

**SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 10 FEBRUARY 2024**

At the February 2024 Dogs Australia Special Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

1. * Dogs Australia Rules for the Conduct of SprintDog™

It was RESOLVED that Dogs Australia approve the Rules for the Conduct of SprintDog™ Trials and the Dogs Australia SprintDog Qualifying Certificate to be effective from 1 July 2024.

2. * Dogs Australia Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials

It was RESOLVED to rescind the October 2023 Board meeting decision to amend the Glossary in the Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials as follows:

Page 3 Fouling

Present Rule:

A dog which fouls at any time while it is under the control of the Judge must be disqualified

Change to:

A dog which fouls at any time while it is under the control of the Judge must be disqualified **and removed from the ring immediately.**

Page 4 Disqualification

Present rule:

No points awarded. The dog is disqualified from all Trial Competition on the day and the Judge must provide a written report to the Member Body within 14 days – the only exception being in the instances where the disqualification was incurred for continual barking, a correction penalty, fouling the ring or for handlers bringing training aids into the ring.

Change to:

No points awarded. The dog is disqualified from all Trial Competition on the day and the Judge must provide a written report to the Member Body within 14 days. **The only exception being In instances where the disqualification was incurred for continual barking, a correction penalty, fouling the ring or for handlers bringing training aids into the ring, handlers will only be disqualified from that class and no report is required.**

Note: This rescission motion will be effective 1 July 2024.

It was RESOLVED for these amendments to be referred to the National Obedience & Tracking Committee for recommendation.

3. * Dogs Australia Canine Grooming Committee

It was RESOLVED that a new National Canine Grooming Committee be formed comprising of the following confirmed State Representatives:

Convenor	Mrs May Wong
DOGS ACT	To be advised
DOGS WEST	Ms Charmaine Cayeux – Approved by Dogs West
DOGS QLD	Ms Tara Tinsey - Approved by Dogs Queensland
DOGS NT	To be advised
DOGS NSW	Mr Angus Mcllwraith - Approved by Dogs NSW
DOGS SA	To be advised
DOGS TAS	Mr Raf Broomhall - Approved by Dogs Tas
DOGS VIC	Mrs Leanne Trotter - Approved by Dogs Vic

4. * Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Section 7 – Amendment

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Section 7 Order of Judging be amended as follows:

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7.1.5

(h) Where an All Breeds Championship Show is not concluding at General Specials as defined in 7.1.7 all in Group awards are to be signified as Best in Group, Runner-up in Group and Classes in Group as offered.

7.1.6

(h) Where an All Breeds Championship Show is not concluding at General Specials as defined in 7.1.8 all in Group awards are to be signified as Best Neuter in Group, Runner-up Neuter in Group and Neuter Classes in Group as offered.

and Section 8 Alternative in-Group and in-Show Placing System be amended as follows:

8.3.7

General Specials is to be offered at all Alternative in-Group and in-Show Placing System Championship Shows

The following procedure is to be adhered to:

Where an affiliate is conducting more than one show on the same day and General Specials are not to be offered, it may only be at on the last show on that day.

Note: These amendments will be effective 1 April 2024.

5. * Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Clause 9.7.1 – Amendment

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 5, Conformation Show Clause 9.7.1 be amended to read.

Existing

- a. **Classes ineligible for the CACIB to be awarded:** (Amended 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)
 - Class 1 Baby Puppy For dogs aged three and under six months.
 - Class 2 Minor Puppy For dogs aged six and under nine months.
 - Class 3 Puppy For dogs aged six and under twelve months.
 - Class 12 Veteran For dogs aged eight years and over. (Added 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)
- b. **Classes eligible for the CACIB:** (Amended 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)
 - Class 4 Junior For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months. (providing the winner is over 15months of age)
 - Class 5 Intermediate For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
 - Class 11 Open For dogs 15 months and over that are not Champions
 - Class 21 Champion To enter a dog in Champion Class, the title must have been confirmed by the issue of a Registered Pedigree Certificate with the title added by the day of the official closing date of entries.

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- a. **Classes ineligible for the CACIB to be awarded:** (Amended 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)
 - Class 1 Baby Puppy For dogs aged three and under six months. (Optional)
 - Class 2 Minor Puppy For dogs aged six and under nine months. (Optional)
 - Class 3 Puppy For dogs aged six and under twelve months. (Optional)
 - Class 4 Junior For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months. (Compulsory)
 - Class 12 Veteran For dogs aged eight years and over. (Compulsory) (Added 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)

- b. **Classes eligible for the CACIB:** (Amended 02/23, 5.11 – Effective 01/07/23)
Class 5 Intermediate For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months. **(Compulsory)**
Class 11 Open For dogs 15 months and over that are not Champions **(Compulsory)**
Class 21 Champion **(Compulsory)** To enter a dog in Champion Class, the title must have been confirmed by the issue of a Registered Pedigree Certificate with the title added by the day of the official closing date of entries.

Note: These amendments will be effective 1 April 2024.

6. * Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Clause 9.7.1 – Amendment

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 5, Conformation Show Clauses 9.5.5 and 9.5.6 be amended to read.

Existing

- 9.5.5 At all shows with few entries the organisers are permitted to have different groups judged together in the ring of honour for “Best in Group” competitions; however, this does not apply to World and Section Shows.
- 9.5.6 In accordance with the above provision, at FCI/CACIB Shows conducted in Australia the following combined groups may be utilised:
- a. Group 1 Sheepdogs and Cattle- Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)
 - b. Group 2 Pinschers and Schnauzers – Molossoid Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs
 - c. Group 3 Terrier Group
 - d. Combined Group 4 Dachshunds Group 6 Scenthounds and related breeds Group 10 Sighthounds
 - e. Group 5 Spitz and Primitive Types
 - f. Combined Group 7 Pointing dogs Group 8 Retrievers – Flushing dogs – Water dogs
 - g. Group 9 Companion and Toy dogs

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- 9.5.5 At all FCI-CACIB shows, for the “Best in Group” final competitions, the 10 FCI groups must be judged separately in the main ring.
- 9.5.6 Reserved

Note: These amendments will be effective 1 July 2024.

- * **New or Amended regulations, policy statements, procedures, publications and listings will be made available from the Dogs Australia website.**

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ADMINISTRATOR