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**SECTION 3 - EXHIBITIONS**  
**RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF EXHIBITIONS**

**3.1 GENERAL**

- 3.1.1 These Rules shall apply to all Exhibitions held in the Northern Territory and all Members, Exhibitors or persons attending, such Exhibitions and all Affiliates shall be deemed to have expressly agreed to submit to carry out, enforce, and be bound by the NACA Rules.
- 3.1.2 Any person who takes part in any matter coming within these Rules shall be held thereby to consent to be bound by them.
- 3.1.3 Any person causing annoyance by loud comments on a decision of a Judge, or being guilty of unsportsmanlike or unseemly actions while in the precincts of the Exhibition, may be removed from the Exhibition and/or disciplinary action may be taken.
- 3.1.4 Exhibitors and dogs participating at an exhibition do so at their own risk.
- 3.1.5 All Rules, Regulations, Definitions or Instructions in the nature of Rules and Regulations printed in the Schedule shall be deemed to be the rules of the Exhibition and shall have the same effect as if they formed part of these Rules PROVIDED they are not inconsistent with NACA Rules.
- 3.1.6 Should an occasion arise when the Rules and/or Regulations of an Affiliate are inconsistent with these Rules on any matter, those of the NACA shall prevail.
- 3.1.7 Any matter arising affecting the conduct and management of an affiliated exhibition and not specifically provided for under these regulations shall be decided by the Council, whose ruling shall be final and binding.
- 3.1.8 A levy is charged when entering an exhibition in the NT and becomes payable on the first entry of each exhibit based on ownership.
- 3.1.9 The use of firearms (Including imitation firearms and starting pistols) at any Championship Exhibition, Parade or other Conformation fixture will not be permitted.
- 3.1.10 To ensure the welfare of all dogs, under no circumstances are vehicles to be left with the engine running whilst parked at exhibitions. Failure to comply may incur disciplinary action.

## **3.2 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

3.2.1 It shall be deemed a serious offence for any official of an Affiliate to disclose information to unauthorised persons, as to the entries or entrants in an Exhibition prior to the start of the exhibition.

## **3.3 ADVERTISING**

3.3.1 At Exhibitions, Exhibitors may be permitted (at the discretion of the Exhibition Committee) to display advertising material. The display must be executed attractively, and shall be removed promptly if deemed by the Exhibition Manager, to be misleading, contrary to the Rules or otherwise undesirable.

## **3.4 PERMISSION – PRIOR TO EVENT**

3.4.1 No Affiliate shall hold or conduct any Exhibition without permission having been granted by the NACA.

3.4.2 Any Affiliated body that wishes to apply to change the date or to cancel a sanctioned exhibition that has been allocated for the holding of an affiliate shall make such application no later than 6 (six) months prior to the scheduled date of the fixture. Applications received after that date will not be considered unless there are extenuating circumstances. If an affiliated body does not comply with the above procedure NACA may:-

- (a) impose such penalty on the affiliated body as it deems is warranted or
- (b) may withdraw or deny approval for any, or all, future exhibitions scheduled to be conducted by the affiliated body.

3.4.3 Any Affiliate desiring, to hold an Exhibition shall make application, in writing, to the NACA by such date as the NACA shall determine or at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Exhibition.

3.4.4 At least four (4) months prior to the proposed date of any Exhibition, the Affiliate shall submit:

- a) Schedule in such a manner as may from time to time be prescribed by Council,
- b) appropriate fees,
- c) for Exhibitions (Conformation) a signed Judges contract/s for each Class/Breed of dog, for approval, or otherwise, by the NACA.
- d) for Exhibitions (Trial) a signed Judges contract for each discipline that the judge is judging on the day.

- 3.4.5 For Conformation Exhibitions at least one (1) month prior to the proposed date of any Exhibition, the Affiliate shall submit a signed ring steward/s contract in such a manner as may from time to time be prescribed by Council for each exhibition.
- 3.4.6 “Ring Stewards at conformation exhibitions must be a member of a Controlling Body of the ANKC and on the Ring Stewards Panel in that State/Territory”.
- 3.4.7 Unless the special permission of the Council is obtained, documentation prescribed at 3.4.4 & 3.4.5 that is not submitted on the Official form shall be returned to the Affiliate. A penalty maybe imposed if conditions set out in 3.4.4 & 3.4.5 are not met.
- 3.4.8 No Exhibitions are to be conducted in the same town at the same time or on the same day if not held in conjunction with each other without prior approval of the NACA.
- 3.4.9 Where an Affiliate wishes to make any special requirement of the exhibitors, this must be stated on the schedule and approved by Council.
- 3.4.10 Where an Affiliate wishes to make provision to a commercial operation at the exhibition they must
- (a) apply in writing to Council
  - (b) pay the prescribed fee to Council
  - (c) provide adequate proof of suitable insurance cover as required by Council

### **3.5 SCHEDULES AND CATALOGUES**

- 3.5.1 A notification to the effect that the body is Affiliated with the NACA, and that the Exhibition is held under NACA Rules and that a copy of the Rules will be available at the Exhibition, must be inserted in the Catalogue.
- 3.5.2 Both Schedule and Catalogue shall state -
- (a) The correct status of the Exhibition - whether Championship Exhibition, Members' Parade, Open Parade, etc;
  - (b) The name of the Judge for each Breed of dog; and the Schedule shall state the Closing Date of entries.
  - (c) Exhibitors and dogs participating at an exhibition do so at their own risk.

- 3.5.3 Both Schedule and Catalogue shall state -
- (a) The type of Exhibition
  - (b) Judge's for each Breed of dog or Exhibition Event
  - (c) Exhibitors and dogs participating at an exhibition do so at their own risk

The Schedule shall also state the Closing Date of entries and the judging order for any Special Classes offered.

- 3.5.4 All Schedules and Catalogues shall contain the details of all Special Prizes for which more than one (1) win is required. A list of the names and the number of wins and/or points recorded by each prior winner shall be listed in Catalogues.
- 3.5.5 The conditions as set out in the approved Schedule and Exhibition catalogue must be strictly adhered to unless the permission of Council is obtained no less than 7 (seven) days prior to the event Exhibitors shall be given the option of withdrawing their exhibits and receiving a refund of their entry Fee.
- 3.5.6 A reasonable number of Catalogues must be made available to the public at all Exhibitions held under these Rules.
- 3.5.7 The following words must be printed in all Conformation Exhibition catalogues:-  
"ANKC Challenge & Best of Breed Certificates are offered at this Exhibition, one (1) Challenge Certificate for each sex of every Breed and one (1) Best of Breed Certificate replacing the Challenge Certificate for the Best of Breed winner. These certificates will be awarded at the discretion of the judge."
- The name of the Exhibitor and the registered name of the exhibit, including any Titles, together with the dog's date of birth and registration number, shall be published in Catalogues.
- EXCEPT** that Parade Catalogues need only the name of the Exhibitor, the registered name and number, and date of birth of the exhibit.
- 3.5.8 Catalogues must also include the names of the: -
- (a) Exhibition Manager
  - (b) Ring Steward/s
  - (c) NACA Representative

### 3.6 ENTRIES

#### ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER AN EXHIBITION

- 3.6.1 At the official closing date for entries advertised in the Schedule. The exhibits must be registered with, and the owners/partners owners must be financial members of a state controlling body affiliated with the ANKC.
- 3.6.2 Handlers at all competitions must be financial members of a state controlling body affiliated with the ANKC. The minimum age to handle an exhibit at approved NT exhibitions is seven (7) years of age.
- 3.6.3 To enter a dog in an exhibition all details on the approved entry form must be completed by at least one owner or lessee who is also a member of an ANKC recognised controlling body and endorsed with an original signature of the member.
- 3.6.4 The committee of an Affiliate shall have the right to accept entries after the advertised closing date published in the schedule provided the decision is made at a properly convened and constituted meeting of that committee. The decision to accept these entries must be contained in the Affiliates official meeting minutes.
- 3.6.5 The entry form must be forwarded to the Affiliate conducting the exhibition together with the prescribed fee.
- 3.6.6 Any person making an entry for an Exhibition shall be liable for the Fees payable whether or not the dog entered is exhibited.
- 3.6.7 It is the responsibility of the owner or lessee to ensure that all information supplied on the entry form is correct. (to clarify this rule applies to entry forms only – all other official forms must be signed by all parties)
- 3.6.8 (a) ENCLOSED Shoes must be worn when exhibiting a dog in any Exhibition
- (b) No spike shoes will be allowed to be worn at any exhibition unless otherwise specified
- 3.6.9 When entered for any Exhibition, a dog must be solely and unconditionally the property of, or Leased by, the Exhibitor in accordance with Rules in Section 7.
- 3.6.10 Any dog over the age of six (6) months entered in a Conformation Exhibition must be entire with two apparently normal testes descended and in the scrotum. **Veteran class & Neuter class accepted.**

3.6.11 Registered) Associate dogs shall be admitted into all Trials except where eligibility restrictions have been determined by the Trial Rules of the ANKC.

3.6.12 For Junior Handler Classes only, the exhibit to be handled must be over the age of 12 months. It must be entered in the Exhibition or an entry form must be lodged noting the class as “Junior Handler Only”. If the dog is not entered in the Exhibition then application must be made to the Exhibition Manager to have the dog on the grounds (refer Rule 3.36.1).

### **3.7 EXPOSURE TO DISEASE**

3.7.1 All dogs entered in any sanctioned Exhibition must have been inoculated against Distemper, Parvo Virus & hepatitis within the preceding 12 months and must not have been exposed to the risk of any infectious or contagious diseases within seven weeks prior to the date of the exhibition. Signing the Owners Declaration shall indicate acceptance of this condition of entry.

The owner of any dog entered in an exhibition held under these rules may be called upon at anytime by Council or its representative to provide proof of inoculation in the form of an inoculation certificate from a qualified Veterinarian or a statutory declaration if required.

3.7.2 An Exhibitor knowingly entering a dog which is suffering from, or within seven (7) weeks immediately preceding an Exhibition has been exposed to Distemper, Parvo Virus Hepatitis or other debilitating disease, shall render the owner liable to such punishment as Council may decide.

### **3.8 REFUSAL OF ENTRIES**

3.8.1 Entries may be refused if not made out in accordance with the rules of the NACA.

3.8.2 The committee of an affiliated club shall have the right to refuse the entry or entries submitted by any exhibitor provided the decision is made at the properly convened and constituted meeting of that committee. The Affiliate must notify the NACA within three (3) Days of such a decision.

3.8.3 Any exhibitor so penalised shall be notified within three (3) days of the closing date of entries of the Exhibition concerned. The exhibitor shall have the right of an appeal to Council within seven (7) days of receiving the notice.

3.8.4 Should any member offend at a club event, exhibition or otherwise, and it is considered by the club that it would be justified in refusing a future entry or entries the offending member is to be notified

immediately after the decision is taken and the reason provided to the member in writing.

3.8.5 Council may call upon the committee at any time to give its reasons for any such refusal.

3.8.6 All entry forms must be kept by the club for at least three (3) months from the last day of the Exhibition and, on request be delivered to the NACA.

### **3.9 CLOSE OF ENTRIES**

3.9.1 Entries for any Exhibition shall close twenty one (21) clear days before the opening date of the Exhibition or as published in the Schedule. (Refer Rule 3.6.4 and in special circumstances, different closing dates may be approved in writing by Council).

3.9.2 If an Exhibitor reports before the judging of a Conformation Class that he has entered a dog in a Class for which it is ineligible, the Exhibition Manager shall transfer such dog to the appropriate Class as determined by age or to the Open Class of its Breed and sex before judging commences.

3.9.3 In cases where the information supplied on a entry form differs from that on the Registration Certificate, the latter shall be regarded as correct for the purpose of the Exhibition and until a rectification is properly made thereto.

### **3.10 EXHIBITIONS**

3.10.1 The first day of an Exhibition means the first day on which judging of dogs commences.

### **3.11 POSTPONEMENT OF AN EXHIBITION**

3.11.1 An Exhibition may not be postponed for more than one (1) month unless with the special permission of the Council. (Refer also 3.14.2)

### **3.12 AGE OF DOGS**

3.12.1 In all Classes limited to dogs of a specified age, the age of the dog on the first day of the Exhibition shall be taken as being his age. A dogs age is determined on the anniversary of his birth in both months and years i.e.; a dog born on January the 10th turns four months old at 00.01 hrs on May 10th of the same year. He turns one year old at 00.01 hrs on January 10th of the following year.

3.12.2 If, after the closing date for entry, any Exhibition is postponed for not more than one (1) month, the age of the dogs entered shall be computed to the original date of the Exhibition as advertised in the Schedule. If an Exhibition is postponed for MORE than 1 month - then all ages of dogs must be re-assessed.



### **3.13 BREEDS AND PURE BRED VARIETIES**

3.13.1 The Groups, Breeds and Varieties of Breeds shall be those adopted by the ANKC from time to time. The Varieties of Breeds shall be taken as referring to the pure bred varieties.

### **3.14 RING SIZE**

3.14.1 The minimum size of a Conformation ring will be fifteen by twenty metres (15m x 20m), or for indoor rings a minimum of 240 square metres unless permission has been granted by Council. Exhibition ring sizes are prescribed in the ANKC Rule books for each trial discipline.

### **3.15 CLASSES**

3.15.1 No Conformation Classes, other than those prescribed by the ANKC or having prior approval from Council shall be offered. The total number of Classes provided for any one breed or variety of breed shall not exceed the maximum laid down by the NACA from time to time.

3.15.2 At all Conformation Exhibitions, including All Breeds and Specialist Exhibitions, unless approval is applied and granted from Council all Classes must be judged through to In Show Awards.

3.15.3 The following judging order shall apply to all Conformation Exhibitions, unless permission has been granted by Council;

(a) Breeds judged in order from Baby Puppy through to Open Neutered Class;

at the conclusion of Breed judging,

(b) Group awards shall be judged commencing with Best Exhibit and Runner Up to Best Exhibit,

then classes from

(c) Baby Puppy to Open Neutered Class.

Special Classes (e.g. Veterans) at the conclusion of all Group judging,

(d) General Specials in Show awards shall be made commencing with Best Exhibit and Runner Up to Best Exhibit.

then classes from Baby Puppy to Open Neutered Class.

Special Classes (e.g. Veterans) at the conclusion of all general Special judging,

Judging order of Special Classes must be advertised in the schedule.

3.15.4 Junior Handler Classes are conducted under ANKC rules.

**3.16 BEST of BREED/CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES**

3.16.1 Best of Breed & Challenge certificates are issued as per the ANKC rules/regulations.

**3.17 NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS**

3.17.1 Where a national Exhibition is held, no challenge certificates shall be offered or awarded for the breed/s involved in the national Exhibition, as per ANKC Regulations.

**3.18 PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

3.18.1 A minimum value of \$100.00 is set for a perpetual trophy plus suitable engraving to the requirements of Council and additional shields or plaques thereon.

**3.19 SPECIAL PRIZES**

3.19.1 A Special Prize (of any descriptions is one that is offered for competition for which **NO** entry fee is charged.

3.19.2 No dog shall be eligible to compete for a Special Prize at any Exhibition if, at that Exhibition, it has been beaten by a dog which is itself, eligible to compete for such Special Prize, or by a dog which has been beaten by an eligible one.

3.19.3 No dog shall be eligible to compete for a Special Prize unless it has competed in at least one (1) Ordinary Class at that Exhibition, provided that this last condition shall not affect the eligibility of any dog to compete for a Special Prize limited to the winner of a Special Class or Classes in which it is entered.

**3.20 APPOINTED JUDGES FOR SPECIAL PRIZES**

3.20.1 At all Exhibitions and Parades, a Judge or Judges to act conjointly, shall be appointed especially to judge all Special Prizes which involve adjudication on breeds of dogs which are scheduled to be judged by more than one (1) Judge. Save as aforesaid, no single Judge shall award a Special Prize which is scheduled to be judged by more than one (1) Judge.

3.20.2 Subject to Rules 3.19.2 and 3.19.3, all Special Prizes shall be confined to exhibits which have competed in the Class or Classes of the same description as such Special Prizes, provided that:-

- (a) if there is no such Class offered for a breed or variety of breed, the fact shall not debar exhibits of that breed or variety of breed from competing for the Special Prize;

- (b) unless the conditions under which a Special Prize is offered for puppies define the age of such puppies, all exhibits which have competed in a Class or Classes for exhibits twelve (12) months of age or under of the breed or variety of breed stated, shall be eligible to compete therefore (subject to Clause 3.20.2 (a) above).

### **3.21 PRIZES**

- 3.21.1 No Prizes for which more than one (1) win is required shall be accepted by any Affiliate without the approval of the NACA.
- 3.21.2 No Class, Prize, or Special Prize for dogs at any Open Exhibition shall be confined to dogs owned by a particular class or description of persons (Classes, Prizes or Special Prizes for exhibits excluded), unless a corresponding Class, Prize or Special Prize which is open to all dogs owned by all persons is offered, provided that when classification for only one (1) breed is offered this Rule shall apply to the awards 'Best Dog', 'Best Bitch' and 'Best Dog or Bitch'.
- 3.21.3 No Class prize, or Special Prize may be inaugurated for dogs from a specified kennel or kennels or for the descendants of a specified dog or dogs (Progeny Class excepted), and no prize of free service by any dog shall be permitted.
- 3.21.4 Conformation Affiliates are required to allocate not less than 20% of the total entry fees received towards trophies. This requirement includes the cost of trophies & sashes but excludes sponsor product. (1 Jul 04)

### **3.22 RIBBONS, SASHES AND AWARD CARDS**

- 3.22.1 At all Exhibitions held under these Rules, other than those excepted by Council, wherever ribbons and/or Award cards are presented as Prizes, the name of the Affiliate conducting the Exhibition must be clearly marked on them.
- 3.22.2 Sashes must include the name of the Affiliate, the nature of the Exhibition and the appropriate Classes for which the sash is awarded. This excludes place ribbons and challenge ribbons.
- 3.22.3 Where Cards or Certificates are awarded at Exhibitions, the name and breed or variety of breed of the winning dog must be Exhibition thereon, together with the name or description of the Class or other competition in which the prize was won.
- 3.22.4 If cards are awarded at Parades, they shall not bear more than the name of the club, the date of the fixture, whether first, second or third prize, and the words 'Open Parade' or 'Members Parade' as the case may be.

**3.23      DUPLICATE CARDS & RIBBONS**

3.23.1      Duplicate Award Cards or ribbons, if available, may be issued by the Affiliate concerned, only if the identifiable remains of the originals are produced, or they are lost or not received by the owner. Such issue to be approved by the host Committee

**3.24      WITHHOLDING OF AWARDS**

3.24.1      Where an objection has been lodged against any exhibit, no Award or Prize shall be granted until such objection has been dealt with.

**3.25      DELIVERY OF PRIZES**

3.25.1      All scheduled Awards/Prizes are to be presented at the Exhibition. Should exceptional circumstances make any Award not available, it must be forwarded to the Exhibitor within sixty (60) days of the close of the Exhibition.

3.25.2      Each Affiliate shall be deemed responsible for all Prizes or the monetary value thereof, offered for competition at its exhibitions.

**3.26      AFFILIATES MUST PROVIDE AT FIXTURES**

- (a)      First Aid box
- (b)      a bowl of suitable disinfectant and a towel
- (c)      a copy of the current NACA Rules and Constitution
- (d)      a copy of the current relevant ANKC Regulations
- (e)      a copy of the current breed standards
- (f)      a copy of the current ANKC Junior Handler Manual
- (g)      all entries received pertaining to that exhibition.

**3.27      DOGS IN HARNESS & IDENTIFICATION**

3.27.1      A dog in harness, or a dog wearing a collar on which the name of the dog or its owner appears, shall not be allowed to enter the Judging Ring.

**3.28      AT AN EXHIBITION**

3.28.1      Dogs shall be at the place of exhibition by the time stipulated in the Schedule.

3.28.2      Dogs must be under effective control at all times whilst in the precincts of any exhibition.

3.28.3 Once dogs are called up for their breed/group judging they are required to remain in the assembly area until completion of their breed/group judging.

### **3.29 VETERINARY EXAMINATION**

3.29.1 At any Exhibition where a qualified veterinary surgeon has been appointed, he shall examine each dog near the entrance to the Exhibition, during the specified vetting period.

3.29.2 It shall be the duty of the veterinary surgeon to refuse to allow any dog to enter the Exhibition if, in his opinion, it is suffering any contagious or infectious disease, or has any external parasites. If on examination It is found a dog is not entire (an entire dog is one which has two (2) apparently normal testes descended and in the scrotum), such dog shall be reported to the Exhibition Manager.

3.29.3 A Steward or Stewards shall be appointed at every Exhibition where a veterinary inspection is made for the purpose of establishing that each exhibit has been passed by the veterinary surgeon before it enters the judging ring.

3.29.4 Where dogs are brought to an Exhibition after the specified time for veterinary examination, the Exhibition Manager may, if satisfied that there is a reasonable excuse for late arrival, permit the dog to be examined and if passed, the dog shall be eligible to compete. Once the Veterinary Surgeon has left the grounds, no further vetting may be undertaken.

3.29.5 Bitches in oestrus shall not be permitted on or near the exhibition grounds and no preparation for concealing oestrus shall be used.

3.29.6 If no veterinary surgeon is scheduled at Obedience, Tracking, Non-slip or other Exhibitions, bitches shall be presented for examination by two (2) Stewards before the commencement of judging. Stewards are to establish that a bitch is not in oestrus. Stewards may excuse from examination any bitch, which they are satisfied has been neutered.

3.29.7 The Judge may excuse a dog which he suspects may be carrying a contagious or infectious disease or which has external parasites from judging and the Exhibition Manager together with the Ring or Assembly Steward are empowered to refuse entry to a dog which they suspect may be carrying a contagious or infectious disease.

### **3.30 CONTAGIOUS AND/OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

3.30.1 In the case of any person who exhibits a dog which to his knowledge has been: -

- (a) Inoculated against distemper since the date which is two (2) weeks before that of this exhibition. The Exhibition Committee may suspend or disqualify such person and/or

dog from that Exhibition and shall send a full written statement of the proceeding to the NACA, within forty eight (48) hours of such suspension or disqualification.

### **3.31 EXHIBITION PAPERWORK**

- 3.31.1 Properly compiled chart(s) must be provided for each Judge. Chart/s must be signed by the Judge. The Exhibition Manager shall retain for at least three (3) months from the last day of the Exhibition; any documentation not submitted to the NACA.
- 3.31.2 The Exhibition Manager shall forward to the NACA, within ten (10) days of the closing of the Exhibition, an official Catalogue containing a full and correct list of all entries and with all the awards and absentees correctly marked therein, judge's book, charts, and Exhibition Manager's report.
- 3.31.3 It shall be the duty of the Exhibition Committee to report all such cases to the NACA within ten (10) days and to supply Council with all possible evidence of the actions and the names and addresses of witnesses. The responsibility of investigation and taking appropriate action in connection with unsportsmanlike or unseemly actions within the precincts of an Exhibition shall rest with the Council which shall deal with the matter and impose such penalty as it deems fit.
- 3.31.3 The Exhibition Manager shall forward to the NACA within ten (10) days of the closing of the exhibition, in writing, full particulars for all dogs found to be suffering from any of the diseases or defects referred to in Rule 3.31 or to have been prepared for exhibition in contravention of or otherwise than in accordance with these Rules.

### **3.32 PROCEDURES**

- 3.32.1 After the Ring Steward has given word to the Judge to proceed with the judging of a Class, no other Exhibit in that Class will be allowed to enter the judging ring, until that Class has been judged.
- 3.32.2 Interference with, and attracting the attention of, dogs whilst in the judging Ring, by any person outside the Ring shall not be permitted. In the event of such an occurrence, the Ring Steward shall be empowered, after having warned the offender, to suspend judging and order the removal from the Exhibition of the person causing the interference or attraction.
- 3.32.3 Undue interference in any way with other dogs or their handlers whilst in the judging Ring by any person inside the Ring shall not be permitted. In the event of such an occurrence, the Ring Steward shall be empowered to suspend judging and order the removal from the judging ring of the person causing the interference and/or the dog handled by such person.

3.32.4 At the time of judging, no person shall be allowed in the Judging Ring save the Judge, the properly appointed Steward or Stewards and the Exhibitor or his deputy with the dog eligible to compete in the Class or other competition.

3.32.5 Ring Stewards at conformation exhibitions must be a member of a Controlling Body of the ANKC and on the Ring Stewards Panel in that State/Territory.

### **3.33 CONDUCT OF AN EXHIBITION**

3.33.1 Exhibits (other than best in group winners) may leave the grounds prior to completion of the exhibition. Exhibits leaving the grounds must advise the exhibition manager. Best In Group winners leaving the grounds prior to completion of the exhibition will forfeit any prizes and/or awards unless there are extenuating circumstances to be determined by Council.

3.33.2 Any dog not Exhibition in all the Classes, in which it is correctly entered, shall be disqualified from winning and/or the Exhibitor from retaining any prize awarded at the Exhibition unless it has been properly withdrawn.

3.33.3 If a Challenge winner is found to be ineligible, the Reserve Challenge dog shall be awarded the points less one (1).

3.33.3 Judging of Conformation Classes shall take precedence and the Exhibition Committee shall allow competitors to exhibition out of catalogue order.

### **3.34 EXHIBITS ONLY**

3.34.1 No dog, other than an exhibit shall be allowed within the precincts of an Exhibition during its continuance, without the permission of the Exhibition Manager.

### **3.35 EXHIBIT NUMBERS**

3.35.1 All dogs entered for exhibition shall be allotted an Exhibit Number and the person handling such exhibit shall display such number clearly whilst the dog is being exhibited.

3.35.2 Numerals on Exhibit Numbers shall not be less than 3cm in height and of a proportionate width.

3.35.3 Not more than one (1) Exhibit Number is to be displayed by a handler at any one (1) time, and under no circumstances shall an exhibit be judged without the handler clearly displaying its correct Exhibit Number.

**3.36 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION**

3.36.1 Once entered for any Exhibition, a dog may not be withdrawn from competition unless notice has been given to the Exhibition Committee and its permission to do so obtained **EXCEPT-**

- (a) Where the Judge announced in a Schedule is changed. A dog may be withdrawn before the commencement of judging by the owner or his Agent by giving notice of his intention to the Exhibition Committee and, on application a refund of entry fees shall be made.
- (b) When Conformation and Obedience Classes are being held concurrently a dog may be withdrawn from either section without affecting its eligibility to compete in the other.
- (c) Where the closing date for entries has not passed a dog may be withdrawn from competition by the owner or his agent by giving notice of his intention to the Exhibition Committee and, on application a refund of entry fees shall be made.
- (d) Bitches entered in exhibition classes that come into oestrus after the close of entries may withdraw from competition without penalty.

**3.37 DAMAGE TO EXHIBITS**

3.37.1 Affiliates holding an Exhibition under these Rules, shall not under any circumstances hold itself responsible for any loss or mis-delivery of exhibits at the exhibition or any damage thereto.

**3.38 DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEIT OF PRIZES**

3.38.1 A dog may be disqualified from exhibition and/or the Exhibitor from retaining any Prizes awarded in connection with it at the Exhibition concerned by Council direct, or by the Exhibition Committee on objection, subject to appeal to Council if it is proved that:

- (a) any act which otherwise alters the natural formation of the dog or any part thereof, or anything has been done which is calculated to deceive
- (b) the dog is defective -In hearing, or totally blind