



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

## KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

### REGULATIONS FOR BREED AND JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES (2013)

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#### SCHEDULE 10

These Rules and Regulations shall be read in conjunction with Schedule 3 (Regulations for Championship Shows), Schedule 3A (Regulations for International Dog Shows), Schedule 4 (Regulations for Non-Championship Shows), Schedule 4A (Regulations for Qualifying Shows), Schedule 5K (Regulations for Handler Classes), and Schedule 9 (Code of Ethics).

#### 1. LEARNING PROGRAMME: BREED JUDGES

Refer to Appendix 1: KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme

#### 2. LEARNING PROGRAMME: JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES

Refer to Appendix 2: KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme

#### 3. BREED JUDGE QUALIFICATION AND LICENSING

Before embarking on the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme, interested persons may apply to the KUSA Judges Department to receive the free booklet: "*How to apply to become a Breed Judge*", which will contain detailed guidelines regarding the qualifying criteria, the application process and relevant information.

3.1. There are six (6) levels of progression in the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme:

3.1.1. **Level 1. Candidate Judge**

3.1.1.1. A person who wants to join the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme must meet required criteria and apply for registration according to the requirements outlined in Appendix 1.

3.1.1.2. The candidate will be required to attend an interview and, if he/she meets the qualifying criteria, will follow the Level 1 learning programme and sit the Paper 1 examination.

3.1.2. **Level 2. Learner Judge**

3.1.2.1. On the successful completion of Level 1, a Learner Judge may register to study a group or a single breed at specialist level (eg. Boxer, Rottweiler) and work through the modules in Level 2.

(Note: The applicant must contact the Kennel Union to establish which Breed Learning Programmes are offered at specialist level.)

3.1.2.2. A Learner Judge entering Level 2 for the first time, ie. a Candidate Judge who has met all the requirements for Level 1 and passed Paper 1, may study only one (1) group (or breed).

3.1.2.3. On the successful completion of Level 2, the Learner Judge is entitled to study up to two groups/breeds simultaneously or one group/breed and Junior Showmanship, taking on an additional group/breed or Junior Showmanship only once the previous Level 2 examination has been passed.

3.1.3. **Level 3. Provisional Judge**

3.1.3.1. On the successful completion of Paper 2, the Kennel Union will acknowledge the Learner Judge as a Provisional Judge until one Championship appointment on that breed, in the case

of breed specialisation, or at least eight breeds within a group, in the case of a group study, has been fulfilled, after which, the Kennel Union will register the judge as a Licensed Judge.

3.1.3.2. A Provisional Judge is permitted to award Challenge Certificates.

3.1.3.3. A Provisional Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required **restrictions**, but only on completion of a Championship Show appointment will he/she be registered as a Licensed Judge. (See Reg.3.1.3.1 & 5).

#### 3.1.4. **Level 4. Licensed Judge**

3.1.4.1. A Licensed Judge is qualified to award 'Certificat d' Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté'(CACIBs) in South Africa and will be registered as a Licensed Judge. A Licensed Judge may only accept appointments to award CACIBs at a show outside of South Africa that is scheduled after the conclusion of two years since the Judge gained Level 4 status for that group or section of breeds.

3.1.4.2. A Licensed Judge may accept appointments outside of South Africa and Namibia

3.1.4.3. A Licensed Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions (See Reg. 5)

#### 3.1.5. **Level 5. Senior Judge**

3.1.5.1. A Senior Judge is licensed to award Challenge Certificates (CCs) in 4 groups and is qualified to award 'Certificat d' Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté'(CACIBs) and is registered as a Senior Judge.

3.1.5.2. A Senior Judge may accept appointments outside of South Africa and Namibia.

3.1.5.3. If the Senior Judge has an interest in guiding future judges, he/she may apply to follow the KUSA Assessor's course to allow him/her to serve as an Assessor for those groups or breeds. (See Reg. 6.)

3.1.5.4. A Senior Judge is qualified to judge Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show at Championship Shows.

3.1.5.5. A Senior Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions (See Reg. 5)

#### 3.1.6. **Level 6. All-breeds Judge**

3.1.6.1. An All-breeds Judge is licensed to award Challenge Certificates (CCs) in all 7 groups and is qualified to award "Certificat d' Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté "(CACIBs) in all 10 FCI Groups and is registered as an All-breeds Judge.

3.1.6.2. An All-breeds Judge may accept appointments outside of South Africa and Namibia.

3.1.6.3. If the All-breeds Judge has an interest in guiding future judges, he/she may apply to follow the KUSA Assessor's course to allow him/her to serve as an Assessor for those groups or breeds. (See Reg. 6.)

3.1.6.4. An All-breeds Judge is qualified to judge Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show at Championship Shows.

3.1.6.5. An All-breeds Judge may serve as Moderator (if desired) on completion of a Moderator's course if already a qualified Assessor.

3.1.6.6. An All-breeds Judge is permitted to judge at a Non-Championship, Qualifying or Championship Show, subject to required restrictions (See Reg. 5)

3.2. The National Breed Judges Sub-Committee or Executive Committee will not list any person on the register of Breed Judges for any breed or group until a Judge has fulfilled the requirements as outlined in Appendix 1.

3.3. There shall be no other Learning Programme running parallel with the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme. Judges working on any previous qualification programme will be awarded credit for the level of work already accomplished on a previous system, and will be expected to meet the remaining requirements of the Learning Programme in order to qualify at the appropriate level.

## **4. JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE QUALIFICATION AND LICENSING**

4.1. This learning programme provides for two levels of entry, one for Junior Handlers and one for **Provisional or Licensed** Judges.

### **4.1.1. Junior Handlers**

4.1.1.1. A Junior Handler over the age of eighteen (18) years who has a genuine interest in nurturing and guiding tomorrow's handlers through the activity of judging Junior Showmanship must meet the qualifying criteria and apply for registration according to

the requirements outlined in the KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme (Appendix 2)

- 4.1.1.2. The candidate will be required to attend an interview and, if he/she meets the qualifying criteria, will follow a learning programme and sit the Junior Showmanship examination as outlined in Appendix 2
- 4.1.1.3. On the successful completion of the Junior Showmanship course and examination, the Junior Showmanship Judge who applied as a Junior Handler may choose to sit the Paper 1 for Breed Judges (Anatomy, Conformation & Movement of Dogs, KUSA Rules & Regulations, Judges' Ethics) and, if successful, proceed directly to Level 2: Learner Judge.

#### 4.1.2. Provisional or Licensed Judges

- 4.1.2.1. A breed judge who has a genuine interest in nurturing and guiding tomorrow's handlers through the activity of judging Junior Showmanship must be a **Provisional or Licensed Judge** of at least one breed or group, having successfully met the requirements for Paper 1 and at least one Paper 2.
  - 4.1.2.2. A **Provisional or Licensed Judge** who has successfully completed Level 2 at least once may study for the Junior Showmanship qualification simultaneously with one other Level 2 group or breed judging qualification.
- 4.2. The National Breed Judges Sub-Committee or Executive Committee will not list any person on the register of Junior Showmanship Judges until a Judge has fulfilled the requirements as outlined in Appendix 2.
  - 4.3. There shall be no other learning programme running parallel with the KUSA Junior Showmanship Learning Programme. Judges working on any previous qualification programme will be awarded credit for the level of study already accomplished on a previous system, and will be expected to meet the remaining requirements of the Learning Programme in order to qualify.

### 5. JUDGING RESTRICTIONS

- 5.1. The following judging restrictions apply to Judges at all levels
  - 5.1.1. **Between two Non-Championship Shows in the same province\***: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at Non-Championship Shows in the same province\*
  - 5.1.2. **Between two Non-Championship Shows in different provinces\***: there is no time restriction between judging the same breed, group or group final at Non-Championship Shows in different provinces\*, provided that approval from both Show-holding clubs is gained if the appointments fall within 1 month of each other
  - 5.1.3. **Between a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province\***: a period of 6 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at a Non-Championship Shows and a Championship or Qualifying Show in the same province\*
  - 5.1.4. **Between a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in different provinces\***: a period of 3 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final at a Non-Championship Show and a Championship or Qualifying Show in a different province\*
  - 5.1.5. **Between two Championship or Qualifying Shows in any province\***: a period of 6 months must pass between judging the same breed, group or group final Championship or Qualifying Shows in any province\*
  - 5.1.6. **Between Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Shows in any province\***: a period of 6 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows;

a period of 6 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Championship Shows and all-breeds Qualifying Shows or Non-Championship Shows, whichever comes first;

a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Qualifying Shows and all-breeds Non-Championship Shows, whichever comes first;

a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Qualifying Shows;

and a period of 3 months must pass between judging Best in Show/Best Puppy in Show at all-breeds Non-Championship Shows.

- 5.1.7 All scheduled breed events held under 5E are excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub-Regulations 5.1.1 to 5.1.6.
- 5.1.8 Judging in Namibia is excluded from judging restrictions described in Sub-Regulations 5.1.1 to 5.1.6. *(Note: \* refers to judging clearance areas as defined by the Kennel Union, namely: Eastern Cape and Border, Free State and Northern Cape, Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Western Cape and Boland. Clubs under the control of DOGS PC and NAPC are regarded as falling in one province for the purpose of clearing judges)*

5.2. Judges are required to be aware of these restrictions when offered appointments at both Non-Championship and Championship Show level and should check appointments already accepted before accepting another appointment.

## **6. ASSESSMENT**

- 6.1. All assessment will be conducted by qualified Kennel Union-approved Assessors.
  - 6.1.1. An Assessor is a Licensed, Senior or All-breeds Judge who has an interest in nurturing, guiding and advising Learner judges.
  - 6.1.2. The role of an Assessor is to demonstrate and advise best practices, and evaluate the output of a Learner Judge according to a prescribed set of criteria, without the influence of personal preferences or subjectivity.
  - 6.1.3. A Moderator is an All-breeds Judge who must also be a Kennel Union-qualified Assessor. The role of the Moderator is to moderate assessment results, examination papers and examination scores for accuracy and best practices.
- 6.2. To be approved as an Assessor, the applicant must be registered as a Licensed Judge for at least one group or breed and must complete the Kennel Union-approved Assessor's Course successfully.
- 6.3. Once registered as an Assessor, the Kennel Union will add groups/breeds and Junior Showmanship judging as and when new qualifications are acquired by the Assessor.
- 6.4. To be approved as a Moderator, the applicant must be an All-breeds Judge and a Kennel Union-approved and practising Assessor, and must complete the Kennel Union-approved Moderator's Course successfully.

## **7. SOUTH AFRICAN JUDGES OVERSEAS**

- 7.1. All clearances are processed directly between the Kennel Union and the Foreign Canine Authorities.
- 7.2. Any Judge who is approached by a foreign club or Canine Authority is obliged to contact the Kennel Union office so that clearance may be completed through the correct channels.
- 7.3. All Judges must receive a "Letter of Clearance" from the Kennel Union.
- 7.4. Any Judge who has been cleared previously to judge a particular breed/group overseas and did so, will be automatically cleared again unless his/her membership has lapsed or he/she has been suspended from judging for any reason.
- 7.5. All other Judges will only be recommended for foreign judging if they have reached Level 4: Licensed Judge for the relevant group or breed requested to be judged by that foreign Canine Authority.
- 7.6. After a Judge has officiated overseas, a list of his/her judging must be forwarded to the Kennel Union office to be added to his/her history record. Information should include name of club, date and type of Show and the breeds (and numbers if possible) judged. It should be noted that foreign judging appointments will not count towards the Kennel Union judging qualifications.

## **8. FOREIGN JUDGES IMMIGRATING INTO SOUTH AFRICA**

- 8.1. Foreign judges coming to reside in the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction will be approved as follows.
  - 8.1.1. He/she will be required to pass the Kennel Union examination on Rules and Regulations
  - 8.1.2. CC's (Challenge Certificates), (CACs) or CACIBs that have been awarded for breeds/groups in their previous country of residence will automatically be accepted in South Africa.
  - 8.1.3. He/she will be required to register for the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme for any other breeds/groups not covered by 8.1.2. above.

## **9. SPECIAL-NEEDS JUDGES**

- 9.1. Judges who provide a Doctor's Certificate on Application Showing that he/she has a specific disability such as ADHD/ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) or Dyslexia will be able to register for the KUSA Breed Judges Learning Programme and provision will be made for them where possible.
- 9.2. Examinations: A scribe in a separate room will be provided to write down the Learner Judge's responses to examination questions. The scribe will read the question and the multiple answer options choice and the Learner Judge will indicate his/her answer, which the scribe will mark. The paper will then be processed with all the other papers.
- 9.3. Evaluations: Upon accepting a Non-Championship appointment, the Learner Judge should contact his/her local Provincial Breed Judges Sub-Committee (PBJSC) to arrange for a scribe to take notes at the ringside on behalf of the Learner Judge. The copies of evaluations must be forwarded to the Kennel Union in the normal way.
- 9.4. Assignments and portfolio: As far as possible, The Learner Judge should attempt to meet normal requirements as far as possible, making use of any form of recording technology best suited to the Learner Judge's needs. Assistance and advice can be called upon from the local PBJSC.

## **10. JUDGING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS**

- 10.1. All dogs exhibited shall be judged in suitable rings and all judging shall take place in public.
- 10.2. The Show Committee shall provide each Judge with judge's sheets in which only the breed, class and exhibits' numbers are entered. The Judge shall mark all absentees from every class on the judge's sheets.
- 10.3. Every Ring Steward and Ring Clerk shall be provided with steward's sheets similar in content to the judge's sheets and no Show catalogue shall be permitted within any judging ring.
- 10.4. Judges shall judge the class in each breed in the order in which the breeds are entered in the judge's sheets and, in the case of Qualifying or Championship Shows, in the Show catalogue. The Open Class is the final class prior to awarding the Challenge Certificate.
- 10.5. The Judge shall make his/her awards sequentially in order of merit 1 to 4 for those exhibits that he/she has not withheld on in terms of Reg. 11 and the exhibits shall be placed in such order at the place markers in the ring before the results are noted and announced by the Ring Steward.
- 10.6. Equal awards shall be prohibited.
- 10.7. A Judge shall be empowered to withhold any award if, in his opinion, there is a lack of sufficient merit or if, in his opinion, the attention of the exhibit has been improperly attracted during judging in spite of the handler having been warned against such practice. Whenever any award has been withheld, the Judge shall endorse the judge's sheets accordingly.
- 10.8. Any alteration in the judge's sheets shall be initialled by the Judge who shall also endorse the date and the time of making such alteration. Every such alteration and endorsement shall be carried on to the office together with other copies of the judge's sheets.
- 10.9. Whenever, in the Judge's opinion, any exhibit has been improperly tampered with, is blind, deaf or suffering from contagious or infectious disease, the Judge shall make a report to the Show Secretary immediately upon conclusion of judging the class. Upon receipt of such report, the Show Secretary shall cause such exhibit to be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon and submit the facts of the case to the Show Committee, which shall then act in terms of Schedule 3, Reg 31.
- 10.10. Judges are not permitted, at a Show, to make a public commentary on the dogs which they have judged or are judging at a Show.
- 10.11. A Judge's awards shall be final when any class has been judged and the awards recorded in the judge's sheets.
- 10.12. Save and except for the necessary entry by any official of the Show, and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging shall be the Judge, Learner Judge(s), Ring Steward(s), Ring Clerk and the handlers of the exhibits being judged.
- 10.13. If a dog attacks a Judge or Shows aggression towards a Judge, it must be immediately excused from the ring and the Judge must immediately report the occurrence to the Show Manager. The Show Manager will then cause the dog to be withdrawn from all further competition in the Show. The Show Secretary shall then send a written report of the incident to the Secretary of KUSA in accordance with Schedule 3, Reg. 14.
- 10.14. In the event of a Judge, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge, he/she shall be required to give reasons in writing within 7 days to the Club Committee with whom he has been contracted and if such reason is considered to be unsatisfactory or if no such reason is submitted, the Club committee shall request the club Secretary or any other appointed member of the club who is a member of the KUSA to submit a complaint to the KUSA in terms of Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution.

## **11. JUDGING PROCEDURE: CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES AND RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES**

- 11.1. Subject to the provisions of Reg. 3.2., persons appointed to judge may award a Challenge Certificate to the best of sex exhibit entered in the classification for the breed, provided that he/she is clearly of the opinion that the dog is worthy of the title of Champion. If the Judge is not of such opinion, he shall withhold the Challenge Certificate and mark his/her judge's sheets accordingly.
- 11.2. To be eligible to compete for a Challenge Certificate, a dog shall be an unbeaten prize-winner in a class confined to its breed open to all exhibitors.
- 11.3. To be eligible to compete for a Reserve Challenge Certificate a dog shall be an unbeaten prize-winner in a class confined to its breed open to all exhibitors or the runner-up to any such unbeaten prize-winner.
- 11.4. The winner of a restricted class as defined in Appendix 1 of Schedule 3 shall not be eligible for competition for a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate unless such exhibit also complies with the requirements of Regs. 11.2 and 11.3 in respect of any other class referred to in Reg. 11.5.
- 11.5. Before judging for the award of Challenge Certificate the Judge shall consider all dogs which have been placed first in a class and have not been beaten in any other class confined to their breed, all of which shall be exhibited in the ring and the Challenge Certificate may be awarded to the best of sex exhibit.
- 11.6. Whenever the Judge awards the Challenge Certificate, he/she may award the Reserve Challenge Certificate. Before judging for the Reserve Challenge Certificate, the Judge shall consider, except the dog awarded the Challenge Certificate, all the dogs noted in Reg. 11.3 above plus the dog which was runner-up to the dog awarded the Challenge Certificate in a class confined to its breed, except a restricted class and all of which shall be exhibited in the ring.
- 11.7. Whenever the Judge is clearly of the opinion that the best dog selected in terms of Reg. 11.3 above is worthy of the title of Champion he/she may award the Reserve Challenge Certificate. If the Judge is not of the opinion that the best dog selected is worthy of the title of Champion, he/she shall withhold the Reserve Challenge Certificate and mark his/her judge's sheets accordingly.
- 11.8. Every Challenge Certificate and every Reserve Challenge Certificate issued by the Kennel Union shall bear the following words: "I am clearly of the opinion that this exhibit is of such outstanding merit as to be worthy of qualifying for the title of Champion."
- 11.9. Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading "2 points".
- 11.10. Challenge Certificates, where appropriate, shall bear a printed endorsement reading "1 point".
- 11.11. Whenever ten (10) or more dogs of one sex in a breed are exhibited, not necessarily in the same class, and all such dogs are eligible to compete for the Challenge Certificate and a Challenge Certificate is awarded, it shall be a "2 point" Challenge Certificate; in all other cases a "1 point" Challenge Certificate shall be awarded.

## **12. JUDGING PROCEDURE: BEST PUPPY OF BREED, RESERVE BEST OF BREED, BEST OF BREED**

- 12.1 **Best Puppy of Breed**

The unbeaten winners of the Puppy Classes (Minor Puppy and Puppy) shall compete for the award of Best Puppy of Breed. If the Judge is not of the opinion that the puppy selected is worthy of the award Best Puppy of Breed he/she may withhold it.
- 12.2 **Best of Breed and Reserve Best of Breed**
  - 12.2.1 Whenever a Challenge Certificate is awarded, the Judge shall award a Best of Breed Certificate to the best exhibit of that breed. A Reserve Best of Breed Certificate shall be awarded to the dog placed second to the Best of Breed, which shall progress no further.
  - 12.2.2 Those exhibits eligible for the award of a Best of Breed Certificate and Reserve Best of Breed Certificate, are both Challenge Certificate winners and the unbeaten prize winners of any restricted class as defined in Appendix 1 of Schedule 3.
  - 12.2.3 In the event of both Challenge Certificates being withheld by a Judge, a Best of Breed Certificate and Reserve Best of Breed Certificate shall not be awarded unless the Judge considers that the exhibits in any restricted class merit the awards.
- 12.3 By their signature thereto, however applied, the Show Secretary assumes responsibility for the accuracy and validity of the certificates issued in terms of Regs. 11 and 12.

## **13. JUDGING PROCEDURE: ORDER OF MERIT ON DISQUALIFICATION OF PRIZE-WINNER**

- 13.1 Subject to the provisions of Reg. 13.3 hereof, in the event of a prize-winner being disqualified in terms of these Regulations, the succeeding prize-winning dogs in consecutive order of merit shall be advanced to the next highest placing, which shall thereupon become the awards.
- 13.2 In the event of the winner being so disqualified, the winner of the Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be advanced and it shall be awarded the Challenge Certificate.

- 13.3 No prize-winning exhibit which was not awarded the Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be awarded a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate under this Regulation.

#### **14. JUDGING PROCEDURE: COMPETITION FOR GROUP WINNERS AND BEST IN SHOW AND BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**

- 14.1 At every Championship Show where dogs of more than one group are scheduled, the competition for Best in Show shall be preceded by the judging of Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy and the Groups upon the basis of the groupings of the breeds as Shown in Regulation for Classification, Registration & Transfer of the Registered Ownership of Dogs (Schedule 2).
- 14.2 All winners of Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy of Breed and dogs awarded Best of Breed awards shall be eligible for free entry into their respective Group Challenges.
- 14.3 The first four (4) exhibits in each Neuter Dog, Baby Puppy, Puppy Group and in the Group shall be placed 1 to 4 in order of merit (and may be announced in reverse order) but only the Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy in Group and Best in Group shall be eligible, free of entry fees to compete for Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy and Best in Show. Best Puppy in Show and Best in Show shall consist of seven (7) exhibits – the winners from each of the seven (7) groups. Provided that a minimum of two (2) exhibits are placed, Clubs have the discretion to award further placings up to the total of seven (7). Whilst exhibits must be placed in order of merit, the results may be announced in reverse order.
- 14.4 Best Neuter Dog then Best Baby Puppy then Best Puppy in Show shall be judged before the Best in Show is judged.
- 14.5 At every Championship Show where dogs of more than one breed, but confined to one Group only, are scheduled, only the Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy and Best of Breed winners shall be eligible to compete for Best Neuter Dog, Best Baby Puppy in Show, Best Puppy in Show or Best in Show, free of entry fees, for Best in Show save where dispensation is granted by the Executive Committee.
- 14.6 At every Championship Show where dogs of one breed only are scheduled, the exhibits eligible to compete free of entry fees for Best Puppy in Show and Best in Show are all Challenge Certificate winners and unbeaten prize-winners in the Minor Puppy, Puppy and any restricted class as defined in Appendix 1 of Schedule 3.

#### **15. HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CLASSES**

- 15.1 Whenever competition is subject to compliance with a height limit, the Show Committee shall provide a properly constructed measuring stick or alternative measuring device. Whenever a Judge calls for a measurement to be taken, the exhibit shall be measured by the Judge while it is standing on a firm, level surface within the show ring. If the exhibit fails to comply with the height limitation to which it is subject, the Judge shall mark his/her judging sheets accordingly and taking into consideration the requirements of the Breed Standard, make such award as he/she thinks proper. Failure to comply with the height limit shall not disqualify a dog nor render it ineligible for further competition except where specified in the Breed Standard. In the case of dispute, the decision of the Judge shall be final.
- 15.2 Whenever competition is subject to a desired weight limit, the Show Committee shall provide a weighing instrument and weights (if not electronic), for which a valid certificate of assize is available, for recommended use by the Judge. At the discretion of the judge, before the commencement of judging of each class, the dogs entered in that class shall be weighed by the Judge on a firm, level surface within the show ring. If any exhibit fails to comply with the desired weight limitation required by the Breed Standard, the Judge shall mark his/her judging sheets accordingly, and, taking into consideration the requirements of the Breed Standard, make such awards as he/she deems appropriate. In making his/her awards, the Judge shall have the utmost regard for the preservation of breed type of breed varieties separated by desired weight limitations and take into account factors like conformation to the Breed Standard, general physical condition and marginality of weight deviation.

#### **16. ENTRY FOR EXHIBITION**

- 16.1 A Judge may not enter a dog registered in his ownership in the same discipline on the same day at the same venue as he is officiating, save and except for Working Disciplines held under the licence of a different Club,.
- 16.2 A Judge may not handle a dog in any discipline, save and except for Working Disciplines held under the licence of a different Club on the same day at the same venue, as he/she is officiating.
- 16.3 No steward may handle a dog on the same day as he/she is officiating before a Judge for whom he/she was stewarding unless requested by the Judge to exhibit the entry.
- 16.4 Any dog which has been exhibited contrary to these Regulations shall be liable to disqualification and cancellation of any awards gained, whether or not an objection has been lodged under Regulation 31.



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