

# THE SINGAPORE KENNEL CLUB

## AUTHORISED SHOW RULES

**Effective: 1<sup>st</sup>. Show of 2009**  
**Show Committee: 3 February 2009**  
**Governing Council: 5 February 2009**

### PART I : INTERPRETATION

- 1) In these Rules the words defined as hereinafter following shall bear the meanings herein set out unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

“These Rules” means: The Authorised Show Rules for the time being in force.

“The Club” means: The Singapore Kennel Club acting (where the context so admits) by its Governing Council.

“Show” means: A Dog Show that is promoted by the Club or held under licence issued by the Club.

“Unrecognised Show” means: A Show neither promoted nor held under licence issued by the Club.

“Show Committee” means: The Committee appointed by the Club or by a promoter of a show under these Rules.

Words importing the singular number only shall where the context so admits, include the plural number and vice-versa.

Words importing the masculine gender only shall where the context admits include the feminine gender.

Headings of parts and Paragraphs shall be used only for guidance and shall not limit the natural meaning of these provisions.

### PART II : SCOPE

- 2) **Effective from 5 February, 2009**, these Rules shall apply to all shows held under the auspices of or authorised by the Singapore Kennel Club and any person, Society, Association, Firm or Corporation conducting or taking part in any such shows in any manner whatsoever shall be bound by these Rules; PROVIDED that the Club may at its discretion exempt any show from the full application of these Rules or any one or more of these Rules.

**PART III : KINDS OF SHOWS**

- 3) Recognised shows shall be of five kinds: -
- i) CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS at which Challenge Certificates counting towards the title of Champion may be awarded and at which there shall be no restriction on the number of exhibits which may be entered (though there may be restrictions as to breeds or certain groups of breeds);
  - ii) OPEN SHOWS at which there shall be no restrictions on the number of exhibits that may be entered (though there may be restrictions as to breeds or certain groups of breeds); but at which no Challenge Certificates shall be awarded.
  - iii) LIMITED SHOWS at which the number of dogs entered and exhibited may be restricted and which may at the discretion of the Club be confined to dogs of specified breeds or groups restricted to dogs the property of members of the Club, to owners resident within a specified area, or limited in any other way which the Club may approve. No Challenge Certificates shall be awarded at Limited Shows, and no dog, which has won a Challenge Certificate, may participate in a Limited Show.
  - iv) EXEMPTION SHOWS that is, Shows from which the club may exempt the application of these Rules or any one or more of these Rules. No Certificates shall be awarded at Exemption Shows. Exemption Shows may (but need not necessarily) held in conjunction with agricultural or horticultural shows or under the auspices of such bodies as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the like.
  - v) MATCH SHOWS. The dogs will be judged in groups of fours or in such numbers in one group as the Show Chairman deems fit. No puppies under 6 calendar months of age and dogs that have won Certificates may compete at a Match meeting. Matches may at the discretion of the Club confined to dogs of specified breeds or groups, restricted to dogs the property of members of the Club to owners resident within a specified area, or limited in any other way that the club may approve. No Challenge Certificates shall be awarded at a Match meeting.
  - vi) **SPECIALTY SHOWS: Where there is no affiliated Breed or Group Clubs, the Club may hold not more than 2 Specialty Breed Shows per breed per year or 2 Group Shows per Group per year. Challenge Certificates counting towards the title of Champion may be awarded. There shall be no restriction on the number of exhibits which may be entered (though there may be restrictions as to breeds or certain groups of breeds).**

**PART IV : WHO MAY HOLD SHOWS**

- 4) Any of the above mentioned type of Shows may be promoted and organised either:-
- a) By the Club itself or by a Sub-committee appointed by the Club in which case they; shall be described as Singapore Kennel Club Championship, Open, Limited, Exemption or Match Show; or
  - b) By Societies, Associations, Firms or Corporations approved and licensed by the Club to hold a Championship, Open, Limited, Exemption or Match Show. The name by which the Show is to be called shall be approved by the Club and notified to the promoters in the Licence.

**PART V : APPLICATIONS TO HOLD SHOWS - THE LICENCE AND CONDITIONS**

- 5)
- a) Save where a show is being held by the Club itself, not less than 2 months before the date of proposed show, the promoter of the Show shall make written application to the Club for authority to hold such Show. If the application is approved a licence will be issued to the applicant subject to payment of a fee which shall be at the discretion of the Club. Such licence shall be subject to such conditions as the Club may at its discretion impose.
  - b) **THE CLUB TO CLASSIFY ENTRIES.** The Club when issuing a Licence for a Show may indicate to the Show Committee how entries shall be called for in accordance with the provisions of these Rules in which case all entry forms received up to the date fixed by the Show Committee as the closing date for receiving entries for the Show shall be sent as soon as possible to the Club for verification of their eligibility to compete in the various classes for which they have been entered in accordance with the provisions of these Rules, and the Club shall also confirm the classification and may approve or amend the arrangement of Groups or Variety Classes having regard to the overall entry for the show.
  - c) **INDEMNITY.** Save where a show is being held by the Club itself any person holding or promoting a show shall be required to indemnify the Club and its officers against any claims arising out of the show or touching or concerning the same whether in respect of running expenses, or losses, damage to property, injuries to persons, accidents, and all other matters whatsoever. The Club may require such security as it may at its discretion impose in respect of such indemnity. No licence shall be issued for a show unless the Club is fully satisfied as to the indemnity and/or the related security, as the case may be.

**PART VI : THE SHOW COMMITTEE AND CONDITIONS IT MUST COMPLY WITH**

- 6)
- a) **APPOINTMENT OF SHOW COMMITTEE.** The promoters of a show shall appoint a Show Committee (one of whom shall be Secretary to the Committee who shall be the channel or communication between the Show Committee and the Club) and such Committee shall be responsible to the Club for the Proper Organisation of the Show on accordance with these Rules.
  - b) **ACCOMMODATION.** Proper accommodation shall be provided for the exhibits and such accommodation shall include shelter from rain, and, if the show is held prior to 5 pm, protection from sunshine.
  - c) **PERIOD OF SHOW.** Unless the Club otherwise decides, no show shall exceed 10 hours in each day calculated from the time of commencement to the end of judging for the day.
  - d) **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND CATALOGUES.** The Show Committee shall not before the day of the show issue a catalogue containing a schedule of the show including:
    - 1) Names of the judges and which classes they are to judge;
    - 2) The Classification of entries in accordance with these Rules containing the names and dates of birth and breeders of the exhibits and the names of their sires and dams and their bench or ring numbers;
    - 3) Such other particulars as the Club may require

- e) JUDGES. No person shall be permitted to judge a show without the prior approval of the Club. At least 7 clear days prior to the holding of the show, the Show Committee shall submit to the Club the names of the judges for the show and the particulars of which classes they are to judge. The Club may disapprove of any judge and such disapproval shall mean automatic cancellation of any licence given by the Club for the holding of the show, unless a substitute judge satisfactory to the Club is appointed.
- f) SUBSTITUTE JUDGES. Where an appointed judge is unable to attend a show or judge thereat, or if any judge is disapproved by the Club, the Show Committee may appoint another or a panel of judges to judge instead. In each case, the Show committee shall obtain the prior approval of the Club and in cases of emergency, such as last minute reasons for an appointed judge being unable to attend a show, the 7 day clause in the preceding paragraph may be waived. Withdrawal of entries may be permitted by the Show Committee as provided for in Paragraph 21 but entry fees will not be refundable.
- g) PRINTED MATTER. All printed announcement and matter relating to the show (e.g. Schedule, Entry Form Catalogue Advertisements) shall clearly state whether the show is being held by the Club or under licence issued by the Club and the kind of show that is being held, i.e. either Championship, Open, Limited, Exemption or Match. Where any discrepancy or contradiction arises between what appears in any matter and the provisions in these Rules, the latter provisions shall apply.
- h) DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT TO THE CLUB. The Show Committee shall send to the Club within 7 days of the holding of the show:-
  - 1) Three Catalogues of the show (if a catalogue is issued)
  - 2) A complete list of the awards made at the show including the signed sheets from the judge's book.
- i) EXHIBITORS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE CLUB'S RULES. The Show Committee shall make clear to every exhibitor that by participating in any show, he is agreeing to abide by such of the Club's Rules as have been imposed at that Show, and all such exhibitors shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by such Rules.
- j) PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORISED PERSONS IN SHOW VENUE. The Show Committee shall have the power to prohibit any unauthorised person from entering a show venue prior to the show day.

**PART VII : ENTRIES & ENTRY FORMS**

- 7) The Club may permit the Show Committee to invite entries in either of the following ways: -
  - a) At the discretion of the owner into separate classes specified in the Show Schedule in which case a separate fee shall be payable in respect of each class for which the dog is entered;
  - OR
  - b) For the show, when classification will be done by the Club or by a person or persons duly authorised by the Club, in which case a single entry fee will cover entry into all classes which the dog may be placed by the person or persons classifying the entries for the show.
  - c) All entries shall be in writing on the current form prescribed by the Club, and shall be completed by the bona fide owner of the exhibit or a person duly authorised in writing in that behalf by the bona fide owner. The bona fide owner shall send the original of such written authority direct to the Club at its registered office and a copy thereof shall accompany the entry. All entries must be accompanied by the requisite entrance fees to be valid. *(Amended in January 1988)*
  - d) In submitting an entry form the applicant shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by the Show Rules in force at the time of the Show.

- e) An entry shall constitute an offer only and shall not be concluded until official notification of acceptance is communicated to the respective entrants. Such offer shall constitute a continuing offer and may not be withdrawn or amended by the entrant without the express agreement of the Show Committee. No entrance fee will be refunded upon the withdrawal of an entry or scratching of an exhibit, *(Amended in January 1988 )* **with the exception of serious illness or death. Any claims related to either event have to be supported by an appropriate veterinary certificate.**
  - f) The Show Committee may upon reasonable grounds refuse to accept any entry.
  - g) Entries must be received by the Show Secretary on or before the advertised date. Late entries including those received by post bearing postmarks prior to the closing date will not be accepted. However, the Show Committee reserves the right to extend the closing date if they deem necessary.
  - h) In the case of an entry allowed by the Club pursuant to Clause 9 herein it shall be incumbent upon the owner to ensure that his entry has been approved for issuance of a pedigree at least forty-eight (48) hours before the date of the Show (or where there is more than one date, the first date of the Show). Any entry not so approved shall be automatically disqualified.
- 8) As from October 21st 1990, last minute entries on the day of the Show will be accepted. The following criteria has to be met:
- a) The SKC Certified Pedigree Certificate must be presented for clarification at the Show.
  - b) The owner of the dog must personally submit the entry on the prescribed form at the Show.
  - c) Exhibitors/Handlers must be current SKC members.
  - d) The entry (dog) will be eligible for one Class only.
  - e) Entry fee per exhibit (dog) will be determined by the Show Committee.
  - f) Entries of this category will not be accepted after 11.00 a.m. (However, interested members should check with the SKC office, prior to the show, to ascertain details of the anticipated time schedule).
- 9) **SHOW ENTRIES – NON MEMBER’S CATEGORY**
- Show entries will be accepted from owners who are not members of the SKC provided the dog/dogs concerned are registered with SKC. Entry fees for the category will be determined by the Show Committee.

**PART VIII : BREED REGISTRATIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

- 10) **BREEDS OF DOGS RECOGNISED.** The breeds of dogs recognised by the Club for exhibition purposes, shall be the breeds of dogs listed in the Rules Regarding Classification and Transfer of Dogs (revised April 1985) and such other breeds as may be approved by the Singapore Kennel Club from time to time.

11) FORMALITIES REGARDING EXHIBITS

- a) REGISTRATION OF DOGS. Subject as herein provided, all dogs exhibited at shows shall be registered with the Club in accordance with the conditions stated in the Club's registration form for the time being in force, excepting dogs exhibited in Exemption Shows approved by the Club.
- b) UNREGISTERED DOG. The club may allow the exhibition at shows of dogs not fully registered by the Club but for which their registrations have been applied and recorded as being "provisionally registered". Every such dog entered for a show have the letters "N.A.F." after its name indicating that its Name has been Applied For and it will be allowed **to be exhibited at Championship Shows for not more than six months from date of application for registration. The Champion title will not be awarded until the registration process is completed.** However, it may be exhibited at other shows within a period of not more than one year after the date of its provisional registration. *(amended on 16 June 2008)*

**For a dog to be considered as 'provisionally registered' all relevant documentation submitted to the Club at the time of application must meet all the Club's requirements for registration and the registration is provisional only on :**

- 1. The dog completing his (or her) quarantine requirements so that final proof of quarantine completion can be provided to the Club or**
- 2. Dog inspection by the Club's inspector and/or**

**A letter signed by a member of the Governing Council confirming the provisional nature of the registration of the exhibit will be provided to the owner.**

- c) OWNERSHIP. A dog must (except as hereinafter provided) at the time of entry for a show, be the registered property of the exhibitor, save that the Show Committee may at its absolute discretion accept an entry in respect of a dog which is temporarily in the charge of a person not its bona fide owner provide that such entry is made in the name of the person who is the bona fide owner of the dog.
- d) TRANSFER. Where an exhibitor not the registered owner of the dog which is nonetheless his bona fide property, the Club may permit such dog to be shown provided an application for the transfer of the dog has been duly received and the dog is received with the letters "T.A.F." after its name indicating that a Transfer has been Applied For to register the dog in the exhibitor's name. This rule is applicable for a period of not more than four months after receipt of transfer has been registered.

12) BREED AND ANY-VARIETY-OF-GROUP-NOT-SEPARATELY-CLASSIFIED CLASSES

- a) Breed Classes may be offered for one or more exhibits of that breed entered for the Show.
- b) Where (in the case of Group/s or All-Breeds Show) it is expressly stipulated that breed classes shall not be offered unless a stated minimum number of exhibits of that breed are entered for the show, there are insufficient exhibits entered in any Group to form separate breed classes, such exhibits shall be grouped together into a class designated "Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified".

13) CLASSES FOR BREEDS AND VARIETIES

At any show, the Show Committee may provide classes (whether in breed or “Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified” Classes) from amongst the following classifications:-  
**DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES.** The following are the definitions of classes (these classifications are based on age or wins at the commencement of any shows):-

(i)	<b>BABY PUPPY:</b>	For dogs of 3 and not exceeding 6 calendar months.
(ii)	<b>PUPPY:</b>	For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 12 calendar months.
(iii)	<b>JUNIOR:</b>	For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 18 calendar months.
(iv)	<b>YEARLING:</b>	For dog of 12 months and not exceeding 24 calendar months.
(v)	<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	For dogs of 24 months and not exceeding 36 calendar months
(vi)	<b>BEGINNERS:</b>	For dogs which have never been shown before (excluding Baby Puppy).
(vii)	<b>MAIDEN:</b>	For dogs which have never won a first prize at any Show in Singapore, Malaysia or elsewhere. (to be removed)
(viii)	<b>VETERAN:</b>	For dogs not less than 7 years old.
(ix)	<b>LIMIT:</b>	For dogs that are not Champions in Singapore, Malaysia or elsewhere.
(x)	<b>OPEN:</b>	For all dogs including those who have not achieved their Championship status at SKC Championship shows in Singapore.
(xi)	<b>BRACE:</b>	For 2 exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed or variety belonging to the same exhibitor and each exhibit having been entered in some class other than Brace or Team.
(xii)	<b>TEAM:</b>	For 3 or more exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed or variety belonging to the same exhibitor and each exhibit having been entered in some class other than Brace or Team.
(xiii)	<b>LITTER:</b>	For whelps of one and the same litter (being not less than 2 in number) not less than 6 weeks and under 3 months of age. Not more than one entry can be made from the same litter and the dam must not be exhibited with the litter.
(xiv)	<b>PROGENY:</b>	For a class of not less than 4 and not more than 6 exhibits, comprising a dog or a bitch (the principal entry) and not less than 3 nor more than 5 of its offspring (whether from one or more litters). The entry shall be of the principal entry only by its bona fide owner, and the offspring must all have been entered and shown in at least one other class in the show.
(xv)	<b>SINGAPORE WHELPED:</b>	For exhibits conceived and born in Singapore including those imported in dam and conceived through artificial insemination from imported semen.
(xvi)	<b>IMPORTED:</b>	For all dogs born other than in Singapore.
(xvii)	<b>CHALLENGE:</b>	For all unbeaten dogs of each sex in the previous classes (but not taking into consideration Baby Puppy Class, the results of any Brace, Team, Litter or Progeny Class <b>and SKC Champions</b> ).
(xviii)	<b>CHAMPIONS:</b>	All SKC Championship are required to compete in this Class.

		of CC Dog and CC Bitch (implemented as of Feb. 09 Show)
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Except where there is a direct reference in a definition to the age of the exhibit it is a condition that all exhibits should be aged not less than 6 months at the commencement of the Show. All Classes defined in sub-sections (i) to (xii), and sub-sections (xvii) to (xix) of this Rule may, at the discretion of the Show Committee or of any person of the Committee to whom it has delegated the authority to classify the entries for a Show, be sub-divided within the main definitions to provide Classes for:

- c) Dogs of either sex.
- d) Dogs of a specified colour.
- e) Dogs owned by members of the Club.
- f) Any suitable or convenient combination of the above sub-divisions.

In addition, the Challenge Class [sub-section Point 13 (xix) of this Rule) shall in every show, be subdivided to provide Classes for dogs of either sex.

## **PART IX : PRIZES AND AWARDS**

- 13) a) CLASS PRIZES OFFERED shall be as follows:

If there are present in the Ring:

- i) Less than 5 exhibits, 1st and 2nd prizes only;
- ii) 5 or more exhibits, 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes only;
- iii) 8 or more exhibits, 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes and V.H.C.

- b) CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

Unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the case of Any-Variety-Not-Separately-Classified Classes at all Championship Shows there shall be offered:-

Challenge Certificate is offered for each sex of each breed participating in the Show. Each Challenge Certificate shall be competed for in a class known as the "Challenge Class", as follows:-

- i) In the case of breed classes by all unbeaten dogs, **excluding SKC Champions**, of the same sex of that breed;
- ii) In the case of Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified classes by all dogs unbeaten, **excluding SKC Champions**, by others of the same breed and sex (unless stipulated that no Challenge Certificates will be awarded for those classes).

For the purpose of these subsections, the results on any Brace, Team, Litter or Progeny Class shall not be considered.

**Award of Challenge Certificates is at the sole and absolute discretion of the judge who is entitled to award as many Challenge Certificates as there are breeds at the show. However a judge is not bound to award a Challenge Certificate unless he/she is of the opinion that the winning exhibit is of outstanding merit and is worthy or being awarded the status of a Champion.**

- c) Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified Classes (8 September 1995)
  - i) By all dogs unbeaten by others of the same breed and sex (unless awarded for those classes).
  - ii) In the case of Specialty/Group Shows, 2 Challenge Certificates, i.e. one for each sex, will be offered to all unbeaten dogs – 19.10.1995.

15) RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

The Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be awarded to the second best dog and bitch of each breed, **excluding SKC Champions**, if the judge considers them of sufficient merit. The remaining dogs stay in the ring for the judging of the Reserve Dog Challenge Certificate (R.C.C.). In addition, any other dog (**excluding SKC Champions**) that has been beaten only by the Challenge Certificate winner is eligible for the Reserve Challenge Certificate and must be brought into the ring. The winner of the Reserve Challenge Certificate shall automatically be awarded the Challenge Certificate should the original winner of the Challenge Certificate be disqualified. (*amended 21/10/98*).

16) POINTS ATTACHED TO CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES AND BEST OF BREED

- i) The number of points attached to the above challenge certificates obtained at each show is as follows:
 

1 to 2 dogs/bitches present in the Breed at the show	=	10 points
3 dogs/bitches present in the Breed at the show	=	15 points
4 and above dogs/bitches present in the Breed at the show	=	20 points

**The points for the Challenge Certificate winners will be based on the total number of exhibits of the same sex, present in the Breed at the show, beaten in accordance to the above schedule.**

- ii) **The Best of Winners is competed for between the Challenge (CC) Dog and Challenge (CC) Bitch (which is judged after the Best of Breed). The maximum points are 20 depending on the number of dogs present.**
- iii) **Best of Breed (BOB), is competed for by the Challenge (CC) Dog, Challenge (CC) Bitch and exhibit/s in the Champion Class.**
- iv) **When a Challenge (CC) Dog or Challenge (CC) Bitch beats the exhibits in the Champion Class, then he/she is entitled upto a maximum 20 points, if his/her points were lesser than its CC points.**
- v) **Where there is/are no exhibit/s in the Champions Class, the Challenge Winners (CC Dog and CC Bitch) will compete for BOB. The BOB winner will be entitled to the same points as the opposite sex, if its points are lower than the other.**
- vi) **When an exhibit from the Champions Class wins BOB, its 20 points will go towards its Grand Champion title.**
- vii) **When there is only one exhibit in the breed, the Challenge Certificate (CC) points will be 10 and the dog/bitch will be eligible to compete for Best In Group.**
- viii) **The maximum points that can be won at each Championship Show is 20 points.**
- ix) **Subject to the Governing Council's confirmation, the SKC Champion title shall be awarded when a dog/bitch has accumulated 60 points.**
- x) **These 60 points must have been awarded by at least 3 different judges.**

- 17) **GRAND CHAMPION**  
i) **Subject to the Governing Council's confirmation, the Grand Champion title shall be awarded when a dog or bitch has accumulated 200 points from Challenge Certificates and BOB as stated in 16) (iv) above and 1 Best In Show**

- 18) **BEST-OF-BREED COMPETITION, AND BEST-ANY-VARIETY-NOT-SEPARATELY-CLASSIFIED**

a) **Where breed classes are offered at a show, there shall be offered a Best of Breed prize for each breed, competition for which:**

- **The CC Dog, CC Bitch and SKC Champions are eligible in a Championship Show.**
- **When there is/are no SKC Champion/s, Best of Breed will be competed for by the CC Dog and CC Bitch.**
- **When there are no SKC Champion/s and only 1 CC Dog or 1 CC Bitch, the CC Dog or CC Bitch may be awarded the Best of Breed.**
- **In the event there are no CC winners, the Best of Breed prize will be awarded to the best SKC Champion.**

**When a CC Dog or CC Bitch wins Best of Breed, the dog/bitch will automatically take the Breed Class which it was entered for.**

**When a SKC Champion wins Best of Breed, the dog/bitch will also win the Breed age (Puppy, Yearling, Intermediate) Class, Open or Singapore Whelped Class.** *(Approved at GC meeting of 5 Feb. 09. Expression subject to Legal Advisor's amendments).*

- a) Where it is expressly stated that breed classes will be offered only if a stated minimum number of entries of the breeds are received, and there are insufficient numbers of a breed in any Group to constitute a breed class there shall be offered a Best-Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified prize which shall be competed for by the winners of: -
- i) The respective two or more Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified Challenge Classes provided that the said winners shall have been awarded Challenge Certificates unless there shall have been an express stipulation that no Challenge Certificate shall be awarded, or
- ii) The corresponding classes at Non-Championship Show.

- 19) **RESERVE BEST OF BREED COMPETITION**

a) **This shall be competed by all the remaining exhibits after the judging of Best of Breed as per Rule 18.**

- **When a CC Dog or CC Bitch wins Reserve Best of Breed, the dog/bitch will automatically take the Breed Class which it was entered for.**
- **When a SKC Champion wins Reserve Best of Breed, the dog/bitch will also win the Breed age (Puppy, Yearling, Intermediate) Class, Open or Singapore Whelped Class.** *(Approved at GC meeting of 5 Feb. 09. Expression subject to Legal Advisor's amendments).*

b) Reserve-Best-Any-Variety-Not-Separately-Classified exhibit where applicable to be competed for by the winner of the opposite sex to the Best-Any-Variety-Not-Separately-Classified exhibit and the 2nd Best exhibit of the same sex as the Best-Any-Variety-Not-Separately-Classified exhibit subject to the proviso that the latter has won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate unless it has been expressly stipulated that no Challenge Certificate shall have been awarded for an Any-Variety-Not-Separately-Classified class.

c) The reserve Best of Breed (or Any-Variety-Not-Separately-Classified) shall automatically be deemed Best of Breed (or Any-Variety-Not-Separately-Classified) if the original Best of Breed winner is disqualified.

**19) (i) OTHER CLASS WINNERS IN THE BREED COMPETITION**

**Puppy, Yearling, Intermediate, Open or Singapore Whelped Classes that were not won by the Best of Breed and/or the Reserve Best of Breed winners, will be decided by the judge.**

- **When there are 2 exhibits from the same Class, the judge will select the better of the 2.**
- **The judge may call into the Ring any Puppy, Yearling, Intermediate, Open or Singapore Whelped exhibit from the Classes if he/she deems it necessary. (Approved at GC meeting of 5 Feb. 09. Expression subject to Legal Advisor's amendments).**

**20) BEST-IN-GROUP AND RESERVE-BEST-IN-GROUP**

- In each group, all the Best-Of-Breed and Best-Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified Winners shall Compete for the title of Best-In-Group and this award shall be conferred on the winner of this class.
- Upon the selection of the Best-In-Group (BIG) winner, selection of a Reserve Best-In-Group (RBIG) winner shall be made from the remaining breed winners and also the Reserve Best of Breed winner to the Group winner. If the Best-In-Group comes from the A.V.N.S.C. class, then the Reserve Best A.V.N.S.C. winner will be brought forward.
- The Reserve-Best-In-Group shall automatically be deemed Best- In-Group if the original Best-In-Group winner is disqualified.
- At the discretion of the Show Committee additional Group awards may be offered at each Show i.e. third and fourth placements in the Group. Exhibits competing for these subsequent awards will be the remaining BOB winners plus the Res. BOBs of the breeds which have won the higher Group placements.**

**21) BEST-IN-SHOW AND RESERVE-BEST-IN-SHOW**

- At each show, there shall be offered the award of the Best-In-Show(BIS) which shall be conferred on the unbeaten dog of the show and which shall be competed for by the Best-In-Group winners of all the Groups participating at the Show.
- Upon the selection of the Best-In-Show winner, selection of a Reserve-Best-In-Show (RBIS) shall be made from the remaining of the Group winners and also the Reserve-Best-In-Group winner of the Group from which the Best-In-Show winner came. The Reserve-Best-In-Show winner shall be deemed the 2nd dog of the whole show. It shall automatically be deemed the Best-In-Show winner if the original Best-In-Show is disqualified.
- At the discretion of the Show Committee additional Best-In-Show awards may be offered at each Show e.g. third and fourth placements in Show and/or Best Opposite Sex (BOS). Exhibits competing for these subsequently placements will be the remaining the Group winners plus the RBIG winners of the Group winners which have won higher BIS placements. For BOS see Clause 22 below.**

22) BEST-OPPOSITE-SEX-IN-SHOW

At each show, there may (at the discretion of the Show Committee) be offered the prize of Best-Opposite-Sex-In-Show which shall be conferred on the best of the Best-In-Group winners which is of the sex opposite to the Best-In-Show winner; provided that if all the Best-In-Group winners are of the same sex, then the Reserve-Best-In-Group winners shall also be considered, and if all the Best-In-Group and Reserve-Best-In-Group winners are of one sex, the award shall be withheld. If the Best-In-Show winner is disqualified, and is replaced by the original Reserve-Best-In-Show winner, the Best Opposite Sex In Show shall be re-conferred if necessary.

23) SPECIAL PRIZES

- a) There may be awarded at the discretion of the Show Committee to any of the following: -
- i) Where separate classes are provided for the sexes the Best or Reserve Best of the breed specials e.g. Best Puppy of breed, Best Yearling of breed, etc.
  - ii) Any Best or Reserve-Best-Of-Breed or Best or Reserve-Best-Any-Variety-Of-Group-Not-Separately-Classified-Winner.
  - iii) The winner or reserve or any In-Group or In-Show Class e.g. Best Puppy (In-Group or In-Show), Best Maiden (In-Group or In-Show), Best-In-Group (or In-Show), etc.
- b) Except with the special permission of the Club, no special prize shall consist of money nor of a free stud service by any dog, nor shall a prize be offered either for progeny sired by a specified dog or for the progeny of a specified bitch.

24) COLOURS OF CLASS/SPECIAL PRIZES CARDS

Colours of Prize Cards for classes/specials shall be: -

First Prize	Red
Second Prize	Blue
Third Prize	Yellow
V.H.C.	White
Breed Special Prizes	Green
Group Special Prizes	Orange
Challenge Certificates	Purple
Reserve Challenge Certificates	White and Green
Other Special Awards-In-Show	White and Black
Reserve Best-In-Show Prize	White and Silver
Best-In-Show Prize	White and Gold
Best of Winners	Turquoise Blue <i>(approved at GC meeting of 23July 09)</i>

- 24) Any prize or award won by an exhibit will automatically be withdrawn in any of the following circumstances: -
- i) Where the entry of the exhibit does not comply with the provisions in Clause 7(c ) and (h) respectively.
  - ii) Where the exhibit disqualified from exhibiting in accordance with Clause 9(b) herein has erroneously or otherwise has been accepted for exhibition.
  - iii) Where an exhibit has competed in a class as defined in accordance with Clause 11 herein for which it was not eligible to compete in.

- 25) Any prize or award won by an exhibit may be withdrawn if an exhibitor fails to observe any of the provisions of Clause 33 herein.

**PART X : CONDITIONS APPLICABLE ON SHOW-DAY**

- 26) EXHIBITS ONLY TO BE ALLOWED IN SHOW. Save with the permission of the Show Committee, no animal other than an exhibit shall be allowed within the precincts of a Dog Show during its continuance.
- 27) DOGS NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM COMPETITION. A dog after admission to a show may not, except with the consent of the Show Chairman of the Show Manager, be withdrawn from competition any class into which it has been placed by the Club. In that case only, the owner of the dog or his accredited agent may withdraw the dog, and only before the commencement of the judging of the breed, or variety of the group, in question. Any exhibit failing to participate in its class may be subject to penalty under these Rules.
- 28)
- a) ADMISSION INTO AND REMOVAL OF DOGS FROM SHOWS. No dog suffering from any contagious or infectious disease will be admitted to the show venue.
  - b) VETERINARY SURGEON. At least one Veterinary Surgeon must be appointed who shall examine any dog to which objection has been made on grounds which require veterinary opinion. His/her decision shall be final.
  - c) Once a dog has been admitted into the show venue, it may not, without the permission of the Show Manager or Show Chairman be removed from the Show before the end of judging for that day or at such time as stipulated by the Show Committee.
- 29) RING CARDS. The person in charge of a dog that is entered and brought to the show shall, on admission to the show venue, be given a card upon which is printed in easily legible figures the bench number of the dog. Such card is called the "ring-card", and must be worn in a conspicuous place by the person who handles the dog whenever the dog is being exhibited in the judging ring.
- 30) DOGS TO BE PROVIDED WITH CHAINS AND COLLARS. Each exhibitor shall equip his dog with a strong chain and suitable collar so that it may be securely fastened to its bench or place of accommodation.
- 31) REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS FROM BENCHES. In the case of benched shows, no dogs shall be absent from its bench at any one time for longer than 10 minutes.

- 32) EXCLUSION OF EXHIBITS. The Show Committee may refuse admission into the Show or remove therefrom: -
- a) Any dog which is of a savage or unmanageable disposition or
  - b) Any bitch which is in oestrus (“season”),
  - c) Any dog which is a cryptorchid.
  - d) Any bitch that is spayed except that this shall not apply to an animal that has progeny registered at the Kennel Club but prevented from breeding as a result of surgical operation and provided a certificate must be submitted by a Veterinary Surgeon certifying that spaying was necessary for health reasons.
- 33) EXCLUSION OF EXHIBITORS AND HANDLERS
- a) The Show Committee may refuse admission into the show or exclude from any part of the precincts of the Show any exhibitor and/or his servant or agent (“handler”) who in the opinion of the Show Committee conduct/s himself/themselves in a manner prejudicial to or is likely to prejudice the good order and running of the Show.
  - b) Where an exhibitor uses the services of a handler the exhibitor shall be responsible as a principal for the conduct of the handler and any breach of contract by the handler shall be construed as a breach by the exhibitor himself.
  - c) Refusal of admission or removal of any exhibit and/or the handler or the exclusion of the exhibitor and/or the handler from any part of the precincts of the Show shall ipso facto mean the refusal of admission or removal of all the exhibitor’s exhibits from the precincts of the Show or any part thereof without limiting the Club to imposing such penalties as the Club may impose in accordance with Clause 37 herein.
- 34) PERSONS AND CONDUCT IN THE JUDGING RING. Without the permission of the ring steward, no person other than the judge, the properly appointed steward or stewards and the handlers of exhibits shall be in the ring any time when judging is in progress. No person shall handle or attempt to handle more than one dog in the ring during any one class, except in Brace, Team or Litter prior permission of the judge or ring steward.
- 35) ADVERTISEMENTS PROHIBITED IN THE RING. No advertisement which in the opinion of the Show Chairman, (or in his absence the Show Manager) has or is likely to have a commercial objective shall be allowed to be displayed in any form or manner by any person handling an exhibit in the judging ring.
- The Ring Steward shall on the instructions of the Show Chairman (or in the absence the Show Manager) refuse the entry of the said person into the judging ring. He shall be required to leave the judging ring forthwith. Where the said person refuse to comply with the order to leave the judging ring, the exhibit shall not be judged or where the exhibit has been judged and has won an award, the award shall automatically be withdrawn.
- 36) ABSENTEES FROM JUDGING. It shall be the duty of all exhibitors to present themselves for judging and the judge shall not re-judge any class because of the absence from the judging ring of any exhibit at the time of the actual judging of that class. Any exhibit absent from judging ring at the required time will be deemed to have withdrawn from competition and shall be liable to penalty. Nothing in this rule shall apply to an entry in the Progeny Class.

- 37) JUDGE'S BOOKS. Each judge will be supplied by the Show Committee judging sheets. Upon each of such sheets the judge shall write his awards in each class, or in respect of each special prize he judges. The duly signed judging sheets shall be handed to a nominated show official immediately. One copy will be retained in the Show Catalogue.
- 38) FINALITY OF JUDGE'S AWARDS. A judge's awards shall be final except where any such award has been won by fraud or misrepresentation or where breach of these Rules is discovered or where a mistake has been made bona-fide by the judge. No alteration of the awards may be made after the close of the show without the special permission of the Club which permission shall be sought in writing not later than seven days from the date of the Show. (or the last date if a show runs for more than one day)
- 39) POWER TO WITHHOLD AWARDS. A judge shall be empowered to withhold any award (either class awards, Challenge Certificates or special prizes) if, in his opinion, there is lack of sufficient merit, but he must on his judging slips state that the award has been so withheld.
- 40) Problem cases arising during a show will be handled by both the Show and Assistant Show Managers. Where necessary, the Vice-President may be called upon to assist.

**PART XI : CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS**

- 41) Any dog which has been awarded **at least** three Challenge Certificates by three different judges or panels of judges at Championship Shows held under **the auspices of or authorised by the Singapore Kennel Club and have accumulated a total of 60 points** shall be entitled to be termed a "Singapore Champion".

**PART XII : GRAND CHAMPION STATUS**

- 42) Any dog which has its CHAMPION title and has accumulated points at BOB as stated in 16. (iv) above and 1 Best In Show shall be entitled to be termed a "GRAND CHAMPION".

**PART XIII : GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL EXHIBITORS**

- 43)
- 1) Every exhibitor shall behave and display good sportsmanship and decorum at all times during the course of any Show and when they are within or around the premises or grounds where the show is being held. Exhibitors who:
    - a. Use any indecent, threatening, abusive or insulting words or
    - b. Behaves in any indecent, abusive or insulting manner or
    - c. Distributes or displays any writing, sign or other visible representation which is indecent, threatening or insulting;against the Show Manager, Judge, Stewards or any other persons assisting in the management of the Show, any SKC official or any other exhibitor during the course of the Show and when they are within or around the premises or grounds where the Show is being held shall be deemed not to have displayed sportsmanship nor decorum.(amended Dec 1999)

- 2) Acts of dishonesty or deceit or other fraudulent conduct, and improper or discreditable behaviour, in or about or in connection with a show, shall render the offending party liable to penalty under these Rules.
- 3) The owner and/or exhibitor of a dog renders himself liable to a penalty under these Rules if he shows a dog in contravention of sub-sections (i) to (xiv) of these Rules.
  - i) No cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissue of the ears or alters the natural formation of a dog or any part thereof may be practiced, and nothing may be done which in the opinion of the Show Committee is calculated to deceive, except:
    - a) Operations certified to the satisfaction of the Club to be necessary.
    - b) The removal of dew claws of any breed.
    - c) The shortening of tails as allowed by the breed standards.
 

Notwithstanding the provisions of this sub-section, the Show Committee may at its absolute discretion permit the exhibition of a dog with cropped ears, provided that the dog was imported already cropped from a jurisdiction in which such cropping is allowed and provided that any exhibitor wishing to enter a cropped dog for any show must, on the entry form, clearly indicate this condition.
    - d) Dogs whose ears are cropped in Singapore will automatically be de-registered.
  - ii) The setting of the teeth may not be artificially altered.
  - iii) No dye, colouring matter, bleaching or other matter may be used to alter or improve the colour of markings of a dog.
  - iv) No oily, greasy or sticky substance or other preparation or chemical that has been applied to a dog's coat shall be allowed to remain on it at the time of exhibition. By way of clarification it is permissible to use a substance such as chalk to remove dirt, this must be removed before the dog enters the ring to be judged.
  - v) **A Judge shall not enter or exhibit any dog at any Show or other exhibition at which he or she is appointed as a judge.** *(As agreed at the G Council meeting of 28 July 2008. Adopted from ANKC's Judge's Code of Practice and Conduct).*
  - vi) Dogs must not be handled by Chief Ring Stewards who are officiating at that Show. However, his/her exhibits may be shown by a different handler.
  - vii) The dog must not have endorsed on his registration documents the words "Not eligible for entry at shows".
  - viii) The dog must not be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease. [See 22(a)].
  - ix) The dog must not have been registered or recorded as owned handled at the show, boarded or prepared for exhibition by the judge within a period of twelve months prior to the show.
  - x) Attracting the attention of an exhibit from outside the ring (double handling) or by any other method to which the Judge/Show Chairman objects is prohibited.
  - xi) An exhibitor must not advertise a kennel name nor the name of his exhibit when in the ring. (see 28A)
  - xii) A dog must not be removed from the show before the advertised time of its termination unless special permission is granted by the Show Manager or in his absence, the Show Chairman.

- xiii) Exhibits will not be allowed in the judging ring at any time except when required for showing.
  - xiv) All exhibits when off their benching chains must be controlled on a leash at all times including in the show ring except during the Obedience Demonstration.
- 44) **FRAUDULENT OR DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOUR AT SHOWS TO BE REPORTED.**  
The Show Secretary must immediately report to the Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, and at the same time forward to the Club all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession.
- 45) **PARTICIPANTS IN UNRECOGNISED SHOWS:**  
No person shall promote, exhibit at, judge or in any way officiate, or participate in an unrecognised show.
- B) **PARTICIPANTS IN RECOGNISED SHOWS:**  
An expelled member and any person who ipso facto ceases to be member under Article 16 of the Club's M & A shall not be permitted to participate in the show in any capacity whatsoever nor shall he be permitted to handle any dog for any owner or exhibitor in the show.
- 46) **PROTESTS**
- 1) An exhibitor may lodge a protest either by: -
    - a) Verbal protest made to the Show Chairman/Manager before the termination of the show.

**Or**

    - b) Written details of the protest delivered to the Secretary of the Club within 48 hours of the end of the Show.
  - 2) A protest fee of \$100/- shall be paid at the time of making any protest. Such fee shall be refunded if the protest is upheld.
  - 3) The protest shall be heard by the relevant Show Committee which shall give their decision within ten (10) days if the Show provided that where in the opinion of the Show Chairman (or his absence the Show Manager) the protest is one requiring an immediate decision the protest shall be referred to a Show Steward whose decision shall be final and shall not be made the subject of any appeal notwithstanding Clause 43 herein.

**PART XIV : PENALTIES**

- 47) Any person guilty of any infringement of these presents or any provision hereof, (in which respect the opinion of the Club shall be final and conclusive in all respects) shall, at the discretion of the Club be subject to any one or more of the following: -
- a) Forfeiture or cancellation of some or all awards won at that show;
  - b) Fine not exceeding \$500/-; (amended May 1998)
  - c) Suspension from taking part in shows for such period as the Club deems fit;
  - d) Injunction against any exhibit involved in the infringement from taking part in any show for such period as the Club deem fit.

**PART XV : FINANCIAL PROVISIONS FOR SHOWS**

- 48) FEES MAY BE CHARGED, ETC. A Show Committee may charge entry fees, entrance fees to show grounds and fees for seats situated around the judging ring. It may offer for sale and sell copies of the Show Catalogue and charge for the insertion of advertisements in the schedule, catalogue or other printed matter concerning the show, and may also let and charge rent for space occupied in the show grounds for traders stalls.
- 49) SHOW MONIES. A Show Committee shall keep true proper accounts of the Income and Expenditure of a show, and shall send a statement of account to the Club within 21 days of the show. A Show Committee shall, not more than three months after a Show, forward accounts audited in such manner as the Club shall direct. Any Deficit of income as compared with expenditure may, in the case of a show organised by the Club, be borne by the club to which shall be remitted any excess of income over expenditure.
- 50) ADVANCES OF MONEY TO SHOW COMMITTEE. The club may advance such sums of money to a Show Committee on account of expenditure to be incurred in organising a show as it may in its absolute discretion determine.

**PART XVI : THE CLUB TO BE FINAL COURT OF APPEAL**

- 51) The club shall be the final court of appeal in Singapore in all matters, questions or disputes (whether arising out of these Rules or out of the Rules and regulations of the aforesaid Kennel Club of the interpretation thereof) concerning a show or otherwise in connection with canine affairs, and the decision of adjudication of the Club shall be conclusive and final and binding upon any person owning, or registering a dog, promoting, exhibiting, judging or in any way officiating or participating at a show.

**PART XVII : MISCELLANEOUS**

- 52) CUPS AND TROPHIES RETURNABLE. All cups and trophies that are competed for in shows sponsored by the Club are returnable to the Club prior to the next Championship show unless otherwise specified by the donor or subject to paragraph 45 hereunder.
  
- 53) CUPS AND TROPHIES TO BE WON OUTRIGHT. Unless otherwise specified, and except for all major “in-shows” trophies, a trophy won three times consecutively or four times in all by the same exhibit may be retained permanently by the owner of the exhibit.
  
- 54) THESE RULES TO BE AVAILABLE. One or more copies of the Rules shall be kept at the place where a show is held, shall be available for the perusal of any person whatsoever.
  
- 55) ALTERATION AND REVOCATION OF THESE RULES. The club may whenever it shall think fit alter or revoke these Rules or any of them, or make new rules.

**Date: 1 February 2009**

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