

Estonian Kennel Union Show Regulations

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0. DEFINITIONS

CACIB - "Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat Internationale de Beauté de la F.C.I." – Certificate of Aptitude for International Show Champion.

CAC – Certificate of Aptitude for Estonian Show Champion.

JUN CAC – Certificate of Aptitude for Estonian Junior Champion.

VET CAC – Certificate of Aptitude for Estonian Veteran Champion.

CQ - Certificate of Quality.

International Show – a show for all FCI-approved breeds, entered in the Estonian Kennel Union (EKU) Show Calendar and confirmed by the International Cynological Federation (Fédération Cynologique Internationale - FCI). At the International Shows the dogs compete for the nomination of CACIB, CAC, JUN CAC and VET CAC.

National Show – an official show entered in the EKU Show Calendar. The show types are All Breed Shows, Group Shows, and Specialty Shows. At the National Shows the dogs compete for the nomination of CAC, JUN CAC and VET CAC.

All Breed Show – a show for all the FCI-approved breeds.

Group Show – a show for one or two FCI groups.

Specialty Show – a show for one or several FCI-approved breeds. At Specialty Shows also unofficial competitions can be held that are entered in the show catalogue.

Organising committee – organising committee is made up of the president of the organising committee, vice-president, secretary general and people responsible for correspondence with the judges and welcoming the judges.

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 The following regulations must be followed at all the shows entered in the EKU Show Calendar.

1.2 Confirming the shows.

1.2.1 Before confirming the show, EKU Board considers the number of participants at previous shows as well as the quality of the previous shows organised by the same organisation.

1.2.2 In case serious drawbacks in the quality of organising the show are found, EKU Board may refuse to grant the show(s) to the organisation next year and/or withdraw the show(s) already confirmed and entered in the Show Calendar.

2. APPLICATIONS

2.1 Each EKU member organisation has the right to apply for and organise one show per year as stated in the organisation's statutes. Each EKU member organisation may apply for additional shows.

2.2 International Shows

2.2.1 EKU Board confirms the number of International Shows per year and grants the right to organise the shows either according to the permanent list or each case separately.

2.2.2 International Shows can be applied for only by Regional Kennel Clubs.

2.3 All Breed Shows

2.3.1 EKU Board confirms the number of All Breed Shows per year and grants the right to organise them.

2.3.2 All Breed Shows can be applied for by Regional Kennel Clubs.

2.4 Group Shows

2.4.1 EKU Board confirms the number of Groups Shows per year and grants the right to organise them.

2.4.2 For Group Shows the following EKU member organisations may apply:

- Regional Kennel Clubs,
- Breed Club/Clubs for the group(s) their breed(s) belong to. One additional FCI Group may be engaged.

2.5 Speciality Show

2.5.1 EKU Board confirms the number of Specialty Shows per year and grants the right to organise them.

2.5.2 A Kennel Club may apply only for the Speciality Show of the breed(s) that are listed in the organisation's statutes. The breeds may be from different FCI groups.

2.5.3 A Speciality Show can be organised within an All Breed Show or a Group Show. A Breed Union or Club shall submit a relevant application with the approval of the organiser of the All Breed Show. The best dogs of such a Speciality Show will participate in Group Competition of the National Show together with other best dogs of this show.

2.6 Applications for International Shows must be presented to EKU Board at least one year and three months before the date of the show applied for, but no earlier than four years before the show. The application confirmed by EKU Board will be forwarded to FCI by the EKU for confirmation.

2.7 Entering an International Show of an EKU member organisation in the Show Calendar can be confirmed only after EKU has decided upon the dates of shows organized by EKU.

2.8 Applications for All Breed, Group or Speciality Shows must be presented to the EKU Board on July 1st of the previous year at the latest, but no earlier than two years before the show.

2.9 The organiser of the show is responsible for receiving the all the necessary approvals of the local government and/or veterinary service in accordance with the law.

2.10 The show may be cancelled and the date or place changed only with the permission of EKU Board.

2.11 In case a show has to be cancelled, the organiser must partially refund the entry fees that have already been paid.

3. RESTRICTIONS

3.1 An International Show cannot be held on the same date with European or World Show taking place in Europe.

3.2 Two All Breed Shows cannot be held on the same date. Two All Breed Shows may be held on the same weekend only in case groups judged on the same day do not coincide.

3.3 A Group Show can be held on the same weekend with an All Breed Show or an International Show only in case the breeds are judged on different days. EKU Board may confirm exceptions.

4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF DOGS

4.1 The organiser of the show is responsible for publishing the list of the documents required for registration when advertising the show.

4.2 A dog is entered to the show after the organiser has approved the entry documents listed in the advertisement, properly filled in and forwarded by the exhibitor (registration form, a copy of the breed certificate, etc.)

4.3 At the International Shows the breeds approved by FCI as well as those approved by EKU may participate. Breeds approved by EKU shall be entered into the catalogue under the title "Breeds not approved by FCI". General show fee of FCI shall be paid for these dogs. CACIB is not awarded to these breeds, neither are they entitled to participate in Group Competitions or apply for any FCI title.

4.4 At All Breed, Group and Speciality Shows both the breeds approved by FCI as well as those approved by EKU may participate and they are entitled to participate in Group Competitions within the same group they would belong after the approval of FCI.

4.5 FCI classification of dog breeds must be followed at the shows, except for the cases listed in clause 4.3.

4.6 A dog entered at the show must be registered in the studbook or in the annex (special register) of an FCI member country or of an FCI non-member country which is recognised by FCI.

4.7 Dogs or owners with a current ban on participating in the shows cannot be registered in the shows entered in EKU official show calendar. Likewise, they cannot participate in the shows. FCI circulars with lists of current bans are published on EKU web page and forwarded to the EKU member organisations.

4.8 In case of a dog's death, the entry fee is returned provided the death certificate is presented. Entry fee is also returned in case the judge is not allowed to judge the dog.

4.9 The organisation and people organising EKU shows are not responsible for any damage caused for or by the dog or its owner.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All dogs must have a microchip or a clear ID-tattoo. The organiser must provide the means for checking the tattoo/micro-chip.

5.2 The dog must be vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the veterinary service and EKU.

5.3 Sick, limping or deaf dogs, dogs with testicular atrophy, but also visibly pregnant or lactating bitches and castrated male dogs must be excluded from any show.

5.4 Dogs with docked and undocked tails or cropped and uncropped ears dogs must be judged equally.

5.5 Dogs whose date of birth is 1 August 2013 or later and whose ears have been cropped and/or tails docked may not take part in shows listed in the calendar of Estonian Kennel Union.

5.5.1 In case of natural bobtail, a certificate must be presented to prove it unless it is shown on the breed certificate.

5.6 Using substances affecting the colour and/or structure of the skin, coat or nose of the dog is forbidden.

5.7 Trimming and clipping are forbidden on the show ground, except in special areas designated for this purpose by the organiser. It is forbidden to put the dog on the grooming table for longer than the necessary preparation time before showing.

Members of the organising committee and judge trainees may not handle any dog(s) at the same show. *Ring stewards and ring steward trainees may not handle any dog(s) at the same show during the same working day.*

6. SHOW CATALOGUE

6.1 Notes on Catalogues

6.1.1 International Show:

“F.C.I. CACIB õigusega rahvusvaheline koertenäitus - International Dog Show with Attribution of the CACIB of the FCI”.

The cover page of the catalogue must present FCI and EKU logos and the following text, “Rahvusvaheline Künoloogiline Föderatsioon – Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)”.

6.1.2 All Breed Show:

"All Breed Show with attribution of the CAC".

The cover-page of the catalogue must present EKU logo and the text “Eesti Kennelliit”.

6.1.3 Group Show:

"Group Show with attribution of the CAC".

The cover-page of the catalogue must present EKU logo and the text “Eesti Kennelliit”.

6.1.4 Group Show:

"Speciality Show with attribution of the CAC".

The cover-page of the catalogue must present EKU logo and the text “Eesti Kennelliit”.

6.2 The catalogue must contain the list of breeds presented at the show as well as all the information at least in Estonian and in English.

6.3 The rules for filing a complaint as well as the size of the surety has to be included in the catalogue. The latter must not be higher than double the entry fee.

6.4 Competition classes must be listed in the catalogue in the following order:

Baby Puppy Class (4-6 months) – voluntary, decided by the organiser.

- Puppy Class (6-9 months)

- Junior Class (9-18 months)

- Intermediate Class (15-24 months)
- Open Class (from 15 months)
- Working Class (from 15 months)
- Champion Class (from 15 months)
- Veteran Class (from 8 years)
- . Breeder Class
- Progeny Class
- Brace Competition

6.5 The following information about all the dogs should be presented in the catalogue:

- name,
- titles,
- studbook number,
- note about natural bobtail in breeds (nb - natural bobtail), where it occurs.
- date of birth,
- ID code (tattoo or micro-chip code),
- names of the Sire/Dam,
- titles of the Sire/Dam (on request of the organiser),
- breeder's name and country of residence,
- owner's name and country.

6.6 Only officially confirmed International and National Champion titles as well as other officially confirmed titles may be published in the catalogue (up to 50 letters).

6.7 In case the dog has obtained at least 7 National Champion titles or 7 National Winner titles, the dog can be marked in the catalogue as MULTI CH, MULTI W.

6.8 Dogs not listed in the catalogue can be judged with the permit of the organising committee provided that timely registration and payment of the registration fees can be proved.

6.9 The catalogue shall be published in the morning of the show day. In case there are several shows taking place within one week, there can be a joint catalogue that shall be published in the morning of the first show day.

7 JUDGING CLASSES

7.1 Double entries, except for Breeder Class, Progeny Class and Brace Competition, as well as late entries after the closing date set by the organising committee are not permitted.

7.2 The following competition classes are recognised:

7.2.1 Classes in which CAC and CACIB (CACIB only in International Shows) can be awarded:

- Intermediate Class (15-24 months)
- Open Class (from 15 months)
- Working Class (from 15 months)
- Champion Class (from 15 months)

7.2.2 Classes in which the JUN CAC can be awarded:

- Junior Class (9-18 months)

7.2.3 Classes in which the VET CAC can be awarded:

- Veteran Class (from 8 years)

7.2.4 Classes that do not compete for CAC, JUN CAC or CACIB:

- Baby Puppy Class (4-6 months) – voluntary, decided by the organiser.
- Puppy Class (6-9 months)

7.2.5 Breeder Class

The title Best Breeder is awarded. Only one Breeder Group per breed may be presented by a breeder.

7.2.6 Progeny Class

The title Best Progeny Class is awarded.

7.2.7 Brace Competition

The title Best Brace is awarded.

7.3 The decisive date concerning the age is the day of the show (i.e., the day when the dog participates in the show).

7.4 Working Class is available only for the breeds marked "with working trials" in the breed standard, for northern sled dogs and for the breeds who are allowed to compete in coursing. To enter a dog in the Working Class, the following requirements must be met:

- In case of an International Show, the entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the FCI Working Certificate, containing the confirmation about the dog having passed the trial as well as the details of the trials; the confirmation shall be issued by the member country in which the holder or the owner has his/her permanent place of residence. It must be ensured that the results of this trial are in accordance with FCI regulations.
- In case of an All Breed, Specialty or Group Show, the entry form must be accompanied by a copy of FCI or EKV Working Certificate, containing the confirmation about the dog having passed the trial as well as the details of the trials; the confirmation shall be issued by the member country in which the holder or the owner has his/her permanent place of residence.

7.5 To enter a dog in the Champion Class, a copy of one of the following certificates must be enclosed with the entry form:

- FCI International Champion,
- National Champion of a country recognized by FCI.

8. QUALIFICATIONS AND PLACES

8.1 The qualifications given by the judges must correspond to the following definitions and they will be presented by the following colours:

8.1.1 EXCELLENT (EXC, red) may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed. The dog has to be in excellent physical condition, displaying a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, excellent posture, and typical features of its sex. Its superior breed characteristics allow the minor imperfections to be ignored.

8.1.2 VERY GOOD (VG, blue) may only be awarded to a dog which possesses the typical features of its breed, has well-balanced proportions and is in good condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

8.1.3. GOOD (G, yellow) can be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed but also has some faults, provided that these faults are not concealed.

8.1.4 8.1.4. SUFFICIENT (S, green) can be awarded to a dog which adequately corresponds to its breed type, without possessing the generally accepted breed characteristics, or whose physical condition is insufficient.

8.1.5. DISQUALIFIED (0, grey) must be awarded to a dog which does not correspond to the type required by the standard, and whose behaviour is clearly not in accordance with its standard (is aggressive), which has testicular abnormalities, dental or jaw anomalies, or which shows colour or coat imperfection or signs of albinism. This qualification can also be awarded to dogs who have such a strong characteristic feature of the breed that it is likely to be life-threatening. It should also be awarded to dogs that show eliminating faults established in the breed standard.

8.1.6 Dogs that cannot be awarded any of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the note CANNOT BE JUDGED (CBJ, brown). This rating is given to any dog who does not move, constantly jumps up on its handler or tries to get out of the ring, which makes it impossible to assess the gait; or if a dog constantly avoids being examined by the judge and makes it impossible to inspect the bite and teeth, structure, tail or testicles, or if the dog shows traces of operations or treatments that refer to a deceit. The same judgement is made if the judge has enough reason to suspect that operations to correct the dog's original condition or feature (e.g., eyelid, ear, or tail) have been performed. The reason of the given judgment has to be presented in the written report.

8.1.7 The title "Certificate of Quality" (CQ, pink) is entitled to a dog with an excellent grade, who looks excellent and flawless both in structure and behaviour at the moment of judging, so that the dog is considered to be worthy of the certificate.

8.2 Places are accompanied by the following ribbons:

1st place - red ribbon,

2nd place - blue ribbon,

3rd place - yellow ribbon,

4th place - green ribbon.

8.3 Rosettes given at the show:

CACIB – a white rosette with white streamers.

Reserve CACIB (RES-CACIB) – an orange rosette with orange streamers.

Certificate (CAC) – a rosette with blue outer and white inner circle with a blue-black-white or blue, black and white streamers.

Junior Certificate (JUN CAC) – a rosette with blue outer and white inner circle, blue and white streamers.

Veteran Certificate (VET CAC) – a rosette with white outer and blue inner circle, blue and white streamers.

Best of Breed (BB) – a rosette with red outer and yellow inner circle and yellow and red streamers.

Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) – a rosette with green outer and white inner circle and white and green streamers.

Best of Breed Junior (BBJ) – a rosette with blue outer and red inner circle and red and blue streamers.

Best Junior of Opposite Sex (BJOS) – a rosette with blue outer and green inner circle and blue and green streamers.

Best of Breed Veteran (BBV) – a rosette with purple outer and red inner circle and purple and red streamers.

Best Veteran of Opposite Sex (BVOS) – a rosette with purple outer and green inner circle and purple and green streamers.

Best of Breed Puppy (BBP) – a rosette with lilac outer and red inner circle and lilac and red streamers.

Best Puppy of Opposite Sex (BPOS) – a rosette with lilac outer and green inner circle with lilac and green streamers.

Promotion Prize (PP) - a rosette with lilac outer and purple inner circle with lilac and purple streamers.

Best of Breed Baby (BBB) - a rosette with pink outer and red inner circle and red and pink streamers.

Best Baby of Opposite Sex (BBOS) - a rosette with pink outer and green inner circle and green and pink streamers.

Rosettes awarded at all the shows entered into EKU calendar plan have to be in accordance with the standard of rosettes confirmed for EKU calendar plan (Appendix 1) and with the colours listed in EKU Show Regulations in the article 8.3.

9. TITLES AND AWARDS

9.1 At International Shows the judge can nominate CACIB according to the following rules:

9.1.1 A CACIB is nominated for each sex separately based on the FCI classification.

9.1.2 When awarding CACIB and RES-CACIB, the judge is not responsible for checking whether the dog meets the conditions regarding the registration in the FCI studbook.

9.2 Awarding Certificates

9.2.1. JUN CAC and VET CAC are nominated for the best dog entitled with "Certificate of Quality" in the respective age group, separately for each breed approved by FCI or EKU and for the dogs of both sex who can accept it (see EKU Championship Regulations).

9.2.2. CAC is nominated separately for each breed approved by FCI or EKU and for the dogs of both sex who can accept it (see EKU Championship Regulations).

10. RINGS

10.1 Each participant shall receive a written report which is in accordance with the judgement dictated to the ring secretary by the judge.

10.2 The organising committee must provide the translation of written reports into Estonian.

10.3 The organising committee must guarantee that the judging in the rings as well as all other competitions do not start before the time announced.

10.4 In each ring there has to be a desk for writing, chairs and a small table for judging small breeds.

10.5 Snacks, refreshments and hot drinks must be available for the ring staff.

10.6 Baby Puppy Class:

10.6.1 First male and then female baby puppies are judged. No qualifications are given to baby puppies. Dogs are called to the ring in the order listed in the catalogue.

10.6.2 After the baby puppies have been judged, they are all called back to the ring, males and females separately. The ring steward lines up the baby puppies according to the numeration in the catalogue. The judge places four best baby puppies who can be entitled to the PROMOTION PRICE.

10.6.3 The first male and the first female baby puppy who have been awarded the PROMOTION PRIZE, compete for the title Best of Breed Baby (BBB) (who continues to compete in the Best in Show Baby competition) and The Best Baby of Opposite Sex (BBOS).

10.7 Puppy Class

10.7.1 First male and then female puppies are judged. No qualifications are given to puppies. Dogs are called to the ring in the order listed in the catalogue.

10.7.2 After the puppies have been judged, they are all called back to the ring, males and females separately. The ring steward lines up the baby puppies according to the numeration in the catalogue. The judge places four best puppies who can be entitled to the PROMOTION PRICE.

10.7.3 The first male and the first female puppy who have been awarded the PROMOTION PRICE, compete for the title Best of Breed Puppy (BBP) (who continues to compete in the Best in Show Puppy competition) and The Best Puppy of Opposite Sex (BPOS).

10.8 Junior Class, Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class, Champion Class, Veteran Class

10.8.1 First males and then females are judged. Dogs are called to the ring in the order listed in the catalogue.

10.8.2 The dogs that have been awarded EXCELLENT continue the competition, males and females separately. The ring steward lines up the dogs according to the numeration in the catalogue. After that the judge places the four best groups.

10.8.3 It is up to the judge to decide how many titles "Certificate of Quality" he/she awards within one competition class.

10.8.4 The first male and the first female junior with the title "Certificate of Quality" compete for the title Best Junior (BJ). The second best receives the title Best Junior of Opposite Sex (BJOS). The Best Junior continues to compete in the Best in Show Junior competition.

10.9.5 The first male and the first female veteran with the title "Certificate of Quality" compete for the title Best Veteran (BV). The second best receives the title Best Veteran of Opposite Sex (BVOS). The Best Veteran continues to compete in the Best in Show Veteran competition.

10.10 Best of Sex competition

10.10.1 The first four with the result CQ in Junior Class, Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class and Champion Class are placed by the judge (males and females separately) who also awards the certificate according to clauses 7.2.1 and 9.2.2.

10.10.2 The first placed male and the first placed female compete for the title Best of Breed (BB). The Best of Breed continues to compete in the Best in Group competition. The second best receives the title Best of Opposite Sex (BOS).

10.10.3 At the International Shows the judge may decide in the competition Best of Opposite Sex to award CACIB to the best dog with the title CQ and RES-CACIB to the second best dog in the Intermediate, Open, Working or Champion Class.

10.11 Breeder Class

10.11.1 In the Breeder Class three to five dogs of the same breed from the same kennel or by the same breeder are judged. The dogs must be from at least two different parents' combinations and have to be awarded at least VERY GOOD at the same show. Puppies cannot be entered in the Breeder Class.

10.11.2 Each group receives a written report. The judge places four best groups who can be entitled to the PROMOTION PRICE.

10.11.3 The first group that was awarded the PROMOTION PRICE participates in the Best Breeder Class competition.

10.12 Progeny Class

10.12.1 In the Progeny Class a male or a female dog with three to five puppies from at least two different combinations of parents are judged. The dogs have to be awarded at least VERY GOOD at the same show. Puppies cannot be entered in the Breeder Class. Breeding dogs do not have to compete in other groups.

10.12.2 Each group receives a written report. The judge places four best groups who can be entitled to the PROMOTION PRICE.

10.12.3 The first group that was awarded the PROMOTION PRICE participates in the Best Progeny Class competition.

10.13 Brace Competition

10.13.1 In the Brace Competition a brace of one female and one male of the same breed belonging to the same owner and presented by one handler is judged. Both dogs have to be awarded at least VERY GOOD at the same show. Puppies cannot be entered in the Brace Competition.

10.13.2 Each brace receives a written report. The judge places four best braces who can be entitled to the PROMOTION PRICE.

10.13.3 The first brace that was awarded the PROMOTION PRICE participates in the Best Brace competition.

10.14 The breeds of the same FCI Group shall be judged on the same day.

10.15 In case there are few participants at the show, combined groups are allowed.

10.16 In case there are too many breeds in one group, sub-grouping is allowed in accordance with the FCI classification of dog breeds. The whole group should be judged by one judge.

10.17 "Best in Show" competition.

10.17.1 At International and National All Breed Shows, winners of the I - X group competitions have the right to participate in the Best in Show competition.

10.17.2 At Group Shows, winners of the title Best of Breed have the right to participate in the Best in Show competition. At Groups Shows of several groups, the group winners have the right to participate in the best in Show competition.

10.17.3 Procedures of Best in Show competitions at Specialty Shows shall be provided by the statutes of the Specialty Show (in case it exists) or by the board of the organising organisation.

10.17.4 At Junior Shows, Best in Show (Junior Best in Show) competitions can be held group by group if it is so decided by the organiser. Organisers may also use joined groups.

10.18 Rosettes marking the places in the Best in Show, Group Competitions, Best in Show Puppy, Best in Show Junior, Best in Show Veteran, Best Breeder Class, Best Progeny Class and Best Brace competition, have to be designed using the following main colour:

1. 1st Place - red,
2. 2nd Place - blue,
3. 3rd Place - yellow,
4. 4th Place - green.

11. CONFIRMATION OF THE CACIB

11.1 The CACIB proposals must be issued by the judge evaluating the breed. The CACIBs are finally confirmed by FCI.

11.2 Within three months after the show, two copies of the catalogue with the results of the show and the list of dogs proposed for the CACIB and the RES-CACIB must be forwarded to EKU office by the show committee. EKU will forward it to FCI.

11.3 Besides sending the catalogues and the list of CACIB and RES-CACIB nominees, the organisers of the show must also pay the FCI fee on each dog appearing in the catalogue. The size of the fee is set by the FCI General Committee.

11.4 The CACIB/RES-CACIB lists must meet the following requirements:

11.4.1 The numeration must start from number one and should be consistent.

11.4.2 Males and females are listed separately.

11.4.3 The breeds must be listed according to the name in English used by FCI, followed by the name in Estonian.

11.4.4 The list must contain the following information about the dogs:

- breed and variety,
- dog's number in the catalogue,
- competition class in which the dog participated,
- name of the dog,
- studbook number,
- sex,
- date of birth,
- name of the owner,
- name of the judge.

11.5. If a dog is not included in the CACIB list (e.g., due to technical reasons), the description card can be accepted as a proof provided that no other dog of the same breed and sex has been included in the list.

12. CONFIRMATION OF JUN CAC, VET CAC, AND CAC

12.1 The Show Committee has to send two catalogues with the results and the report of the results of finals to the EKU Office within one month from the show or enter the data in the electronic environment within the same timeframe.

12.2 After presenting the show report, the organising committee of the show must pay the EKU show fee for each dog appearing in the catalogue according to the invoice issued by the EKU Office. The size of the fee is set by the EKU Board.

12.3 The EKU Board reserves the right to transfer the titles CAC, JUN CAC or VET CAC to the next best dog in case it appears in the course of checking that the dog who received the title did not have the right to accept it (according to EKU Championship Regulations). The owner of the dog who is deprived of the title CAC, JUN CAC or VET CAC and the owner of the dog receiving it, will be informed about the transfer.

13. Duties of the organising committee related to judges

13.1 The organisers must send a written invitation to the judge and the judge has to give his/her consent also in writing. For inviting the judge, the official invitation form confirmed by EKU Board has to be used.

13.2 The foreign judge who does not have the right to judge Group Competitions, may only do so with the written permission by the Kennel Union of his/her country of residence. The same rule applies for the foreign judges in the Best in Show competitions, unless the judge is an all-breed judge.

13.4 Cancellation of the written agreement is only permitted in extreme cases or by mutual agreement. The party cancelling the agreement has to cover all the costs that may have incurred for the other side.

13.5 After the end of the registration period, the judge must be informed about the breeds and number of dogs s/he is scheduled to judge.

13.6 Unless agreed otherwise, the organisers must compensate or cover the following expenses related to the judge:

13.6.1 Transportation costs from the judge's permanent place of residence to the show destination. These costs include the costs of travelling from and to the airport, bus and/or train station or the port, as well as the costs of travelling from the hotel/place of stay to the showground and back, unless the organising committee provides the transportation. To avoid any misunderstandings, it is recommended that the show committee buys the plane tickets for the judge. The judge has the right to use the airline transportation (economy class) in case the distance between the country of his/her residence and the show destination exceeds 300 km.

13.6.2 Accommodation, including booking costs. A judge should be provided with accommodation in a single room. Unless it is possible to arrive and leave on the day of the show, the expenses of the previous and/or next day should be covered as well.

13.6.3 Travel insurance.

13.6.4 Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).

3.7 Judge's allowance should be minimum 35 EUR netto per day of judging and other days related to the show.

13.8 The working language must be agreed beforehand and the organiser must provide an interpreter or a ring secretary or steward fluent in this language. In case the judge is not willing to work in any of the official FCI languages, it is up to the judge to find an interpreter.

13.9 A judge may not judge any dog that he has either owned, co-owned, trimmed, trained, kept or sold in the six months preceding the show. The same applies for dogs owned by a member of his/her immediate family or any person living with him/her in the same household.

13.10 The organising committee has to guarantee that:

13.10.1 The judge does not travel to the show together with the exhibitors whose dogs he/she is judging at the show or socialize with them in any way before the end of judging.

13.10.2 The judge does not have to judge more than 80 dogs per day, except in case of force majeure (e.g., the other judge cannot perform his/her duties due to illness, weather conditions, etc).

13.10.3 The judge cannot consult the catalogue of the show before the end of the show. In case there is a joint catalogue for two shows, the judge is allowed to see the catalogue after the end of the last show.

13.10.4 The judge is forbidden to smoke or drink alcohol in the show ring while judging and he/she is not allowed to use his/her mobile phone to call or receive calls while working in the ring.

13.10.5 In case a judge needs to be replaced, the organisers have to guarantee that the new judge does not judge any dogs that he has either owned, co-owned, trained, kept or sold in the six months preceding the show. The same applies for dogs owned by a member of his/her immediate family or any person living with him/her in the same household (based on the documents presented). If this is the case, the organising committee shall inform the owner of the replacement and refunds the entry fee.

13.10.6 A judge cannot be deprived of the breeds that have been officially appointed to him/her upon registration, in order to replace them with the breeds appointed to a missing judge.

14. RING ASSISTANTS

14.1 In the ring there have to be at least two ring assistants (ring steward and ring secretary), at least one of them attested by EKU. There can also be an interpreter in the ring according to Show Regulations.

14.2 Ring Assistants' Responsibilities

- 14.2.1 Getting the inventory ready for judging.
- 14.2.2 Calling in and lining up the exhibitors according to the numeration in the catalogue and checking the markings when necessary.
- 14.2.3 Notifying the judge of any changes in the order or numeration of the dogs.
- 14.2.4 Distributing rosettes, reports, and prizes.
- 14.2.5 Filling in the information sheet or excerpts from the catalogue.
- 14.2.6 Following the judge's instructions.
- 14.2.7 Keeping order in the ring.
- 14.2.8 Calling for additional security measures if necessary.
- 14.2.9 Writing the description according to the dictation of the judge or the interpreter.
- 14.2.10 Organising all the necessary paperwork in the ring as well as filling in the ring catalogues.
- 14.3 Duties of the organising committee related to ring assistants:
 - 14.3.1 The organisers must send a written invitation to the ring assistant and the ring assistant has to give his/her consent also in writing.
 - 14.3.2 To keep record of ring assistants' work, the organiser of the show has to send a filled-in form "Show Organiser's Report to the Assembly of the EKU Ring Stewards" within one (clause 12.1) or three (clause 11.2) months.
- 14.4 Unless agreed otherwise, the organisers must compensate or cover the following expenses related to the ring assistant:
 - 14.4.1 Transportation costs from permanent place of living to the show destination.
 - 14.4.2 Accommodation, including booking costs.
 - 14.4.3 Salary.
 - 14.4.4 Catering during the show.

15. COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES

- 15.1 Any decision made by the judge regarding the dog as well as awarding titles and certificates is final and indisputable. A protest may be filed in case the judge has violated formalities and existing rules.
- 15.2 In case the Show Regulations are broken or the instructions of the organising committee are ignored, or in case of impolite or inappropriate behaviour, the organising committee has the right to disqualify the person and the dog and make a proposal to EKU Board regarding possible sanctions to the owner(s) and/or handler.
- 15.3 The proposal to impose sanctions has to be presented to the EKU Board within two weeks from the last day of show.
- 15.4 Based on the proposal from the organising committee and after both parties have been heard, the EKU Board has the right to impose the following sanctions:

- a warning;
- a ban from the shows for one year;
- a ban from the shows for three years;
- an open-ended ban from participating in the events organised by EKU;
- a fixed term or an open-ended ban from participating in the events organised under FCI; the ban shall be confirmed by FCI headquarters and forwarded to all the FCI member states.

15.5 The protests about procedural violations can be presented to the organising committee by the owner or handler of the dog participating in the show, by the end of the day the breed was judged at the latest, and the deposit determined by the organising committee has to be paid. If the complaint is found to be justified, the deposit will be returned.

15.6 All complaints about the organisation of the show shall be submitted to the EKU Board. After both parties have been heard, the EKU Board has the right to impose the following sanctions:

- refuse to confirm any shows applied for by the organisation for three years;
- cancel the shows already confirmed for this organisation.

15.7. The EKU Board has a right to cancel the results of a dog who participated in the competition but it appears later that the dog did not have the right to participate in that show.

Appendix 1: Standard of rosettes used at the shows entered into the EKU Show Calendar.

Appendix 2: Vaccination requirements for participation in the events approved by EKU.

Appendix 3: Results allowing participation in the Working Class