WORLD DOG FEDERATION

TECHNICAL ANNEX
BEST IN SHOW DIVISIONS

Breed assignment list and operational criteria
Companion to the proposed revised WDF Dog Show Regulations

DIVISION	ENTRIES	ELIGIBLE BIS FINALS
Grooming & Coat Presentation	71	Junior / Adult / Champions
Small / Medium Presentation (up to 50 cm)	52	Junior / Adult / Champions
Medium / Large Presentation (over 50 cm)	258	Junior / Adult / Champions

DOCUMENT STATUS: Technical draft for review by the WDF Central Technical Commission and subsequent formal approval. This annex is NOT yet an adopted or effective WDF regulation. The 381 entries retain the proposed assignments from the previous consolidated WDF working list; FCI verification has not been completed for every breed.

Source: WDF consolidated breed classification (381 entries, 17 October 2026) and the proposed revised English WDF Dog Show Regulations. Names are reproduced from the working breed list. A breed listing is not evidence of completed individual standard verification.

1. Scope and interpretation

This annex allocates breed entries to the three Best in Show (BIS) presentation divisions used separately for Junior, Adult and Champions. The allocation is based on the WDF technical classification, breed/variety coat presentation and a reference withers-height boundary of 50 cm. It does not alter the breed standards, individual judging, JBOB/BOB selection or CAJC, CAC and CACIB entitlements.

2. Priority and eligibility

2.1 Grooming priority. Any breed or variety assigned to Grooming & Coat Presentation remains in that division regardless of its size. This includes every WDF Poodle and German Spitz variety under the agreed policy.

2.2 Small / Medium. Non-Grooming breeds or varieties with a WDF designated withers-height reference of 50 cm or less.

2.3 Medium / Large. Non-Grooming breeds or varieties with a WDF designated withers-height reference above 50 cm.

2.4 No double entry. Each eligible dog may appear in only one of these divisions at its corresponding age/title level. The category must be recorded before the show and cannot be changed for the handler’s presentation preference.

2.5 Size ambiguity. If official male/female values or size varieties cross 50 cm, the WDF must assign a definitive breed/variety/sex rule before the event. The 50 cm boundary is not a licence to move an individual between divisions after the judge measures it.

2.6 Coats. Grooming does not allow coat alterations otherwise prohibited by Article 17. The underlying WDF breed standard governs all permitted techniques.

3. The nine competitive Best in Show finals

LEVEL	GROOMING	SMALL / MEDIUM	MEDIUM / LARGE
Junior	BIS Junior - Grooming	BIS Junior - Small/Medium	BIS Junior - Medium/Large
Adult	BIS Adult - Grooming	BIS Adult - Small/Medium	BIS Adult - Medium/Large
Champions	BIS Champions - Grooming	BIS Champions - Small/Medium	BIS Champions - Medium/Large

Junior: Very Young and Young. Adult: Intermediate, Open and Working. Champions: Winner, Champion and Foreign Champions. Selection of each breed representative continues to follow the amended main regulation. These divisions do not introduce nine additional individual breed classes.

4. Non-competitive recognition and retained awards

Baby and Puppy dogs remain individually examined under their special qualifications. The honor-ring programme replaces the competitive BIS Puppies with Most Promising Puppies participation and merit distinctions. Veterans remain individually evaluated but receive Veteran Merit Awards instead of a competitive BIS Veterans. BIS Couples and BIS Breeding Groups remain unchanged.

5. Event administration and publication

The organizers shall indicate each dog’s BIS division in the catalogue and AIDD/event-entry records, using the WDF approved definitive mapping. Any disputed or provisionally classified breed/variety must be resolved by the WDF Technical Commission before the catalogue and ring-of-honor entry list are finalized. Judges shall not reassign divisions on aesthetic preference. Each of the nine competitive finals follows the main regulation’s honor-award judging and ranking rules.

6. Verification status and interpretive warnings

Codes in the lists: FCI REF. = initial external standard reference cited in the working file (not necessarily a complete audit); WDF RULE = WDF-specific placement/variety convention; REVIEW = individually unverified working placement; SIZE REVIEW = varieties or boundary require specific determination. These codes do not mean the corresponding placement is formally approved.

The annex retains unusual assignments from the consolidated working classification, including Samoyed in Grooming, solely to faithfully reflect the supplied WDF working list. They require express technical review before final adoption; FCI descriptions of natural coats must not be silently overridden by inferred grooming permissions.

7. GROOMING & COAT PRESENTATION

71 WDF breed entries · Applicable to Junior, Adult and Champions BIS finals · Working assignment subject to approval

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
1	Airedale Terrier	REVIEW
2	American Cocker Spaniel	REVIEW
3	American Eskimo Dog	REVIEW
4	Australian Silky Terrier	REVIEW
5	Australian Terrier	REVIEW
6	Basset Fauve de Bretagne	REVIEW
7	Basset Griffon Vendéen	REVIEW
8	Bearded Collie	REVIEW
9	Bedlington Terrier	REVIEW
10	Belgian Griffon	REVIEW
11	Bichon Frisé	FCI REF.
12	Biewer Terrier	REVIEW
13	Blue Gascony Griffon	REVIEW
14	Bolognese	REVIEW
15	Border Terrier	REVIEW
16	Bouvier des Flandres	REVIEW
17	Briard	REVIEW
18	Cairn Terrier	REVIEW
19	Cesky Terrier	REVIEW
20	Chinese Crested Dog	REVIEW
21	Continental Toy Spaniel – Papillon	REVIEW
22	Continental Toy Spaniel – Phalène	REVIEW
23	Coton de Tuléar	FCI REF.
24	Dandie Dinmont Terrier	REVIEW
25	English Cocker Spaniel	REVIEW
26	Fawn Brittany Griffon	REVIEW
27	French Water Dog	REVIEW
28	German Spitz	WDF RULE
29	Grand Griffon Vendéen	REVIEW
30	Havanese	REVIEW
31	Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	REVIEW
32	Irish Terrier	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
33	Irish Water Spaniel	REVIEW
34	Italian Volpino	REVIEW
35	Japanese Chin	REVIEW
36	Japanese Spitz	REVIEW
37	Kerry Blue Terrier	REVIEW
38	Kyi-Leo	REVIEW
39	Lakeland Terrier	REVIEW
40	Lhasa Apso	REVIEW
41	Lowchen (Little Lion Dog)	REVIEW
42	Maltese	REVIEW
43	Miniature Schnauzer	REVIEW
44	Nivernais Griffon	REVIEW
45	Norfolk Terrier	REVIEW
46	Norwich Terrier	REVIEW
47	Old English Sheepdog	REVIEW
48	Pekingese	REVIEW
49	Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen	REVIEW
50	Polish Lowland Sheepdog	REVIEW
51	Poodle	WDF RULE
52	Portuguese Sheepdog	REVIEW
53	Portuguese Water Dog	FCI REF.
54	Puli	REVIEW
55	Pumi	REVIEW
56	Riesenschnauzer	REVIEW
57	Romagna Water Dog	REVIEW
58	Russian Black Terrier	REVIEW
59	Samoyed	FCI REF.
60	Schapendoes	REVIEW
61	Scottish Terrier	REVIEW
62	Sealyham Terrier	REVIEW
63	Shih Tzu	REVIEW
64	Skye Terrier	REVIEW
65	Spanish Water Dog	REVIEW
66	Standard Schnauzer	REVIEW
67	Tibetan Terrier	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
68	Welsh Terrier	REVIEW
69	West Highland White Terrier	REVIEW
70	Wire Fox Terrier	REVIEW
71	Yorkshire Terrier	REVIEW

8. SMALL / MEDIUM PRESENTATION — UP TO 50 CM

52 WDF breed entries · Applicable to Junior, Adult and Champions BIS finals · Working assignment subject to approval

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
1	Alpine Dachsbracke	REVIEW
2	American Bully	SIZE REVIEW
3	Austrian Pinscher	REVIEW
4	Basenji	REVIEW
5	Basset hound	REVIEW
6	Beagle	FCI REF.
7	Blue Gascony Basset	REVIEW
8	Boston Terrier	REVIEW
9	Brazilian Terrier	REVIEW
10	Brittany Spaniel	REVIEW
11	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	REVIEW
12	Chihuahua	SIZE REVIEW
13	Chongqing Dog	REVIEW
14	Cirneco dell'Etna	REVIEW
15	Dachshund	SIZE REVIEW
16	Drever	REVIEW
17	English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)	REVIEW
18	Exotic Bully	SIZE REVIEW
19	French Bulldog	REVIEW
20	Italian Greyhound	REVIEW
21	Jack Russell Terrier	REVIEW
22	Jagdterrier	REVIEW
23	Japanese Terrier	REVIEW
24	King Charles Spaniel	REVIEW
25	Kooikerhondje	REVIEW
26	Lancashire Heeler	REVIEW
27	Manchester Terrier	REVIEW
28	Miniature Bull Terrier	REVIEW
29	Miniature Pinscher	REVIEW
30	Norman Artesien Basset	REVIEW
31	Norrbottenspets	REVIEW
32	Norsk Lundehund	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
33	Prague Ratter	REVIEW
34	Pug	REVIEW
35	Ratonero Bodeguero Andaluz	REVIEW
36	Russian Toy	REVIEW
37	Schipperke	REVIEW
38	Shetland Sheepdog	REVIEW
39	Shiba Inu	REVIEW
40	Small Bernese Hound	REVIEW
41	Small Jura Hound	REVIEW
42	Small Lucerne Hound	REVIEW
43	Small Swiss Hound	REVIEW
44	Smooth Fox Terrier	REVIEW
45	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	REVIEW
46	Tibetan Spaniel	REVIEW
47	Welsh Corgi Cardigan	REVIEW
48	Welsh Corgi Pembroke	REVIEW
49	Westphalian Hound	REVIEW
50	Affenpinscher	REVIEW
51	Parson Russell Terrier	REVIEW
52	Portuguese Podengo	SIZE REVIEW

9. MEDIUM / LARGE PRESENTATION — OVER 50 CM

258 WDF breed entries · Applicable to Junior, Adult and Champions BIS finals · Working assignment subject to approval

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
1	Afghan Hound	REVIEW
2	Bergamasco Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
3	Komondor	REVIEW
4	Pharaoh Hound	REVIEW
5	Shar Pei	REVIEW
6	Whippet	SIZE REVIEW
7	Akbash	REVIEW
8	Akita	REVIEW
9	Alabai	REVIEW
10	Alaskan Malamute	REVIEW
11	American Akita	REVIEW
12	American Bulldog	REVIEW
13	American Foxhound	REVIEW
14	American Pit Bull Terrier	REVIEW
15	American Staffordshire Terrier	REVIEW
16	American Water Spaniel	REVIEW
17	American Wolfdog	REVIEW
18	Anatolian Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
19	Anglo-français de petite vénerie	REVIEW
20	Appennine Hound	REVIEW
21	Appenzell Cattle Dog	REVIEW
22	Apuan Alps Dog	REVIEW
23	Ariege Pointer	REVIEW
24	Ariégeois or Briquet du Midi	REVIEW
25	Artois Hound	REVIEW
26	Atlas Mountain Dog (Aidi)	REVIEW
27	Australian Cattle Dog	REVIEW
28	Australian Kelpie	REVIEW
29	Australian Shepherd	REVIEW
30	Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog	REVIEW
31	Austrian Black and Tan Hound	REVIEW
32	Auvergne Pointer	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
33	Azawakh	REVIEW
34	Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound	REVIEW
35	Beagle-Harrier	REVIEW
36	Beauce Sheepdog	REVIEW
37	Belgian Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
38	Bernese Hound	REVIEW
39	Bernese Mountain Dog	REVIEW
40	Billy	REVIEW
41	Black and Tan Coonhound	REVIEW
42	Bloodhound	REVIEW
43	Blue Picardy Spaniel	REVIEW
44	Boerboel	REVIEW
45	Bohemian Wire-haired Pointing Griffon	REVIEW
46	Border Collie	REVIEW
47	Borzoi - Russian Hunting Sighthound	REVIEW
48	Bosnian Broken-Haired Hound	REVIEW
49	Bourbonnais Pointer	REVIEW
50	Bouvier des Ardennes	REVIEW
51	Boxer	REVIEW
52	Briquet Griffon Vendéen	REVIEW
53	Broholmer	REVIEW
54	Bull Terrier	REVIEW
55	Bulldog	REVIEW
56	Bullmastiff	REVIEW
57	Burgos Pointer	REVIEW
58	Canaan Dog	REVIEW
59	Canadian Eskimo Dog – Inuit	REVIEW
60	Canary Dog	REVIEW
61	Carolina Dog – Dixie Dingo	REVIEW
62	Castro Laboreiro Dog	REVIEW
63	Catalan Sheepdog	REVIEW
64	Caucasian Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
65	Central Asian Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
66	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	REVIEW
67	Chow Chow	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
68	Clumber Spaniel	REVIEW
69	Continental Bulldog	REVIEW
70	Croatian Sheepdog	REVIEW
71	Curly Coated Retriever	REVIEW
72	Czechoslovakian Wolfdog	REVIEW
73	Dalmatian	REVIEW
74	Deerhound	REVIEW
75	Dobermann	REVIEW
76	Dogo Argentino	REVIEW
77	Dogue de Bordeaux	REVIEW
78	Drentsche Partridge Dog	REVIEW
79	Dunker	REVIEW
80	Dupuy Pointer	REVIEW
81	Dutch Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
82	Dutch Smoushond	REVIEW
83	Dutch Spaniel	REVIEW
84	East European Shepherd	REVIEW
85	East Siberian Laika	REVIEW
86	English Coonhound	REVIEW
87	English Foxhound	REVIEW
88	English Pointer	REVIEW
89	English Setter	REVIEW
90	English Springer Spaniel	REVIEW
91	Entlebuch Cattle Dog	REVIEW
92	Estrela Mountain Dog	REVIEW
93	Eurasier	REVIEW
94	Field Spaniel	REVIEW
95	Fila Brasileiro	REVIEW
96	Finnish Hound	REVIEW
97	Finnish Spitz	REVIEW
98	Flat Coated Retriever	REVIEW
99	Fonnese Dog	REVIEW
100	French Pointing Dog - Gascogne type	REVIEW
101	French Pointing Dog - Pyrenean type	REVIEW
102	French Spaniel	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
103	French Tricolour Hound	REVIEW
104	French White and Black Hound	REVIEW
105	French White and Orange Hound	REVIEW
106	German Hound	REVIEW
107	German Longhaired Pointer	REVIEW
108	German Pinscher	REVIEW
109	German Rough-Haired Pointing Dog	REVIEW
110	German Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
111	German Shorthaired Pointer	REVIEW
112	German Spaniel	REVIEW
113	German Wirehaired Pointer	REVIEW
114	Golden Retriever	REVIEW
115	Gordon Setter	REVIEW
116	Grand Gascogne-Saintongeois	REVIEW
117	Great Anglo-French Tricolour Hound	REVIEW
118	Great Anglo-French White and Black Hound	REVIEW
119	Great Anglo-French White and Orange Hound	REVIEW
120	Great Dane	REVIEW
121	Great Gascony Blue	REVIEW
122	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	REVIEW
123	Greenland Dog	REVIEW
124	Greyhound	REVIEW
125	Griffon Boulet	REVIEW
126	Haldenstövare	REVIEW
127	Hamiltonstövare	REVIEW
128	Hanoverian Scent Hound	REVIEW
129	Harrier	REVIEW
130	Hellenic Hound	REVIEW
131	Hokkaïdo	REVIEW
132	Hovawart	REVIEW
133	Hungarian Greyhound (Magyar Agar)	REVIEW
134	Hungarian Short-haired Pointer (Vizsla)	REVIEW
135	Hungarian Wire-haired Pointer (Vizsla)	REVIEW
136	Hygenhund	REVIEW
137	Ibizan Hound Wire-haired	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
138	Icelandic Sheepdog	REVIEW
139	Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier	REVIEW
140	Irish Setter	REVIEW
141	Irish Wolfhound	REVIEW
142	Istrian Short-haired Hound	REVIEW
143	Istrian Wire-haired Hound	REVIEW
144	Italian Cane Corso	REVIEW
145	Italian Pointing Dog	REVIEW
146	Italian Short-haired Hound	REVIEW
147	Italian Wire-haired Hound	REVIEW
148	Jamthund	REVIEW
149	Jura Hound – Bruno Type	REVIEW
150	Kai	REVIEW
151	Kangal Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
152	Karelian Bear Dog	REVIEW
153	Karst Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
154	Kishu	REVIEW
155	Korea Jindo Dog	REVIEW
156	Kromfohrländer	REVIEW
157	Kuvasz	REVIEW
158	Labrador Retriever	REVIEW
159	Landseer	REVIEW
160	Lapinkoira	REVIEW
161	Lapinporokoira	REVIEW
162	Large Munsterlander	REVIEW
163	Leonberger	REVIEW
164	Lessinia and Lagorai Sheepdog	REVIEW
165	Lucerne Hound	REVIEW
166	Majorca Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
167	Maremma Hound	REVIEW
168	Maremmano-Abruzzese Sheepdog	REVIEW
169	Mastiff	REVIEW
170	Montenegrin Mountain Hound	REVIEW
171	Mudi	REVIEW
172	Neapolitan Mastiff	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
173	Newfoundland	REVIEW
174	Norsk Buhund	REVIEW
175	Norwegian Elkhound Black	REVIEW
176	Norwegian Elkhound Grey	REVIEW
177	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	REVIEW
178	Old Danish Pointing Dog	REVIEW
179	Olde English Bulldogge	REVIEW
180	Oropa Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
181	Otterhound	REVIEW
182	Peruvian Hairless Dog	REVIEW
183	Petit Bleu de Gascogne	REVIEW
184	Petit Gascon Saintongeois	REVIEW
185	Picardy Sheepdog	REVIEW
186	Picardy Spaniel	REVIEW
187	Plott Hound	REVIEW
188	Podenco Canario	REVIEW
189	Poitevin	REVIEW
190	Polish Greyhound	REVIEW
191	Polish Hound	REVIEW
192	Pont-Audemer Spaniel	REVIEW
193	Porcelaine	REVIEW
194	Portuguese Pointer	REVIEW
195	Posavatz Hound	REVIEW
196	Pudelpointer	REVIEW
197	Pyrenean Mastiff	REVIEW
198	Pyrenean Mountain Dog	REVIEW
199	Pyrenean Sheepdog Long-haired	REVIEW
200	Pyrenean Sheepdog Smooth-faced	REVIEW
201	Rafeiro do Alentejo	REVIEW
202	Redbone Coonhound	REVIEW
203	Restone Brachiuro	REVIEW
204	Rhodesian Ridgeback	REVIEW
205	Romanian Carpathian Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
206	Romanian Mioritic Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
207	Rottweiler	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
208	Rough Collie	REVIEW
209	Russian-European Laika	REVIEW
210	Saarloos Wolfhond	REVIEW
211	Saint Bernard	REVIEW
212	Saint Miguel Cattle Dog	REVIEW
213	Saint-Germain Pointer	REVIEW
214	Saluki	REVIEW
215	Schillerstövare	REVIEW
216	Serbian Hound	REVIEW
217	Shikoku	REVIEW
218	Siberian Husky	REVIEW
219	Sloughi	REVIEW
220	Slovakian Wirehaired Pointer	REVIEW
221	Slovensky Kopov	REVIEW
222	Slovenský čuvač	REVIEW
223	Smalandsstövare	REVIEW
224	Small Munsterlander	REVIEW
225	Smooth Collie	REVIEW
226	South Russian Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
227	Spanish Greyhound	REVIEW
228	Spanish Hound	REVIEW
229	Spanish Mastiff	REVIEW
230	Spinone Italiano	REVIEW
231	Stabyhoun	REVIEW
232	Styrian Coarse-haired Hound	REVIEW
233	Sussex Spaniel	REVIEW
234	Swedish Lapphund	REVIEW
235	Swiss Hounds	REVIEW
236	Taiwan Dog	REVIEW
237	Tatra Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
238	Thai Ridgeback Dog	REVIEW
239	Tibetan Mastiff	REVIEW
240	Tobet	REVIEW
241	Torkuz	REVIEW
242	Tornjak	REVIEW

No.	WDF BREED / ENTRY	STATUS
243	Tosa	REVIEW
244	Transylvanian Hound	REVIEW
245	Treeing Walker Coonhound	REVIEW
246	Tyrolean Hound	REVIEW
247	Västgötaspets	REVIEW
248	Weimaraner	REVIEW
249	Welsh Springer Spaniel	FCI REF.
250	West Siberian Laika	REVIEW
251	White Swiss Shepherd Dog	REVIEW
252	Wire-Haired Pointing Griffon Korthals	REVIEW
253	Xoloitzcuintle	SIZE REVIEW
254	Xoloitzcuintle	SIZE REVIEW
255	Yakutian Laika	REVIEW
256	Yugoslavian Shepherd Dog - Sharplanina	REVIEW
257	Yugoslavian Tricolour Hound	REVIEW
258	Yugoslavian Tricolour Hound	REVIEW

10. Entry into force and final validation

This proposed technical annex shall only take effect after the WDF Central Technical Commission has verified and approved the final breed/variety mapping and the WDF Board of Directors has approved its incorporation into the revised Dog Show Regulations. Until such approval, the operative classification remains the one valid under the existing WDF regulations.