

### ***DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES Limited obedience***

1. Dogs are ineligible to compete at Limited Shows which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognized by the Kennel Club. Obedience Champions are only eligible to compete in Class C at Open and Championship Shows
2. A dog must be entered in the lowest scheduled class for which it is eligible and may also be entered in another class if desired, one special class excepted
  - **PRE-BEGINNERS** To compete in Pre-Beginners a handler or dog must not have won a First place in either Pre-Beginners or Beginners nor gained a third place or above in any other obedience class.
  - **BEGINNERS** To compete in Beginners a Handler or dog must not have won a total of two or more First Prizes in Beginner Class, or, one First Prize in any other Obedience Class. (Pre-Beginners excepted)
  - **NOVICE** For dogs which have not won two First Prizes in Obedience Classes (Pre-Beginners and Beginners excepted).
  - **CLASS A** For dogs which have not won three First Prizes in Class A, B and Open C in total.
  - **CLASS B** For dogs which have not won three first prizes in Class B and Open C in total.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

These Rules and Regulations are to be read in conjunction with The Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations G under which this show is licensed. It is the responsibility of everyone entering this show to make themselves familiar with the Kennel Club G Regulations, available from the Kennel Club.

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Obedience Shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
3. Puppies under six calendar months of age on the first day of the Show are not eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows
4. Entry is limited to members of WOEBCC
5. Dogs which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of obedience champion under the rules of any governing body recognized by The Kennel Club are not eligible for entry at this Show
6. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their full details recorded on the entry form
7. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries
8. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the club will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope submitted within 1 month of the show date.
9. Dogs will be received until one hour after the commencement of judging i.e. 11 a.m. after which no dogs may be received except under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances and by special permission of the Show Management
10. Timed stays will take place and will take priority over other tests; the times will be published at the show and in the catalogue.
11. For the duration of the show all dogs, including those in the exercise area, must be on a lead except when competing or practicing prior to competition.
12. Animals allowed at Show. No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the Show during its continuance, except any dog registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes, or by permission of the General Committee. However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times
13. A dog shall be disqualified and removed from the show if it is (a) a bitch which is in season (b) suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, (c) interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent, (d) of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal, (e) likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.
14. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the Boundaries of the show.
15. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
16. Should a judge be unable to fulfill the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge
17. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club.
18. No prize money is on offer
19. Dogs in Cars on Hot Days. Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused

#### 20. Welfare of Dogs

A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for Disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts traveling to and whilst at KC licensed events.

- When traveling to a show please take moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams
- If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether traveling to the show is a good idea at all.
- The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
- Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
- When at the show, never leave your dog in the vehicle.
- Keep the dog in the shade – take your own shade, for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
- Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion, or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time

Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

**WARNING: IF YOUR DOG IS FOUND TO BE AT RISK FORCIBLE ENTRY TO YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE NECESSARY WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED**

Anyone whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations

Right to Refuse Entries. Exhibitors/Competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Kennel Club Regulation to refuse any entry



#### REGULATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION (BREED)

1. These Regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition at a show. When a dog is found to have been prepared for exhibition at a show in contravention of these Regulations the exhibitor will be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule 42 had been lodged against exhibitor and proved to the satisfaction of the General Committee without prejudice to the right of the exhibitor to make representations to the General Committee in mitigation of the penalty to be imposed at the discretion of the General Committee under Rule 42, The dog will be automatically disqualified from exhibition at the show and from any award gained thereat.

2. No substances which alters the natural colour, texture or body of the coat may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition either before or at the show. Any other substance (other than water) which may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat of a dog at the time of exhibition.

3. No act which alters the natural conformation of a dog or any part thereof may be performed and nothing may be done, calculated in the opinion of the General Committee to deceive, except: (a) operation to the satisfaction of the General Committee; (b) the removal of dewclaws of any breed; (c) the shortening of tails of customarily docked breeds but only up to an acceptable age limit which shall be prescribed from time to time; and (d) operations to prevent breeding provided such operations are notified to the Kennel Club before neutered dogs are shown.

4. The General Committee without previous notice may order an examination of any dog or dogs at any show. Any examination thus ordered will be made a person having executive authority who shall have a written directive from the Kennel Club in their possession. Samples may be taken for further examination and analysis

5. An individual has the right to lodge an objection to a dog only if he/she is the owner or handler of a dog competing in the same breed or class. An objection may, however, be lodged by any official of the show or by anyone so deputed by the Kennel Club. It will be the responsibility of the individual who lodges the objection, or the official (as appropriate) to substantiate the grounds for the objection. The Kennel Club will substantiate the grounds for an objection made on its behalf.

6. Any objection by an individual related to an infringement of these regulations must be made in writing to the Show Secretary at his/her office before close of the show and the individual must produce evidence of identity at the time of lodging the complaint.

## **DEFINITIONS OF CLASS'S**

In the following definitions, a Challenge Certificate includes any show award that counts towards the title of Champion under the Rules of any governing body recognized by the Kennel Club.

Wins at Championship shows in breed classes where Challenge Certificates are not on offer shall be counted as wins at Open Shows.

In the case of a dog owned in partnership and entered in Members' classes or competing for Members' Specials each partner must at the time of entry be a member of the Society.

In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the date of closing of entries shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. 28th February 2011

Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in Breed classes but when entering Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. First prize does not include a Special Prize of whatever value.

If an exhibitor reports before the judging of a class or classes that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the exhibitor may choose one of the following options:-

### 1) Withdrawal

The dog may be withdrawn from competition subject to the conditions of Regulations 9(j) and 20.

### 2) Transfer

- a) If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of their being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy and Puppy excepted to the Open class for the correct colour, sex weight or height.
- b) For an exhibit entered incorrectly in a Minor Puppy class or Puppy class which is over age but under twelve calendar months of age or eighteen calendar months of age respectively, the Show Secretary shall transfer the exhibit to the Puppy class or the Junior class respectively for the correct colour, sex weight or height and in the event of their being no Puppy or Junior class to the Open class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- c) For any reason other than the above, the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the Open class for the correct colour, sex weight or height.
- d) If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, the dog may not be transferred to any other class.

Minor Puppy	For dogs of six and not exceeding nine calendar months of age on the first day of the Show
Puppy	For dogs of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show
Junior	For dogs of six and not exceeding eighteen calendar months of age on the first day of the Show
Yearling	For dogs of twelve and not exceeding twenty-four calendar months of age on the first day of the Show
Novice	For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or three or more First Prizes at Open and Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy classes excepted, whether restricted or not)
Post Graduate	For dogs which have not won a Championship Certificate or five or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, Limit and Open Classes, whether restricted or not at Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed

Limit	For dogs which have not become show Champions under the Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules or any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club or won seven or more First Prizes in all, at Championship Shows in Limit and Open classes confined to the breed whether restricted or not at Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed
Open	For all dogs of the breeds for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show.
Veteran	For dogs of not less than seven years of age on the first day of the Show.

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS (BREED)**

1. The show will open at 9 a.m.
2. Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
3. Judging will commence at 10 a.m.
4. Exhibits may be removed from the Show after their judging has been completed. The Show will close half an hour after all judging has been completed.
5. The use of cooking stoves in the proximity of the tenting and benching areas is forbidden except as authorized by the Show Management
6. Non-Members £4 per dog per first entry. Members £3.50 per dog per first entry. All subsequent entries £1.50 same dog per class Catalogues £2.50 each with entry
7. There is no prize money on offer at this show
8. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
9. Puppies under six calendar months of age on the first day of the Show are not eligible for exhibition.
10. The mating of bitches with the precincts of the Show is forbidden.
11. Best Puppy in Show. Where a Best Puppy in Show competition is scheduled the Best Puppy in Show is a puppy which has competed and is unbeaten by any other puppy exhibited at the same show. A puppy is a dog of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show. Where the Best in Show is a puppy it will automatically be Best Puppy in Show respectively. Similarly, if the Reserve Best in Show is a puppy which has only been beaten by an adult dog it will also automatically be Best Puppy in Show respectively. Consequently, selection of Best Puppy in Show must follow the selection of Best in Show respectively. Best Puppy in Show must be selected from puppies which have been judged and which are unbeaten by any other puppy
- Withdrawal from Other Competition. Puppies which become eligible for Best Puppy in Show may be withdrawn from all other competition, other than Breed Classes, prior to the competition for Best Puppy in Show in order to remain unbeaten. A puppy beaten in competition for Best Puppy in Show may subsequently be exhibited in all competition for which it was previously eligible. The dog declared Best Puppy in Show, however, must not compete in any subsequent competition
- Proviso. For the purpose of the Regulation, dogs beaten in competition for Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Progeny, Brace and Team or a Special Award confined to one breed will not be considered to be a beaten dog.
12. Best in Show The dog declared Best in Show is a dog which has competed and is unbeaten by any other dog exhibited at the same Show. Best in Show must be selected from the exhibits declared Best of Sex providing they are unbeaten winning dogs. Reserve Best in Show must be selected from Best Opposite Sex and the Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best in Show. The dogs declared Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show must not compete in any subsequent competition.
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13. Exhibits will not be admitted to Best in Show competition after a period of ten minutes has elapsed since the announcement that exhibits are required for judging, unless they have been unavoidably delayed by previous judging not being completed on time, and then only with the special permission of the Show Management.
14. No modifications will be made to this schedule except by permission of the General Committee of The Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.
15. All exhibitors must be familiar with Kennel Club Regulation F (Annex B) Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
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