WORLD DOG FEDERATION

OFFICIAL RULES OF DOG BEAUTY EXHIBITIONS

Consolidated English text - proposed Best in Show amendments

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Base document: WDF Regulations v2.0, effective 1 January 2023. This text reproduces the remaining provisions and integrates the proposed nine-final Best in Show structure. Unapproved amendments carry no regulatory effect.

Revised provisions concern Articles 5, 9, 11, 13, 17, 21 and 32. All remaining substantive rules, including certificates and championship titles, have been retained from the supplied English source.

PREMISE

At all dog shows, the welfare of the dogs must have absolute priority.

GENERAL RULES

Article 1

These special regulations establish the rules governing national dog shows recognized by the WDF.

Article 2

Dog shows are cynotechnical checks in which dogs are subjected to examination and judgment of their beauty and external conformation, understood both in relation to the official standard of the breed to which they belong and specifically reference is made to the standards of the countries of origin recognized by the WDF. From the examination of the subjects presented, qualifications are derived relating to the absolute value of the dogs in relation to the characteristics of their breed, while from the comparison between them, rankings are derived in relation to the relative value of the participating subjects with aptitude for the Ring. For each class, only the first 3 subjects are classified by sex and by breed, it being understood that all the dogs presented are qualified and their judgment commented in the relative report.

Article 3

Dog shows, in relation to the titles that can be issued in them, are divided into:

- National shows (in this show the certificate of aptitude for the National Championship is issued)
- International shows (in this show the certificate of aptitude for the National and International Championships is issued);

BREEDS ALLOWED

Article 4

The breeds and varieties to which the dogs presented in the exhibitions or organized exhibitions must belong are those included in the list of dog breeds recognized by the WDF. The Organizing Committees will ensure that only dogs belonging to breeds whose standard is definitively or provisionally recognized by the WDF and which are registered in the Breeds Registry or in the Experimental Registry are listed in the catalogue, awaiting approval by a WDF Partner Country or a Non-member country whose herd book is however recognized by the latter. Canine subjects entered in the competition (who have passed the phenotypic recognition), but not yet in possession of a Genealogical Certificate, even if they cannot aspire to the titles, can compete for the BOB and Best in Show, always if they have obtained the 1st excellent in their Class.

PROGRAMS

Article 5

Within two months from the date of each event, the WDF must receive the draft of the program with the indication of the jury and, as an attachment, copies of the letters of acceptance of the expert judges or a declaration signed by the president of the organizing committee in which announce the composition of the jury. WDF will respond within 15 days of receipt. It will not assume responsibility for the approval of the jury for drafts received after the deadline. The starting time of the ring of honor is between 15:00 and 16:30, with the possibility of derogation depending on the environmental conditions. In WDF recognized exhibitions, the publication of the day's program is foreseen. This must specify all the elements necessary to allow participants to be aware of the main rules established for the event; must contain among other things:

a) The exact location and date of the event;

b) The organizing committee;

c) The names of the expert judges with a detailed indication of the breeds entrusted to each one;

d) The prospectus of the classes that will be held;

e) Judgment start time;

f) The WDF rates will be visible on the club's national website under the heading exhibition price list;

g) A summary indication of the prizes up for grabs;

h) The precise indication that the exhibition takes place according to the WDF regulations;

i) The nine Best in Show finals, their division names, the published WDF division assignments and the scheduled Most Promising Puppies and Veteran Merit Awards ceremonies. The ring-of- honor programme shall provide sufficient time and suitable judges for these proceedings.

COMPETITOR REGISTRATION

Article 6

All dogs of breeds recognized by the WDF system can participate in all dog shows and breed gatherings. The application for the registration of a dog at an exhibition will be handled by the organizing committee of the event. It is also possible to register on site within an hour before the start of the event, even if online registration is recommended and appreciated, for the purpose of a better general organization. The closing date for online registrations must be considered irrevocable. Entries containing obviously incorrect data may be corrected by the organizing committee, such as class changes due to compliance with the age restrictions, or due to the lack of data necessary for access to the working class, or due to the non-production of the homologation of samples for subjects who want to compete in the champion class. With regard to obvious but undetectable errors or not detected by the organizing committee (sex, breed, age limit for access to classes, size, color or variety of coat) the WDF Delegate has the right to make, at the time of exposition, those variations that it deems necessary in order to avoid the exclusion of the subject from the judgement. When reviewing the reports of the expert judges, the WDF can always automatically cancel the classifications and qualifications issued to dogs that have competed in classes in which they could not be entered.

Article 7

They will not be able to participate in competing exhibitions that have ongoing suspensions from the WDF itself or from the Clubs linked to it as official members.

CAJC

Article 8

The Certificates of Aptitude for the National Junior Beauty Championship (CAJC) can be awarded by the expert WDF judges:

- A CAJC for Very Young and Young classes for all dog breeds belonging to the 10 WDF groupings.

The expert judges will be able to award only one CAJC to the most beautiful male dog and one to the most beautiful female of each breed, both for the Junior and Very Junior classes, without distinction of varieties that have achieved the qualification of first excellent belonging to the official list of breeds canine approved by the WDF. Each CAJC, released on display, will be approved by the secretariat the same day before the end of the event and transcribed in the official WDF qualification booklet. Subjects without a qualification booklet will not be able to withdraw any title or certificate and therefore will transfer the right to withdraw to the runner-up after them in the same class who has received the evaluation of 2nd excellent. However, it remains well specified that the release of the CAJC is always left to the faculty and discretion of the expert judge who in the event in progress judged the subjects by formulating their qualifications and rankings.

CAC

Article 9

The Certificates of Aptitude for the National Beauty Championship (CAC) can be assigned by the expert WDF judges: A CAC to the best male subject and the best female subject of the Intermediate, Open, Working, Winner, Champion and Foreign Champions classes without distinction for all dog breeds, which may be assigned at the discretion of the WDF Expert Judge. The expert judges will be able to award the CAC exclusively to subjects who have achieved the qualification of first excellent in the single evaluation. Each CAC issued on display will be approved by the secretariat the same day before the end of the event and transcribed in the official WDF qualification booklet. Subjects without a qualification booklet will not be able to withdraw any title or certificate and therefore will transfer the right to withdraw to the runner-up after them in the same class who has received the evaluation of 2nd excellent. At the end of the single evaluation in the classes thus divided, (Intermediate, Free and Working), (Winner, Champions and Foreign Champions) there will be a play-off for a final assignment of the best subject representative of his breed to access the Best in Show of his Category, Adult and Champions. Each selected representative shall enter only the division assigned to the breed or variety under the official WDF Best in Show Division Register, as governed by Article 32. The division assignment does not alter the award of CAC or other individual class qualifications. However, it remains well specified that the release of the CAC is always left to the faculty and discretion of the expert judge who in the event in progress judged the subjects by formulating their qualifications and rankings. Therefore, the expert judge has no obligation to issue these certificates to dogs, even if qualified as Excellent and class winners, that he does not deem worthy of such distinctions with which he in fact

assumes the personal responsibility of notifying the deserving dogs to the WDF of the proclamation to National Champion of beauty.

CACIB

Article 10

The certificates of aptitude for the international championship of beauty (CACIB) can be proposed by the expert judges only in international shows, recognized and accepted as such by the WDF and limited to the breeds marked with the number in the official list. A CACIB to the best male and best female of the Intermediate, Open, Working, Winner, Champion and Foreign Champions classes without distinction for all dog breeds, which may be assigned at the discretion of the WDF Expert Judge. The expert judges will be able to award the CACIB exclusively to subjects who have obtained the CAC certificate. Each CACIB is released on display and will be approved by the secretariat the same day before the end of the event and transcribed in the official WDF qualification booklet. Subjects without a qualification booklet will not be able to withdraw any title or certificate and therefore will transfer the right of withdrawal to the deserving subject chosen by the Judge among the first ones with assigned CAC. However, it remains well specified that the release of the CACIB is always left to the faculty and discretion of the expert judge who in the event in progress judged the subjects by formulating their qualifications and rankings. The expert judge is obliged to issue the CACIB to the subject to whom he has assigned the CAC only in the event there is no play-off between classes, otherwise it will be his faculty to decide who to assign the CACIB to.

BOB AND JBOB

Article 11

The Junior and Junior classes will go to the play-off for the awarding of the Best of Breed Junior and the subsequent admission to the BIS Junior (JBOB).

The "Best Of Breed" with the acronym "BOB", is assigned by the judge, with the following criteria: A BOB in the direct comparison between the Intermediate, Open and Work classes and another in the direct comparison between the Winner, Champions and Foreign Champions classes. Each of the BOBs will access the category BIS, within the sole division designated for the breed or variety by the official WDF Best in Show Division Register. Junior BOB (JBOB) shall similarly enter its designated Junior division. No dog may compete in two divisions of the same Junior, Adult or Champions final.

BBR - BEST BREED REPRESENTATIVE

Article 12

The "Best Breed Representative" with the acronym "BBR", is assigned by the judge, with the following criteria: A direct comparison between the BOB subjects who have passed the direct challenge in their categories, that is, the best among the very young and young; the best between Intermediate, Free and Work; the best among the Winners, Champions and Foreign Champions. This honor does not affect the BIS, but is awarded as a comparative competition for the breed.

CLASSES

Article 13

The classes are divided by sex and those admitted in the recognized exhibitions are the following:

Baby class: for dogs aged between 3 and 6 months. Neither the CAJC, the CAC nor the CACIB can be assigned in this class. These subjects cannot participate in the formation of pairs, of breeding groups, nor in the play-off for the best of breed.

Puppy class: for dogs aged between 6 months and 9 months. Neither the CAJC, the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class. These subjects cannot participate in the formation of pairs, of breeding groups, nor in the play-off for the best of breed

Baby and Puppy classes shall retain their individual evaluations and qualifications, but shall no longer contest a competitive Best in Show Puppies. Dogs presented in these classes may take part in the WDF Most Promising Puppies ceremony in the ring of honor. All participating Baby and Puppy dogs shall receive a participation recognition; additional distinctions for particularly promising subjects may be conferred by the appointed judge, consistent with their class evaluations. Such distinctions shall not constitute a Best in Show title or a championship certificate.

Very Young class: for dogs aged between 9 months and 12 months. In this class the CAJC can be awarded, and he can compete for the title of best of breed provided he has obtained the qualification of 1st Excellent. These subjects can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class. The aptitude certificates will be assigned at the discretion of the Expert Judge to both male and female subjects of each class listed above.

Young Class: for dogs aged between 12 months and 18 months. In this class the CAJC can be awarded, and he can compete for the title of best of breed provided he has obtained the qualification of 1st Excellent. These subjects can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class. The aptitude certificates will be assigned at the discretion of the Expert Judge to both male and female subjects of each class listed above.

Intermediate Class: for dogs aged between 15 and 24 months of age. In this class the national CAC is also up for grabs for the Annual championship. These subjects can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed. In this class the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of International Show and beyond.

Open class: all dogs aged at least 18 months are open. In this class the national CAC is also up for grabs for the Annual championship. These subjects can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed. In this class the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of International Show and beyond. Working class: for dogs of at least 18 months of age. In this class the national CAC is also up for grabs for the Annual championship for the breeds subjected to working trials, subject to resolutions by the Board of Directors. For enrollment in the working class, minimum qualifications are required in tests defined as required by the respective sporting regulations. For all subjects enrolled in the working class, the test carried out, the date and the place where the qualification was obtained to be admitted to this class must be specified on the registration form.

Dogs entered in the WDF Breed Register must obtain the minimum qualification required in national or foreign trials recognized by the WDF, in order to enter the working class. For subjects of foreign origin recognized by the WDF, the qualifications recognized by the WDF obtained prior to registration in the Register are considered valid. These subjects

can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed. In this class the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of International Show and beyond.

Winner Class: enrollment in this class is compulsory for Adults who, at the time of their enrollment at the show, are in possession of 4 (four) CAC aptitude certificates according to the WDF regulations. In this class, the National CAC for the Annual championship. Enrollment in this class must be accompanied by the qualification booklet certifying possession of the requirements. These subjects can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed. In this class the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of International Show and beyond.

Champion Class: enrollment in this class is compulsory for national beauty champions (WDF), who have been proclaimed such at the time of their enrollment for the show. The title of Champion. In this class the national CAC is also up for grabs for the Annual championship. These subjects can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed. In this class the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of International Show and beyond.

Foreign Champions Class: registration in this class is compulsory for national beauty champions (WDF) from member countries who have been proclaimed such at the time of their registration for the show. The title of World Champion or European Champion does not give the right to enter the champion class. In this class the national CAC is also up for grabs for the Annual championship. Enrollment in this class must be accompanied by a copy of the document certifying the successful proclamation of the subject as champion. These subjects can participate in the formation of pairs, breeding groups as well as in the play-off for the best of breed. In this class the assignment of the CACIB is foreseen in the context of International Show and beyond.

Veteran class: for dogs that have reached the age of 10. Neither the CAC nor the CACIB can be awarded in this class. These subjects participate in the formation of the pairs, of the breeding groups, The best Veteran of each breed may be presented at the WDF Veteran Merit Awards ceremony. This ceremony shall recognize dogs preserving outstanding breed type, anatomical functionality, movement and overall condition appropriate to their age; it shall not constitute a competitive Best in Show Veterans ranking. Veteran class eligibility and class assessments remain unchanged.

Class Out of Competition Dogs entered in this class can participate in the breeding group if deemed "eligible" by the judge. Furthermore, entries in this class give the right to be measured to confirm size or breed for breeds where applicable. The registration of "out of competition" subjects can take place upon payment of a specific fee indicated in the program and the same will appear in the catalog with the indication "out of competition". In the out-of-competition class, no qualifications or rankings will be issued. For subjects aged at least 6 months who aspire to be registered in the Breeds Registry there will be an evaluation in a special ring for the certificate of typicality.

For all classes, the date considered valid for the purposes of determining age is the day on which the dog is presented for the show. The simultaneous enrollment of a dog in more than one class is prohibited. In addition to the recognized classes indicated above, a dog can compete in comparative competitions divided as follows:

Couples: for two male and female subjects of the same breed and variety, belonging to the same owner or registered by the breeder and registered for the event and for which the relative judgment has been drawn up in the relative class. In case there are more pairs of the same breed, the Expert Judge will select the deserving pair that will enter the ring of honor

Breeding Group: consists of a minimum of three and a maximum of five subjects of the same breed and variety, without distinction of sex, produced by the same breeder, even if not owned by him, registered in the event catalog and presented in a class which gives the right upon enrollment in the Breeding Group. In case there are more pairs of the same breed, the Expert Judge will select the deserving group that will enter the ring of honor

Dogs competing in Pairs or in Breeding must be entered and presented in a show class. The prizes reserved for couples and groups will be played in the ring of honor. In rallies, in addition to the classes indicated above, the breeding class can also be contested.

PHENOTYPICAL RECOGNITION OF THE BREED

Article 14

Registration in the Register of Breeds recognized by the WDF world system is open for all breeds whose world registers are open in the WDF, which aspire to obtain their first registration as progenitors. The judgment is performed by an expert qualified judge, in the class it can also be performed by a foreign expert judge if the breed is foreign. The expert judge will issue, subject to identification of the subject by reading and transcription of the tattoo/microchip, the Certificate of Typicality to subjects possessing the characteristics of typicality of the breed. Subjects registered on display in the class for obtaining the Certificate of Typicality as progenitors, if not qualified at least VERY GOOD, will not be able to reappear at another event. The organizing committee is required to notify the WDF of dogs that have not achieved typicality.

OWNERSHIP OF DOGS

Article 15

All dogs must be owned by those under whose name they appear registered for the show, and must have been registered on the day of closing of entries. Only breeders are allowed to register dogs owned by others for the show in pairs and groups as long as they come from their breeding. Entries of jointly owned dogs are not permitted. It is a strict obligation of the exhibitors to inform the secretariat of the show of all those changes of ownership which had taken place between the closure of the registrations and the moment of the beginning of the show, without which the dogs will be and must be held, for the purposes of obtaining and of the assignment of the prizes owned by the previous holder.

EXCLUSIONS

Article 16

Registrations of dogs that are owned by persons suspended, expelled or disqualified by the WDF delegates or by the WDF itself or by another foreign company federated with the WDF will be refused, without the right to a refund of the fees already paid. The following cannot be judged, without the right to reimbursement of the registration fees:

a) Dogs suffering from skin diseases and any other disease, contagious or not;

b) Dogs which have undergone any voluntary modification or make-up intended to conceal a transmissible defect by breeding. An exception is made for those breeds for which the standard recognizes such practices as necessary;

c) Blind or crippled dogs;

d) Engnathic, monorchid, cryptorchid dogs with incomplete development of one or both testicles.

Such subjects must be disqualified. The procedure that the expert judge will have to follow in filling out the judgment form for disqualified dogs is: propose the disqualification by reporting the reasons only on the judgment form; request the intervention of the WDF Delegate who will have to collect both the judgment form and the qualification booklet. These documents (form and booklet) must be delivered to the WDF by the Delegate.

e) Dogs of a different age than that indicated on the form and for which they are not eligible for the Class in which they are registered (The WDF Delegate will have the discretion to decide on his possible change of class);

f) Females in heat (It will be at the discretion of the WDF Delegate to decide on his eventual participation);

g) Clearly lactating females;

In cases of dispute, the WDF Delegate will decide without appeal on any decisions in this regard. The subjects entered in the exhibitions must be judged in the conditions in which they are presented, any veterinary certificates documenting traumatic impairments will be taken into account. The expert judge will have to evaluate, according to his unquestionable judgement, the nature of the impairment and its influence on the possibility of judging the subject or not. Certification approved only by the WDF certifying the completeness of the teeth before the acquired defect will be considered valid. The managers of the organization cannot present subjects owned by them in the context of the exhibitions they organize,

with the exception of Gatherings called by specialized associations.

KIT AND PRESENTATION OF THE DOG

Article 17

Each subject presented at an event must be equipped with a soft collar, a leash, a carrier or kennel, a health booklet and a qualification booklet, for the latter with the exception of subjects enrolled in classes where the issue of qualifications is not envisaged and for dogs enrolled in a foreign origin book. It is forbidden to alter the structure and color of the fur, skin or nose, however the use of a brush, comb and scissors is permitted. It is forbidden to leave the dog tied to the grooming table longer than the time required for preparation. For Best in Show division purposes, Grooming & Coat Presentation refers to a breed or variety whose official WDF standard permits or prescribes significant specific trimming, clipping, coat sculpting or show-coat arrangement. Grooming shall never be used to hide defects or create an anatomical appearance contrary to the breed standard. Assignment to the Grooming division is made exclusively from the WDF Division Register and not from the individual handler's grooming choices. The prohibitions and permitted grooming tools in this Article remain fully applicable. The person presenting a dog at the beginning of the judging (Handler) must remain until the end of the same, subject to the consent of the expert judge to change the handler.

In the ring where calls, shouts or double introductions occur, the expert judge will have to suspend the judgment until the intervention of the WDF delegate.

ENTRY ORDER

Article 18

At the opening of the event, exhibitors will receive a numbered tag for each dog presented, which must be visibly carried by the exhibitor in the ring at the time of judging. The number indicated on these tags will correspond to that indicated in the catalogue. The dogs will be judged strictly following the order provided by the organization.

PERMANENCE OF DOGS AT THE SHOW

Article 19

Regularly registered dogs must be in the show area at the time indicated in the program and cannot leave it before the end of the Single Judgings. It is mandatory for all exhibited dogs to stay in the show for the entire duration of the shifts in which they participate. The early release of a dog may be granted with the authorization of the organizing committee and in any case always after the withdrawal of the Qualification Booklet with the homologation of the results validated by the Expert Judge.

PUBLIC ENTRANCE AND ADMISSIONS

Article 20

Exhibitors are expected to enter in the hours prior to the start of the event. The entrance to the exhibitions is also open to the public. It is up to the organizers to establish the relative entrance fee. WDF members have the right to free admission to all events organized or recognized by the WDF throughout the national territory. The members of the organizing committee, provided they have the membership card issued by the WDF for the current year, have the right to free admission to the events organized by the association to which they belong.

CATALOGS

Article 21

Without prejudice to the provisions contained in the General Exhibition Regulations, it is specified that the printing of the catalog is not mandatory. The catalog must always contain:

a) the date and place where the show takes place, the starting time of the judging and the ring of

honor and the mandatory permanence time of the dogs on show;

b) the name, address of the organizing committee and its composition;

c) the list of expert judges with an indication of the breeds assigned to each one, the name of the duty veterinary doctors, etc.;

d) The name of the delegate(s) of the WDF;

e) the list of prizes;

f) the numbered list (progressive without interruption starting from 1, bis numbers are not allowed) of the participating dogs, divided by group, by breed, by sex, by class, with the relative registration numbers in the Book of Breeds and with indication of the name, breed, sex, age, coat colour, identification code, parents as well as the name of the breeder and owner. The list of dogs must be drawn up according to the order of the official list of breeds, in annex n° 1 to these regulations. No additions to the catalog are permitted except those authorized by the WDF delegate. The catalog or public event programme shall also indicate the official Best in Show division of each breed or variety entered for Junior, Adult or Champions finals; any disputed assignment shall be settled before the relevant final by the WDF Delegate according to the WDF Division Register. Also in the catalogs it must always be specified that the exhibition takes place according to the regulations of the WDF whose logo must be on the cover. The WDF logo is also mandatory for exhibitions. The catalog can be put up for sale on display to those who request it. Exhibitors will receive a copy free of charge.

WDF DELEGATE

Article 22

In each recognized event, the WDF reserves the right to officially appoint one or more delegates who have the faculties indicated in the General Regulations for recognized events and in the Regulations for the qualification of a WDF Delegate.

EXPERT JUDGES

Article 23

In events recognized by the WDF and classifications, the qualifications and certificates are always issued exclusively by the expert official judges of the WDF who are indicated in the catalog for the breeds and the judgments assigned to them. Expert Judge of the WDF is a member, registered in the Register of Expert Judges as required by the disciplinary of the body of Expert Judges. The expert judge lends his work and performs his functions under the moral protection of the WDF to which he will have to appeal in case of need. The expert judges will be designated in the manner indicated in the General Regulations of the events. They will decide on the functional morphological characteristics by strictly adhering to the official standards of the breeds described by the WDF. Dogs with docked tails and/or ears are admitted in accordance with the laws in force in the countries of origin and those of the country where the show is held. The judging of dogs with/without intact ears or with/without a tail must take place without any discrimination and only in compliance with the breed standard, to take into account the non-retroactivity of the same. However, the expert judges must refuse to examine and judge any subject who is not registered in the lists received from the exhibition organizing committee, except for reasons of force majeure which involve variations, which in any case must always be authorized by the WDF delegate. Only the expert judge authorized to judge is authorized to decide on the attribution of qualifications, placements and issue of certificates. As far as that goes, he's obligated to do it without any outside help and/or interference from anyone. For organizational help, the ring marshals and, if necessary, an interpreter are available to the expert judge. The organizing committees are required to invite the expert judge in writing who must inform the organizing committee in writing both for acceptance and for refusal. He is required to respect the commitments undertaken unless impediments for important reasons. If an expert judge cannot fulfill his commitments for an important reason, the organizing committee of the exhibition must be informed immediately by telephone, fax, e-mail or telegram. The impossibility of judging must be confirmed in writing. The organizing committee must keep faith with the invitation addressed to the expert judge. Any cancellation of the invitation is granted only for reasons of force majeure or

following agreements with the expert judge concerned. If the organizing committee is forced to cancel the event, it is required to reimburse the expert judges for any expenses already incurred and documented. Otherwise, if the expert judge, for any reason other than "force majeure" or in any case contemplated in the cases set out above, cannot fulfill his/her commitment to judge, he/she is obliged to cover any expenses already incurred by the Organizing Committee. When invited to judge at an international show, judges from countries that are not members of the WDF must fill in the standard questionnaire drawn up by the WDF which will be sent to them by the organizing committee and which must be filled in and returned duly signed to the latter. Expert judges from non-WDF member countries must, under all circumstances, comply with WDF breed standards when participating in WDF-recognised shows. The WDF standards of the breeds that are being judged must be sent to them in due time before the show by the organizing committee. Expert judges from non-member countries of the WDF or associated member countries can only judge breeds recognized by their national canine association. Expert judges from non-WDF member countries must be fully informed in advance and in detail about the WDF Exhibition Regulations as well as other important procedural and regulatory information. The National Canine Organization of the The country in which the show takes place must provide this information in advance to the judges concerned. The organizing committee of the exhibition must take care of welcoming the expert judge, according to the terms of a previously agreed agreement, from the moment of his arrival at the venue Of the event in which he judges up to the moment of his departure (normally it includes the hours/day before and the hours/day after the exhibition). All normal travel expenses must be reimbursed immediately upon arrival or, depending on the arrangements made, paid in advance.

Article 24

Each expert judge must be assigned a delimited judging area (ring) of adequate size for the breeds and number of dogs to be judged; the ground of the rings must be well leveled, with a clay bottom or with well-shaved grass or suitable flooring as long as it is not slippery. Grounds with a marked slope or with a bottom covered with gravel or crushed stone, even minute ones, are absolutely forbidden. The WDF delegate is required to check in advance whether the rings set up by the organizers are suitable and of sufficient size for the breeds that will be judged in them.

Article 25

Each expert judge will have to receive, by the organizing committee and at the beginning of his work, the appropriate report forms on which the dogs that during the the day will be subjected to his judgement, which must be drawn up in Italian for expert Italian judges and in one of the official WDF languages for foreign judges. On these cards the expert judge will mark the notes of the judgments issued, of the qualifications and classifications issued, of the CAJC, CAC and CACIB granted. The cards must be of the type approved by the WDF which will supply them to the organizing committees upon specific request and for a fee. The WDF also reserves the right to have one or more aspiring judges or assistants present at the judgment of each expert judge, who however are not given any right to intervene in the judgment itself. The organizing committees can assign a maximum of 80 dogs to an expert judge. The organizing committees will therefore be required to warn in advance the expert judges who have more than 80 dogs to judge with a technical report and obtain their written approval.

Ring marshals: During the judging the expert judges will be assisted by one or more ring marshals who, however, cannot and must not intervene in the judgement. The organizing committees of the show are responsible for the designation of the ring marshals who must be identified through the appropriate Register of Ring marshals. In the case of an expert foreign judge, at least one ring commissioner must be fluent in the language preferred by the expert judge, which must be one of the official WDF languages The ring steward must have a good knowledge of the Show Regulations based on the type of show for which he carries out his work. The ring commissioner must perform the following duties:

- gather the dogs per class;
- check absentees by class;
- report any change of driver to the expert judge;
- write the expert judge's opinion as required in the indicated language;
- take care of filling in the qualification booklets and the relative forms, returning all the material,

at the end of the expert judge's work, both to those directly involved and to the secretariat provided by the organizing committee;

• Contact the WDF delegate for any inaccuracies found.

After the event has taken place, the organizing committees will have to send the WDF the list of ring commissioners designated for each ring.

JUDGMENT IN THE EXHIBITIONS

Article 26

The owners of the registered dogs will have to keep their subjects at the disposal of the expert judges from the beginning of the show until the end of the rounds in which they will have to participate. During the judging, only the following can enter the rings:

a) The delegate of the WDF;

b) the expert judge and the ring marshals, the assistants, as well as the attendant in charge of the ring;

c) the competitors called for judging;

d) Aspiring judges authorized by the WDF.

Representatives of the organizing committee may temporarily enter, but only for reasons of service. Dogs not presented when the expert judge is called for judging will lose the right to be judged without their owners being able to claim reimbursement of the entry fee. For each subject examined, the expert judge will have to disclose the strengths and weaknesses found in the report, drawn up in the official language, which he is required to deliver to the exhibition secretariat. At the secretariat of each show there must always be a cynometer, a measuring tape and a microchip reader available to expert judges who request it.

EVALUATIONS

Article 27

The judgment of a dog must always be summarized in the qualification that the expert judge must assign to each competitor, unless this is withdrawn before the judgment or is considered by the expert judge himself to be out of type, insufficient and, as such, unqualified.

The qualifications that the expert judges of the WDF can assign in recognized shows are exclusively the following:

EXCELLENT (EXC.): this qualification must be attributed to a subject that clearly reflects the ideal standard of the breed - that is presented in perfect condition - that creates a harmonious and balanced whole - that has "class" and a brilliant gait. It will have to impose itself for its great qualities, and it will have to possess the characteristics of the sex to which it belongs.

VERY GOOD (V.G.): this qualification must be attributed to the subject perfectly in type, balanced in its proportions – in good physical condition. Some will be tolerated Venial defect, but not morphological. This qualification can only reward a quality dog.

GOOD (G.): this qualification must be attributed to a dog that possesses the characteristics of the breed, even if it has slight defects, provided however that these are not redhibitors.

DISQUALIFIED (DSQ.): it can be attributed to a dog which presents elimination defects with respect to the standard, it will always be attributed if the subject presents disqualification defects contemplated in the standard of the breed. The WDF Delegate will have to acquire the dog's data, collect its qualification booklet and then transmit it to the WDF. However, with the Expert's authorization, it will be possible to fill in a description on the evaluation form.

NOT JUDGABLE (N.J.): This judgment is given to a dog that does not move, jumps continuously or tries to leave the ring making it impossible to judge its movement and carriage. It is also attributed to a dog that refuses to be examined by an expert judge, making it impossible to evaluate the teeth, anatomy and structure, tail and testicles. Dogs in which the expert judge identifies traces of operations or interventions are also interested. This judgment is valid even when the expert judge has reason to think that the operations have been done to correct the original condition of the dog or its

characteristics (eyelid, ear, tail). The reason why this judgment is given must be reported on the judgment form. Subjects that cannot be judged will not be able to remain in the ring. In the Puppy (6-9 months) and baby (3-6 months) classes, judgments will be issued which, at the time the dog is shown, reflect the assumptions of the subject's future morphological evolution. The Qualification Booklet is not mandatory. The expert judges of the WDF can assign the following qualifications only in the baby and puppy class in recognized shows:

- Very Promising (V.P.);
- Promising (P);
- Quite Promising (Q.P.).

Article 28

On the basis of the assigned qualifications, the expert judge will then proceed to rank the competitors in order of merit. For each breed only the first 3 subjects of each sex are classified, it being understood that all the dogs presented are qualified and their judgment commented in the relative report. The three best dogs of each class will be classified as long as they have obtained the judgment of at least "VERY GOOD".

Article 29

On the basis of the indications of the programme, the expert judge will assign any prizes up for grabs, in any case to qualified subjects with at least Very Good. At the end of the judging, after the awarding of the prizes, and at the end of the grouping, it will be possible to collect a copy of the report form for each competitor from the secretariat; if this has achieved the CAJC, the CAC or the CACIB, or if it is the winner of one or more special prizes of honor, the relative homologations will be delivered, transcribed in the Qualifications booklet. After the delivery of the reports and related qualification booklets to the exhibitors at the end of all the judgements, at the secretariat, the expert judge will no longer be able to modify his judgment for any reason, nor change the qualifications or rankings, nor grant CAJC , CAC or CACIB or award prizes. The organizing committees will have to adopt the paper supports established and approved by the WDF.

PRESS

Article 30

The prizes up for grabs in recognized shows can be awarded on the basis of the qualifications or rankings of the participating subjects. Cash prizes are normally prohibited unless they have been offered by bodies or persons unrelated to the organization of the exhibition, in which case the will of the donors obviously cannot be changed; all other prizes consisting of cups, medals, objects, etc., must be delivered to the winners during the event, with the exception of those cases in which a complaint has been made or when, due to exhaustion of availability, it becomes necessary to provide a partial ordering of missing prizes. In this case the prizes must be sent at the latest, within thirty days of the closure of the event by the organizing committee.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Article 31

In international and national exhibitions the special prizes are at the discretion of the organizing committee. The special prizes can only be awarded to dogs qualified at least "Very Good". In regional exhibitions, or on the occasion of special exhibitions and rallies organized by specialized associations, other special prizes may be provided in addition to those indicated, which however must be allocated in a simple and linear way. The trophies organized by the WDF are part of the special prizes.

HONOR AWARDS

Article 32

The honor prizes in National and International Exhibitions shall be organized as follows:

BEST IN SHOW - NINE COMPETITIVE FINALS

Junior (Very Young and Young classes):

- Best in Show Junior - Grooming & Coat Presentation;
- Best in Show Junior - Small / Medium Presentation (up to and including 50 cm);
- Best in Show Junior - Medium / Large Presentation (over 50 cm).

Adult (Intermediate, Open and Working classes):

- Best in Show Adult - Grooming & Coat Presentation;
- Best in Show Adult - Small / Medium Presentation (up to and including 50 cm);
- Best in Show Adult - Medium / Large Presentation (over 50 cm).

Champions (Winner, Champion and Foreign Champions classes):

- Best in Show Champions - Grooming & Coat Presentation;
- Best in Show Champions - Small / Medium Presentation (up to and including 50 cm);
- Best in Show Champions - Medium / Large Presentation (over 50 cm).

Each of these nine finals is a separate competitive Best in Show, with its own title, independent ranking and honor prizes; no additional mandatory competition between the nine winners shall be held. For each final, one official expert judge shall designate the top five dogs, where at least five qualifying dogs are present; if fewer are present, all eligible dogs may be ranked. Honor prizes for the nine BIS finals shall be provided in equal numbers under the same exhibition programme.

DIVISION CLASSIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

The Grooming & Coat Presentation division takes priority over size and includes every WDF breed or variety officially designated for that division, regardless of height, including all recognized size varieties of Poodle and German Spitz as classified by WDF. For all other breeds or varieties, the Small / Medium Presentation division covers a WDF standard reference height at the withers up to and including 50 cm; the Medium / Large Presentation division covers a WDF standard reference height exceeding 50 cm. Assignment shall be established by breed or officially defined variety, not by the individual dog's measured height or the grooming selected on the day.

Where the official standard provides sex-specific heights, overlapping ranges, optional sizes, or more than one size variety, the WDF Central Technical Commission shall determine and publish a single unambiguous assignment for each relevant breed or variety before the event. The published official WDF Best in Show Division Register shall be binding. No breed or variety shall be allocated ad hoc by a judge, organizer or exhibitor. A dog qualifies for only one division of the relevant Junior, Adult or Champions final; the division does not alter its breed, age class, sex, BOB/JBOB, CAJC, CAC or CACIB eligibility or its breed-standard evaluation.

NON-COMPETITIVE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

WDF Most Promising Puppies: Baby (3-6 months) and Puppy (6-9 months) shall retain the qualifications Very Promising, Promising and Quite Promising under Article 27. There shall be no competitive BIS Puppies final. Every Baby and Puppy presented in the ceremony shall receive a participation recognition; the appointed expert judge may award additional merit distinctions to promising dogs. No ranked Best in Show Puppies winner shall be proclaimed.

WDF Veteran Merit Awards: Dogs entered in Veteran class (from 10 years of age) may receive recognition for their sustained breed type, proportion, sound movement, functional condition and well-being appropriate to age. There shall be no ranked competitive BIS Veterans final. Merit awards shall be conferred by an expert judge without implying a championship certificate.

OTHER HONOR AWARDS AND ORGANIZATION

- Best in Show Couples;

- Best in Show Breeding Groups.

Couples and Breeding Groups remain competitive and are judged in the ring of honor according to their existing regulations. For their prizes the expert judge shall give particular attention to homogeneity of subjects rather than individual qualifications. Each competition shall be judged by an appointed expert judge in a suitably prepared ring of honor. International or national shows may also award BBR - Best Breed Representative of the exhibition, without affecting BIS access.

The organizing committee may also include: a) Junior Handler competition (optional);

b) Best in Group (optional); c) Lady's and Dog's (optional); and any other initiative previously

communicated to WDF. The nine finals, recognition ceremonies and other honor competitions shall be expressly identified in the programme and the organizer shall provide appropriate time, ring space and awards. All judgments remain subject to the official WDF breed standards. EXPERT JUDGES OF THE AWARDS OF HONOR

Article 33

An expert judge will not be able to judge the same groups at international shows until at least two months after the one in which he previously judged and at national shows only after a month or over 200 km. of distance.

DUTIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THE PUBLIC

Article 34

Dog owners and/or their handlers, all those who present dogs for shows or help present them and anyone connected with dogs competing in recognized shows owe the utmost respect and deference to the expert judges, WDF representatives, committee members organizer and the other competitors, under penalty of exclusion from the event by the WDF delegate who must inform the WDF through the "Delegate's Report". Competitors must strictly comply with the regulatory provisions of the WDF and the organizing committee. Punctuality is not only a disciplinary duty but one of courtesy and sportsmanship. Those who are late in presenting themselves to the expert judge when called will be excluded from the judgement. It is forbidden for anyone to make observations or complaints to the expert judges. Anyone who believes they have reason to make complaints or complaints for any reason, can do so in the ways provided for by the regulation with a specific written complaint to the WDF Delegate who, if deemed appropriate, can intervene quickly to check the case. The judgment of the expert judge is to be considered final.

Article 35

Anyone who publicly utters offensive words towards the expert judges or other competitors or refuses to submit to a decision by the judges or the WDF delegate, or commits acts of indiscipline or lack of discipline against them, may be immediately suspended from the event in progress by the expert judge himself or by the WDF delegate and will be reported to the institutional bodies of the WDF as far as they are concerned.

COMPLAINTS

Article 36

In the event of irregularities, the intervention of the WDF delegate can be requested, before the conclusion of the judgment of the breed itself and no later, who will carry out the checks. Otherwise, the complaints, drawn up in writing on the appropriate form that can be collected from the secretariat and subsequently delivered to the same, will be evaluated in the National headquarters by the Disciplinary Commission.

RESPONSIBILITY'

Article 37

The organizing committee of the show will take all the appropriate and best arrangements for the good treatment and safety of the people and dogs present, without however, under any aspect or reason, assuming any responsibility for damage, illness, escape, death or theft of dogs or objects.

VARIOUS

Article 38

For cases not covered by this regulation, reference is made to the general regulation of dog shows recognized by the WDF, to the statute and other social regulations as well as to the rules subsequently approved by the Board of Directors.

ACHIEVEMENT OF TITLES

Art.39

JUNIOR CHAMPION

For the Junior Champion Title, it is issued upon obtaining: 4 (four) CAJC certificates (WDF) issued by at least three different Experts. The CAJC Certificate (WDF) is awarded only for Junior and Junior classes.

NATIONAL CHAMPION

To obtain the title of National Champion, it will be necessary to obtain 6 (six) CAC certificates (WDF) issued by at least 4 (four) different Experts, one of which at the International Show. The CAC Certificate (WDF) is issued starting from the Intermediate Class. It will be possible to obtain the same title for each year of the subject's life up to the age of 10.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION

The title of International Champion is obtained by receiving 6 (six) CACIB (WDF) certificates from

4 (four) different experts in international level competitions in one's own country, or by 3 (three)

CACIB (WDF) received as follows: 2 (two) certificates issued by the country of origin and 1 (one) issued at an international level event in a member country (WDF). The CACIB (WDF) certificate is assigned starting from the Intermediate Class.

REPRODUCER CHAMPION

The title of Reproductive Champion is obtained in the following way: The subject (male) or (female) must have produced, from at least two different litters, 6 (six) different subjects who have qualified EXCELLENT in beauty show, or three subjects who have acquired the title of National Champion (also Junior).

GREAT CHAMPION

The Grand Champion title can be awarded upon obtaining three National Champion Titles. Title of great prestige can only be awarded once in a Subject's life.

MULTI CHAMPION

The Title of Greatest and highly esteemed level of Multi-Champion is assigned to the subject who will have obtained during his show career:

1 (one) Grand Champion;

1 (one) International Championship;

This highly prestigious Title can only be awarded once in a Subject's life.

WORLD CHAMPION

The title of World Champion will be assigned by right to subjects who have obtained the International Certificate of Beauty in the context of the World Cup. A title of great prestige can only be assigned once in the life of a Subject.

The original Regulations drawn up by the Central Technical Commission and approved by the Board of Directors entered into force on 01 January 2023. The revised Best in Show provisions in this consolidated draft are subject to subsequent formal approval and are not yet in force.

The Event Commission The Central Technical Commission WDF