

# Dogs A.C.T.

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## Dogs A.C.T Regulations - Part 6 - Show Regulations.

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### 6.1 General:

- a) Unless otherwise stated all approved shows in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) are run under the rules and regulations of Dogs A.C.T in conjunction with the regulations of the ANKC.
- b) Except in respect of an event conducted by the Dog Section, Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (RNCAS) these Regulations shall apply to a show conducted by Dogs A.C.T or an affiliate of Dogs A.C.T.
- c) If an exhibitor is not a financial member of an Australian State Canine Control at the date of the show for which they have entered their exhibit and any award made to it at that show shall be cancelled.
- d) If a dog is unregistered at the date of a show for which it has been entered the entry and any award made to it at that show shall be cancelled.

(A dog is unregistered where it is linked to a non financial membership [ACT Regulation 3.7 (a) Registration of animals: The cancellation of the registration of a member's dog(s) will be at the discretion of Dogs A.C.T if the member is unfinancial.

- e) There shall be no smoking by exhibitors, stewards or judges in the judging ring while judging is in progress; nor should the operation of the show be held up by the judge or steward leaving the vicinity of the judging ring to smoke.

### 6.2 Classification:

- a) **Approved Show** - A show shall not be conducted as an approved show unless:-

1. An application on the prescribed form (draft schedule) has been lodged with and the proposed date of the show has been approved by Dogs A.C.T Council;
  2. It is conducted in the ACT in accordance with these Regulations and in accordance with any supplementary Regulations as the Dogs A.C.T Council may approve (see section 6.1.a. of this regulation);
  3. The show/exhibition has agreed to be bound by these regulations and by any such supplementary regulations as per Section 6.1.a of this regulation;
  4. The annual subscription (affiliation) of the affiliate is NOT in arrears.
- b) **Unauthorised Show** - A show which is not conducted under the Dogs A.C.T Regulations, ANKC Regulations or conducted without the approval of the Dogs A.C.T Council.
- c) **Open Show** – A function at which dogs are shown or at which dogs compete but at which Challenge Certificates are not awarded.
1. Champions may be exhibited in general classes and may compete for "In Show" awards.
  2. Open shows may only be judged by judges or trainee judges approved under Dogs A.C.T Regulations Part 9 (Judges).
- Exception** - during the conduct of a conformation judges training scheme where exhibits may only be judged by trainee judges or by a Judge specifically approved by or behalf of Dogs A.C.T Council at its discretion.
- d) **Parade** - An exhibition at which dogs not granted the title of Australian Champion or not awarded the title of Champion in any other Country may be exhibited.
1. Challenge certificates are not awarded;
  2. A champion shall not be exhibited other than in a special class for champions;
  3. A champion shall not be eligible for any awards other than those awarded in a special class for champions;
  4. A parade may only be judged by judges or trainee judges approved under Regulations Part 9 (Judges).
- Exception** - during the conduct of a conformation judges training scheme exhibits may only be judged by trainee judges or by a judge specifically approved by or on behalf of the ACT Council at its discretion.
- e) **Agricultural Show** – An approved show run by the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (RNCAS) conducted under its own rules and regulations or under/in conjunction with these regulations.

### 6.3 Show Venue

- a) Unless with approval of the Dogs A.C.T Council, all approved shows are to be held at Dogs A.C.T dog grounds, Exhibition Park (EPIC), Flemington Road, Mitchell, A.C.T.
1. There shall be maintained an area clear of all obstructions of not less than two (2) metres around the perimeter of such show rings.
  2. There shall be maintained an area clear of all obstructions of not less than one (1) metre from the edge of all designated pathways.
  3. NO structure, ground cover or other form of establishing territory is permitted at the ring side or on the dog grounds at Exhibition Park (EPIC) on any other day than the day of the show.
  4. Any object that threatens safety or blocks/impedes any access or pathway will be removed and disposed of.
  5. Dogs A.C.T will accept NO responsibility for any incident that occurs in defiance to these regulations.
- b) Approval to hold a show at a different venue will only be granted where the affiliate agrees to pay all charges and levies as if the event was conducted on Dogs A.C.T grounds.

- c) Where the approved show is not held at Dogs A.C.T dog grounds, the minimum dimensions of the show ring in which the respective groups may be exhibited are:

1. Toy Group -	19m x 19m
2. Terrier Group -	19m x 19m
3. Gundog Group -	25m x 16m
4. Hound Group -	25m x 16m
5. Working Dog Group -	25m x 16m
6. Utility Group -	25m x 16m
7. Non Sporting Group -	25m x 16m

#### 6.4 Dogs A.C.T Show Representative:

- a) The show committee shall appoint one or more persons to represent Dogs A.C.T at an approved show or exhibition who shall be the show representative and who is a financial member of Dogs A.C.T. Such person appointed shall:
1. Not be a judge or Show Official appointed by the affiliate on the day such show;
  2. Not be a relative of a judge or show official on the day;
  3. Not be a junior or associate member;
  4. It is desired that they not be a committee member of the affiliate conducting such show.
- b) The Dogs A.C.T Representative is appointed to attend, observe and report to the Dogs A.C.T Council on the general administration and conduct of the affiliate and its show committee and report on any incident which occurs at the event that should be brought to the attention of the Dogs A.C.T Council.
- c) Where an incident occurs and there is a conflict or perceived conflict of interest with the appointed Representative, the affiliate shall appoint an alternative Representative on behalf of Dogs A.C.T to deal with that conflict.
- d) Where the event is conducted by Dogs A.C.T itself the requirements of sub paragraph of Regulation 6 (Shows) - Sections 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 shall be waived.
- e) Dogs A.C.T shall appoint a representative who conforms to the requirements of the remaining sub paragraphs of Section 6.4.a of this regulation.
- f) The Dogs A.C.T Representative is to prepare and forward a Representatives report attached to a marked catalogue as soon as practicable but within 7 days of such show, to the Administrator of Dogs A.C.T for the attention of the Dogs A.C.T Council.

#### 6.5 Show Catalogue:

- a) In the case of an approved show there shall be a catalogue of all exhibits which shall list the breeds of exhibits in order of judging within each group and the exhibits shall be listed in numerical order through the catalogue.

There shall appear in the catalogue:-

1. A statement on the cover that such show is conducted under the regulations of Dogs A.C.T and that a copy of such regulations may be perused at the show office;
2. The name of a show representative;
3. The names of the show officials;
4. The names of the judges and the classes which each is to Judge;
5. The particulars of the sire and dam of each exhibit;
6. The full name, date of birth and registered number of each exhibit;
7. The details of all awards to be made at such show.

- b) Marked catalogues must be provided to Dogs A.C.T Administrator within 7 days of the event clearly marked with all results. An emailed copy of the results is preferred.

#### **6.6 Show Dates:**

Notification by affiliated clubs for proposed event dates shall close on 30th September, the proceeding calendar year to the year of the event. No subsequent alteration or additions will be approved by Dogs A.C.T Council except in exceptional circumstances or where a new club is affiliated and the 12 month period is not viable. A late fee will be charged if this timeframe is not met, the fee to be determined by the Dogs ACT Council.

#### **6.7 Show Cancellations:**

- a) If an affiliate wishes to cancel a show, parade or trial as a result of a decision made at a properly convened meeting, a request for approval of such action must be forwarded to Dogs A.C.T Administrator in writing within 48 hours of such meeting.
- b) Such written advice must include detailed reasons why such action became necessary.
- c) If cancellation of an event occurs details must be placed on Dogs ACT website and the affiliate to advise exhibitors in a timely manner.

#### **6.8 Show Times:**

A show, trial or parade shall be completed in a timely manner and should not inconvenience exhibitors or organisers by any unnecessary delays.

#### **6.9 Exhibitors: (Amended 12/2010)**

Handlers at all competitions must be financial members of the Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which they reside.

Disabled Handlers are allowed assistance where necessary within the Ring. This assistance can include but not be limited to, assistance with handling, stacking, gaiting or placing a dog on or off the table, in the show ring or heel work in the Obedience Ring any assistance given must not disadvantage other exhibitors in any way.

See Regulation Part 14 – "Use of motorised vehicles by exhibitors".

Exhibitors who use motorise vehicles to exhibit their dogs must seek permission in writing from Dogs ACT Council to use these vehicles on the Dogs ACT grounds.

The exhibitor must advise the Affiliate holding the show or event, on entry to the show or event, that they are restricted to a wheel chair so that provisions can be made not to inconvenience other exhibitors.

An exhibitor at a show shall not display inside or in view of the judging ring:

- a) Any cards, ribbons or trophies (other than those won at such show); or
- b) Any advertising matter; or
- c) Display on their wearing apparel their prefix, the name of their exhibit, or anything which indicates or might indicate their connection with the Show Committee or their status as a judge.

#### **6.10 Absentees:**

- a) An exhibitor's number shall be called at least three (3) times in such manner as the exhibitor ought reasonably to have heard such call, and if the call is not acknowledged the exhibit shall be called absent from that class and be ineligible to compete in any further classes.
- b) This ineligibility penalty does not apply to an exhibit where called absent at sweepstakes which precede breed classes. The steward will act in a reasonable manner and determine whether the inclusion of an exhibit (6.10.a) would affect the running of the sweepstakes and their decision is final.
- c) A winner of a Best of Breed award is required to be exhibited in the judging of Best Exhibit In Group and for its respective class in group and if it is not so exhibited and if the Show Committee of the Affiliate, prior to the judging of such class, shall not have consented in writing to its absence, all awards and prizes won by such dog in other classes at such Show shall be automatically cancelled.

- d) A winner of a Best Exhibit In Group award or a class in group award are required to be exhibited in the judging of Best Exhibit In Show or respective class in show and if such exhibit is not so exhibited and if the Show Committee of the Affiliate, prior to the judging of such class, shall not have consented in writing to its absence, all awards and prizes won by such dog in other classes at such show shall be automatically cancelled.
- e) Where classes are provided for best age group in Show and Group (Baby puppy, Best puppy etc); a dog may only be withdrawn from competing in exceptional circumstances with the concurrence of the show secretary or with the approval of the judge in the ring. The show representative's report shall include any such withdrawal or refusal, and it shall be brought to the attention of Dogs A.C.T Council.
- f) If the exhibit is a challenge winner Dogs A.C.T Council will then determine if the challenge will be awarded.
- g) If the exhibit is the Best of Breed winner no representative of the breed will be admitted to the Best in Group judging.
- h) If the show schedule has published the name of the judge who will adjudicate in a class, a dog may be withdrawn as an exhibit from such class if another person is appointed to judge.
  - 1. A notice in writing of the intention to withdraw the exhibit must be given by the exhibitor to the show committee prior to the judging of that class by the replacement judge.
  - 2. The entry fee of any exhibit withdrawn in accordance with this regulation must be refunded to the exhibitor by the Affiliate conducting the show.

**6.11 Entry Fees:**

- a) The entry fee payable in respect of each dog entered in a show shall be paid at the time of the lodging of an application for entry.
- b) An entry fee shall be forfeit if an application for entry of a dog as an exhibit is accepted and the dog is not exhibited or if the regulations are not observed.

**6.12 Show Stationery:**

Only official Dogs A.C.T award cards, judge's books and steward's cards shall be used by affiliates for approved events.

**6.13 Judge's Book:**

Means a separate book, cards or forms for each officiating judge, upon which the judge or steward shall enter all placings awarded by that Judge. This book shall be prepared by the event secretary either;

- a) In duplicate, in which case the duplicate is to be provided to the judge upon completion of his/her assignment at the show, or
- b) As single copy documents where either, a copy of those documents, or a marked catalogue for the classes judged by that Judge must be provided to the judge upon completion of his/her assignment at the show.

**6.14 Challenge certificates:**

Shall be signed by the judge(s) prior to the commencement of the show and shall include:

- 1. The name of the affiliate conducting such show,
- 2. The date of the show
- 3. The judge's name in print,
- 4. The breed of the dog when presented to the judge(s) for signing.
- 5. Points on such challenge certificates shall subsequently be computed and entered on the certificate in both figures and words by the Show Secretary.

6. Any challenge certificates not awarded shall be personally destroyed by the signing judge or in his or her absence by the Show Secretary.

#### 6.15 Breed Standards:

It is mandatory for clubs to provide a copy of the breed standards in each ring at all shows and for all domestic and international judges. Judges are to be encouraged to refer to the breed standards whilst judging.

#### 6.16 Approval of a Show (Draft schedules):

- a) An application for the approval of a show (draft schedule) shall be in such form as may from time to time be prescribed by Dogs A.C.T Council and will include:
1. The date, venue, type and time of commencement of such show;
  2. Details of classes in accordance with which dogs are to be exhibited or paraded;
  3. Particulars of the judge/s who will officiate at such show, including a copy of the signed judges' contract/s;
  4. All necessary particulars of the show secretary including name, address, phone number and where available email address;
  5. Closing date for entries;
  6. Any special condition specific to that event and is information important to the exhibitors or participants of that event; and
  7. Will include one (1) copy of the schedule in the format for publication in Dogs A.C.T journal and Dogs A.C.T web site.
- b) Affiliates shall submit to the Dogs A.C.T Administrator, the draft schedule for their shows, parades or other events, on the approved form, at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the allocated date. The draft schedule is to be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the Dogs A.C.T Council.
- c) If the draft schedule is submitted to the Dogs A.C.T Administrator less than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the allocated date, the draft schedule may be considered and approved at the discretion of the Dogs A.C.T Council but will be subject to a penalty fee prescribed by Dogs A.C.T Council.
- d) A schedule may be approved at the discretion of Dogs A.C.T but until a schedule is approved the event is not authorised.
- e) All approved events must be published in the Dogs A.C.T Journal prior to the closing dates of entries. The cost of the publication will be determined by the space required for publication.
- f) Schedules or information related to them must not be distributed or submitted for publication prior to approval by the Dogs A.C.T Council.
- g) Where possible affiliated clubs must advise exhibitors prior to the dates of Shows, Trials or Parades of any change to the schedule and the breeds or classes concerned.
- h) Where the Show Schedule has published the name of the Judge who will adjudicate in a breed class –
- i. A dog may be withdrawn as an exhibit from such class if another person is appointed to judge there at, and.
  - ii. Only where a notice in writing of the intention to withdraw the exhibit is given by the exhibitor to the Show Committee prior to the judging of that class by the replacement judge.
- The entry fee of any exhibit withdrawn in accordance with this Regulation must be refunded to the exhibitor by the Affiliate conducting the show.

Note:

- (i) Where the entry fee was paid through a third party [ie on line entry] the Affiliate may reduce the refunded amount to the exhibitor by the amount charged as a fee by the third party. **(Amended 1 July 2011).**
- (ii) Where the affiliate attaches a copy of this letter to the Show Representatives report, no levy will apply to that exhibit. **(Amended 1 July 2011).**

**6.17 Show Judging Procedure:**

- a) Age for entry - to calculate the age of dogs for entry in breed classes where the date of birth does not occur in the relevant month, the anniversary date be taken as the last date of that month, e.g. dogs born on 31 January will be eligible to enter the baby puppy class on 30th April.
- b) Separate classes may be offered for veterans at fixtures - 7 and under 10 years, 10 years and over. (Note - A veteran must be entered and exhibited in at least one ordinary class before it can compete for a challenge certificate, or any special prize which is not specifically awarded for the veteran class). Desexed exhibits may compete in veteran classes.
- c) Entire dogs or bitches entered in the veteran's class at shows, other than all breeds or group club shows are approved to compete for challenge certificates at that show.
- d) No dog under six (6) months may compete with any dog six (6) months of age or over or be eligible for any prize or award other than those restricted to baby puppies.
- e) The dog/bitch challenge winner shall be judged from the exhibits placed first, who are unbeaten, in each of the breed classes, excluding baby puppy. The reserve challenge winner shall be judged from the balance of class winning exhibits and the second place winner from the class in which the challenge winner was entered. No dog or bitch may be awarded a best of breed at a championship show unless it has already been awarded a challenge certificate at that show.
- f) The exhibit awarded Best of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered. The exhibit awarded Runner up Best of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered provided, the Best of Breed was not entered in the same class.
- g) Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with this regulation, the Best of each breed class shall be judged immediately after the Runner up Best of Breed, from the class winners of each sex within that breed; only the exhibits awarded Best of Class of breed shall be eligible to compete for Best of Class of group.
- h) Where an exhibit is entered at a championship show by the exhibitor in a class for which it is ineligible a Show Committee should, at any time before the commencement of judging of a particular class, transfer any exhibit which has been identified as being entered in the wrong class to the lowest numbered class for which it is eligible and thereupon such exhibit shall be deemed to have been properly entered in the class to which it has been transferred. (Amended 11.8.10)
- i) Where exhibits are entered by exhibitors in the wrong class at championship shows and are judged in the wrong class, the exhibit must be disqualified.
- j) Where a judge does not award a first place in a class then the judge shall "no award" the exhibit or exhibits and no exhibit shall be present for the challenge or class of breed from that class.

**6.18 Classes for Exhibits at a Show:**

- a) The total number of general classes at a show for any one breed shall not exceed the maximum number approved from time to time by DOGS A.C.T Council.
- b) An Affiliate conducting a show may select for such purpose any seven (7) of the general classes including Class 11 (refer Section 6 – General Classes - numbered 1 to 11 inclusive for dogs and bitches respectively) provided that notice of the selected classes is prominently displayed in the show schedule.
- c) Where the judging shall be followed by the judging of Neuter classes (12 to 19) inclusive, a notice of the selected classes is to be prominently displayed in the show schedule.

**6.19 General Classes – Name, Number, Description:**

Classes for Exhibit at a Show - No Classes, for which points may be earned towards an ANKC Ltd approved title shall be offered at a show unless those points are to be awarded to all exhibits eligible to receive them under these regulations. (Amended 10/11).

**General Classes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
Baby Puppy	1	For dogs aged three and under six months.
Minor Puppy	2	For dogs aged six and under nine months.
Puppy	3	For dogs aged six and under twelve months.
Junior	4	For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months.
Intermediate	5	For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
Novice	6	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a First Prize at any Open Parade, Open Show or Championship Show (subject to Member Body Rules). Baby puppy and Local classes excepted. (For the purpose of classifications (6) and (6A) First Prizes won up to and including the day before the date of entry close in a Show only shall be taken into account but such restriction shall not apply in the case of a Special Prize for which more than one win is required).
Graduate	7	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a Challenge Certificate up to and including the day before the date of entry close.
Limit	8	For dogs over twelve months of age which are not Champions, or have not gained sufficient points to qualify as a Champion up to and including the day before the date of entry close.
State Bred	9	For dogs six months of age or over bred in the State or Territory in which they are exhibited.
Australian Bred	10	For dogs aged six months or over bred in Australia. (A Member Body may reserve the right to exclude all, or any, of the recognised Australian Breeds).
Open	11	For dogs aged six months or over and of a breed or variety recognised by the ANKC..
Puppy Neuter	15	For neuter dogs aged six and under twelve months.
Junior Neuter	16	For neuter dogs aged nine and under eighteen months. Intermediate Neuter 17 For neuter dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
Open Neuter	18	For neuter dogs aged six months or over.
Bitch Classes	19	For all of the above classes utilize the same number as dogs with addition of the letter A, e.g., 1A = Baby Puppy Bitch.

**Neuter Classes – (Amended 10/11)**

- Classes 15, 16, 17 & 18 shall be optional Classes at any ANKC Ltd official show.
- Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be ineligible to compete against entire exhibits for Challenge or Best of Breed awards.
- Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at breed level after Best of Breed and any Class elimination judging.
- Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at both Group and Show level immediately after Class 11.
- Where only one Neuter Class per sex is held at a show, that class shall be Open Neuter (classes' 18/18a).
- Only dogs or bitches registered with an ANKC Ltd Member Body as a "neuter" on the main register shall be eligible to compete in either Class 15,16,17 or 18.
- A neuter is a dog or bitch that has been desexed either by castration or ovarian hysterectomy and is rendered infertile. This does not include vasectomies.

**6.20 Breed Special Classes:**

"Challenge Dog"	For competition between the exhibits placed first in each breed of a Group in Classes (2 to 11) inclusive.
"Challenge Bitch"	For competition between the exhibits placed first in each breed of a Group in classes (2A to 11A) inclusive.
"Reserve Challenge Dog"	For competition between the second prize winning exhibit to the Challenge Dog in the general class in which they were both exhibited and the unplaced exhibits compete for Challenge Dog.
"Reserve Challenge Bitch"	For competition between the second prize winning exhibit to the Challenge Bitch in the general class in which they were both exhibited and the unplaced exhibits compete for Challenge Bitch.
"Best of Breed"	For competition between the Challenge Dog and the Challenge Bitch of the same breed.
"Runner-Up to Best of Breed"	For competition between the Challenge winning exhibit of opposite sex to Best of Breed and the Reserve Challenge winning exhibit to the Best of Breed.



**6.21 Group Special Classes:**

- "Best in Group" For competition between the Best of Breed of each breed of dog of the same Group.
- "Runner-Up to Best in Group" For competition between the Runner-Up to Best of Breed in the Breed in which the Best of group was exhibited and the unplaced exhibits competing for Best in Group.

**6.22 General Special Classes:**

- "Best Exhibit in Show" For competition between each of the exhibits awarded Best in Group.
- "Runner-Up to Best in Show" For competition between the Runner-Up to Best in group of the group in which the Best Exhibit in Show was exhibited and the unplaced exhibits competing for Best Exhibit in show.

**6.23 Classification of Special Classes:**

- "Brace" For two exhibits of the same breed each six months of age or over owned by the exhibitor each of which has competed in at least one general class at the show.
- "Team" For three or more exhibits of the same breed six months of age or over owned by the exhibitor of each of which has competed in at least one general class at the show.
- "Puppy Sweepstakes" For exhibits of either sex of each breed exhibited at a show six months but not over twelve months of age each of which has been entered in at least one general class at such show.
- "Baby Puppy Sweepstakes". For exhibits of either sex of each breed exhibited at a show under six months of age each of which has been entered in at least one general class at such show.
- "Sire and/or Dams Progeny Class" For two or more exhibits each three months of age or over with the exhibits classed as progeny having been exhibited in at least one General Class at the Show. Neither the Sire nor Dam need be exhibited in a General Class.
- "Veteran"  
Classes may be offered for Veterans at fixtures as follows:
- a) Seven (7) years and under ten (10) years
  - b) Ten (10) years and over

Note: Veterans at specialist and semi specialist shows:

Where separate dog and bitch classes are offered for veterans at Specialist and Semi Specialist club championship shows (not Group or All Breed fixtures), those class winners may compete for a Challenge award provided however, where such class winners are eligible for such Challenge awards neutered exhibits are not eligible for entry.

Note: Veterans at group and all breed club shows:

Where Veteran classes are offered at "Group club" and "All Breed club" fixtures, separate dog and bitch classes may not be offered (Class judged similar to Sweepstakes events) however neutered exhibits are eligible for entry.

**6.24 Order of Judging:**

- a) The order of judging for Best of Breed of class, Best in Group of class and Best in Show of class shall be from Baby Puppy through to Open class, except where the award is automatic. Judging of these class awards shall, in each case, take place after the judging of Best of Breed, In Group and In Show, Runner Up to these awards and best opposite if applicable.
- b) Specialist Shows - At Specialist and Semi Specialist club's championship and Open shows, the order of judging shall be optional, provided the order of judging is published in the show schedule.
- c) Group Specials - Judging of Best in Group is to be from the Best of Breed winning exhibits only.

1. The exhibit awarded Best in group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in group award in which it was entered.
2. Runner Up Best in group shall be judged from the balance of the Best of Breed winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best of Breed exhibit awarded Best in group.
3. The exhibits awarded Runner Up Best in group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in group award in which it is entered, provided, the Best in group winner was not entered in the same class.

Exception - at Canberra Royal Show only.

- a) Where the award is offered, judge Best Opposite Sex in group from the challenge winning exhibits of the opposite sex to the exhibit awarded Best in group. Provided that if the Runner Up Best in group is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at Royal Shows.
  - b) The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in group and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in group are not eligible to compete for the Best of Class in group award for which the Best Opposite Sex in group was entered.
  - c) This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite Sex in group has been offered.
  - d) Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with points (a) and (b), judge Best in Class in group awards from the respective Best of Breed class winners.
4. General Specials - Best in Show shall be Judge from the Best in Group winning exhibits only. The exhibit awarded Best in show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in show award in which it was entered.
  5. Runner Up Best in show shall be judged from the balance of the Best in group winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best in group exhibit awarded Best in show.
  6. The exhibits awarded Runner Up Best in show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in show award in which it is entered; provided the Best in show winner was not entered in the same class.

Exception - at Canberra Royal Show only.

- a) Applicable at Canberra Royal Show only, where the award is offered, Best Opposite Sex in show shall be from the group winning exhibits and the Opposite Sex in group winning exhibits, which are of the opposite sex to Best in Show; provided that the Runner Up Best in show is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at the Canberra Royal Show.
- b) The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in show and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in show are not eligible to compete for the Best of Class in show award for which the Best Opposite Sex in show was entered.
- c) This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite in show has been offered.
- d) Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with points (a) and (b), judging of Best in Class in show awards are to be from the respective Best in group class winners.

**6.24 A Order of Judging: In-Group and In-Show Placing System (Amended 10/11)  
Optional for Shows that only offer Best Puppy in Group/Show and Best Exhibit in Group/Show**

1. Breed Judging
  - (a) Breed judging shall be conducted in the same manner as the existing system to select Best of Breed, Best Puppy of Breed and Best Baby Puppy of Breed. (10/11)
  - (b) As Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Group will no longer be judged, the Runner-Up to Best of Breed awards may be at the discretion of the Show Committee.

## 2 Group/Show Judging

- (a) Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Group will no longer be judged.
- (b) Only Best Baby Puppy In Group and Best Puppy In Group awards will be offered. Therefore, only exhibits that have won Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy of Breed are eligible to compete for Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Group. (10/11)
- (c) Only Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Show awards will be offered. Therefore only Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Group winners are eligible to compete for Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Show. (10/11)
- (d) Only exhibits that have won Best of Breed awards are eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Group awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, subject to the provision of ANKC Regulation (2)(g)(i).
- (e) Only exhibits which have won Best Exhibit In Group shall be eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Show awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, subject to the provision of ANKC Regulation (2)(g)(ii).
- (f) The sequence of judging Best Exhibit In Group and Best Exhibit In Show awards shall be in the following order:
  - (i) Best Baby Puppy In Group **(10/11)**
  - (ii) Best Puppy In Group
  - (iii) Best Exhibit In Group, placed in the order of 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st
  - (iv) Best Baby Puppy In Show **(10/11)**
  - (v) Best Puppy In Show
  - (vi) Best Exhibit In Show, placed in the order of 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st.
- (g) Eliminations
  - (i) A Puppy exhibit which wins Best of Breed but is not awarded Best Puppy In Group, shall be eliminated from competing for Best Exhibit In Group awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.
  - (ii) A Puppy exhibit which wins Best Exhibit In Group but is not awarded Best Puppy In Show, shall be eliminated from competing for the Best Exhibit In Show awards 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

**6.25 Classification of the groups of breeds of dogs:**

The Breed groups, until otherwise determined by the ANKC are constituted as follows:

Group 1	Toys
Group 2	Terriers
Group 3	Gundogs
Group 4	Hounds
Group 5	Working Dogs
Group 6	Utility
Group 7	Non-Sporting

**6.26 Show Prizes.**

- a) All prizes at all Breeds & Group Championship Shows in the ACT must be to a minimum value of: BIS \$50, RUBIS \$25, BIG \$25, RUBIG \$15; Classes In show \$15; Classes In group \$10 and that these prizes must be exclusive of product with the exception of Open shows.
- b) Single Breed shows BIS \$25 & RUBIS \$15.
- c) Subject to (12.1) and (12.2) an Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize and the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a show conducted by it.
- d) There shall be at least one sash available for each 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each breed class regardless of whether the exhibitor accepts the sash.
- e) If an award is cancelled the prize awarded (including ribbons, cards and other insignia) shall be surrendered to the show secretary.