

**THE CANINE ASSOCIATION  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INCORPORATED)**



**REGULATIONS**

**SECTION C  
SANCTIONED SHOWS ONLY**

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**Any breach of the regulations in this section is an offence (08/20)**

## SECTION "C" - SANCTIONED SHOWS ONLY

Refer ANKC Ltd Part 5 – Show for full wording of any Show clauses.

[www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au) – About Us – Regulations – Part 5 Show

### C1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Championship Show - a sanctioned conformation show to be judged by an approved ANKC Ltd Championship Judge (including those overseas judges approved by the ANKC Ltd to judge at Australian fixtures) at which points may be awarded towards an exhibit's Australian Championship conformation title.
  - 1.2 Open Show - a sanctioned conformation show to be judged by trainee judges/open show judges where no championship points are to be awarded.
  - 1.3 Parade - a sanctioned conformation show at which exhibits have not accrued enough points for a "Champion" title or have not yet applied for that title at the date entries close where no championship points are to be awarded.
- Note: An Open Show and Parade is a means by which trainee judges can gain experience in ring craft and Clubs are to be encouraged to conduct them.
- 1.4 Neuter - A neuter is a dog or bitch that has been desexed either by castration or ovarian hysterectomy and is rendered infertile. This does not include vasectomies (Dogs) or tubal ligation (Bitches).

### C2 CLASSES FOR EXHIBIT AT A SHOW

- 2.1 No Classes, for which points may be earned towards an ANKC Ltd approved title shall be offered at a show unless those points are to be awarded to all exhibits eligible to receive them under these regulations. (10/11)
- 2.2 No classes other than the following shall be provided in any schedule of any Sanctioned show without the special permission of the Administrative Officer. **09/11.**
- 2.3 **General Classes:**
  - Class 1 **Baby Puppy** - Dogs of three (3) and under six (6) months of age.
  - Class 2 **Minor Puppy** - Dogs of six (6) and under nine (9) months of age.
  - Class 3 **Puppy** - Dogs of six (6) and under twelve (12) months of age.
  - Class 4 **Junior** - Dogs of nine (9) and under eighteen (18) months of age.
  - Class 5 **Intermediate** - Dogs of eighteen (18) and under thirty six (36) months of age.
  - Class 6 **Novice** - Dogs of six (6) months of age or over which have not won first prize at any Parade/Open Show or Championship Show excluding wins in Baby Puppy and Local Classes.
  - Class 7 **Graduate** - Dogs of six (6) months of age or over which have not won a Challenge Certificate.
  - Class 8 **Limit** - Dogs over twelve (12) months of age which are not Champions nor have gained sufficient points to qualify as a Champion.
  - Class 9 **State Bred** - Dogs six (6) months of age or over whelped in the State or Territory in which it is exhibited.
  - Class 10 **Australian Bred** - Dogs six (6) months of age or over whelped in Australia.
  - Class 14 **Bred by Exhibitor** - For dogs aged six months and over. The exhibit must be owned and handled by the breeder of record. The exhibit must be handled throughout the breed classes, all Group and General Specials classes by the owner or part owner of the prefix under which the exhibit was originally registered.  
(06/18 – effective 01/01/18)
  - Class 11 **Open** - All dogs six (6) months of age or over, and of a breed or variety recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council.

*Note: Only winners of General Classes 2 to 11 including 14 may compete for Challenge Certificates.*

*Note: The qualifications for the NOVICE, GRADUATE and LIMIT classes, shall only include "wins up to and including the day before the date of entry close".*

Class 12        **Veteran** – 7 years and over  
Class 13        **Veteran** – 10 years and over (**ANKC 10/15**)

*Note: Neutered exhibits may compete in Veteran Class.*

*Note: A Veteran must be entered and exhibited in at least one ordinary class at All Breed and Group shows before it can compete for a Challenge Certificate or any special prize which is not specifically awarded for the Veteran Class.*

*Note: Veteran – only entire dogs or bitches can compete in the Veteran Classes at specialist and semi-specialist shows where the winners are eligible to compete for Challenge Certificates.*

## **2.4 Neuter Classes**

Neutered dogs and bitches shall be approved to compete at any ANKC Ltd official Show, where the following neutered classes are offered. (**05/01, Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4**)

Only dogs or bitches registered with an ANKC Ltd Member Body as a “neuter” on the main register shall be eligible to compete in either Class 15,16,17 or 18.

Class 15        Puppy Neuter – for neuter dogs aged six and under twelve months.  
Class 16        Junior Neuter – for neuter dogs aged nine and under eighteen months.  
Class 17        Intermediate Neuter – for neuter dogs aged eighteen months and under thirty-six months.  
Class 18        Open Neuter – for neuter dogs aged six months or over.

2.4.1 Classes 15, 16, 17 & 18 shall be optional Classes at any ANKC Ltd sanctioned show.

2.4.2 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be ineligible to compete against entire exhibits for Challenge or Best of Breed awards. (**Amended 10/09, 8.9**)

2.4.3 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at breed level after Best of Breed and any Class elimination judging.

2.4.4 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at both Group and Show level immediately after General Classes.

2.4.5 Where only one (1) Neuter Class per sex is held at a show, that class shall be Open Neuter (classes' 18/18a) (**10/11**)

*Note: Bitch Classes for all the above classes utilize the same number as dogs with addition of the letter A, e.g., 1A = Baby Puppy Bitch*

## **2.5 Other Classes:**

2.5.1 **Brace** – for two dogs, each six months of age and over, of the same breed, each of which has competed in at least one other breed class or neuter class at the Sanctioned Show and each of which is registered in the same ownership and are handled in the judging ring by one person. (**04/17**)

2.5.2 **Team** - for three or more dogs each six months of age and over of the same breed, each of which has competed in at least one other breed class or neuter class at the Sanctioned Show, and each of which is registered in the same ownership and are handled in the judging ring by the one person.

2.5.3 **Breeders' Team**

Minimum of four dogs six months of age and over of the same breed, bred under one prefix each of which has competed in at least one other breed class or neuter class at the same approved show. (**05/20 eff 01/07/20**)

- 2.5.4 **Progeny** - A Progeny class may be conducted under the following rule.
- 2.5.4.1 Sire and Progeny - Entry to consist of the sire and a minimum of three progeny from at least two different dams.
  - 2.5.4.2 Dam and Progeny - Entry to consist of the dam and a minimum of three of her progeny sired by at least two different sires from two different litters.
  - 2.5.4.3 Sire's Progeny - Entry to consist of a minimum of three progeny of the named sire from at least two different dams.
  - 2.5.4.4 Dam's Progeny - Entry to consist of a minimum of three progeny of the named dam sired by at least two different sires from two different litters.
- 2.5.5 **Sweepstakes** - may be held for Champion Dogs, or any of the above listed classifications, general and other classes.
- 2.5.6 **Junior Handler** – classes may be held and conducted in accordance with the ANKC Junior Handler Regulations Part 15 and B13 and B14. **(03/25)**
- 2.5.7 **Local Classes:**  
May be held in addition to general or other classes for dogs owned by exhibitors who reside within an area specified by the sponsoring club. This class shall apply only to Clubs outside the Perth metropolitan area. Other classes shall be judged separately from the general classes.

2.6 **Special Classes:**

The Administrative Officer shall have the power to grant permission for special classes subject to an application in writing submitted to the Council at least 90 days before the date of the Sanctioned Show concerned.

Under no circumstances, however shall a class offering awards or prizes for progeny sired by a specified dog be permitted and no prizes of free service of any dog shall be permitted. **09/11.**

- 2.7 To calculate the age of dogs for entry into breed classes where the date of birth does not occur in the relevant month, the anniversary date be taken as the last date of that month, e.g. dogs born on 31 January will be eligible to enter the baby puppy class on 30th April.
- 2.8 A sweepstakes class for Neutered dogs should be optional at ANKC Ltd official shows.
- 2.9 Veteran Class
- 2.9.1 Separate classes may be offered for Veterans at fixtures - 7 years and over; 10 years and over. Where only 1 Veteran class is on offer it is to be class12.
  - 2.9.2 Only entire dogs and bitches can compete in the Veteran Classes at Specialist and Semi-Specialist Shows where the winners are eligible to compete for Challenge Certificates.
- 2.10 Where Member Body regulations allow for Property and Special Classes at Specialty Shows, Neuter dogs and bitches shall be eligible to enter.
- 2.11 Colour classes are deemed to be a domestic matter.

**C3 ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF BREEDS:**

- 3.1 Judging shall be in alphabetical order, unless the specific order of breeds is detailed in the schedule.
- 3.2 Refer to ANKC website for current alphabetical list of breeds within the seven (7) ANKC Ltd recognised conformation groups of dogs.

**C4 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS:**

- 4.1 Granting of Championship Shows. The Council will not grant an application for a Championship Show unless –

- 4.1.1 There is an open class for each sex of the breed for breeds for which competition is invited.
  - 4.1.2 The competition is open to all comers and not restricted to members of the particular club making the application.
  - 4.1.3 The Club may not reserve the right to reduce the advertised awards or to cancel or amalgamate classes.
- 4.2 Where a national Show is held, no Challenge Certificates shall be offered or awarded for the breed/s involved in the National Show, within a radius of 1 000 kilometres from the venue of the National Show on that day/s, regardless of which State or Territory the shows are held.

## **C5 ORDER OF JUDGING:**

- 5.1 The official ANKC Ltd judging sequence shall be followed for both ordinary judging system or optional order of judging - In-Group and In-Show Placing System (Optional for Shows that only offer Best Baby and Best Puppy in Group/Show and Best Exhibit in Group/Show) .

Refer ANKC Pty Ltd Regulations Section 5 Show for full details

### **5.2 Special Classes:**

- 5.2.1 Judge any Special Classes i.e. C2.5 Other Classes, C2.6 Special Classes.
- 5.2.2 Sweepstakes may be held at any suitable time during the conduct of the Sanctioned event provided that the judge of the sweepstakes is not contracted for any group and/or General Specials.

C6 reserved

## **C7 AWARDS and TITLES**

### **7.1 CHALLENGE & BEST OF BREED CERTIFICATES:**

- 7.1.1 The judge's name is to be typed or printed on the Challenge and Best of Breed Certificates, prior to it being signed by the judge.
- 7.1.2 Certificates should be collected by the exhibitor on the day the dog is judged.
- 7.1.3 Certificates not collected are to be forwarded to the Association office for collection by the exhibitor for six months from the date of the show. The onus of collection rests with the exhibitor.
- 7.1.4 Certificates, or photocopies, must be presented to the Canine Association Office when making application for the title of Australian Champion as evidence of points awarded.

### **7.2 CHAMPIONSHIP Points Systems**

Refer to ANKC Pty Ltd Section 5 Show for full details.

### **7.3 AWARDS OF MERIT:**

State based Awards of Merit may be granted by the Council under the following conditions:

- 7.3.1 A Bronze Award may be issued to a Champion dog or bitch which has gained 250 points from Certificates,
- 7.3.2 A Silver Award may be issued to a Champion dog or bitch which has gained 500 points from Certificates,
- 7.3.3 A Gold Award may be issued to a Champion dog or bitch which has gained 750 points from Certificates

WHERE points are allotted as per ANKC regulations for Challenge, Best of Breed, Best & Runner-up in Group, Best & Runner up in Show, Best & Runner-up neuter in Group and in Show. (02/17)

- 7.3.4 A dog which has earned Awards according to these Regulations shall not be

entitled to attach the title to its name, however a CAWA approved Certificate may be purchased. **03/10**

## **C8 JUDGING METHODS**

- 8.1 All Breeds Judging is defined as the method currently in practice for all breeds in Australia and the following is customary:-
- 8.1.1 Judging time per dog should be not less than 30 catalogued dogs per hour and preferably 40.
  - 8.1.2 The judge checks dentition, overall conformation, entirety for males and movement within the above time frame.
  - 8.1.3 First, Second and Third class places are awarded where the judge is satisfied with the quality of the exhibits.
  - 8.1.4 Individual critiques are not dictated or written down during the judging.
  - 8.1.5 Gradings are not awarded.
- 8.2 Specialist Breed Judging is defined as any form of judging performed by a judge who is a recognised breed specialist or who has a particular interest in a breed or breeds and which may entail each or any of the following:-
- 8.2.1 Judging time may be slower than 25 dogs per hour.
  - 8.2.2 Individual critiques may be given.
  - 8.2.3 Gradings may be awarded.
  - 8.2.4 Class places greater than First, Second and Third may be awarded.
  - 8.2.5 A breed is judged in varieties other than those for which Challenge Certificates are awarded.
- 8.3 Breed Clubs may have specialist breed judging at any Championship Show but must observe the conditions listed below in C8.4.1. and C8.4.2.
- 8.4 Any club conducting an All Breeds, Group and Multi Breed Show that wishes to appoint a judge to judge a specified breed or breeds in the specialist manner shall seek permission from the Association and where granted shall be under the following conditions:-
- 8.4.1 That the judging does not interfere in any way with the normal running of the show
  - 8.4.2 That the show schedule advises:-
    - 8.4.2.1 The breeds that will be judged in the specialist manner.
    - 8.4.2.2 Whether critiques will or will not be given.
    - 8.4.2.3 Whether Gradings will or will not be awarded.
    - 8.4.2.4 Where ‘double handling’ of exhibits is permitted at breed specialty and/or shows where exhibits are shown according to a specialist manner, the following clause must be included in the show schedule:  
“Double handling of ‘insert name of breed’ is permitted at this show” **08/14**

## **C9 MEASURES:**

- 9.1 Poodles
- 9.1.1 The Official Association Poodle measures must be available at all shows where Poodles are to be judged.
  - 9.1.2 The Official Association Poodle measures shall be available at the Association office for use on as required basis.
- 9.2 All Breeds.  
The Official Association A.N.K.C. approved measures shall be available at the Association office for use as required.

## **C10 SCRATCHING OR WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRIES:**

- 10.1 An exhibit entered in more than one class must compete in all classes entered and may not be scratched from any single class.
- 10.2 Any exhibit not present when the class enters the ring for judging shall be deemed to have been scratched from that class and any subsequent class at that event.

- 10.3 No exhibit may be removed from the ring until judging has been completed and result announced without the permission of the judge.
- 10.4 A judge will excuse from the ring, any dog exhibited or handled by any person who has handled or assisted as a runner any dog owned or part owned, leased or part leased by that judge within a period of twelve (12) months. **(05/20 effective 07/20)**
- 10.5 Any dog withdrawn from competition at any time may not compete further at that fixture.
- 10.6 Unless permission is granted by the Chief Steward, where a Best of Breed winner does not compete for Best Exhibit in group or Best Exhibit in Show for which it is eligible, the Best of Breed challenge certificate shall be cancelled. **(08/18)**
- 10.7 Unless permission is granted by the Chief Steward, where a Best Neuter of Breed winner does not compete for Best Neuter Exhibit in Group or Best Neuter Exhibit in Show for which it is eligible, the Neuter Best of Breed certificate shall be cancelled. **(08/18)**

## **C11 AMENITIES SHOWS:**

Amenities Shows shall be run in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 11.1 Classes:  
Only the following classes shall be offered:  
Baby, Minor, Puppy, Junior, Intermediate, State Bred, Australian Bred, Open and Neuter-Open
- 11.2 Sashes/Rosettes:  
Sashes/Rosettes will be offered for:
  - 11.2.1 Best Exhibit and Runner Up in each Group.
  - 11.2.2 Best Exhibit and Runner Up in Show.
  - 11.2.3 Best in Show of each of the classes listed at 11.1.
- 11.3 Trophies:  
An amount approved by Governing Council may be expended on trophies only for Best in Show and Runner up in Show and all Classes in Show, unless the club is successful in obtaining further trophies by donation.
- 11.4 Judges:  
The panel of judges should be predominantly from Western Australia, however a maximum number of two (2) interstate judges may be contracted for any one Building & Amenities show and in the event more than one Building & Amenities show is held on one weekend, these two (2) may be 'shared' between the hosting clubs (which may result in a panel each day of 4 interstate judges and 3 WA judges).
- 11.5 Entry Fees:  
Entry Fees for Amenities Shows shall be fixed by Council from time to time.
- 11.6 Judges Fees:  
The Judges fee for Amenities Shows per Group and/or General Specials are to be restricted to a fee as approved by Governing Council from time to time.
- 11.7 Amenities Trials:  
Amenities trials may be held in conjunction with Amenities Shows.
- 11.8 Balance Sheet:  
A Balance Sheet is to be submitted within fourteen days to include details of all receipts and payments.
- 11.9 Proceeds:  
All proceeds from Amenities Shows and/or Trials, after expenses have been paid, shall be passed to the Association for credit to the Building and Amenities Fund.

## **C12 SHOW SET UP BY MEMBERS (09/08) (09/10)**

- 12.1 Show set-up may occur after 3.00pm Friday for members exhibiting on **FRIDAY ONLY**. For weekends where **NO Friday night show is scheduled**, show set up may occur after 3.00pm Friday for members exhibiting on **Saturday ONLY**. Show set up may occur at the conclusion of Saturday judging for Sunday events.



- 12.2 Setup which includes shade structures, tents, tarpaulins, crates, trolleys, chairs and all other equipment associated with show setup.
- 12.2.1 The setback from the ringside to be 5m minimum from ringside on the arena.
- 12.2.2 Any item left before the above times will be removed to enable the ground preparations to be completed.
- 12.2.3 Tents/marquees or similar structures cannot be left up over the entire weekend unless they are being occupied on both days and must be erected in the manner as indicated in the instructions accompanying the said tent/marquee or similar structure.
- 12.2.4 Tarpaulins are not to be left on grounds of the main arena overnight or over a weekend.
- 12.2.5 All equipment is left at the risk of the owner/s and the Association accepts no liability for damage, loss or theft.

**12.3 Restrictions – Shade structures at All Breeds Championship Shows:**

- 12.3.1 No more than three (3) environ shades are permitted to be linked together, with a metre space to be left at either end to enable an additional walkway.

**12.4 Restrictions - Pavilion Area**

- 12.4.1 When shows are conducted under the pavilion, members are not permitted to use bricks or similar to hold down tarpaulins/mats.
- 12.4.2 All equipment is to be erected and not left lying flat.
- 12.4.3 Mats/tarpaulins or similar must be used on the green floor section of the pavilion at all times (except at ringside during judging), directly under the trolleys, grooming tables and/or crates. Mats/tarpaulins or similar in all areas of the pavilion must be of a reasonable size and they are not to be used to reserve an area.
- 12.4.4 Puppy pens are not to be utilised at one day All Breed Championship Shows held under the pavilion

**C13 CHARITY SHOWS:**

- 13.1 Charity shows are to be conducted in a manner, which will ensure that the proceeds will be mainly for the benefit of the charity.
- 13.2 Trophies and sashes are to be provided for Best in Show and Runner Up and sashes only for Class in Show awards, except that additional awards may be made, if donated. Trophies and sashes may not exceed a value as determined by Governing Council from time to time.
- 13.3 No charges are to be involved for Judges' accommodation and Judges' travel within the metropolitan area, except with the agreement of the Charity concerned.

**C14 STEWARDING**

- 14.1 Chief Stewards may not handle any dog in the ring at shows at which they are officiating.
- 14.2 Gate and Ring Stewards may not enter any dog which is owned or part owned by them under the same judge with whom they have been officiating at that show.
- 14.3 This Regulation is to be applied at all metropolitan shows; it is preferable but not mandatory at shows outside a radius of 100 kilometres of the Perth City Centre.
- 14.4 Stewards shall not discuss exhibits and exhibitors with the judge or in the vicinity of the judge, before the show or whilst the show is in progress. **01/03**

**C15 ELIGIBILITY**

Only Ordinary Members or concessional Ordinary Members are permitted to enter Main Register dogs in Conformation Shows. Refer ANKC – Part 6 Section 3 – Imported Dogs and B16 – Eligibility of Exhibitor, Competitor and Exhibit for any other criteria. **01/09**

**C16 JUDGES' APPOINTMENTS**

- 16.1 For events held on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, Interstate and Overseas judges may not judge the same group in the Perth metropolitan area within a period of two (2) years. **(03/25)**
- 16.2 **(Removed 04/25)**

**C17 HANDLERS**

- 17.1 Excepting as provided for in 17.2, handlers at all competitions must be financial members of the Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which they reside.
- 17.2 A person, who is not a resident of Australia, and is able to provide written advice to the Secretary of the Affiliate conducting the event from the recognized Controlling Body of their Country of Residence that they are permitted to handle dogs at championship exhibitions held in that country, may handle at all competitions conducted by Member Bodies for a period of up to three months on each visit.

**C18 DISQUALIFICATION FROM CONFORMATION EXHIBITION**

- 18.1 For Conformation purposes, a dog six months of age or over shall not be accepted as physically entire unless both testicles have fully descended and are in the scrotum. Any dog disqualified for this reason at a Conformation Show or otherwise proven shall be placed on the Limited Register and remain there until it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Member body that it is physically entire or in the case of a Neutered dog, in which case it can be moved to the Neuter Register. **(05/00)**
- 18.2 Dogs imported into Australia with cropped ears in accordance with ANKC Regulation Part 6 - 6.11.1 may be displayed only at conformation exhibitions where a noncompetitive display classes are offered.

**C19 Access to Exhibition Grounds**

A dog exhibitor who has already paid an entry fee to the Dog Section of the show, shall not be required to pay a gate admission charge into the fixture.

**C20 CHANGES TO JUDGES**

Any changes to judges must be advised to exhibitors as soon as the Clubs (including Royal Shows) are made aware of these changes.

**C21 HANDLING and CONTROL of DOGS**

Handling of dogs is to be done in a humane way that will not cause distress to the dog. In particular, lifting an exhibit from the ground to the table by means of head and tail is not Permitted. **(05/20 effective 07/20)**