EKF shows. However, should this ruling not be observed and a judge discovers that a dog is deaf or blind, he has to send the dog out of the ring.

Dogs which are not in the catalogue cannot be judged unless mistakes occur for which the dog show committee is responsible (problem in the printing process of the catalogue, etc.).

The entry forms must have been completely filled in and returned to the EKF before the entry deadline and the entry fees must be duly recorded and paid.

Dogs with docked tails or cropped ears are allowed to join the EKF dog shows. The judging of docked and undocked or cropped and uncropped dogs is done without any discrimination and solely in accordance with the valid breed standard.

It is forbidden to prepare a dog with any substance that will alter the structure, color or form of the coat, skin or nose. Only trimming, clipping, combing and brushing are allowed.

It is also forbidden to leave the dog tied up on the trimming table, longer than necessary for the preparation.

Micro-chips (ISO-standard) and tattoos are accepted equally as identification.

The EKF dog show committee reserves the right not to accept the participation of an exhibitor at the show.

CLASSES

Double entries as well as late entries (after the closing date) are not permitted. The decisive date for age is the day the dog is shown.

Only the following classes are recognized at CACIB shows sanctioned by the FCI:

a. Classes in which the CACIB can be awarded:

- Intermediate class (from 15 to 24 months) compulsory

- Open Class (15 months and over) compulsory
- Working Class (15 months and over) compulsory
- Champion Class (15 months and over) compulsory

Working Class

To enter a dog in working class, the entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the FCI compulsory certificate, WCC (Working Class Certificate), containing the confirmation by the member country in which the holder and/or owner has his legal residence, that the dog has passed an appropriate test as well as details about this test.

The only breeds eligible for the working class are those appearing as working breeds in the FCI Breed Nomenclature, taking into account the exceptions granted to some countries for some breeds.

Champion Class

To enter a dog in Champion Class, one of the following titles must have been confirmed by the day of the official closing date of entries; proof of this, by copy, must be enclosed with the entry form.

- International Beauty Champion of the FCI (CIB)
- International Show Champion of the FCI (CIE)
- National Beauty Champion of an FCI member country
- National Show Champion of an FCI country
- National Beauty Champion of a non-FCI country which has signed a letter of understanding with FCI
- National Show Champion of a non-FCI country which has signed a letter of understanding with FCI Once the entries for a show have closed it is not allowed to transfer a dog from one class to another after the catalogue is printed except if an administrative mistake was made by the Show Committee.

b. Classes in which the CACIB cannot be awarded:

- Baby Class (from 3 to 6 months)
- Puppy Class (from 6 to 9 months)
- Junior Class (from 9 to 18 months)
- Veteran Class (from 8 years and over)

c. Optional Best of Sex competition

Must include at least the best junior, the CACIB winner and the best veteran. The judge places the exhibits in order of quality without taking into consideration which classes they come from.

d. Optional Collective Groups/Competitions

To compete in these groups/competitions, the dogs must be entered individually in one of the compulsory classes.

- Brace/Couple Group/Competition: a dog and a bitch of the same breed and variety and belonging to the same owner.
 - Breeders Group/Competition: consisting of minimum three and maximum five exhibits of the same breed and variety, no matter what gender, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not his property.
 - Progeny Group/Competition: a sire or dam with minimum three and maximum five of his/her progeny (first generation, sons/daughters).
- These optional groups/competitions should preferably be judged in the breed-judging rings.

The breed judge picks up the best group and only that group is allowed to compete in the ring of honor.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PLACINGS

The qualifications given by the judges must correspond to the following definitions:

EXCELLENT may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical features of its sex.

VERY GOOD may only be awarded to a dog that possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

GOOD is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed. The good points should outweigh the faults so that the dog can be considered a good representative of its breed.

SUFFICIENT should be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves a lot to be desired.

DISQUALIFIED must be awarded to a dog which does not correspond to the type required by the breed standard; which shows a behavior clearly not in line with its standard or which behaves aggressively; which has testicular abnormalities; which has a jaw anomaly; which shows a color or coat structure that is not according to the breed standard or clearly shows signs of albinism. This qualification shall also be awarded to dogs that correspond so little to a single feature of the breed that their health is threatened. It should furthermore be awarded to dogs that show disqualifying faults in regard to the breed standard. The reason why the dog was rated DISQUALIFIED has to be stated in the judge's report.

Dogs that cannot be awarded one of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the rating:

CANNOT BE JUDGED. This rating is to be given to any dog which does not move, which is lame, which constantly jumps up and down on its handler or tries to get out of the ring, which makes it impossible to assess the gait and the movement or avoids constantly to be examined

by the judge and makes it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy and structure, tail or testicles. This rating is also to be given if traces of operations or treatment can be observed which seem to indicate that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge. The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect operations that were intended to correct the original condition or feature (e.g.: eyelid, ear or tail). The reason why the dog was rated CANNOT BE JUDGED has to be stated in the judge's report.

The four best dogs in each class are placed provided that they have been awarded at least the qualification "VERY GOOD".

TITLES, AWARDS AND MAIN RING COMPETITIONS

CACIB – Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté de la FCI

The only dogs which can be taken into consideration for the CACIB are those which have been awarded "EXCELLENT 1" in intermediate, open, working and champion class. A 'CACIB' can only be awarded if the dog in question has been assessed as being of superior quality.

The CACIB is not automatically and compulsorily linked to the "EXCELLENT 1" The Reserve CACIB is awarded to the second best dog which was given the qualification "EXCELLENT" from the above mentioned classes. The dog placed second in the class where the CACIB winner comes from can compete for the Reserve CACIB, if awarded excellent. It is not compulsory to award the Reserve CACIB.

The judge awards CACIB and Reserve CACIB according to the quality of the dogs without checking whether they meet the conditions regarding age and/or registration with a studbook recognized by the FCI.

Only one judge for each sex and breed carries out the granting of all awards, including CACIB, and this judge shall be appointed in advance.

Best of Breed (BOB) and Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) The Best junior, CACIB winner and best veteran from both sexes, if awarded excellent, will compete for Best of Breed (BOB). The judge must also choose the best exhibit from the opposite sex (BOS) next to the BOB winner.

Optional (in case an optional Best of Sex competition is held): the best male and the best bitch from Best of Sex competition compete for Best of Breed (BOB) and Best of Opposite Sex (BOS).

Dogs of FCI breeds which are not yet definitively recognized (have a provisional status), although not eligible for the CACIB, are allowed to compete for the Best of Breed, Best in Group and Best in Show competitions. These breeds can also compete for the various FCI titles.

CAC – Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat

The CAC (Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat) is a national grading. It is up to the EKF to decide in which classes and to which dogs this certificate can be awarded.

Classes in which the CAC cannot be awarded:

- Baby Class (from 3 to 6 months)
- Puppy Class (from 6 to 9 months)
- Veteran Class (from 8 years and over)

The CAC counts towards a national champion title.

The title of National Champion earned must be with 3 CAC shown at shows. Unless the EKF hasn’t addressed any conditional regulations for some championship shows.

The only dogs which can be taken into consideration for the CAC are those which have been awarded “EXCELLENT 1” in Junior, intermediate, open, working and champion. A ‘CAC’ can only be awarded if the dog in question has been assessed as being of superior quality.

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The judge awards CAC and Reserve CAC according to the quality of the dogs without checking whether they meet the conditions regarding age and/or registration with a studbook recognized by the FCI.

Main ring competitions

Best in Show, Best in Group, Breeders’ Group, Progeny Group, Couple Class (Brace), Best Veteran, Best Junior, Best Puppy, Best Minor Puppy and Junior Handling must be judged by one judge appointed in advance. To make the competitions in the ring of honor more efficient the judge should prejudge the exhibits or groups in a separate ring in due time before they are expected in the ring of honor so that the judge after watching the dogs enter the main ring can quickly choose the semi-finalists or finalists that will need a closer look.

If a dog behaves aggressively in the ring (breed-group-finals) and its behavior is eye witnessed by the judge in duty, the latter has to write a report for the attention of the EKF dog show committee and has to disqualify the dog for the rest of the competition. All the awards and titles of the day are cancelled.

Penalties:

Violating the EKF dog shows rules & regulations can cost the elimination, disqualifying from titles and dog shows suspension.

Amended on September 2014.

Secretary-General (Secretary)

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Eman Farouk

President

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Mohamed El Azhary