

CKC Shows provide CKC members an opportunity to 'show' their dogs in an official venue in order to obtain points and awards for their chosen breed. In CKC shows, dogs are evaluated for structure, temperament, and movement, by a licensed CKC breed judge using a published breed standard for each breed. As part of CKC's overall mission to improve existing breeds of dogs, CKC breed standards and shows will be developed and maintained with these factors always in mind: genetic health, physical health, sound temperaments, trainability, and the preservation of breed instincts.

The Specialty and All-Breed Event Rules & Regulations give CKC exhibitors and judges ground rules for competing in CKC Conformation Shows. A thorough understanding of these rules is necessary for judges and exhibitors alike before entering the ring. It is Continental Kennel Club's goal to make CKC Shows competitive yet fun, official yet friendly, so that CKC members can enjoy the sport of showing while gaining knowledge about their dogs and how they stack up to the rest of the members of their breed group.

## DEFINITIONS

**All-Breed Show** - a conformation show open to all recognized CKC breeds

**CKC Registered** - a dog that is already registered with CKC, and has been issued a CKC registration certificate

**CKC-Registerable** - a dog that is eligible for registration with Continental Kennel Club Inc. based on official CKC Rules and Regulations

**Dual Registered** - having registration with two different breed clubs/organizations; CKC offers dual registration to dogs which are currently registered with any CKC recognized kennel club.

**Group Show** - a conformation show open to specific breed groups

**Handler** - a person designated to handle the dog in the competition other than the listed owner or co-owner.

**Hosting group/club** - the CKC-affiliated club who hosts a CKC show

**Multi-Breed Shows** - a conformation show for two or more breeds

**Owner** - the individual who owns the dog or puppy entered in a show - The owner of the dog is the owner listed on the canine's official CKC registration certificate. The owner's signature is required on all CKC Show entry forms.

**Specialty Show** - a conformation show open to only one specific recognized CKC breed

**Participant** - any person participating in the show, whether this individual is the owner, handler, or both

**Sanctioned Show/Sanctioned Event** - any event licensed by CKC in which registered canine participants may earn placements, points, and titles with CKC

**Spectator** - any person attending the show that is not a handler or owner

**1. Participant & Dog Eligibility** - See General CKC Event Rules and CKC Registration Rules

**2. CKC-Registration** - See CKC Registration Rules

**3. Judges and Judging Procedures** - For a full understanding of the CKC judging requirements and procedures, please see official CKC Judging Procedures document.

a. Judges must be CKC-licensed.

b. CKC Judges are trained to judge in favor of healthy conformation, structure, and movement which are essential for a canine's quality of life. Exaggerated extremes, such as a shortened muzzle produced in typical English Bulldogs that affects the dog's ability to breath or regulate temperature, will be penalized as CKC considers this type of extreme harmful to the breed.

c. Judge's opinions are recorded on an official CKC Scorecard, and are to be collected by the event secretary at the end of each class.

d. All dogs must be judged/evaluated during the advertised and designated starting time of the event. It is the judge's duty to ensure that all CKC Shows start at the advertised time.

e. Judges must hold a handler's meeting 10 minutes prior to the start of the event to cover ring procedures and answer questions.

f. The Judge for a particular event may designate areas from which dogs not directly involved in the competition are prohibited.

g. All dogs will be evaluated/inspected on the ground/floor. A bench or table may be requested and used by the judge at his or her discretion.

h. No dogs will be permitted inside the competition ring prior to the start of the show or judging.

**4. Show Ineligibility, Dismissals, and Disqualifications**

a. The CKC-affiliate club or Judge may refuse entry, ban, or excuse from the event or the ring, any dog that is in poor health, is uncontrollable, or exhibits extreme fearfulness, distress, aggression, or viciousness to other dogs or humans.

b. The CKC-affiliate club or Judge may refuse entry, ban, or excuse from the event or the ring, any individual, spectator, handler, owner, vendor, attendee, or participant whose behavior is disruptive to the event.



- c. All dog breed standards require the dog to be shown in a proper healthy condition. Any dogs that, in the Judge's opinion, are not in a fit state will be dismissed from the event. Disqualifications from the show for genetic faults and defects and/or health conditions include:
  - i. Major disqualifying faults for the breed
  - ii. Dogs that are blind, deaf, or lame, or showing difficulty in movements,
  - iii. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism (retention of one or both testicles) is an eliminating fault. Note: This rule does not apply to neutered dogs, which have had both testicles surgically removed.
  - iv. Dogs showing any level of difficulty breathing will be disqualified from the event
  - v. Surgical alterations or cosmetic procedures that are used to enhance, disguise, remove, obscure, conceal or improve a dog's abnormality, hereditary, or congenital abnormality, deformity, disorder, or disease.
    - 1. This can include but is not limited to; hair extensions, chalking, powdering, dying, or tattooing faulty colors, or patterns is not permitted.
    - 2. Testicular implants to conceal cryptorchidism, corrective surgery of entropion or "cherry eye," tattooing over improperly pigmented areas of skin, dogs medicated to mask viciousness or shyness, or to enhance performance.
    - 3. If a judge determines that a dog has been surgically, medically, or cosmetically altered, they should advise the handler as to why after judging the group. Dogs that have been found to be in violation of this rule will not be considered for points, placement, or title.
    - 4. Exceptions would be customary tail-docking or ear-cropping for certain breeds.
  - vi. Although some dog breeds are naturally less social toward strangers and less confident in novel situations, dogs which appear to the Judge as overly fearful, shy, vicious, or aggressive while in the ring may be disqualified by the Judge. In addition, dogs not properly trained and socialized for showing and events may be disqualified if they are out-of-control in the ring.
  - vii. Unprovoked aggression toward any person at a CKC Show will not be tolerated. Judges may disqualify any dog that shows signs of aggression toward the Judge or other participant.
- d. It is the judge's responsibility and right to disqualify, excuse, or withhold points at his discretion if a dog does not qualify or meet the requirements of the breed's standard.
- e. Handlers of disqualified or dismissed dogs, or dogs in which points have been withheld, should be notified of the reason for this action.

## 5. Ring Etiquette & Procedures

- a. In consideration of time constraints, all dogs should be weighed and measured upon arrival and processing of paperwork.
- b. The club should allow at minimum a thirty minute time span between the close of registration entry and the start of judging.
- c. Owners and handlers will be expected to understand and follow all rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures as set forth by CKC and the CKC-affiliate club.
- d. Owners and handlers entering dogs in CKC Shows and Events agree that they are submitting to the designated judge's personal interpretation, inspection, and decision and will accept the judge's decision.
- e. All handlers should be ready at ringside with their dogs at least 5 minutes prior to the start of their class.
- f. Dogs will be evaluated in numerical order according to arm bands issued by the CKC-affiliate club hosting the show.
- g. All dogs must be shown on show leads and show collars or slip collars. Thick collars, chains, remote collars, e-collars, pinch or prong collars, fur-saver collars, harnesses, and muzzles are not permitted.
- h. Concealed baiting with small amounts of treats or food is allowed in the ring, so long as the bait does not disrupt other competitors or affect the judge's evaluation of the dog.
- i. Grooming tools are not allowed in the ring.
- j. Handlers and dogs are not allowed to exit the ring until dismissed by the Judge. Should a handler exit the ring prior to dismissal, the dog will be disqualified from the competition.
- k. Dogs must compete and advance in their classes unless they are dismissed or disqualified by a judge.
- l. Spectators, handlers, and exhibitors may not approach or interfere with the judge during the judging of any event.
- m. Spectators, owners, and other handlers may not attempt to influence the dog's behavior (double handling) while the handler is exhibiting. Spectators, owners, and other handlers who attempt to serve as a second handler will be asked to leave the show and spectator area.
- n. Handlers must be capable of maintaining control of the dog at all times. If it is the judge or event staff's determination that the handler is not capable of maintaining control of the dog, or that the dog is not being handled properly, the dog and handler may be excused.
- o. Handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs should their dog soil the ring.
- p. Crated dogs, leashed dogs, spectators, food items, concessions, and seating should be set back 15 feet or more from the ring.

## 6. Grooming



- a. All dogs should be groomed to breed-appropriate, breed-specific grooming standards that is natural or traditional for that breed.
- b. Bathing is essential to the general maintenance and husbandry of a dog, as well as its proper presentation in the ring. Dogs should be clean and free from any odor, dirt, debris, excess hair.

## 7. Canine Temperament

- a. Conformation not only includes a sound body, but also a sound mind. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that any dogs brought to a CKC event are of a sound mind and exhibit a healthy temperament. No dog at any CKC event or show should exhibit extreme distress.
- b. Dogs that are in training for behavior modification should not be entered into a CKC Show.

## 8. CKC Conformation Classes

- a. Listed below are all licensed classes to be judged at any CKC show. Age eligibility is determined on the date of the event. All dogs will show in their designated classes in order to determine which dogs will advance to the next level ("Best Of" classes.) Males are judged before females.
  - i. **Puppy Class I**- all male/female puppies ranging from 3-5 months of age.
  - ii. **Puppy Class II**- all male/female puppies ranging from 6-8 months of age.
  - iii. **Adolescent Class**- all male/female puppies ranging from 9-11 months.
  - iv. **Adult Class I**- all male/female dogs ranging from 1-2 years of age.
  - v. **Adult Class II**- all male/female dogs ranging from 3 -4 years of age.
  - vi. **Veteran Class**- all males/females 5-7 years of age
  - vii. **Senior Class**- all males/females 8+ years and older

## 9. Earning Titles

- a. Any disputes over champion points or status must be reported directly to CKC, no later than three (3) months after the event date.
- b. Once a dog has met the criteria and requirements for a show champion, the dog will no longer be eligible to show in the open class and must be shown in the Champion class. Once CKC has notified the owner of a qualifying dog of their status change to Champion, the dog may not be shown in any of the open classes (Puppy, Adolescent, Young Adult, Adult, Senior Adult, or Veteran). The dog may only be shown in the Champion classes.
- c. Once CKC has notified the owner of a qualifying dog of their status change to Grand Champion, the dog may not be shown in the Champion class. The dog may only be shown in the Grand Champion class.
- d. Once CKC has notified the owner of a qualifying dog of their status change to Supreme Grand Champion, the dog may not be shown in the Grand Champion class. The dog may only be shown in the Supreme Grand Champion class.
- e. When only one dog is entered in any classification, the dog must score 80 points or better (\*See Chart Below\*) on a conformation breakdown before any points are awarded.
- f. For the Champion classes, there must be competition (at least 2 or more dogs present in the class) for a win to be awarded.

## 10. Best Of and Reserves

### a. Best (Winners) Male

All First Place Males from Puppy Class I, II, Adolescent Class, as well as Adult Class I, II, Veteran Class, and Senior Class will compete against each other for Best Male of Show. Reserve Best Male is determined by selecting the second place puppy or adult from the remaining Best Male Class. Best Male will compete against Best Female for Best of Show Overall in Specialty Shows.

### b. Best (Winners) Female

All First Place Females from Puppy Class I, II, Adolescent Class, as well as Adult Class I, II, Veteran Class, and Senior Class will compete against each other for Best Female of Show. Reserve Best Female is determined by selecting the second place puppy or adult from the remaining Best Female Class. Best Female will compete against Best Male for Best of Show Overall in Specialty Shows.

### c. Best of Breed

The **Best of Breed** is a sanctioned class to be offered at all CKC All-Breed shows. Winners of the Best Male, Best Female, Champion, Grand Champion, and Supreme Grand Champion classes will compete for Best of Breed. Judges will select a "Best of Breed" winner as the dog that he or she believes best represented that breed for that day. Best of Breed winners will go on to compete in Best of Group at All-Breed or Group Shows.

### d. Best of Group



Best of Breeds from each breed will compete against one another in their Breed Group for the Best of Group. Best in Group is selected based on the dog that the judge feels best represented the breed group that day.

e. **Best of Show Overall**

The Best (Winners) Male of Show and Best (Winners) Female of Show of a Specialty Show will compete against each other for the overall Best of Show Overall. Best of Groups will compete against each other for Best of Show Overall in All-Breed, Group, and Multi-Breed Shows.

## 11. Champions

- a. **The Champion class** is open only to those dogs that have met the qualifications for a Champion title with CKC, or have met the qualifications for a Champion title through a CKC-recognized organization, and is dual registered with CKC. Male and female champions will compete against each other for the Best Champion of Show. In order for the win and points to be applied toward a Grand Champion title, competition must be present in the Champion class. If there are only two dogs to compete in the Champion class, a winner will be selected, and points will not be credited toward a Grand Champion title.
- b. **Grand Champion class** are open only to those dogs that have met the qualifications for a Grand Champion title through CKC, or has earned a Grand Champion title through another CKC-recognized organization, and is dual registered with CKC. Male and female dogs will compete against each other for the Best of Grand Champion Show overall. In order for the win and points to be applied toward a Supreme Grand Champion title, competition must be present in the Grand Champion class. If there are only two dogs to compete in the Champion class, a winner will be selected, and points will not be credited toward a Supreme Grand Champion title.
- c. **Supreme Grand Champion class** are open only to those dogs that have met the qualifications for a Supreme Grand Champion title through CKC, or has earned a Supreme Grand Champion title through another CKC-recognized organization, and is dual registered with CKC. Male and female dogs will compete against each other for the Best of Supreme Grand Champion Show overall.

## 12. Championship Points Awarded for All-Breed Shows, Group Shows, and Multi-Group Shows (More than one Breed)

- a. **First Place 15 Points**
- b. **Second Place 10 Points** (competition must be present and must also place 1st in order for points to be awarded for 2nd place. Judges may award a 2nd place to dogs with no competition in their class, however, no points will be awarded.)
- c. **Third Place 5 Points**
- d. **Best Male/Best Female (Includes Puppy, Open, Champion, Grand Champion, and Supreme Grand Champion) 10 Points**
- e. **Reserve Best Male or Female 5 Points**
- f. **Best of Breed 5 Points**
- g. **Best of Group 5 Points**
- h. **Best of Show Overall 10 Points**
- i. **Total Points that may be earned during one show: 45**

## 13. Championship Points Awarded for Specialty Shows (Single Breed)

- a. **First Place 15 Points**
- b. **Second Place 10 Points** (competition must be present and must also place 1st in order for points to be awarded for 2nd place. Judges may award a 2nd place to dogs with no competition in their class, however, no points will be awarded.)
- c. **Third Place 5 Points**
- d. **Best Male/Best Female (Includes Puppy, Open, Champion, Grand Champion, and Supreme Grand Champion) 10 Points**
- e. **Reserve Best Male or Female 5 Points**
- f. **Best of Show Overall 10 Points**
- g. **Best of Show Opposite 5 Points**
- h. **Total Points that may be earned during one show: 35**

## 14. Performance Points Applied to Working Dogs

- a. CKC will automatically award a one-time additional 5 points toward champion to any dog with a working champion title, such as field trials, hunt tests, and weight pulling. Proof of the dog's official champion title must be mailed to CKC.
- b. CKC will automatically award a one-time additional 5 points to any working sled dog with over 100 miles of logged hours at CKC sanctioned races. Proof of logged hours must be mailed to CKC.

## 15. Earning of Placements, Points, and Championship Titles

- a. **Champion (CH)**
  - i. Dogs 1 year of age or older that earn a minimum of 100 Conformation Points with either a Best of Show win (obtained from a match where competition of two or more dogs were present), OR two (2) Best Male/Female wins will be awarded a Champion Title. The title abbreviations "CH" will appear in the title field on any



registration documents for all Champions. Dogs that have completed the point and win requirements prior to 1 year of age will receive a Champion title upon their first birthday.

Specific Feature	Pts
<b>General Appearance, Condition, and Proportions</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
Expression	1
Presence	1
<b>Proportions</b>	
Height to length	1
Height to Weight	1
Height to substance	1
<b>Skin and Coat</b>	
Coat Condition/health	1
Coat texture and type	1
Coat color and pattern	1
Skin elasticity/wrinkling	1
Skin condition/health	1
<b>Head</b>	<b>35 Points</b>
Skull	
Skull type	1
Top skull length	1

## b. Grand Champion (GCH)

i. Dogs that have met the criteria for earning a CKC Champion Title must earn five (5) Champion class major wins (obtained from a match where competition of two or more dogs were present) to be awarded a Grand Champion title. The title abbreviations "GCH" will appear in the title field on any registration documents for all Grand Champions.

## c. Supreme Grand Champion (SGRCH)

i. Dogs that have met the criteria for earning a CKC Grand Champion Title must earn five (5) Grand Champion class wins (obtained from a match where competition of two or more dogs were present) to be awarded a Supreme Grand Champion title. The title abbreviations "SGRCH" will appear in the title field on any registration documents for all Supreme Grand Champions.

## 16. Change of Status/Title

a. Once a dog has met the requirements for CKC Conformation Champion, Grand Champion, or Supreme Grand Champion, the dog may be entered in the next level of competition starting with the next show, regardless if they have been officially notified or acknowledged of their title change by CKC, so long as the

records kept by the dog owner are accurate and matches those of CKC.

- b. Neither CKC nor the hosting group/club assumes responsibility for errors, omissions, mistakes, or fraudulent information provided by any dog owner concerning the dog's points or title. For dogs that are found to have obtained points or a title under erroneous information, all points attained by that dog under the erroneous information, including points and placements attained at a higher level, will be removed/voided.

## 17. Champion & Titles

- a. Champion title certificates will be issued to the dog owner upon receipt and processing of all event materials from the hosting group/club information. Please allow 30 days from the event date to receive Champion certificates. Champion certificates are issued free of charge. Additional copies or replacements may be purchased for an additional fee of \$15.
- b. Upon completion of a Champion title, the dog's registration status will be updated in CKC's records. This update will be reflected on the dog's registration documents, starting the business day after the dog's status change. From that point on, the dog's Champion Status designation will show up on all registration documents, including registration certificates, pedigrees. If you would like to obtain a copy of these registration documents with the updated status change, you may order a copy of them from CKC for \$15.

## 18. Conformation Points Break Down for Judging 100 Points Total (When only one dog is entered into a class, the dog must score a minimum of 80 points on the conformation breakdown for any points to be awarded.)

Top skull width	1
Top skull profile/slope	1
Top skull frontal arch/slope	1
Bone prominence/arch/furrow/chiseling	1
Stop	1
Occiput	1
<b>Muzzle</b>	
Muzzle length	1
Muzzle width	1
Muzzle taper	1
Muzzle layback	1
Skull: muzzle ratio	1
Flews/lips	1
<b>Nose</b>	
Size	1
Color	1
Nostril size	1
<b>Teeth</b>	
Dentition count	1
Bite	1
Condition	1
<b>Face</b>	
Cheeks/jowls	1
Brow	1
Chiseling/substance/fill	1
Nose proportion	1
Skin elasticity/wrinkling	1
<b>Eyes</b>	
Eye type/shape	1
Eye set	1
Eye size	1
Eye color	1
Eye symmetry	1
Eye haw/skin	1
<b>Ears</b>	
Ear type	1
Ear Size	1
Ear set/placement	1
Ear carriage	1

Body		15 Points
<b>Topline</b>		
Back		1
Croup		1
Loin		1
Slope		1
<b>Neck</b>		
Neck length		1
Neck muscling/substance/width		1
Nape/crest slope		1
Throat		1
<b>Chest</b>		
Depth		1
Width		1
Brisket		1
Forechest/Sternum		1
Rib spring		1
<b>Underline/Belly/Groin</b>		
Flank		1
Tuck-up		1
Forequarters		15 Points
<b>Shoulders</b>		
Shoulder muscle/substance		1
Shoulder width		1
Shoulder angulation (Scapula to upper arm)		1
Elbow angulations (upper arm to forearm)		1
Elbow proximity		1
<b>Forearms</b>		
Forearm length		1
Forearm substance/bone mass		1
Forearm orientation/plane		1
Forearm muscle mass		1
<b>Pasterns</b>		
Plane/slope/strength		1
<b>Forefeet/Paws</b>		
Type/shape		1
Size		1
Orientation		1
Pads		1
Nails		1
Hindquarters and Tail		15 Points
<b>Hips &amp; Thighs</b>		
Hip angulation (pelvis to upper thigh)		1
Upper thigh muscle/substance/strength		1
Upper thigh length		1
Knee joint (Upper thigh to lower thigh angulation)		1
Lower thigh muscle/substance/strength		1
Lower thigh length		1
Hock joint (Lower thigh to rear pastern angulation)		1
Hock substance/bone		1
Hock letdown		1
Hock/rear pastern length		1
<b>Tail</b>		
Tail set		1
Tail type		1
Tail furnishing		1
Tail length		1
Tail carriage		1
<b>Temperament</b>		5 Points
<b>Movement</b>		5 Points
<b>Points Possible-&gt;</b>		<b>100</b>

