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General regulations for shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments

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Any changes required as a result of Swedish legislation or FCI regulations will be found at SKK's website www.skk.se.

General regulations for shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments organised by Svenska Kennelklubben (SKK/ the Swedish Kennel Club), provincial kennel clubs, breed clubs affiliated with SKK, and/ or by breed clubs affiliated by agreement. In case of interpreting of the show regulations only the Swedish version is valid.

The following General regulations apply to official (SKK Register) shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments arranged by Svenska Kennelklubben (SKK), by provincial kennel clubs and breed clubs affiliated with SKK, and by breed clubs affiliated by agreement. In addition, the applicable parts of SKK's rules and the regulations issued by authorities also apply.

Introduction and responsibility

Bringing dogs together for shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments places requirements on both the organizer and dog owners/handlers in order to be able to maintain good protection against infectious diseases and harm to humans, owners' own dogs and other animals.

The dog's welfare always takes top priority at all SKK events.

It is also important that the results of judging are not affected by undue circumstances.

Participants and functionaries are obliged to act or perform in such a way that they do not harm or act against SKK or its member organisations, and not to act in such a way that they affect other dogs' chances of being

judged fairly at shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments, and not to make disparaging comments about other dogs, officials or participants.

All dogs must be made available for the examinations and taking of samples that may be necessary in connection with checking for doping and other undue circumstances.

During shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments, dog owners or their representatives are responsible in accordance with the Swedish Supervision of Dogs and Cats Act.

Organising clubs discharge themselves and their officials from all liability for harm or loss that dog owners may sustain in connection with shows, trials, competitions or behavioral assessments. The same applies to damage caused by dogs during shows, trials, competitions or behavioral assessments if such damage is not demonstrably a result of obviously inadequate organisation.

Physically punishing dogs is forbidden.

When a veterinary certificate is referred to for a dog, this must be issued on an SKK-approved form (e.g. Swedish Veterinary Association form F145 or equivalent). The following details must be included in order for the certificate to be accepted: breed, name, registration number, ID-number, description of injury, whether this has been acquired, what the intervention relates to, action, reason for action and, if a body part has been removed, a comment on its appearance. An

original copy of the certificate must always be brought to the show.

Certified copy is accepted as original.

Organisers are entitled to make copies of veterinary certificates.

Person may not enter or show dogs at shows, trials, competitions, behavioral assessments, or take part with a progeny group or breeders group, who:

- has been banned from handling and keeping animals by the authorities
- has been excluded by the SKK's Disciplinary Board from the SKK organisation
- has been banned from taking part in shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments by SKK's Disciplinary Board, SKK Central Board, a Nordic kennel club or the FCI
- has chosen to leave the SKK organisation during an ongoing investigation by SKK's Disciplinary Board.

Dog owners are responsible for dogs not being shown/handled by a person who has been excluded or has been banned from handling and keeping animals by the authorities or has left the SKK organisation during an ongoing investigation by SKK's Disciplinary Board.

Dogs may not take part in shows, trials, competitions or behavioral assessments, which in the six months prior have been owned by a person who has been excluded or banned from entering, showing or letting another person show a dog at trial, competition or behavioral assessment by the SKK's Disciplinary Board.

A person that has been excluded or banned by the SKK's Central Board in accordance to SKK's statute § 9 has no right to enter the show, trial, competition, behavioral assessment or other arrangement venues.

Results awarded in official classes will be recorded by SKK. Only registered dogs can achieve a champion title.

1. Vaccinations

Participating foreign dogs must be brought into Sweden in accordance with Swedish import requirements for dogs in relation to rabies vaccinations and deworming against tapeworms (echinococcus).

Participating dogs and other dogs that are allowed to enter the venue must be vaccinated against distemper as follows:

Dogs under the age of one (1) year: at the age of at least ten (10) weeks.

Dogs over the age of one (1) year: the dog must be vaccinated at the age of at least ten (10) months, and not more than four (4) years ago.

First-time vaccination must be carried out at least fourteen (14) days before the day of the trial, competition and/or show.

Checks may be carried out to ensure that the applicable import and vaccination requirements have been followed.

In addition, SKK recommend that participating dogs are vaccinated against parvovirus infection and parainfluenza (kennel cough).

2. Identification number

Dogs must have an identification number in order to take part in show, trial, competition or behavioral assessment.

The identification may be carried out by tattooing or with a microchip implant that complies with ISO standards 11784 and 11785.

At shows organised by the SKK General Committee or an SKK provincial kennel club, the organiser is responsible for providing a microchip scanner.

Identification checks may be carried out through random inspections.

3. Responsibility regarding keeping the dog

Those taking part in shows, trials, competitions and behavioral assessments are responsible for dogs being kept in such a way

that they cannot harm themselves or others. Under no circumstances may dogs be kept in cars, dog cages, tents or similar in such conditions that they could come to harm.

If the dog owner or their representative during the show, trial, competition, behavioral assessment or club organised activity keeps a dog in contravention of the above, they shall be reported by the functionary on duty to SKK on a specific form.

Examples of functionaries are: organising committee, show manager, veterinarian on duty, trial or competition leaders, judges, ring steward, instructor and as well figurant to trials. It is incumbent upon the organiser to ensure that the form is available at the event.

4. Unacceptable behaviour

Dogs that demonstrate unacceptable behaviour during shows, trials, competitions, behavioral assessments and other activities organised by a club within SKK by showing aggression, attacking or otherwise appearing to be threatening towards people and/or other dogs or domestic animals shall be reported on a specific form by the serving officials.

Serving judges and officials are obliged to report to SKK in writing, using a specific form if a dog demonstrates unacceptable behaviour in accordance with the regulations above. This applies even if the serving officials not self has witnessed the unacceptable behavioural of a dog. The organising club is responsible for ensuring that this form is available at the event.

Examples of officials include: Show committee members, show managers, veterinarians on duty, trial or competition organisers, ring stewards, instructors and figurants at trials.

Reported dog may be dismissed from the venue.

5. Force majeure

The organiser is not obliged to refund entry fees if the event is cancelled as a result of force majeure.

Neither SKK nor its member organisations are responsible for loss or direct or indirect costs caused as a result of an event not being held. Nor are elected representatives, employees or officials of SKK or its member organisations who have made a decision on such an event responsible for loss or direct or indirect costs.

6. Prohibited from taking part in shows, trials and competitions

Mental attributes

Dogs that have been Disqualified or awarded 0 grade with regard to mental attributes on three (3) occasions are not entitled to take part.

Serving judge obtain the right at all shows, trials, competitions and descriptions to hand out Disqualified referring to mentality if the judge assesses that the dog, based on the current show, trial, competition or behavioral assessment exhibits aggression or a clear tendency to flee in the ring, i.e. a dog which has panicked and shied away from the judge, and where it has not been possible to approach the dog in a natural manner.

Unsound dogs

Dogs that have been Disqualified with regard to anatomical abnormalities which clearly affects the health and soundness of the dog on three (3) occasions are not entitled to take part.

A dog that has been Disqualified with regard to anatomical abnormalities which clearly affects the health and soundness of the dog due to obvious breathing problems on one (1) occasion is not entitled to take part. If a dog has been banned to take part due to such Disqualification because of breathing problems, there may be a possibility for the dog owner to apply to SKK for reconsideration.

Infectious diseases

Dogs suffering from an infectious disease or infestation of vermin may not take part.

Dogs may not take part if during the last month they have had or are suspected to have had distemper, parvovirus infection or kennel cough, or if during the last month they have been spending time with a dog that has had any of these diseases.

Dogs may not take part earlier than two months after completing a period in quarantine.

Bitches in whelp and bitches rearing puppies

Bitches in whelp may not take part in shows, trials, competitions, or behavioral assessments in the 30 days before whelping, calculated from 63 days after the first mating, and nor may they take part before 75 days after whelping, regardless the outcome of the whelping.

Neutered dogs/bitches

- Male dog that has been surgically neutered, despite reason, is not allowed dispensation to participate in shows or SBK conformation descriptions. They will instead be assigned Disqualified respective not approved.
- Male dog that has been surgically neutered are granted general dispensation to take part in trials, competitions and behavioural assessments. At international trials and competitions specific requirements for testicular status may occur – for information regarding this see the specific regulations for the trial or competition.
- Male dog that has been neutered by medical treatment is not allowed a dispensation for participating at shows, SBK conformation description, trials, competitions or behavioural assessments.
- Bitch that has been neutered by continuously medical treatment or surgical treatment is allowed a general dispensation for participation at shows, SBK conformation description, trials, competitions or behavioural assessments. See also the National regulations against dog doping.

Puppies

Puppies under the age of 4 months may not take part in shows, trials, competitions, or behavioral assessments and may not be brought into the venue. The organising club defines what is regarded the venue.

Ear cropped dogs

- may not participate in a show or SBK conformation description.
- Dogs born in a country where ear cropping was permitted when it took place may participate in trials, competitions and behavioral assessments.
- Dogs born in a country where ear cropping was not allowed when it took place may not participate in a show, SBK conformation description, trial, competition or behavioral assessment.

Dogs with docked tails and dogs that are not born with a natural full-length tail

In these contexts dogs with amputated tails are treated as dogs with docked tails.

Show

- **May not participate** in shows or SBK conformation description. This applies regardless of the country the dog was born in.

From this prohibition to participate in shows are the following three exceptions:

- Dogs born in Sweden, where tail amputation was done for health reasons in order to remedy a postnatal acquired injury and where a certificate, in accordance with what is stated in the introduction and responsibility to the general rules, can be shown in original, both in the venue and subsequently may participate in a show and SBK conformation description.

Dogs of breeds from FCI group 7 (pointing dogs) born in a country where tail docking was allowed when it occurred, who has tails amputated for health reasons or dogs born with a non naturally full-length tail may participate in the show.

Dogs of the breed specified below and who are not born with naturally full-length tail may participate at shows.

- Group 1 Australian Shepherd, Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog, Pyrenean Sheepdog (both varieties), Bouvier des Flandres, Bouvier des Ardennes, Catalan Sheepdog, Croatian Sheepdog, Miniature American Shepherd, Mudi, Old English Sheepdog, Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Welsh Corgi Pembroke, Schipperke
- Group 2 English Bulldog, Entlebucher Mountain Dog, Danish Swedish Farmdog
- Group 3 Jack Russell Terrier, Rat terrier, Brazilian Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier
- Group 5 Karelian Bear Dog, Swedish Vallhund
- Group 6 Småland Hound
- Group 7 see exceptions for group 7 above
- Group 8 Spanish Water Dog
- Group 9 Boston Terrier, French Bulldog, King Charles Spaniel

Assessing by a show judge on one occasion

Dogs not allowed to participate at shows due to docked tail, may after a special assessment by SKK be allowed to become assessed by a show judge on one (1) occasion and get the results registered in the studbook.

This providing that the dog meets one of the following requirements:

- Born in a country where tail docking was permitted when it took place.
- Got tail amputated due to health reasons.
- Not born with naturally full-length tail and not by a breed mentioned in the list above.

Trial, competition and assessment

Dogs born in a country where tail docking was allowed when it took place, or have the tail docked for veterinary reasons or dogs born with a non-naturally full-length tail may participate in trials, competitions and behavioral assessments.

Dogs born in a country where tail docking was not allowed when it took place may not participate in a trial, competition or behavioral assessments.

General clause and possibility of dispensation

Dogs that have been taken out of Sweden and that have had their ears cropped, their tails docked or any other procedure carried out that is not permitted in Sweden, may not take part in show, SBK conformation description, trial, competition or behavioral assessments after being brought back into Sweden. This also applies to puppies from bitches that have been taken out of Sweden, if the puppies were born within one year of the day on which the bitch was taken out of Sweden.

The SKK General Committee may grant dispensation from this regulation if it is clear that the dog was not taken out of Sweden in order to circumvent the regulation on disqualification from taking part, or if special reasons exist.

7. Doping and other undue circumstances

Participating dog may not be injured or sick. Nor may the dog have been subjected to measures aimed at improperly altering its appearance, performance or character, intended to conceal signs of injury or illness.

It is the obligation of the person responsible for a dog to ascertain how a specific treatment or other measure may affect the eligibility of the dog to take part in a show, trial, competition or behavioral assessments.

Doping by a dog is regulated by the State Board of Agriculture regulations and general advice about training and competition with

animals, SVFS 2011:24 item number L17, chapter 7, §§ 1-2 and appendix 2 to these regulations.

In addition, for detailed regulations outlining which treatments or actions that are not permitted in the SKK organisation, see the National regulations against dog doping. Rules for applying for exemption can also be found from SKK organisation's doping regulations.

If the show committee/trial management/competition management decides to carry out tests with the aim of investigating the issue of doping or other prohibited actions, the person responsible for a dog is obliged to make the dog in question available for testing and for any further examination resulting from the test. The manipulation of samples for doping analysis is forbidden.

Specific regulations for shows

organised by SKK, by provincial kennel clubs and breed clubs affiliated with SKK, and by breed clubs affiliated by agreement.

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Dog shows primary purpose is to evaluate the exterior outcome of the breeding along with evaluating the breeding material against breed standards. Dog shows secondary purpose is to provide an opportunity to exchange experiences and learn more about different breeds as well as to compete alongside other dogs.

The person showing a dog is always responsible for their dog's welfare and wellbeing.

A dog may participate at a maximum of two shows a day.

It is forbidden to expose a dog to a potentially harmful situation that could affect its health and wellbeing, for example rough treatment and/or leaving the dog in a car during extremely hot or cold weather.

Exaggerated showing and presentation that may be harmful for the dog or unethical in relation to the dogs' health or movement shall not occur.

It is important to recognize that exaggerations in showing and presentation may influence the public's respect for the serious purposes of purebred breeding and dog shows. Dogs taking part in shows must demonstrate good mental and physical health, which

also means that there must not be signs of any form of illness. A dog may therefore only take part in a show provided that, on the day of the show, it does not present any danger of spreading infection. If the organiser has reason to doubt this, they are entitled to request a veterinary certificate, in accordance with the introduction to the general regulations, confirming the dog's current status.

If a participating dog has suffered any form of external injury, a veterinary certificate must be shown describing the procedure carried out, and an original copy of the certificate must always be brought to the show.

Certified copy is accepted as original.

Organisers are entitled to take copies of veterinary certificates.

It is always up to the judge to evaluate to which extent any defect that has arisen and been rectified, so that it does not have a disproportionate effect on the conformation of the dog in relation to the FCI's standard.

8. Show Manager and Show Committee

For a show there must be a show manager and a show committee, appointed by the organising club. There may be a certified organiser of shows, but it is not obligatory.

The show manager is responsible for the technical arrangements and order being maintained. The show manager may not show any dogs at the show, has to be a member of the SKK organisation and the show manager shall be announced in the show catalogue.

The show committee must be well acquainted with the applicable show regulations and be members of the SKK organisation. The committee must consist of at least three members including one chairman, and is responsible for the show being held in accordance with applicable regulations. The committee shall be announced in the show catalogue.

During show hours, at least one of the members of the show committee must be present at the show venue.

Show committee members, joint owners of their kennels and members of their households may not enter or show dogs at the show. Serving judges and ring stewards may not be show committee members for the show in question.

The certified organiser of shows (CUA) has to be stated by the organising club when applying for the show and shall be announced in the show catalogue. At the show where the CUA is serving the CUA may serve as show committee, show manager or ring steward, if so the specific rules for the services apply concerning owning and showing dogs. The CUA does not need to be present at the actual show and is allowed to enter and show dogs.

9. Judges and other officials

Exhibitors should be made aware that there may be one student judge (first phase) and one student judge (second phase), or two student judges (first phase) in the ring during judging.

Judges may not own or show dogs, and may not have breeders groups, at a show at which the judge himself or herself is judging. Breeder/progeny groups that are generated automatically by computer programs may be included in the catalogue, but may not take part in a show at which the judge himself or herself is judging.

Dogs that, during the last six months prior to the show, trial, competition or description

have been owned, groomed, trained, cared for or shown by judges or a person in the judge's household may not be judged by the judge in question. This also applies in other situations where confidence in the judge's impartiality could be called into question.

Judges may serve as ring stewards if they have a valid authorisation.

Student judges may not own, show or have dogs shown and may not have breeders groups on the day of being on duty, and may not on any other day during the show own or show dogs under judges for whom they have been on duty or will be on duty.

Ring stewards and student ring stewards may not show dogs on the day of being on duty, and may not on any other day during the show own, show or have dogs shown under judges for whom they have been on duty or will be on duty. This also applies to the finals (group and Best In Show judging).

Other show officials, members of the club committee of organising clubs or similar are allowed to own, show or have dogs shown, even if they themselves are on duty during the show. If a show official shows a dog, the official's badge is not allowed to be worn visibly.

Judges, ring stewards and other officials who have been notified by SKK's Disciplinary Board that they have been excluded from competing, i.e. that they have been excluded from entering, showing or have dogs shown at shows, trials, competitions or descriptions, are not allowed to serve during the period to which the exclusion relates.

10. Change of judges

In the event of a change of judge, dog owners shall be notified in writing. If the change has been made too late to be able to notify owners by email, the change shall be advertised at the entrance and at the show ring in question.

In those cases where a change of judge is made after the end of the entry period, the

entry fee may be refunded (minus the administrative fee – see point 19). However, in such a case, a written request, the ring number card and the receipt must be submitted no later than on the day of the show before the judging of the breed in question begins.

In the event of a change of judge for unofficial puppy classes, entry fees will not be refunded.

If the reserve judge who replaces the advertised judge is named when advertising the show on the organising club's website, for county clubs also at the SKK website, at least 14 days before the last day of entry, entry fees will not be refunded.

11. Veterinary inspection

At shows for which 400 or more dogs have been entered, a registered veterinary surgeon shall be responsible for anti-infection protection, e.g. by checking exercise areas, premises and vaccination certificates, and by inspecting the dogs taking part. At shows for which fewer than 400 dogs have been entered a person appointed by the show committee shall carry out these checks.

Vaccination control via samples may be allowed in order to avoid queues. Samples may be done at the entry. If so, it should also be performed at the area during the show.

12. Injury or illness

Dog owners are responsible for treatment of any injury or illness that arises in connection with a show unless the show committee decides otherwise.

13. Treatment of coat, nose or skin

Dogs whose coat, nose or skin has been treated with substances intended to change the colour or texture may not take part in the show. This includes the use of colorants, hair spray, gel, mousse, chalk, talcum powder, etc. Only preparations which are clearly intended to aid combing/ brushing (conditioner/conditioning spray) and/or reduce static electricity may be used on an otherwise untreated coat prior to taking part in the show.

14. Attempts to influence judging

Attempts to impair or improve dogs' chances to a fair judging are not allowed.

Obviously influencing the dog during judging with the help of anyone inside or outside the ring is also forbidden.

Exhibitors may not start conversations with the judge during judging.

Unauthorised persons/dogs may not be present in the ring while judging is in progress.

15. General points of order

Muzzled dogs may not be present at the show venue. It is the organising club's responsibility to define the area regarded as the show venue.

Exhibitors or their representatives are obliged to comply with specified points of procedure and any additional points of procedure issued by the show's officials. Breaching these regulations may result in dismissal from the show, taking away the dog's grade and – in more serious cases – disciplinary measures.

At events that take place within a clearly limited area, which may include parking lot and camping but is to be defined by the organising club, the organiser is entitled to dismiss any person who has been excluded from the SKK organisation by SKK's Disciplinary Board. This also applies to any person who has chosen to leave the SKK organisation during an ongoing investigation by SKK's Disciplinary Board, meaning that the Disciplinary Board cannot examine the matter.

Exhibitors' tents should be positioned in accordance with the organiser's instructions, but no closer than two metres from the rings and only in an area that has been assigned/ approved by the organiser.

The ban on smoking in the show ring applies to both exhibitors and officials.

During judging, exhibitors must wear their ring number cards with the number clearly visible.

Exhibitors may not wear clothes or other items labelled with the kennel prefix, the name of the dog etc. during any part of judging, breed ring as well as finals.

During judging there may be 1 handler per dog, 1 judge and 2 ring stewards present in the ring. There may also be 1 student steward and a maximum of 2 student judges in the ring. Other persons that may be temporarily present in the ring is officials appointed by the organising club such as show committee, show manager, show secretary and helpers, as well as a disabled exhibitor's companion.

16. Membership requirements

If a dog is owned by more than one person, all owners must be members of the organising club or a club as mentioned below.

In this context, the person who according to a written agreement has the showing rights for the dog also counts as an owner of the dog.

Membership requirements do not apply for owners who have only entered dogs in unofficial puppy classes.

At shows organised by a SKK provincial kennel club, only dogs owned by members of one of SKK's provincial kennel clubs or a recognised foreign kennel club from the country where the dog owner is resident, may take part.

At shows organised by SKK's breed clubs, only dogs owned by members of the organising club may take part. If so stated in the announcement of the show and in the show programme the arranging club can for this specific show approve other memberships within the SKK organisation or a recognised foreign kennel club in the country where the dog owner is resident.

At shows organised by SKK's General Committee, dogs owned by members of a club within the SKK organisation or a recognised foreign kennel club from the country where the dog owner is resident, may take part. Anyone who takes part with a

progeny group or breeders group must be a member of a club within the SKK organisation or a recognised foreign kennel club.

17. Origin and registration requirements

The following are entitled to take part in shows:

- a) Dogs born in Sweden which, at the end of the entry period, have been assigned a registration number in SKK's register and for which there is an approved FCI standard for the breed, or where the breed has been granted dispensation to take part. In order to take part in an unofficial puppy class, it is enough for the puppy to be under registration within SKK.
- b) Dog born out of Sweden and at the end of the entry period has been assigned a registration number in the SKK or recognized foreign kennel club register and in which an approved FCI standard for the breed exists or in which the breed was granted dispensation to participation.

Dogs owned by a person living in Sweden shall at the end of the entry period be registered in the SKK.

In order to take part in an unofficial puppy class, it is enough for the puppy to be under registration within SKK.

18. Entry and entry fees

Dogs that have been entered with incorrect details will be disqualified. SKK is also entitled to cancel results for any dog for which the information provided on entering was created in order to circumvent SKK's regulations.

Dogs must take part using the name under which they are registered in Sweden or abroad.

Dogs that are owned or co-owned by a person living in Sweden must be entered with a Swedish registration number (see point 17b).

Foreign dogs needs to be added to the SKK database, which you do via an online form at the latest 7 days before you enter your dog via the SKK Online Entry. Once the dog is added to the SKK database you can enter via the SKK Online Entry.

In case a trial merit is required in order to take part in working class, the merit should have been aquired before the entry has closed. The handler/owner must be able to show the working class certificate (WCC) on the day of the show.

Note that if a foreign dog is co-owned by a person living in Sweden, the dog must be re-registered with SKK before the end of the entry period.

Entry must be made by using the SKK Online Entry or the organising club's online entry or by using the stipulated form, which must be postmarked no later than the date on which the entry period ends, by which time the prescribed entry fee must have been paid.

If an entry and the fully paid fee have not been received within the prescribed time, the organiser is entitled to reject the entry. Dogs that are not included in the show catalogue may not take part in the show. However, dogs that were entered correctly but were not included in the show catalogue due to an error made by a third party (e.g. Bankgirot, PlusGirot or the catalogue printer) may take part in the show under a "B" number.

Information about this must be advertised at the ring, clearly announced by the ring steward and listed in the list of results.

Progeny- and Breeder groups

The show organiser is obliged to notify breeders and the owners of stud dogs/brood bitches if a progeny/breeder group exists.

19. Refunding entry fees

Entry fee will not be refunded if the dog has received a registered result. Paid entry fees

will be refunded (a fee of a maximum of SEK 40 per dog may be deducted to cover administrative costs)

- a) if a dog is unable to take part due to the negligence of the organising club (however see point 4, Force majeure).
- b) if there is a change in judge – see point 10. (In the event of a change in judge in an unofficial puppy class, entry fees will not be refunded.)
- c) if the judge's decision is declared invalid, provided that the decision to invalidate the judge's decision was not based on circumstances for which the owner or handler was responsible (however see point 20).
- d) the entry was rejected by the organiser, e.g. due to the dog not being entitled to participate or the entry/entry fee have been received too late.
- e) if the dog is deceased, veterinary certificate issued according to the general regulations may be necessary.

If a dog is unable to take part as a result of injury/illness, entry fees will not be refunded.

20. Objections

Judges' decisions can be changed in the following cases:

If an error of a technical nature has been made.

If the dog was not entitled to take part in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Participants may therefore not object to judges' judgements and free discretion.

Requests to change a judge's decision will be considered:

- Following an objection from an exhibitor whose entitlement is affected by the result in question.
- Following a notification from the Show Committee or from the judge who made the decision.

- Following a decision by SKK to deal with the issue of changing a certain judge's decision for some other reason.

Objections against judge's decisions must be made in writing. They should be submitted to the show committee before the end of the show on the same day that the judge's decision in question is announced, and should be accompanied by an objection fee corresponding to double the open class entry fee.

If the objection is submitted by someone who is not entitled to do so, or if the objection is not accompanied by the stipulated objection fee, the objection shall be immediately rejected. Such a decision will be made by the show committee.

If the objection is accepted for consideration, the show committee must announce its

decision in writing within seven (7) days of the end of the show. If the show committee is unable to announce its decision within the prescribed time, e.g. due to the results of such testing as mentioned in the introduction to General regulations for shows, trials and competitions not being available, the show committee shall refer the final decision to SKK.

If the objection is upheld, the dog's grade will be deleted from the reported results, and the entry fee will be refunded together with the objection fee.

The organising committee's rejected objections may be appealed in writing within 30 days to the SKK's Show Committee.

Changes to the list of results may be made within two (2) years from the date of the show.

Rules for judging

See also the relevant breed for specific regulations.

21. Quality grading

Quality grading means that the conformation and mental attributes of a dog are assessed and graded in accordance with the specifications in the breed standard*, without any comparison being made with other dogs taking part in the class. During the quality grading, several dogs may be awarded the same quality grade.

* See also the individual breed standard.

In classes where quality grading is carried out, the following quality grades may be awarded:

Excellent

Is to be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical characteristics of its sex.

Very good

Is to be awarded to a dog which possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated but none that affect the overall impression. This award can only be granted to a dog of very high class.

Good

Is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main characteristics of its breed however showing minor prominent faults.

Sufficient

Is to be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed standard but without possessing the general characteristics of the breed or is of poor physical condition.

Disqualified

Must be awarded to dogs which meet any of the following criteria:

a) Untypical or disqualifying fault

Dogs who are untypical of the breed in appearance, or have faults that are listed as disqualifying in the breed standard.

b) Unsoundness

Dogs who have such anatomical defects that they have a negative impact on the dog's health and soundness, particularly with regard to the origin/function/use of the breed.

c) Testicles

Male dogs who do not have normally developed and normally positioned testicles.

d) Mentality

Dogs who in the ring demonstrate aggression or a clear tendency to flee, i.e. a dog which has panicked and shied away from the judge, and where it has not been possible to approach the dog in a natural manner.

The judge should specifically sign Disqualified in the list of results if this has been awarded as a result of b) or d) above.

Other deviations in mental attributes should be judged in accordance with the requirements of the breed standard.

The reason for awarding Disqualified should always be entered on the judge's report and in the list of results.

Cannot be judged

Dogs that are shown in such a condition that the judge cannot form a sound opinion of their quality may, in exceptional cases, be awarded Cannot be judged. Examples of this include dogs that have obvious deficiencies in show and ring culture (such as being unaccustomed to walk on a lead or having a puppyish temperament) or are shown in poor condition (are excessively underweight or overweight). The same may apply to a dog that has had its hair cut so recently that the judge cannot form a sound opinion of the quality of its hair type. A dog may also be shown so badly as a result of injury that its movements are hard to judge.

The following quality grades are awarded in competition classes:

Certificate quality (Ck)

A dog that is typically and correctly built in every respect, with such outstanding merits and such insignificant faults that it is an excellent example of breeding, may be deemed to be of certificate quality (Ck). Certificate quality can only be awarded to a dog that has received Excellent. Certificate quality can be awarded to as many dogs as the judge consider to be of such quality.

Honour Prize (Hp)

Exceptionally promising puppies can be awarded an Honour Prize (Hp). In progeny classes and breeders classes, Honour Prizes are awarded to groups of uniform and excellent quality.

22. Competition classes

In competition classes, only dogs that have been awarded at least Very good, i.e. Excellent or Very good.

Nota bene! If at least four dogs received the quality award Excellent, the dogs with Very

good will not be taken into the ring for competition assessment.

Competition class means the dogs taking part in the class being ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

23. Arrival too late for judging

It is the exhibitor's own responsibility to be at the show ring well ahead of time before judging of the class entered begins.

Dogs that arrive too late for judging, i.e. when the last dog in the class has been judged, can be given a quality grading by the judge once the entire breed has been judged. However, such a dog cannot take part in a competition class.

Dogs that arrive too late for the competition class may not take part in it, and can therefore not take part in the continued judging of the breed.

24. Obligation to take part in an entered class

Dogs are obliged to take part in the class for which they have been entered.

Since entry is binding, it is not permitted to transfer a dog to another class after the entry period has expired, unless the reason is due to an obvious error on the part of the organiser or due to a printing error in the catalogue.

Exhibitor has to contact the organisers of the show in advance or at the show to confirm if a dog is to be transferred to another class according to the above stated regulations.

A copy of the WCC (working class certificate) for foreign-owned dogs must be submitted to the Ring Steward where applicable.

Exhibitors who have appeared in the ring for judging of the dog in the class for which it was registered are obliged to take part in this class and possible subsequent competition class.

Measuring and remeasuring in some breeds

Measuring is part of judging. Dogs of breeds with final measurement after the age of 15 months are permitted to change size

varieties up until the dog has been finally measured, in accordance with the rules for the breed in question (see the specific regulations for each breed group).

Definition of classes and judging order

A dog can only be entered in one (1) class at the same show (except for progeny- and breeders classes). Age is calculated so that the dog must have reached the set age of the class on the day it is shown.

25. Puppy class 6-9 months (unofficial class which is not included in the SKK Dog Register)

This class is only open to dogs which, on the day of the show, have reached the age of 6 months but have not reached the age of 9 months.

This is a competition class. Hp can be awarded to exceptionally promising puppies. The best puppy awarded Hp carries on to compete in the final competition for the best puppy of the day.

Disqualified and Cannot be judged also apply to puppy class.

The unofficial puppy class 4-6 months may be arranged at breed club shows.

26. Junior class 9-18 months (junkl)

This class is open to dogs which, on the day of being shown, have reached the age of 9 months but have not reached the age of 18 months.

Nota bene! Dogs in this class are not entitled to compete for CACIB.

Quality grading is applied in this class. Dogs that are awarded Excellent or Very good will compete in the junior competition class.

27. Junior competition class (junkk)

In this class participate dogs that have been awarded Excellent or Very good in the junior class at the current show.

Nota bene! If at least four dogs received the quality award Excellent, the dogs with Very good will not be taken into the ring for competition class.

Competition assessment is applied in this class. Certificate quality (Ck) can be awarded a dog who has received Excellent. Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded to a dog that is typically and correctly built in every respect, with such outstanding merits and such insignificant faults that it is an excellent example of breeding.

At international shows the winner in junior competition class with Excellent and Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded international junior certificate (FCI-CACIB-J) if the breed is acknowledged by FCI.

At Nordic Dog Shows the winner in junior competition class with Excellent and Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded Nordic junior certificate.

Dogs that are awarded Ck carry on to compete in the Best Male/Best Bitch class.

The best junior awarded Excellent in each breed competes in the finals for Best Junior of the day if such a competition is being held at the show.

28. Intermediate class 15-24 months (ukl)

This class is open to dogs which, on the day of being shown, have reached the age of 15

months but have not reached the age of 24 months.

Quality grading is applied in this class. Dogs that are awarded Excellent or Very good will compete in the intermediate competition class.

29. Intermediate competition class (ukk)

In this class participate dogs that have been awarded Excellent or Very good in the intermediate class at the current show.

Nota bene! If at least four dogs received the quality award Excellent, the dogs with Very good will not be taken into the ring for competition class.

Competition assessment is applied in this class. Certificate quality (Ck) can be awarded a dog who has received Excellent. Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded to a dog that is typically and correctly built in every respect, with such outstanding merits and such insignificant faults that it is an excellent example of breeding.

Dogs that are awarded Ck carry on to compete in the Best Male/Best Bitch class.

30. Working class, 15+ months (bkl/jkl)

This class is arranged for breeds for which there are breed-specific trials, and is open to dogs with trial merits that have reached the age of 15 months on the day they are shown.

The “specific regulations” chapter lists the breeds for each group and the trial merits required.

Quality grading is applied in this class. Dogs that are awarded Excellent or Very good will compete in the working class.

31. Working competition class (bkk/jkk)

In this class participates dogs that have been awarded Excellent or Very good in the working class at the current show.

Nota bene! If at least four dogs received the quality award Excellent, the dogs with Very good will not be taken into the ring for competition class.

Competition assessment is applied in this class. Certificate quality (Ck) can be awarded a dog who has received Excellent. Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded to a dog that is typically and correctly built in every respect, with such outstanding merits and such insignificant faults that it is an excellent example of breeding.

Dogs that are awarded Ck carry on to compete in the Best Male/Best Bitch class.

32. Open class 15+ months (ökl)

This class is open to dogs which, on the day of being shown, have reached the age of 15 months.

Quality grading is applied in this class. Dogs that are awarded Excellent or Very good will compete in the open class competition.

33. Open class competition (ökk)

In this class participate dogs that have been awarded Excellent or Very good in the open class at the current show.

Nota bene! If at least four dogs received the quality award Excellent, the dogs with Very good will not be taken into the ring for competition class.

Competition assessment is applied in this class. Certificate quality (Ck) can be awarded a dog who has received Excellent. Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded to a dog that is typically and correctly built in every respect, with such outstanding merits and such insignificant faults that it is an excellent example of breeding.

Dogs that are awarded Ck carry on to compete in the Best Male/Best Bitch class.

34. Champion class 15+ months (chkI)

This class is open to dogs that have been awarded international, Swedish or other SKK-recognised national show champion

title, and that have reached the age of 15 months on the day they are shown.

Junior- or veteran champion are not entitled to participate in this class.

Quality grading is applied in this class. Dogs that are awarded Excellent or Very good will compete in the champion competition class.

35. Champion competition class (chkk)

In this class participates dogs that have been awarded Excellent or Very good in the champion class at the current show.

Nota bene! If at least four dogs received the quality award Excellent, the dogs with Very good will not be taken into the ring for competition class.

Competition assessment is applied in this class. Certificate quality (Ck) can be awarded a dog who has received Excellent. Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded to a dog that is typically and correctly built in every respect, with such outstanding merits and such insignificant faults that it is an excellent example of breeding.

Dogs that are awarded Ck carry on to compete in the Best Male/Best Bitch class.

36. Veteran class (vetkl)

This class is open to dogs which, on the day of being shown, have reached the age of 8 years.

Nota bene! Dogs that have been entered to this class are not entitled to compete for CACIB.

Quality grading is applied in this class. Dogs that are awarded Excellent or Very good will compete in the veteran competition class.

37. Veteran competition class (vetkk)

In this class participate dogs that have been awarded Excellent or Very good in the veteran class at the current show.

Nota bene! If at least four dogs received the quality award Excellent, the dogs with Very good will not be taken into the ring for competition class.

Competition assessment is applied in this class. Certificate quality (Ck) can be awarded a dog who has received Excellent. Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded to a dog that is typically and correctly built in every respect, with such outstanding merits and such insignificant faults that it is an excellent example of breeding.

At international shows the winner in veteran competition class with Excellent and Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded international veteran certificate (FCI-CACIB-V) if the breed is acknowledged by FCI.

At Nordic Dog Shows the winner in veteran competition class with Excellent and Certificate quality (Ck) is awarded Nordic veteran certificate.

Dogs that are awarded Ck carry on to compete in the Best Male/Best Bitch class.

The best veteran awarded Excellent in each breed competes in the finals for Best Veteran of the day.

38. Best Male class (bhkl) and Best Bitch class (btkl)

In these classes male dogs and bitches awarded Ck at the current show participate.

Competition assessment is applied in these classes. The best male dog and the best bitch carry on to compete for Best of Breed (BIR) and Best of Opposite Sex (BIM).

Certificate (CAC)

In the Best Male/Best Bitch class, a certificate is awarded to the best dog that is entitled to compete for a certificate.

For breeds where a working trial or field trial merit is required in order to win a certificate (see specific regulations), a certificate will be awarded to the best dog in the Best Male class and the Best Bitch class that meets the trial merit requirements.

The following may not compete for a certificate:

a) Swedish Show Champion

For breeds where Ck in working class is qualifying for the Swedish Show Champion title (see specific champion rules) a dog who receives their third Ck in Working competition class and already has the required field trial merit to become a Swedish Show Champion will get the Swedish Show Champion title when getting the Ck, and thus will not be able to compete for the certificate in Best Male/ Best Bitch class at the current show.

b) Dogs who have received the necessary certificates for the Swedish Show Champion title but who has not yet obtained the necessary field trial/working trial merit (please note that at least one of the certificates must have been won at the age of 24 months and 1 day at the earliest).

For breeds where Ck in working class is qualifying for the Swedish Show Champion title (see specific champion rules) a dog who receives their third Ck in Working competition class but not yet has the field trial merit in order to become a Swedish Show Champion, continues to compete for the certificate in Best male/ Best bitch class until it has obtained three certificates, one of which has to be obtained at the age of 24 months and 1 day at the earliest.

Only one (1) certificate is awarded per sex. In addition, one (1) reserve certificate is awarded per sex (to the second best dog that is entitled to compete for the certificate). For those breeds that have a trial merit requirement, the dog that is awarded the reserve certificate must also meet the trial merit requirement.

If none of the four placed dogs in the Best Male or Best Bitch class are entitled to compete for the certificate, the certificate will be awarded to the dog that the judge consider to be the best of the unplaced dogs, and the

reserve certificate will be awarded to the dog that the judge consider to be the second best of the unplaced dogs in the Best Male or Best Bitch class.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the ring steward if the dog in question is not entitled to compete for the certificate.

Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (CACIB)

At international shows, male dogs and bitches of breeds acknowledged by FCI shall compete individually for international show certificates, CACIB and reserve CACIB.

CACIB can be proposed for the best dog in the Best Male class and the Best Bitch class that is entitled to compete for CACIB, i.e. not entered in junior or veteran class.

Reserve CACIB can be proposed for the second best dog in the Best Male class and the Best Bitch class that is entitled to compete for CACIB, i.e. not entered in junior or veteran class.

The FCI will only confirm CACIB if it is proposed for dog whose pedigree includes three generations registered with FCI recognised studbooks

Dogs competing in a junior or veteran class are not entitled to compete for CACIB.

Nota bene! A number of breeds have specific regulations for CACIB.

Nota bene! The FCI is the organisation that makes the ultimate decision on awarding CACIB.

39. Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex (BIR and BIM)

In this class the best male dog and the best bitch from the Best Male class and the Best Bitch class participates. In this class, the Best of Breed (BIR) and Best of Opposite Sex (BIM) are chosen.

A dog that has been named Best of Breed goes on to compete in the finals for Best in Group (BIG).

40. Progeny class (avelskl)

This class is open to:

- a) Male dog taking part with a group of four offspring from at least two bitches.
- b) Bitch taking part with a group of four offspring.

The stud dog/brood bitch must take part in the progeny class and be presented together with the group.

The stud dog/brood bitch must have been awarded at least the quality grade Good or 3rd prize at the current show or a previous show. All the offspring included in the group must be judged at the current show in an official class, and shall at least be assigned the quality price Very good.

A single stud dog/brood bitch may only take part with one progeny group for the breed/breed variety.

The offspring included in the group must be of the same breed variety (hair type and/or size), except for breeds where the breed varieties compete for joint BIR.

Competition assessment is applied in this class, which involves the groups taking part in the class being ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Groups of excellent quality typical of the breed are awarded Hp. The best progeny group with Hp goes on to compete in the finals, if such a competition is being held at the show.

Owners of stud dogs/brood bitches should notify the owners of the relevant offspring as far in advance as possible that the dogs will be included in the progeny group and will take part in the progeny class. It is good cynological practice to take part with one's dog in a progeny class. Owners of stud dogs/brood bitches must notify the ring steward of desired participation.

41. Breeders class (uppfkl)

This class is open to a group of four dogs of the same breed or breed variety (hair type and/or size), with the same kennel name or

which are bred by a single person or group of people.

If more than one person is the breeder, they should all be named as breeders. If a person both carries out his or her own breeding and is included with other people as a breeder of another litter, dogs from litters from these different instances of breeding may not be combined in a single breeders group.

A single breeder may only take part with one group of the same breed or breed variety. The dogs included in the group must be of the same breed variety (hair type and/or size), except for breeds where the breed varieties compete for joint BOB.

All the dogs included in the group must be judged at the current show in an official class, and shall at least be assigned the quality price Very good.

Competition assessment is applied in this class, which involves the groups taking part in the class being ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Groups of excellent quality typical of the breed are awarded Hp. The best breeders group with Hp goes on to compete in the finals.

Breeders should notify the owners of the relevant dogs as far in advance as possible that the dogs will be included in the breeders group and will take part in the breeder class. It is good cynological practice to take part with one's dog in a breeder class. Breeders, or their representatives, must notify the ring steward of desired participation.

42. The Finals

The Finals are an unofficial competition form that, in addition to competing for Best in Group (BIG) and Best in Show (BIS), also includes competing for the best puppy, veteran, and breeders group of the day, as well as junior handling.

Breeds not recognised by FCI may not participate in the finals at international shows.

It is up to the organising club if they wish to have further finals at the show, for example best junior and best progeny group.

Junior handling

Separate regulations apply to junior handling, and these can be requested from the Sveriges Hundungdom (SHU).

Best in Group (BIG)

The winners of Best of Breed compete within their own groups

Group 1 Sheepdogs and Cattle dogs

Group 2 Schnauzers and Pinschers, Molossoid breeds, Swiss mountain and cattle dogs

Group 3 Terriers

Group 4* Dachshunds

Group 5 Spitz and Primitive types

Group 6* Scenthounds and related breeds

Group 7 Pointing dogs

Group 8 Retrievers, Flushing dogs and Water dogs

Group 9 Companion and Toy dogs

Group 10 Sighthounds

Competition assessment is applied to the group finals.

The 4 (four) best dogs in each group are placed, and the winner is awarded the title of Best in Group (BIG).

* Groups 4 and 6 are judged together at shows organized by SKK and provincial kennel clubs.

Best in Show (BIS)

All the BIG winners compete against each other for Best in Show (BIS).

43. Information in the show catalogue

Abbreviations

C means that the dog must win one more certificate (CAC), or Ck in working class for some hunting breeds, in order to obtain the Swedish show champion title

S means that the dog is prevented from competing for a certificate (CAC)

Nota bene! It is still the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the ring steward if the dog in question is not entitled to compete for the certificate.

Titles

Only international and national champion titles, FCI world and section winner titles and NKU winner titles will be included in the catalogue.

For breeds that are not recognised by the FCI, the following applies:

At international shows, these breeds will be placed separately in the catalogue, and will not be permitted to take part in group finals.

Breed name

At all shows, the breed name must be given in Swedish and in one of the FCI's four working languages in the confirmation and the catalogue.

44. Special Honour Prizes for shows organised by SKK provincial kennel clubs

Special Honour Prizes are awarded for:

- BIR
- BIM
- CACIB
- Certificate

Regardless of the number of the other above prizes awarded at the show, only one Special Honour Prize is awarded.

In addition, a Special Honour Prize is awarded to:

- All progeny groups and breeders groups awarded Hp.
- The winning junior handler at international shows.
- The best 1st Prize winner in obedience classes I, II and III.

Honour Prizes are not issued retrospectively.

45. Prize designations

Prizes are identified by the following colours:

Quality grading

Excellent	red
Very Good	blue
Good	yellow
Sufficient.....	green
Certificate quality (Ck)	pink
Honour Prize (Hp)	purple

Competition assessment:

1st place	red
2nd place	blue
3rd place	yellow
4th place	green
Certificate (CAC)	blue/yellow
Reserve certificate (R-CAC)	light blue
Champion	red/green
CACIB/CACIOB/CACIAG.....	white
Reserve CACIB/CACIOB/CACIAG	orange
BIR red/yellow	
BIM	green/white
1st BIG	red
2nd BIG	blue
3rd BIG	yellow
4th BIG	green
1st BIS	red/white
2nd BIS	blue/white
3rd BIS.....	yellow/white
4th BIS	green/white



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