

Show Regulations of the Estonian Kennel Union

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0. Definitions

International certificates:

- **FCI-CACIB** “Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté de la FCI” – Certificate of Aptitude for International Show Champion.
- **FCI-CACIB-J** “Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté Jeune de la FCI” – Certificate of Aptitude for International Junior Show Champion
- **FCI-CACIB-V** “Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté Vétérane de la FCI” – Certificate of Aptitude for International Veteran Show Champion

National certificates:

- **CAC** – Certificate of Aptitude for Estonian Show Champion
- **JUN CAC** – Certificate of Aptitude for Estonian Junior Show Champion
- **VET CAC** – Certificate of Aptitude for Estonian Veteran Show Champion

CQ – Certificate of Quality

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

National Shows – official shows (All Breed Shows, Group Shows and Specialty Shows) entered in the show calendar of the Estonian Kennel Union. At the National Shows the dogs compete for the nomination of CAC, JUN CAC and VET CAC.

All Breed Show – a show for all breeds recognised by EKU.

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

Specialty Show – a show for one or more breeds recognised by EKU. At Specialty Shows unofficial competitions can be held that may be published in the show catalogue.

Organising committee – organising committee consists of the president of the organising committee, vice-president (if necessary), secretary general and people responsible for correspondence with the judges and the reception of the judges.

1. General provisions

1.1 These regulations apply to all shows entered in the show calendar of the Estonian Kennel Union.

1.2 Confirming the shows

1.2.1 When confirming shows, the EKU Board takes into account the number of dogs that participated in the previous shows and the quality of the organisation of the shows.

1.2.2 In the event of serious shortcomings in the organisation of a show, the EKU Board may refuse to include the show(s) organised by that organisation in the show calendar of EKU and may withdraw the shows already confirmed from the show calendar.

2. Application

2.1 Each member organisation of the Estonian Kennel Union has in accordance with its statutes the right to apply for at least one show per year. All member organisations of EKU are entitled to apply for additional shows. The applicant must have been an active EKU member for at least 3 years at the time of submitting the application and indicate in their application whether the show will be held indoors or outdoors. The relevant information about the venue must be published later in the show advertisement.

2.2 International Show

2.2.1 The Board of the Estonian Kennel Union confirms the number of International Shows and grants the right to organise the shows either according to the permanent list or each case separately.

2.2.2 The right to organise an International Show may be applied for by a regional kennel organisation.

2.3 All Breed Show

2.3.1 The Board of the Estonian Kennel Union decides on the number of All

Breed Shows and the right to organise them.

2.3.2 The right to organise an All Breed Show may be applied for by a regional kennel organisation.

2.4 Group Show

2.4.1 The Board of the Estonian Kennel Union decides on the number of Group Shows and the right to organise them.

2.4.2 The right to organise a Group Show may be applied for by:

- regional kennel organisations,

- a breed club or breed clubs together for their breed or breeds within the group of their breeds. Upon request one additional FCI Group may be included.

2.5 Specialty Show

2.5.1 The Board of the Estonian Kennel Union decides on the number of Specialty Shows and the right to organise them.

2.5.2 An application for the organisation of a Specialty Show may be submitted by a breed club for the breed or breeds listed in their statutes. The breeds may belong to different FCI groups.

2.5.3 A Specialty Show can be organised within an All Breed Show or a Group Show. The best dogs of such Specialty Show will participate in the group competition of the other show together with other best dogs of this show. Specialty Shows may be organised on the same weekend as an International Show or All Breed Show, provided that the application is submitted for up to 2 breeds with different standard numbers.

2.6 An application for the organisation of an International Show must be submitted to the EKV Board at least one year and three months before the date requested, but not earlier than four years in advance. The application, once approved by the EKV Board, shall be submitted by the Estonian Kennel Union to FCI for its approval.

2.7 Entering an International Show of an EKV member organisation in the show calendar can be confirmed only after EKV has decided upon the dates of shows organised by EKV.

2.8 The show organiser must submit applications for All Breed Show, Group Show or Specialty Show to the EKV Board on July 1st of the previous year at the latest, but no earlier than two years before the show.

2.9 In accordance with the procedure established by law, the show organiser must apply for the necessary permits from the local authorities and/or government agencies.

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

2.11 In case a show has to be cancelled, the show 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 Winner Show or World Winner 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. The EKU Board reserves the right to make exceptions.

4. Requirements for the registration of dogs

4.1 The show organiser must publish the following information when opening the registration:

- date and location (full address) of the show;
- whether the show is held inside or outside;
- list of documents required for the entry of dogs;
- list of judges for final and additional competitions;
- list of judges per breeds;
- list of replacement judges per breeds (each breed may have one replacement judge);
- registration fees and registration periods;
- contact persons and contact details;
- reference to the show regulations currently in force.

4.1.1. The show organiser must store the documents serving as the basis for the information in the show catalogue for six months after the date of the show and upon request must submit such documents to the EKU Bureau for verification.

4.1 The dog will be deemed to be entered in the show after the organiser has accepted the documents mentioned in the show advertisement, duly completed and sent by the entrant.

4.2 At International Shows the breeds recognised by FCI as well as those recognised by EKV may participate. Such breeds must be listed in the catalogue as "Breed not recognised by FCI". General show fee of FCI shall be paid for these dogs. CACIB is not awarded to these breeds, they are not eligible to participate in the group competitions and will not be eligible to compete for any FCI titles.

4.3 At All Breed Show, Group Show and Specialty Show both the breeds recognised by FCI as well as those recognised by EKV may participate and they are entitled to participate in group competitions within the same group they would belong after the recognition of FCI.

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

4.5 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.

4.6 Persons or dogs banned from participating in a show in FCI member or partner country may not be entered in the events listed in the official show calendar of EKV. They are also not allowed to participate in this event. In the event of justified interest circulars with such lists received from FCI will be made available to show organisers through the show organisation programme.

4.7 The show organiser must refund the registration fee within 14 days after the show at the latest in the following cases:

1. death of the dog, on the basis of a veterinary certificate,
2. to the owners whose dogs may not be judged by the judge,
3. in the event of a change of the judge for a breed and no replacement judge has been previously announced. Each breed can only have 1 replacement judge,
4. if, at the time of registration, there is a change of the judge in a breed which did not have a replacement judge and the registration is made before the time fixed by the organiser for notification of the change of the judge.

4.8 The person who has entered the dog and/or the owner of the dog has the right to cancel the registration to the show on the basis of a written application (on the form approved by the Board, Annex 3) in the following cases:

4.8.1 death of the dog (a veterinary certificate required);

4.8.2 the judge cannot judge the dog entered under them (clause 14.8);

4.8.3 the judge for the breed is changed during the registration period and no replacement judge has been announced or more than one replacement judge has been announced for the breed;

4.8.4 change of the judge, in case the entry was made before the organiser announced the replacement judge or the breed will not be judged by the announced replacement judge;

4.8.5 change of the judge, if the breed is not judged by the announced replacement judge.

4.9 The show committee will refund the registration fee on the basis of a written application (on a form approved by the Board, Annex 3) no later than 14 days after the show.

4.9.1 The registration fee is refunded as follows:

a) 100% in the event of the death of the dog (clause 4.8.1);

b) 100% if the judge cannot judge the dog entered under them (clause 14.8);

c) 95% if the application is lodged before the closing date for entries (clause 4.8.4)

d) 80% if the application is lodged after the closing date for entries and not later than a working day preceding the show (clauses 4.8.3 and 4.8.5).

4.10 ECU, the organiser of the show and the persons organising the show shall not be liable for any loss or damage which may be suffered or caused by a dog or dog owner participating in the show.

5. Requirements for participation

5.1 All dogs participating in the shows must be identified by a legible microchip. The organiser must provide the means for checking the identification.

5.2 The dog must be vaccinated in accordance with the requirements in force in the Republic of Estonia, and in addition against parvo, rabies and canine distemper in accordance with the requirements of the pharmaceutical manufacturer and as stated in the veterinary passport.

5.3 Sick, lame or deaf dogs, dogs with testicular atrophy, but also visibly pregnant or lactating bitches and castrated male dogs are not allowed to participate in the show. Also, a dog regarding whom an aggression report has been submitted three times at the shows in Estonia is not allowed to participate in the show.

5.4 Dogs with docked and undocked tails or cropped and uncropped ears are judged equally.

5.5 Dogs with docked ears and/or tails (born on Aug 1st 2013 and later) cannot participate in the shows registered in the show calendar of ECU. Earthdogs and

pointing dogs with docked tails on the list of the breeds used in Estonia for hunting may participate in the Specialty Shows organised by the Estonian Hunting Dog Association.

5.5.1 In case of natural bobtail, a certificate must be presented to prove it unless it is indicated on the pedigree 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 or clipping on the show ground is forbidden, except in special areas designated for this purpose by the organiser. It is forbidden to keep the dog fixed on the grooming table for longer than the time required for preparing the dog for the ring.

5.8 Members of the show committee and dog show judges judging at this show are not allowed to show dogs in this show. Ring stewards and ring steward trainees may not show dogs at this show to the judge with whom they are working at this show and the show organiser has the right to restrict this. Dog show judges conducting training assessment may not show dogs to the judges at this show to whom they are conducting training assessment.

5.9 On the day of the show, the name of the judge conducting the training assessment must be published on the information board at the ring side.

6. Show catalogue.

6.1 Indication of shows on the catalogues.

6.1.1 International Show:

“International Dog Show with attribution of the FCI-CACIB”.

On the front cover of the show catalogue the logos of FCI and EKV and the text “Rahvusvaheline Künoloogiline Föderatsioon - Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)” must be visible.

6.1.2 All Breed Show:

“All Breed Show with attribution of the CAC”.

The logo of EKV and the text “Eesti Kennelliit” must be visible on the front cover of the show catalogue.

6.1.3 Group Show:

“Group Show with attribution of the CAC”.

The logo of EKV and the text “Eesti Kennelliit” must be visible on the front cover of the show catalogue.

6.1.4 Specialty Show:

“Specialty Show with attribution of the CAC”.

The logo of EKV and the text “Eesti Kennelliit” must be visible on the front cover of the show catalogue.

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

6.3 The procedure for lodging an appeal and the amount of the deposit, which may not be more than twice the maximum registration fee, will be published in the catalogue.

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

- Baby Puppy Class (4-6 months) – optional, at the discretion of 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)

6.5 For each dog, the catalogue must contain the following information:

- name
- titles
- studbook number
- note about natural bobtail in breeds, where it can occur
- date of birth
- microchip number
- name of sire and dam;
- titles of the sire and dam (optional as per the wish of the organiser)
- breeder's name and country of residence
- owner's name and country of residence

6.6 Only officially recognised international and national championship titles and other officially recognised titles (up to 50 characters) are published in the catalogue.

6.7 In case the dog has obtained at least 7 national champion titles or 7 national winner titles, the dog can be addressed in the catalogue as MULTI CH, MULTI W.

6.8 Dogs not listed in the catalogue can be judged with the permit of the show committee provided that timely registration and payment of the registration fees can be proven. Copies of certifying documentation along with the explanatory note of the working group shall be annexed to the report submitted to the Estonian Kennel Union.

6.9 The catalogue is published in the morning of the show day. In case there are several shows taking place in the same week, there can be a joint catalogue that is published in the morning of the first show day. An online catalogue will be published on the organiser's website. The show organiser must submit the online catalogue to EKV Bureau no later than a working day following the show, and the catalogue will be published on the website of EKV no later than five working days after the show.

7. Judging classes

7.1 A dog may only be entered in one class until the date and time set by the show committee.

7.2 The following classes are recognised at the shows, which will compete for the award of national or international certificates:

7.2.1 classes in which CAC and FCI-CACIB can be awarded (FCI-CACIB only in International Shows):

- 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 JUN CAC and FCI-CACIB-J can be awarded (FCI-CACIB-J only in International Shows):

- Junior Class (9-18 months)

7.2.3 classes in which VET CAC and FCI-CACIB-V can be awarded (FCI-CACIB-V only in International Shows):

- Veteran class (over 8 years),

7.3 classes that do not compete for national or international certificates:

- Baby Puppy Class (4 to 6 months) - optional, at the discretion of the organiser
- Puppy Class (6 to 9 months),

7.4 The decisive date to determine the age is the day of the show (i.e. the day when the dog participates in the show).

7.5 Working Class is available only for the breeds marked “with working trials” in the breed standard, for northern sledge 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 Dog Show, a copy of the FCI Working Certificate containing the confirmation of the dog owner's or handler's country of permanent residence that the tests have been carried out and the details of the tests must be submitted together with the entry form. The result of the tests must be in accordance with FCI standards;
- in case of an All Breed Show, Specialty Show or Group Show, a copy of the FCI or ECU Working Certificate containing the confirmation of the dog owner's or handler's country of permanent residence that the tests have been carried out and the details of the tests must be submitted together with the entry form.

7.6 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 recognised by FCI.

8. Ratings and placings

8.1 The ratings awarded by the judge in the classes where national or international certificates are awarded must correspond to the following definition and must be publicly displayed by using the following colours:

8.1.1 EXCELLENT (EXC, red) may be awarded to a dog who 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 be awarded to a dog who 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 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) is awarded to a dog who does not correspond to the type required by the standard, and whose behaviour is clearly not in accordance with its standard (is aggressive), who has testicular abnormalities, dental or jaw anomalies, or who shows colour or coat imperfection or signs of albinism. This rating 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 disqualifying faults listed in the breed standard.

8.1.6 Dogs that cannot be awarded any of the above qualifications are sent out 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. This rating is also given in cases the dog shows signs of an operation or treatment with the aim to deceive the judge. The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect operations that were intended to correct the original condition or feature (e.g.: eyelid, ear or tail). The reason of this rating has to be stated in the written critique.

8.1.7 The “Candidate for Certificate” (CC, pink) may be awarded by the judge to a dog with a rating “Excellent”, who at the time of assessment looks excellent and whose anatomy and temperament is so sound that they can be considered worthy of a certificate.

8.1.8 In baby and puppy classes, the rating awarded by the judge must comply with the following definition:

“Very promising” – is to be awarded to a puppy, who displays potential to receive rating “excellent” in the future (red).

“Promising” – is to be awarded to a puppy, who displays potential to receive rating “Very Good” or “Good” in the future (blue).

At the judge's discretion, puppies may also be given rating “Cannot be judged” (definition in clause 8.1.6) and “Disqualified” (definition in clause 8.1.5).

8.2 Places awarded in the competition correspond to the following colours:

1st place – red

2nd place – blue

3rd place – yellow

4th place – green

8.3 Rosettes given at the show:

FCI - CACIB – a white rosette with white streamers.

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

FCI-CACIB-J – a rosette with light blue outer circle and white inner circle with light blue streamers.

FCI-CACIB-V – a rosette with purple outer circle and white inner circle with purple 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 with blue and white streamers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Titles and awards

9.1 At an International Show, the judge proposes FCI-CACIB on the basis of the following rules:

9.1.1 FCI-CACIB is awarded according to the FCI breed classification separately to both sexes.

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

9.1.3 The international “Junior” certificate (FCI-CACIB-J) is awarded to a dog, who has won the first place in junior class with a rating “Excellent” and has been awarded “Certificate of Quality”.

9.1.4 The international “Veteran” certificate (FCI-CACIB-V) is awarded to a dog, who has won the first place in veteran class with a rating “Excellent” and has been awarded “Certificate of Quality”.

9.2 Awarding certificates:

9.2.1 JUN CAC and VET CAC are awarded to the best dog awarded “Certificate of Quality” in the respective age group, separately for each breed recognised by FCI or EKU and for the dogs of both sex who can accept it (see EKU Championship Regulations).

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

10. Organising work in rings

10.1 A dog which comes late to the ring only receives a critique and rating when the breed judging is not over yet and the judge agrees to assess the dog. When the breed judging is over, a dog which comes late to the ring shall not be assessed.

10.2 Each participant will receive a written critique which is in accordance with the judgement dictated to the ring secretary by the judge. In justified cases, it is allowed to hold the show without written critiques. This decision must be taken by the EKU Board before the date of the show.

10.3 The organising committee must provide the translation of written critiques into Estonian.

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

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

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

10.7 Baby Class:

10.7.1 First male baby puppies and then female baby puppies are assessed. Ratings “Very Promising” and “Promising” are awarded. If necessary, the judge may give the rating “Disqualified” or “Cannot be judged”. Dogs are called in the ring in the order of numbers in the catalogue.

10.7.2 After the baby puppies have been judged, they are all called back to the ring, males and females separately, dogs with the rating “Very Promising” in front followed by the dogs with the rating “Promising”. Thereafter the judge places four best baby puppies. The judge can give the PROMOTION PRIZE for the best baby puppies with the rating “Very Promising”.

10.7.3 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).

10.8 Puppy Class

10.7.1 First male puppies and then female puppies are assessed. Ratings “Very Promising” and “Promising” are given. If necessary, the judge may give the rating “Disqualified” or “Cannot be judged”. Dogs are called in the ring in the order of numbers in the catalogue.

10.7.2 After the puppies have been judged, they are all called back to the ring, males and females separately, dogs with the rating “Very Promising” in front followed by the dogs with the rating “Promising”. Thereafter the judge places four best puppies. The judge can give the PROMOTION PRIZE for the best puppies with the rating “Very Promising”.

10.8.3 The first male and the first female puppy who have been awarded the PROMOTION PRIZE, 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).

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

10.9.1 First males and then females are judged. Dogs are called in the ring in the order of numbers in the catalogue.

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

10.9.3 It is up to the judge to decide how many titles “Certificate of Quality” they award within one competition class.

10.9.4 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 the above.

10.10.2 At an International Dog Show, the judge may, at their discretion, award FCI-CACIB to the male/female with CC rating from intermediate, open, working or champion class, who in the best of sex competition is placed first, provided that this male/female was awarded Excellent 1/CC in their class. The judge may award a res-CACIB to the dog from intermediate, open, working or champion class who was placed second in the best of sex competition.

10.11 Best of Breed competition

10.11.1 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).

10.11.2 If in an International Show the judge decides not to award the FCI-CACIBI to the best dog in Best of Sex competition for a dog competing in the class where FCI-CACIBI can be awarded, then that dog will not continue to compete for the title of Best of Breed.

11. Main ring competitions

At the end of the show day, the following main ring competitions usually take place:

- Best Breeder Class
- Best Progeny Class
- Best Brace

- Best Baby
- Best Puppy
- Best Junior
- Best Veteran
- Best in Group per FCI groups
- Best In Show

11.1 Best Breeder Class

For the selection of the Best Breeder Class, three to five dogs of the same breed from at least two different combinations of parents from the same breeder or kennel, which have participated in this show and have not been given rating “Disqualified” or “Cannot be judged” in this show, participate as a group. Babies and puppies may not be included in this group. The judge will place the 4 best. At the request of the organiser of the Specialty Show, written critiques may be issued.

11.2 Best Progeny Class

For the selection of the Best Progeny Class, a male or female dog will be entered as a group with three to five offspring of the same breed from at least two different combinations of parents. The judge will place the 4 best. The breeding dog does not have to be entered in the competition class of the show, its offspring must have participated in that show and must not have been given rating “Disqualified” or “Cannot be judged”.

The judge will place the 4 best. At the request of the organiser of the Specialty Show, written critiques may be issued.

11.3 Best Brace

In the Best 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. Dogs must have participated in that show and must not have been given rating “Disqualified” or “Cannot be judged”. The judge will place the 4 best.

11.4 Best Baby

11.4.1 All babies competing on the day of the show who have been awarded the title “Best of Breed Baby” in the breed ring may participate in the Best Baby competition. The judge will place the 4 best.

11.4.2 The Best in Show Baby competition may be conducted by FCI breed groups according to the decision of the show organiser by organising a Best in Show Baby competition for the winners of these groups. Organisers may also combine groups.

11.5 Best Puppy

11.5.1 All puppies competing on the day of the show who have been awarded the title “Best of Breed Puppy” in the breed ring may participate in the Best Puppy competition. The judge will place the 4 best.

11.5.2 The Best in Show Puppy competition may be conducted by FCI breed groups according to the decision of the show organiser by organising a Best in Show Puppy competition for the winners of these groups. Organisers may also combine groups.

11.6 Best Junior

11.6.1 All juniors competing on the day of the show who have been awarded the title “Best of Breed Junior” in the breed ring may participate in the Best Junior competition. The judge will place the 4 best.

11.6.2 The Best in Show Junior competition may be conducted by FCI breed groups according to the decision of the show organiser by organising a Best in Show Junior competition for the winners of these groups. Organisers may also combine groups.

11.7 Best Veteran

11.7.1 All veterans competing on the day of the show who have been awarded the title “Best of Breed Veteran” in the breed ring may participate in the Best Veteran competition. The judge will place the 4 best.

11.7.2 The Best in Show Veteran competition may be conducted by FCI breed groups according to the decision of the show organiser by organising a Best in Show Veteran competition for the winners of these groups. Organisers may also combine groups.

11.8 Best in Group competition

11.8.1 The breeds of the same FCI group shall be judged on the same show day.

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

11.8.3 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.

11.8.4. All dogs that have competed on the day of the show and have received the title “Best of Breed” in the breed ring can participate in the Best in Group competition. The judge will place the 4 best.

11.9 “Best in Show” competition.

11.9.1 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.

11.9.2 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.

11.9.3 Procedures of Best in Show competitions at Specialty Shows are stipulated in the statutes of the Specialty Show (in case it exists) or by the board of the organisation organising the show.

11.10 The following rosettes correspond to the places awarded in the main ring competitions:

1st place – with red main colour

2nd place – with blue main colour

3rd place – with yellow main colour

4th place – with green main colour

12. Confirmation of FCI-CACIB

12.1 FCI-CACIB proposals are issued by the judge assessing the breed. The final confirmation will be done by FCI.

12.2 Within three months after the show, the show committee must forward to EKV two copies of the catalogue with the results of the show and the list of dogs proposed for the FCI-CACIB and the RES-CACIB.

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

12.4 The list of nominees must meet the following requirements:

12.4.1 the numeration must start from number one and must be consecutive;

12.4.2 dogs and bitches are listed separately;

12.4.3 the breeds must be listed according to the name in English used by

FCI, followed by the name in Estonian;

12.4.4 the list must contain the following information about the dogs:

- breed and variety,
- number of the dog 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.

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

13. CONFIRMATION OF JUN CAC, VET CAC AND CAC

13.1 The show organisers must, within one month, enter the results in the appropriate electronic environment.

13.2 After submitting the results of the dog show, the show organisers must pay to EKV the dog show fee for each dog entered in the catalogue in accordance with the invoice issued by the EKV Bureau. The size of the fee is set by the EKV Board.

13.3 The EKV Board has 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 verification that the dog who received the title did not have the right to accept it (according to EKV 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.

14. Duties of the show committee related to judges

14.1 The invitation to the judge must be in writing, as well as the judge's consent. For inviting the judge, an official invitation form confirmed by the EKV Board has to be used.

14.2 A foreign judge who does not have the rights of a group judge may judge a group competition at an International Show only with the written permission of their kennel organisation. The same applies to the judging of the "Best in Show" by a foreign judge who is not an allrounder.

14.3 Withdrawal from a written agreement is only permitted for extremely serious reasons or by mutual agreement. The party cancelling the agreement must reimburse the costs incurred by the other party.

14.4 After the end of the registration period, the judge must be informed about the breeds and number of dogs they are scheduled to judge.

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

14.5.1 travel expenses from the judge's permanent place of residence to the show venue. 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 show venue and back, unless the show committee provides the transportation. To avoid any misunderstandings, it is recommended that the show committee buys the plane tickets for the judge. The judge is entitled to a tourist class flight in case the distance between the country of their residence and the show venue exceeds 300 km;

14.5.2 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 also covered;

14.5.3 travel insurance;

14.5.4 breakfast, lunch and dinner.

14.6 The judge's allowance is not less than EUR 75 for each day of the show and not less than EUR 50 for each day of travel related to the show, without deducting taxes.

14.7 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.

14.8 A judge may not judge at a show a dog which has been owned, co-owned, trained, kept or sold by them during six months prior to the show. This also applies to members of their family and to persons living in the same household.

14.9 The show committee must ensure the following:

14.9.1 the judge must not come to the show with the exhibitors whose dogs they will be judging at the show or socialise with them in any way before the end of judging;

14.9.2 the judge must not judge over 80 dogs per day;

14.9.3 the judge must not see the show catalogue 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;

14.9.4 the judge must not smoke or drink alcohol and must not use their mobile phone to call or receive calls while working in the ring,

14.9.5 in case a judge needs to be replaced, the organisers have to guarantee that the new judge does not judge any dogs that they have owned, co-owned, trained, kept or sold during six months prior to the show. This also applies to members of their family and to persons living in the same household (based on the documents presented). If this is the case, the show committee must inform the owner of the replacement and refund the entry fee.

14.9.6 a judge present may not be deprived of the breeds announced at the time of registration in order to replace them with the breeds of the judge who is absent.

15. Ring assistants

15.1 There must be at least two ring assistants (ring steward and ring secretary) in the ring, at least one of whom must be attested by EKV. There may also be an interpreter in the ring according to clause 14.7 of the Show Regulations.

15.2 Responsibilities of a ring assistant

15.2.1 getting the inventory ready for judging;

15.2.2 calling in and lining up the exhibitors according to the numeration in the catalogue and checking ID when necessary;

15.2.3 notifying the judge of any changes in the order or numeration of the dogs;

15.2.4 handing out critiques to the participants;

15.2.5 filling in the information sheet or excerpts from the catalogue;

15.2.6 following the judge's instructions;

15.2.7 keeping order in the ring;

15.2.8 taking other security measures as necessary;

15.2.9 writing the critique according to the dictation of the judge or the interpreter;

15.2.10 organising all the necessary paperwork in the ring as well as filling in the ring catalogues.

15.3 Duties of the show committee related to the ring assistants:

15.3.1 invitation to the ring assistant must be in writing, as well as their consent;

15.3.2 in order to keep a record of the work of the ring assistants, the show organiser must, within one (clause 13.1) or three (clause 12.2) months, send the form "Report of the Show Committee to the Assembly of the Ring Stewards of the Estonian Kennel Union" to the EKV Bureau, duly completed, or fill in the relevant fields in the online show organisation programme within the time limits given above.

15.4 Unless agreed otherwise, the organisers must compensate or cover the following expenses related to the ring assistant:

15.4.1 travelling costs from permanent place of living to the show venue;

15.4.2 accommodation costs, including booking;

15.4.3 remuneration;

15.4.4 catering during the show.

16. Complaints and penalties

16.1 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 rules in force.

16.2 In the event of a breach of the Show Regulations, failure to obey the orders of the judge or the show committee, rude or inappropriate behaviour, the show committee has the right to exclude the person concerned and the dogs associated with them from the show and to make a referral to the EKV Board for the imposition of a penalty on the dog owner(s) and/or handler(s).

16.3 The proposal to impose a penalty has to be submitted to the EKV Board within two weeks from the last day of the show.

16.4 Based on the proposal from the show committee and after both parties have been heard, the EKV Board has the right to impose the following penalties:

- warning

- ban to participate in the shows for one year
- ban to participate in the shows for three years
- indefinite ban to participate in the events organised by EKU
- a temporary or indefinite ban to participate in the events organised under the auspices of FCI, which is confirmed through the FCI Headquarters and communicated to all FCI Member States.

16.5 Protests against a breach of the rules of procedure may be lodged in writing by the owner or handler of a dog competing at the show to the show committee no later than the end of the day of judging of the breed in question, together with the payment of a deposit set by the show committee. In the event of a positive decision on the protest, the sum of the deposit will be returned to the protesting party.

16.6 Complaints concerning the organisation of the show must be submitted to the Board of the Estonian Kennel Union. After hearing the parties involved, the EKU Board may impose the following penalties on the organiser:

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

16.7 The EKU Board has the right to retrospectively annul a dog's results at a show if it is found that the dog was not entitled to participate in the show.

Appendix 1: Standard of rosettes used at the shows entered into the show calendar of EKU.

Appendix 2: Results allowing participation in the Working Class.

Appendix 3: Application for a refund