

SHOW AND GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE IRISH KENNEL CLUB LIMITED RULES AND REGULATIONS – 12th December 2014

LICENCED SHOWS

A copy of these rules must be available for reference at all Shows. Separate Rules are available for Field Trial, Obedience, Agility and Working Trials.

SECTION A – Show Licence

Show Licence Requirements - General

1. All Clubs or Societies running a Show licensed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited must be affiliated to the Irish Kennel Club Limited. All officers and committee must be members of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
2. At the July meeting of An Ard Chomhairle, or any adjourned meeting thereof, applications will be considered for the reservation of dates for Championship Shows to be held between 1st January to 31st December in the calendar year commencing 18 months from the July meeting, subject to the following conditions:-
 - i. That the appropriate licence fee/deposit has been paid to the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
 - ii. That the date reserved for any Show cannot be altered, except with prior consent of the Irish Kennel Club Limited nor can the licence fee be refunded.
 - iii. That the Irish Kennel Club Limited will not, subsequently, grant the date to any other applicant or applicants except with the written permission of the Secretary of the Show for which reservation of the date has already been granted.
3. An application for a licence from the Irish Kennel Club Limited shall be made on an official form (which will be supplied free of charge) and shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Irish Kennel Club Limited in the case of: -
 - i. All Breed Championship Show 9 months before the event.
 - ii. Group Championship Show 6 months before the event.
 - iii. Breed Championship Show 6 months before the event.
 - iv. Non Championship Show at least 4 months before the event.
 - v. Field Trial as required by the Field Trial Rules and Regulations of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
 - vi. Obedience Test, Agility and Working Trials as required by the Agility, Obedience and Working Trials Rules and Regulations of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
4. An application for a licence shall be accompanied by a copy or draft of the proposed schedule and the application should contain:-
 - i. The classification of prizes.
 - ii. The full names and addresses of the judges and email address.
 - iii. The signatures, addresses and descriptions of four Guarantors proposed as sureties that all prizes shall be delivered and that all regulations of the Irish Kennel Club Limited and of the Show, Field Trial or Agility, Obedience and Working Trials Rules Committee shall be observed and performed. It is necessary for such Guarantor signatures to be witnessed.
5. Classes may not be amalgamated or cancelled, nor may any change be made in any of the particulars of the schedule except with the permission of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
6. A Show, for which a licence had been granted may not be abandoned or postponed, without the permission of the Irish Kennel Club Limited. The licence fee is not refundable.
7. A licence fee which includes Public Liability Insurance cover shall be paid in advance in accordance with the scale of fees in force at the time.
8. The promoting licensees and/or guarantors of any licensed event shall be responsible for:-
 - i. Holding the event in accordance with the laws of the State.

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- ii. Ensuring that adequate insurance cover exists against any claims for loss or damage suffered by any person or persons attending the event as spectator, exhibitor, official or otherwise.
 - iii. The Guarantors of any licensed show shall be responsible for seeing that all debts relating to the administration of the Show are properly discharged.
 - iv. All Guarantors must be members of the Irish Kennel Club.
9. If the conditions under **Section A** of these Rules and Regulations are fulfilled then a licence shall be issued, but the approval of Judges to award Green Stars, which come under **Section G**, shall be dealt with separately under that Section.
10. Judging rings shall be of adequate size to allow for the free movement of dogs being exhibited.
11. Prior permission for the use of videos or other recording equipment must be obtained from the Show promoters.

Show Licence Requirements –Open and Members’ Shows

12. An Open Show may consist of an unlimited number of classes being scheduled:-
 - i. In a breed or breeds.
 - ii. Overall.
13. Competition at a Members' Show must be confined to members of the association, club or society holding the Show.
14. The definitions of classes as set out in **Section B** must be adopted for such classes as scheduled.
15. The regulations and rules contained in **Sections A, E, G and J** shall apply to an Open and Members' Show so far as the same will admit and unless the context or the nature of the case requires a different construction.
16. A licence fee shall be paid in advance with the application in accordance with the scale of fees in force at the time.
17. Junior Handling classes may be scheduled.
18. Variety Classes must be judged after Best in Show.
19. Except in the case of Breed Open Shows, the Secretary of an Open Show may not exhibit.
20. A Members Show is an Open Show, Limited Show or Special Event confined to members of specific Clubs or Societies.
21. Groups 4,6,10 & Groups 7, 8 may be amalgamated provided that the relevant judges on the day are suitably qualified.
22. Up to six Exemption Classes may be scheduled for nonspecific breeds.

Show Licence Requirements –Limited Shows

23. A Limited Show shall not have more than 30 classes, of which not more than four classes may be scheduled for any one breed and no more than six exemptions for nonspecific breeds.
24. The words "Challenge" or "Grand Challenge" shall not be used in connection with any class scheduled.
25. A Champion or an Annual Champion shall not be eligible to compete at a Limited Show except in a class confined to dogs with such qualifications or awards.
26. In the case of Limited Shows at which copies of the catalogue have not been made available for sale, when judging commences, entry sheets containing particulars of all entries accepted shall be ruled off in such a manner that no additional entries can be inserted and then such sheets shall be initialled by a member of the Show Committee and by the Hon Secretary.
27. Prizes in kind are to be labelled clearly, prior to commencement of judging, indicating the class awards to which they refer, and they shall not be subsequently altered.
28. All exhibits must be entered in the show before exhibition commences.
29. The Secretary or Honorary Secretary of a limited Show is precluded from entering or exhibiting his/her dog or dogs at that Show.
30. The regulations and rules contained in **Sections A, G and J** shall apply to a limited Show so far as the same will admit and unless the context or the nature of the case requires a different construction.
31. The promoters shall inform the Irish Kennel Club Limited of the amount of the proceeds from the Show which have been donated to Charity and the purpose for which the Show was held, within three months of the date of the Show.

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32. Junior Handling classes may be scheduled.

Show Licence Requirements –Special Events

33. Special Event shall be an event that is open to breed/s and that the dog has qualified through the breed, group or stakes classification and no entry fee is required for the event.
34. Any other event shall fall under the Open/Championship show licence system.

Show Licence Requirements –Exemption Shows

35. An Exemption Show is a non-championship show where classes for non-registered dogs may be scheduled.
36. Application to hold an exemption show must be made at least 4 weeks in advance of the show date on official headed paper of the organising society or group, and must be accompanied by a copy of the proposed schedule giving:-
1. The classification.
 2. The date.
 3. The time.
 4. The venue.
 5. Details of insurance cover.
 6. The name/s of the judge/s that need not be approved by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
 7. The name, address and telephone number of the organising secretary.
 8. The name/s and address/es of the guarantors.
37. The appropriate fee must be paid at the time of application.

Show Licence Requirements –Championship Shows

38. A Championship Show shall be one at which Green Stars shall be offered.
39. An All-Breed Championship Show shall be one at which the breeds scheduled should equate to 90% of the total breeds scheduled at the most recent Irish Kennel Club Limited All Breed Championship Show.
40. A Group Championship Show shall be one at which the breeds scheduled should equate to 90% of the total breeds scheduled for that Group at the most recent Irish Kennel Club Limited All Breed Championship Show. Only 2 Group Championship Shows for each of the groups as defined by the Irish Kennel Club Limited will be licensed in any one calendar year.
41. Under **Rule 39 and 40** priority will be given to those bodies presenting such shows and such priority will not be lost unless such show bodies fail to hold a Championship Show in 2 consecutive years.
42. Promoters of Championship Shows may, if they wish, apply for re-classification to Open Show status. A future application to revert to Championship status will be considered as if such re-classification had never occurred.
43. The Board of directors may recommend to An Ard Chomhairle biennial status for any Championship Show if the circumstances are such that biennial status is desirable.
44. A single Breed Championship Show shall be for 1 breed only, and such Shows shall be promoted by a Breed Club.
45. The Officers and Committee of an All Breed Championship Show may not exhibit, except in the case of a Group or Breed Championship Show.
46. Sub groups as defined by the F.C.I. may apply for green stars.
47. In addition to Rule 44, the Irish Kennel Club Limited will consider an application for a Championship Licence for Irish Native Breeds.
48. Before an application for a licence will be considered by the Irish Kennel Club Limited, Show Secretaries must ensure adequate car parking accommodation for all exhibitors' cars within the precincts of the Show and within reasonable distance of the judging rings and that adequate wet weather judging facilities are available.
49. The Show Secretary is responsible for all matters arising in connection with the running of a Show.
50. Except in exceptional circumstances, judging at Championship Shows should be completed no later than 6 p.m.

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51. The Irish Kennel Club Limited shall have power to appoint an official representative to attend at any event licensed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited, and should such a representative be present at an event then his official report will be taken into consideration when considering subsequent applications from that promoting body for a licence to run a Championship Show. The representative of the Irish Kennel Club Limited must be given full facilities and a copy of the report must be sent to the Show Secretary.
52. No exhibitor's tents will be permitted within or around the ring area. Where possible a specific area should be designated.
53. Full easy access must be available to each show ring.
54. Exercise Pens/Puppy Pens are prohibited, within the confines of the exhibition area, at all shows licensed by the Irish Kennel Club.

SECTION B – Show Schedule

General

55. The Schedule must contain:-
 - i. The name of the promoting Club/Society and the Secretaries name and address.
 - ii. The venue and the time of the Show.
 - iii. The entry fee and the closing date for entries.
 - iv. Full details relating to prizes and trophies.
 - v. The proposed order of judging and particulars of all classes scheduled unless the schedule is being posted to the exhibitor with the ring numbers and this must be stated in the schedule.
 - vi. The names of the Judges.
 - vii. The names of all guarantors and donors of prizes, with particulars of guarantee or gift.
56. The published schedule should include the abridged Rules & Regulations of the Irish Kennel Club Limited, or alternatively, the Show Society may post the Rules in the office of the Secretary on the day of the Show provided that this intention is stated in the schedule.
57. Entry Forms shall include adequate space for:-
 - i. The name and full postal address of the registered owner.
 - ii. The name, sex, registration number, date of birth, breeder, and the sire and dam of each exhibit.
 - iii. the following declaration to be signed by the owner or his agent:-

I hereby declare that I enter the dog/s above subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Irish Kennel Club Limited and of the Show / Trial and which dogs are to the best of my knowledge and belief are not vicious and that they have not suffered from or been exposed to the risk of distemper or any infectious or contagious disease during the last six weeks and I hereby agree not to compete with them or bring them within the precincts of the Show/Trial if they incur such a risk or suffer from any such disease. In consideration of my entries being accepted I hereby undertake to abide by the rules and regulations and to indemnify the Show / Field Trial promoters and the Irish Kennel Club Limited in respect of any damage or loss caused by my entries and by me and I hereby consent to any decision of the Irish Kennel Club Limited arising there from being published.
58. A Show Secretary should post to exhibitors either exhibitor's passes, ring numbers etc or acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance of entries. If ring numbers are to be distributed on the day of the Show, this must be clearly stated in the Schedule.
59. Schedule can be posted, emailed or be electronically downloaded.
60. Dog/s not for competition must be entered into the show.

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Class Definitions – National Championship Shows

61. A dog may be entered in one class only, with the exception of the Stakes Classes, late entries (after the closing date) are not permitted.
62. The word "dog" includes both sexes.
63. The following definitions of Classes must be adopted where such Classes are scheduled at all Shows under the Rules of the Irish Kennel Club Limited :-
 - i. **A Baby Puppy Class** is confined to dogs over 4 and less than 6 months of age on the day of the Show. Dogs entered in this class are not eligible to challenge for the Green Star and may not take part in any further competition except Best Baby Puppy in Show.
 - ii. **A Minor Puppy Class** is confined to dogs of 6 months and under the age of 9 months on the day of the Show.
 - iii. **A Puppy Class** is confined to dogs of 6 months and under the age of 12 months on the day of the Show.
 - iv. **A Junior Class** is for dogs between 9 and 18 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show computed from and inclusive of the date of its birth.
 - v. **An Intermediate Class** is for dogs between 15 and 24 calendar months of age on the day of the Show.
 - vi. **Open Class** is for dogs over 15 months of age on the day of the Show.
 - vii. **Champion Class** is for dogs who have gained the title of Champion under Irish Kennel Club Limited rules or under another recognised Kennel Authority confirmed by the date of closing of entries.
 - viii. **Veteran Class** is for dogs over eight years of age on the day of the Show. Please note – a Veteran Dog who is also a Champion may enter in either Veteran or Champion Class but not both.
 - ix. **Field Trial Class** is confined to dogs who have won at least a reserve in a Puppy, Novice, Derby or Open Stake as defined in the Field Trial Rules & Regulations.
 - x. **A Brace Class** is for two exhibits of the same or different sexes of the same breed belonging to the same person, each exhibit having been entered in some class other than brace or team.
 - xi. **A Team Class** is for three exhibits of the same or different sexes of the same breed belonging to the same person, each exhibit having been entered in some class other than brace or team.
 - xii. **A Breeders Class** is for a minimum of three and a maximum of five exhibits of the same breed and variety without distinction of sex bred by the same person (same kennel name) even if they are not his/her property.
 - xiii. **A progeny Class** is for a sire or dam with a minimum of three and a maximum of five of his/her progeny, / 1st generation sons/daughters.
64. **The decisive date in respect of age is the day the dog is shown.**
65. If any class be provided with a definition other than those defined above, the word "Special" or "Restricted" or both, must precede the name of such class. The definition of such "Special" or "Restricted" class must be approved by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
66. RESTRICTED CLASSES: At any show at which Green Stars are offered in a breed any dog with the exception of Champion or Veteran entered in a restricted class or classes must also be entered in one or more of the Standard Classes, as defined in **Rule 63** of these Rules and Regulations.
67. In the foregoing definitions any award which counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Irish Kennel Club Limited shall be regarded as the equivalent of a Green Star. Similarly, the title Champion is construed as if it were attained under the Rules of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

Class Definitions – International Championship Shows

68. A dog may be entered in one class only, with the exception of the Stakes Classes, late entries (after the closing date) are not permitted.
69. Only the following classes are recognised at CACIB shows sanctioned by the FCI:-
Classes in which the CACIB can be awarded

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Intermediate Class	(from 15 to 24 months)
Open Class	(15 months and over)
Working Class	(15 months and over)
Champion Class	(15 months and over)

The above classes are compulsory for the show promoting body to schedule

Working Class

70. To enter a dog in Working Class, the entry form must be accompanied by a copy of the FCI compulsory certificate containing the confirmation - by the member country in which the holder and/or owner has his permanent place of residence – that the dog has passed the test as well as details about this test.
71. The only breeds eligible for the Working Class are those appearing as Working Breeds in the FCI Breed Nomenclature, taking into account the exceptions granted to some countries for some breeds.

Champion Class

72. To enter a dog in Champion Class, one of the following titles must have been confirmed by the day of the official closing date of entries; proof of this, by copy, must be enclosed with the entry form.
 - International Champion of the FCI.
 - National Champion (this title must have been earned in the same FCI member country with at least 2 awards).
 - National Champion from countries which are not members of the FCI may be recognised.
73. Once the catalogue is printed, it is forbidden to transfer a dog from one class to the other unless the problem is due to a printing mistake.

74. Classes in which the CACIB cannot be awarded:

- Baby Puppy Class (up to 6 months)
- Puppy Class (from 6 to 9 months)
- Junior Class (from 9 to 18 months)
- Veteran Class (from 8 years and over)

The above classes are optional for the show promoting body to schedule.

75. **The decisive date in respect of age is the day the dog is shown.**

Optional Collective Classes/Competitions

76. To compete in these classes/competitions, the dogs must be entered individually in one of the compulsory classes.
77. Brace/Couple Class/Competition: dogs and/ or bitches of the same breed and variety and belonging to the same owner.
78. Breeders Class/Competition: consisting of minimum three and maximum five exhibits of the same breed and variety, without distinction of sex, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not his/her property.
79. Progeny Class/Competition: a sire or dam with minimum three and maximum five of his progeny (first generation, sons/daughters).
80. These optional classes/competitions should be judged by judges in the breed-judging rings.

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Rule 76 to 80 are not stakes classes.

SECTION C – Show Conditions of Entry

81. A promoting body may refuse any entry but must give a reason to the person concerned in writing if requested, and if requested by the Irish Kennel Club Limited, furnish to it in confidence the reasons for such refusal.
82. All entries shall be duly made and declared in the prescribed form by the exhibitor or competitor or his agent.
83. All dogs entered shall be solely and unconditionally the property of the exhibitor or competitor. A dog entered may, nevertheless, be sold and exhibited as the purchaser's property provided a transfer form has been duly lodged with the Irish Kennel Club Limited before the event, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the rules and conditions of the original entry form.
84. Special Testing: - No gunshot or aggression testing is permitted without special permission from the Irish Kennel Club Limited. If this permission is granted it must be so stated in the schedule, clearly setting out the nature of such testing.
85. The promoters may make regulations subject to the approval of the Irish Kennel Club Limited but no such regulation shall conflict with any Rule or Regulations of the Irish Kennel Club Limited. In the case of any conflict, the Rule or Regulation of the Irish Kennel Club Limited shall prevail. The published schedule should include the abridged Rules and Regulations of the Irish Kennel Club Limited and if not the Show Society must post the rules in the office of the Secretary on the day of the show provided that this arrangement is published in the schedule.
86. A judge shall not be appointed to adjudicate upon more than 150 dogs except stakes Classes.
87. During the exhibition of dogs the judge may not under any circumstances allow any form of distraction such as distraction by ringsiders and shall disqualify any exhibit which is being assisted in its performance by persons other than the handler.
88. The only Stake Classes which may be scheduled at an All Breed Championship Show or at an Open Show shall be, Puppy, Junior, Open, Veteran, Champion, Brace, Team, Breed and Progeny and all entries except for the Veteran and Champion Stakes must also be entered in the appropriate Standard Classes. The Stake Classes are separate from the breed judging and do not come under the rules of the Green Star System. An exhibit which has been beaten in a Stake Class but wins Best of Breed may proceed to compete in its relevant Group.
89. A qualified Judge may only judge two of the following: - Breeds, Group or Best in Show at an All Breed Championship Show.
90. All exhibits who wish to enter Stakes Classes must be entered in their relevant Breed Classes with the exception of Champions/Veterans who may enter the Stakes Class only.
91. A separate judge must be used for Stakes Classes (Best in Show qualified).
92. Where classes are being scheduled for Junior Handlers there are three age groups as follows: **Group 1** - From 10 years of age to 12 years of age (i.e. up to the day before the 13th birthday), **Group 2** - From 13 years of age to 14 years of age (i.e. up to the day before the 15th birthday), **Group 3** - From 15 years of age to 17 years of age (i.e. up to the day before the 18th birthday).
Each age group is open to dogs of all groups but there is a stipulation that extra stewards should be provided in the ratio of 1 steward to every 15 handlers. In addition, a declaration is required from the parent or guardian of each handler in relation to the child's age. The minimum size ring that can be used for a Handling Class should be 60 ft x 60 ft.
93. A transfer of an incorrect entry as to sex or breed may be allowed by the Secretary of the event prior to the commencing of judging but in no other respects.
94. Unlisted Breeds entered at National Championship Shows or International Championship Show will be entered into their appropriate breed class and the breed listed in the Catalogue. A Judge may award a Green Star and Best of Breed in each breed to any dog unbeaten and eligible, if in his/her opinion they are of sufficient quality and graded excellent.
95. If the Group Judging has not commenced before 4:30 p.m. a Best of Breed winner may leave the show but must notify the Show Secretary in writing on the official Irish Kennel Club Limited form that the exhibit will not be present for the Group judging. Otherwise all exhibits qualified for the Group must be exhibited therein. An exhibit failing to report for the Group will incur a fine of €100 and be disqualified from all wins

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- on the day. An exhibit having won the Group and failing to report for Best in Show will incur a fine of €100 and be disqualified from all wins on the day.
96. The Promoting Body will not accept any responsibility nor be under any obligation to see that dogs eligible to compete are exhibited in their particular Groups, or for Best in Show, other than announcing in the ring that judging is about to take place. The Promoting Body will not accept any responsibility in the case of an exhibit that is excluded from competing in a Group, owing to the judging of its breed not having been completed, or for any other reason.
 97. Competition in Group Classes will be confined to undefeated winners in their breed.
 98. No dog shall be entitled to compete in a Group where any prize or award has been withheld from it in its breed at the show.
 99. A fee will not be payable for entry in any of the Groups nor for Best in Show.
 100. Groups will be divided into ten sections - as defined in the Rules & Regulations of the FCI.
 101. Upon entering the Group Ring, competitors must wear their correct ring number.
 102. In each Group and Best in Show the judges shall make the following awards: viz, 1st, 2nd, 3rd to 4th place, absentees MUST be marked.
 103. Groups 4,6,10 & Groups 7, 8 may be amalgamated provided that the relevant judges on the day are suitably qualified.
 104. Where Stake Classes are divided there must be one overall winner.
 105. Only Green Star winners may compete for Best in Breed.
 106. Only unbeaten Best of Breed winners may compete for the Best in Group award.
 107. A dog only beaten in its breed by the Green Star winner may challenge for the Reserve Green Star.
 108. The Reserve Green Star winner to the Best of Breed may challenge for Reserve Best of Breed.
 109. Competition for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show is confined to the winners of the ten groups.
 110. A Show Secretary and/or Club Secretary and/or an Assistant Show or Club Secretary shall not judge at their own Show.
 111. An application will be considered by the Board of Directors from any club/s wishing to honour a suitably qualified and long serving member of their committee to judge Best in Show at their show.
 112. **Registration**-Every dog exhibited or competing at any Show, Field Trial or Obedience Test must be registered with the Irish Kennel Club Limited or another FCI Kennel Club in the name of the exhibitor or competitor, save in the case of Greyhounds duly registered with the Irish Coursing Club and dogs not of a recognised breed for which licences have been approved for Obedience, Agility or Working Tests.

SECTION D – Show Catalogue

113. The Catalogue of every licensed event whether Dog Show or Field Trial, shall contain accurate particulars as furnished on the entry form, and shall give the name of the exhibitor, the sex, date of birth, registration number of the exhibit, the names of its sire and dam and the name of the breeder. The Catalogue must also contain the names of the promoters and guarantors licensed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
114. Where Green Stars are offered for competition at a Show, an adequate number of catalogues must be available for sale to the public in print form or to download electronically, containing particulars of the entries together with the names of their owners and their addresses if publication of the address is permitted by the owner.
115. In the case of Shows at which copies of the Catalogue have not been made available for sale, when judging commences entry sheets containing particulars of all entries accepted shall be ruled off in such a manner that no additional entries can be inserted and then such sheets shall be initialled by a member of the Show Committee and by the Hon Secretary.
116. The Catalogue shall not be distributed prior to the time fixed for the opening of the Show.
117. Under no circumstances can entries be included in any part of the show catalogue other than under the appropriate Breed, Stake, Agility or Obedience Class.
118. Entries should be in strict alphabetical and numerical sequence.
119. The acceptance of a claim on the day of a show that entries sent were not received is solely at the discretion of the organisers who should consider:-

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- i. Evidence to substantiate the claim i.e. proof of postage, or proof of payment.
 - ii. The possibility of a printing or administrative error or omission.
120. If after due consideration the claim is accepted this decision must be conveyed to:-
- i. The Judge, who should make the appropriate addition to his book.
 - ii. The Steward who should endorse his Catalogue.
 - iii. If possible, other exhibitors by way of public announcement.
 - iv. The Irish Kennel Club Limited.

SECTION E - Rules Governing Show Exhibits

General

121. All wins prior to the day specified in the schedule for the closing of entries shall be taken into account when entering for any Class or Competition.
122. No person shall, when exhibiting or handling an exhibit in the Judging Ring, wear any official badge or token relating to the event, nor shall any exhibit or exhibitor while in the ring, wear, display or carry any rosette or badge indicating previous wins in any class, except Best of Breed Rosettes during the judging for the Best in Group and except Best of Group rosettes and Best of Breed rosettes during the judging for Best in Show.
123. It shall be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to have his dog present when required by the Judge.
124. Officers and Committee of All Breed Championship Shows shall not enter, exhibit or handle any exhibit in the judging ring on the day of the show.
125. Every person handling an exhibit in the judging ring shall display prominently the number of the exhibit
126. A dog may not compete under a judge who has boarded or given attention to it, or who has been the owner and/or breeder of that exhibit within 12 months preceding the date of the Show or Trial, or has used the dog at stud or with whom the exhibitor holds a joint Prefix/Affix or other interest in the case of any dog or dogs, or who has had such interest within 12 months preceding the date of the Show or Trial, except in the case of a judge appointed after the date of the closing of entries in the place of the judge named in the schedule.
127. A Judge shall not, when officiating at a Show, Field Trial, Obedience Test, Agility Test, Working Trial or any other event licensed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited, exhibit or handle at that Show, Field Trial, Obedience Test, Agility Test, Working Trial or any other event licensed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited, any dog, whether his or her own sole or joint property of any other person or person.
128. A dog may not be withdrawn from competition other than in Stake Classes without the written consent of the Show Secretary unless defeated in its breed or Class. Any dog irregularly withdrawn from competition shall be debarred from competing for any further prize or award at that Show.
129. In the event of the judge named in the schedule being changed, a competitor may, on notifying the Show Secretary, withdraw any exhibit before judging of the breed has commenced. The entry fee is not refundable.
130. Breed assessment may be arranged for any breed with the permission of the Show Secretary. Assessors will be nominated by the Irish Kennel Club Limited and Breed specific instructions, assessment books and scanner will be provided, all exhibits for assessment must be microchipped.

Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition

131. A dog shall be disqualified from competition if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Irish Kennel Club Limited that any dye, paint or bleaching matter has been used to alter artificially the colour of the exhibit.
132. The tail of any exhibit may be shortened in any breed in which the recognised breed standard permits it, providing it was carried out in a country that it is legal to do.
133. The dew claws of any exhibit may be removed in any breed in which the recognised breed standard permits it, providing it was carried out in a country that it is legal to do.
134. Coats may be trimmed unless the Breed Standard states otherwise.
135. Subject to the provisions of **Rule 131 to 134** of this Section, no alteration of, nor interference with, the natural formation or condition of any part of the exhibit, other than its coat, shall be permitted, unless as the result of a necessary veterinary operation duly certified as such to the satisfaction of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
136. Dogs with cropped ears are not permitted to be exhibited at any Irish Kennel Club Limited licensed event.
137. Dogs shall be presented in a clean condition, i.e. properly groomed.

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Control of Dogs

138. The exhibitor is solely responsible at all times during the continuance of the event for keeping his dog under proper control and held on a lead. The judge is empowered to expel from the ring, or otherwise, any dog which is aggressive or undisciplined as to interfere with the performance of any other dog competing.
139. **Fouling** - A fine of €50.00 shall be imposed on any exhibitor who fails to clean-up after the fouling of dogs in the precincts of a Show licensed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

Objections to Exhibits

140. Any person shall be entitled to lodge a written objection to any dog stating the grounds therefore. The objection must be lodged, together with a fee of €65.00 with the licensees prior to the official closing time of the event. In all cases in which the objection is based upon the condition of the exhibit, e.g. a physical defect, its weight, improper tampering with, or improper preparation of the exhibit for the event, if possible, an inspection should be carried out by, and a report obtained from, a Veterinary Surgeon authorised for that purpose by or on behalf of the licensees. In all other cases the objection must be lodged within three days of the termination of the event, together with such fee as is in force for the time being.
141. A copy of any objection shall be furnished to the registered owner of the exhibit as soon as possible, but not later than 7 days after its receipt by the promoting body. The objection should if possible, be handed to the exhibitor in question, or sent by recorded delivery to his address as given on the entry form. The promoters shall furnish a report to the Irish Kennel Club Limited on the circumstances surrounding the objection together with all obtainable evidence relevant to the objection within 14 days of the event.
142. In the case of an objection to an exhibit on the grounds that it has been prepared in a manner in contravention of the provision contained in **Rule 131** hereof, the Veterinary Surgeon shall inspect and report, and shall, if requested by the objector or the owner, or his agent, or if the Veterinary Surgeon considers it necessary, take such sufficient sample from the exhibit, of hair or otherwise as he may consider necessary for the purpose of a chemical test, and having given portion thereof to the owner of the exhibit or his authorised agent shall forward the remainder of the sample to the promoters for such chemical test or analysis as may be thought necessary.
143. The licensees shall duly consider the ground of the objection in the absence of any person who has personal, business, professional or financial interest in the case and reach a decision which shall be communicated within seven days to the party or parties concerned.

Official Objections

144. In addition to the matters referred to in **Rule 140 to 143**, objections to be called Official Objections, may be made in respect of any exhibit by a promoting body, or Secretary thereof, the Committee of an affiliated Club or by the Secretary of the Irish Kennel Club Limited on any of, but not limited to, the following grounds:-
- i. Registered or owned or handled by persons under suspension.
 - ii. Exhibited or owned or handled by persons under suspension.
 - iii. Late entry or entries.
 - iv. Totally blind or deaf.
 - v. Prepared for exhibition contrary to the Rules of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
 - vi. Suffering from infectious or contagious disease.
 - vii. Enter in a manner not complying with the classification.
 - viii. Entry in a breed or class for which it is ineligible.
 - ix. Exhibited by a judge at the event in which he or she officiates.
 - x. Entry form not complying with the particulars of registration.
 - xi. Vicious or savage disposition.
 - xii. Distraction at ringside or in the ring.
 - xiii. Any other irregularity.
145. In respect of such objections, procedure so far as possible conforming to the procedure outlined in **Rule 140 to 143**, may be adopted, subject of the approval of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

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Penalties

146. In respect of an objection under any of the preceding Rules, the Irish Kennel Club Limited may, on hearing of an objection, appeal, or an official objection, impose one or more of the following penalties as it may think right:-
- i. Disqualification of the exhibit.
 - ii. Forfeiture of prizes.
 - iii. A fine, or.
 - iv. The suspension of the exhibitor or other person concerned in any such breach.

Appeals

147. An appeal under the foregoing shall lie from any decision of a promoter to the Irish Kennel Club Limited and notice of such appeal shall be given within seven days after the promulgation of the decision appealed from.
148. Every show official or competitor, or other person interested, shall if requested, place before the Irish Kennel Club Limited, on the hearing of such an appeal, any documents or books in his or her possession or procurement in relation to the subject matter of the appeal. The Irish Kennel Club Limited may dispense with any formality so that the merits of each appeal may be fully heard and may direct as to whether evidence should be placed before it orally, in writing, on oath or upon unsworn statement.
149. Under the Irish Kennel Club Limited disciplinary rules, an appropriate penalty may be imposed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited or a Committee set up by the Irish Kennel Club Limited for that purpose.

SECTION F – Show Judging

150. A Judge must be a member of the Irish Kennel Club Limited and have an up to date Judges Licence in force at the time of the show application and the day of the show. (This shall not apply to overseas judges).
151. A Judge can only judge Breeds/Groups Best in Show, Stakes Classes, and Junior Handling in another country provided he/she has been approved to do so by the Irish Kennel Club Limited. Breach of this Rule will result in a judge being suspended from judging for a period determined by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
152. Any Judge who has an overseas judging appointment must obtain clearance from the Irish Kennel Club Limited. Any judge who is in breach of this Rule may be fined or suspended from judging for a period determined by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
153. All Judges must be aware of the current relevant criteria in force at the time.
154. The F.C.I. criteria in relation to change of domicile apply.

General Behaviour

155. Every show judge accomplishes an important duty in the dog society. His/her behaviour should, therefore, be exemplary, reliable and beyond reproach.
156. A judge should never be late for his judging appointments or leave the show ground before he has completely fulfilled the duties that were assigned to him.
157. A judge should not criticise the work of another judge.
158. Under no circumstances can a judge solicit appointments to judge.
159. A judge is not permitted to consult the catalogue of the show before or during his judging.
160. In the ring a judge must behave properly and examine all dogs in a consistent manner according to the breed standard.
161. A judge should be soberly and properly dressed, in accordance with the duty to be fulfilled, and should always be correct and polite.
162. A judge may not smoke in the ring.
163. A judge may not drink alcohol in the ring.
164. A judge may not use a mobile phone in the ring while judging.
165. A judge can neither enter a dog nor handle a dog at a show where he is officiating as a judge.

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166. Any member of a judge's immediate family i.e. spouse, partner, children, brother or sister, or any person living with the judge in his household may enter and handle any dog of such breed(s), which this judge is not judging or does not own on that day of the show.
167. A judge may not judge any dog that he has either owned, co-owned, conditioned, kept or sold in the twelve months preceding the show where he is officiating. The same applies to dogs owned by any member of a judge's immediate family i.e. spouse, partner, children, brother or sister, or any person living with the judge in his household.
168. A judge is not allowed to travel to the shows where he is judging with those exhibitors who are showing under him at those events.
169. Prior to judging, under no circumstances should a judge socialise or stay with the exhibitors who will be showing under him/her. A judge may do so only AFTER his judging appointment is completed.
170. Only Judges, Stewards, Show Officials and Exhibitors/Handlers while showing are permitted in the Show Ring while Judging is in progress.
171. Only in exceptional circumstances, and only after his judging assignment is completed, may a judge act as a steward.
172. Any breach of the above regulations may result in censure by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

Group Judging

173. Where pre-judging does not take place the Judge elect must examine all exhibits adequately in the main ring and assess their movement.
174. The Judge may then make a "Short List" which he/she may examine in more depth. The final line up 1st – 4th, left to right must be made in a decisive and efficient manner.

Substitute Judges

175. A substitute judge must have awarded Green Stars in the breed concerned on a previous occasion. A breach of this rule may lead to sanctions being imposed.
176. Breach of the above may lead to sanctions being imposed.
177. A judge cannot act as a substitute if he has awarded green stars to the breed concerned within 24 months and having judged as a substitute judge he cannot award green stars for the same breed within 24 months.
178. Should An Ard Chomhairle have approved a substitution prior to the show, the relevant exhibitors must be so notified of the change – time permitting.
179. Once a substitute Judge has commenced judging a Breed, Group or Best in Show he/she shall complete the task.
180. If a substitution becomes necessary during Judging, all awards made by the original Judge must stand.

Objectionable Behaviour

181. Any person whose conduct is considered objectionable by the Organisers may be expelled from the show ground. Belittling remarks and insulting behaviour or anyone openly impugning any decision or award by a judge may be reported to the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
182. A Show Secretary and/or Club Secretary and/or an Assistant Show or Club Secretary shall not judge at their own All Breed Championship Show.
183. No competition shall be judged by more than three judges acting jointly.
184. No judge shall be appointed to adjudicate upon more than 150 dogs except stakes classes.
185. Any Judge who contracts to judge:-
 - i. The same unlisted breeds.
 - ii. the same group, or
 - iii. Best in Show, more than once in a twelve month period, or
 - iv. The same breed in any 24-month period.

may be warned, fined or suspended from judging for a period determined by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

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SECTION G – Show Awards

186. It is prohibited to give equal awards.
187. Each award slip, together with any alterations thereon, shall be initialled by the judge.
188. A judge shall be entitled to withhold any award or prize for want of merit, and this fact shall be stated on all award slips.
189. The decision of the judge at the termination of his judging each competition shall be final unless it is:-
- i. Stated by the Judge that a clerical or other mistake was made.
 - ii. On the grounds of fraud.
 - iii. Varied or set aside as the result of an objection having been properly made and upheld under these Regulations.
190. The award of "Best of Breed" may be used only at Championship Shows, Breed Open Shows and any other Show run on the Group System.
191. The Irish Kennel Club Limited recognises all Irish native breeds and all breeds as recognised by the F.C.I. An application for recognition of a breed may be considered provided it is imported from a country with which the Irish Kennel Club Limited holds a reciprocal arrangement and/or is a member of the F.C.I. Once registered, the breed may be scheduled and entered at all Irish Kennel Club Limited events. Green Stars are not awarded in the breed until granted by the Irish Kennel Club Limited which will review the status of the breed as necessary. Best of Breed winners from breeds where Green Stars are not offered on the day may take part in the Group, unless an award has been withheld for lack of merit.
192. If a Champion from another F.C.I. country with a reciprocal arrangement with the Irish Kennel Club Limited wins the Green Star at an International Show, it will be awarded the title of Irish Champion.

Green Star and Championship Titles

193. Green Stars are certificates won at Championship Shows held under the rules of the Irish Kennel Club Limited and go towards the title of Champion. The Judges shall be required to certify that the dogs to which they award the Green Star and Reserve Green Star are of sufficient merit to become champions.

Title of Champion

194. To be awarded the title of Champion a dog must obtain a total of not less than seven Green Stars under seven different judges. A Gundog Show Champion shall not be entitled to become a full Champion unless he has obtained at least a qualifying certificate as provided for in the Field Trials Rules and Regulations.
195. Dogs disqualified on the day for any reason whatsoever cannot be awarded Green Stars.
196. Where a dog is disqualified then the Green Star may be awarded to the winner of the Reserve Green Star.
197. At least one Green Star towards the title of Champion must be gained after the dog reaches the age of 15 months.
198. The title will be added to the registered name of the dog. The owner can apply for a Champion certificate on payment of the fee in force at time.

Rules Governing the Issue of Green Star Certificates and Championships

199. It is a condition precedent to the offer of any Green Star that the judge proposed has been approved by the Irish Kennel Club Limited. In the case of an appointed judge being unable to fulfil his engagement the right to offer Green Stars is cancelled, until the substitute judge has been approved by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
200. To facilitate the smooth running of a Show, the Show Committee reserves the right to replace any judge on the day with another suitably qualified judge, to ensure that all breeds are present in time for the Group judging.
201. Where Green stars are offered for competition in any breed, one may be awarded by the judge on merit to the best dog of that breed exhibited at the show, and the other may be awarded by the judge on merit to the best bitch of that breed exhibited at the show.
202. A dog in a breed where both Green Stars are withheld shall not be eligible to compete in the group and no Best of Breed award may be made.

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203. A judge shall only award a Green Star or a Reserve for a Green Star to an exhibit which is in his or her opinion, of sufficient merit to be a Champion of its breed.
204. Notwithstanding any of these rules, the Irish Kennel Club Limited may, at its discretion, withhold Green Stars from any breed from any Show, Field Trial, Obedience, Agility or Working Trial.

Rules Governing Junior Diploma

205. The dog must be over 6 months and under 18 months of age.
206. A total of 12 points must be gained at Members, Open and Championship Shows to be awarded the Junior Diploma. Points are awarded in accordance with **Rule 207 and 208**.

Open Shows.

207. 1 Point is awarded for a first place in any Breed Class or within the group i.e. A.V Group or a mixed breeds class. Only 1 point won from **one class win** per show. A bonus of 2 points will be awarded if the dog wins the Group on one occasion.

Championship Shows

208. 2 Class wins, each class win gains 2 points.
209. The owner must apply to the Irish Kennel Club Limited Show Department detailing the Shows where the classes were won. The title will be added after the registered name of the dog. The owner can apply for a Junior Diploma certificate on payment of the fee in force at the time.

Rules Governing Junior Championship Title

210. The title of Junior Champion will be awarded to a Dog or Bitch having won five Junior Classes (graded excellent) at Championship Shows.
211. The owner must apply to the Irish Kennel Club Limited Show Department detailing the Shows where the classes were won. The title will be added after the registered name of the dog. The owner can apply for a Junior Champion certificate on payment of the fee in force at the time.

Rules Governing Annual Championships

212. An Annual Championship shall be awarded in each breed to the dog or bitch which has won, in each calendar year, the greatest number of Green Stars in its breed over five. In the case of a tie then the title of Joint Annual Champion will be awarded.
213. Each dog or bitch winning an Annual Championship shall be entitled to be described as "20__ Annual Champion" in brackets after its registered name.
214. In the case of a tie for Annual Championship, each exhibit shall be designated "20__ Joint Annual Champion".
215. Where, in any breed, it is a condition precedent to full Championship that a Field Trial prize or Qualifying certificate should be obtained, the said condition shall be complied with.
216. **A copy of these Rules must be available for reference at all Shows.**

SECTION H – Show Prizes

217. All prize money, special prizes, cups or other awards, must be paid out or delivered to the winners in accordance with the terms of the schedule.

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218. The promoters shall be entitled to deduct from prize money any amounts due to them from the person entitled to the prize money.
219. With the exception of Breed Championship Shows all prizes other than trophies offered at events under the Rules of the Irish Kennel Club Limited must be for open competition.
220. Prizes in kind are to be labelled clearly, prior to commencement of judging, indicating the class awards to which they refer, and they shall not be subsequently altered.

SECTION I – Show Returns to the Irish Kennel Club Limited

221. The promoters shall forward to the Irish Kennel Club Limited :-
 - i. Two copies of the schedule as soon as published similar to those sent to prospective competitors.
 - ii. One copy of the catalogue as published with the awards correctly marked within 14 days of the termination of the event.
 - iii. The signed Judges Slips.
 - iv. Any official complaints.
 - v. Reports of any accidents or incident as recorded in the incident book on the day.
 - vi. Any other documents or information requested by the Secretary of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
222. The promoters shall keep proper accounts of all monies received and paid on its behalf for a period of two years, unless otherwise required under statute law, and they may be called upon to produce and vouch them to the satisfaction of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
223. The promoters shall preserve for at least 6 months the entry forms correspondence awards slips and all other records in connection with the event until all obligations have been determined, all liabilities discharged and the account finally closed and until informed by the Irish Kennel Club Limited of the clearance of the Show.

SECTION J – Registration of Dogs with the Irish Kennel Club Limited

224. Applications for registration shall be made on the form prescribed.
225. All dogs whelped within the jurisdiction of The Irish Kennel Club Limited must be microchipped and registered by the breeder.
226. The applicant, if resident in Ireland, must be an Associate Member or Honorary Life Member of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
227. Applications for registration shall be made on the form prescribed duly signed by the owner, or agent of the owner, and signed by the breeder where appropriate.
228. The breeder must be the registered owner or registered leasee of the dam on the date of whelping.
229. Registration of dogs, litters, Kennel names, owners, transfers, pedigrees, etc., shall be subject to such documented information being furnished as the Secretary of the Irish Kennel Club Limited considers necessary in the particular case ie, in addition to the name and address of the owner, breeder and owner of sire, pedigree to 3-generations, colour and markings and date of birth.
230. The Irish Kennel Club Limited may require any dog to be certified as being suitable for registration.
231. Applications for registration will be accepted from:-
 - i. Dogs whelped in Ireland whose parents are registered with the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
 - ii. Dogs whelped in Ireland where the dam is registered with the Irish Kennel Club Limited and the sire is registered with another recognised Kennel Authority.
 - iii. Dogs whelped outside the jurisdiction of the Irish Kennel Club Limited if registered with a recognised Kennel Authority prior to application to the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
 - iv. Extraneous applications, e.g. not covered in (i), (ii) or (iii) above must be considered for approval by the General Purposes Committee.
232. The identity of each dog must be established to the satisfaction of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

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233. Progeny from a Bitch under 1 year (12 months) or over 8 years of age at the time of mating, or, by a sire under 7 months or over 12 years of age at the time of mating, will not be accepted for registration unless the application is supported by satisfactory veterinary evidence proving the following facts to the satisfaction of the Irish Kennel Club Limited:-
- i. That during any period of 3 years, not more than 3 litters of pups is born to a bitch.
 - ii. No more than six litters born in the life time of any bitch.
234. The Irish Kennel Club Limited may decline any application for registration without giving any reason for so doing, and it may also cancel or alter any registration or transfer already affected.
235. In order to avoid confusion with the names already registered, the Irish Kennel Club Limited reserves the right to alter any names selected without reference to the applicant.
236. A change or addition of any sort shall not be permitted in the registered name of a dog except by the addition of a registered prefix/affix. Where the name of the dog already contains a registered prefix/affix, the consent in writing of the holder of that prefix/affix must be obtained to such addition.
237. When applying for the registration of a dog already registered with a Kennel Club recognised by the Irish Kennel Club Limited the registered name of the dog must be retained, but if such a name is similar to, or is likely to be confused with, one already registered with the Irish Kennel Club Limited the name shall, on all occasions, be followed by an abbreviation of the name of the country in which the dog is registered.
238. An application for registration, when lodged, shall become the property of the Irish Kennel Club Limited, but a copy of the application may be obtained at any time by the registered owner upon payment of a fee as in force at the time.
239. The Irish Kennel Club Limited may consider the acceptance for registration of a puppy or litter, born as the result of artificial insemination, upon production of the relevant documents and falls under the Department of Agriculture guidelines.
240. A litter may be registered as a whole up to the age of three months, or by registering each individual puppy thereof separately. The dam of all litters must be registered with the Irish Kennel Club Limited. The Sire must be registered with the Irish Kennel Club Limited or with any Kennel Club recognised by the Irish Kennel Club Limited. A litter of only one puppy will be accepted at the fee applicable to litter registration.
241. A distinguishing prefix/affix for dog's names may be registered. When duly approved, the prefix/affix will be reserved for the exclusive use of the person or persons in whose name or names the prefix/affix is registered, but such prefix/affix may be altered or cancelled by the Irish Kennel Club Limited if it thinks fit. Two dogs will be registered with the same prefix/affix provided that it does not clash with an already registered prefix/affix, but should it be desired to use the prefix/affix on three or more occasions it must be registered as a prefix/affix always and provided that the name selected is available to be registered with the Irish Kennel Club Limited as a prefix/affix.
242. In the case of an application for registration, transfer or pedigree certificate which is not accurate or complete on its face, and so involves correspondence, the Irish Kennel Club Limited will require such additional sum to reimburse it in respect of staff time and postage as is reasonable.
243. The Irish Kennel Club Limited recognises all Irish native breeds and all breeds as recognised by the F.C.I. An application for recognition of a breed may be considered provided it is imported from a country with which the Irish Kennel Club Limited has a reciprocal arrangement and/or is a member of the F.C.I. Once registered, the breed may be scheduled and entered at all Irish Kennel Club Limited events. Green Stars are not awarded in the breed until granted by the Irish Kennel Club Limited who will review the status of the breed as necessary.
244. The scale of fees payable shall be those in force at the time and which are published separately to these regulations.

SECTION K - Membership

Honorary Members

245. Persons shall only be made Honorary Members because of their distinction in or advancement of canine matters. An Honorary Member may be elected for life or for any period or periods determined by An Ard Chomhairle. Honorary Members shall be entitled to such privileges as are enjoyed by Associate Members

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and their names shall be published in the Schedule and Catalogue of the Irish Kennel Club Limited Annual Show.

Representative Members

246. REPRESENTATIVES TO AN ARD CHOMHAIRLE

Person nominated by:

- i. Specialist Breed Clubs.
- ii. Utility Clubs.
- iii. General Canine Clubs.

247. Subject to the terms of the Articles of Association and these Rules and Regulations and bye-laws of the Irish Kennel Club Limited, for the time being in force, a person whose nomination has been accepted as such representative as aforesaid shall be a member during the period for which his or her nomination has been accepted.

Associate Members

248. As defined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

SECTION L – Affiliation to the Irish Kennel Club Limited

249. All canine societies and clubs may apply for affiliation but An Ard Chomhairle shall have absolute right to reject, postpone or otherwise deal with such applications.

250. A canine society or club shall be eligible to apply for affiliation if it is certified annually in writing by its Chairman and Secretary to have at least ten fully subscribing members and this certificate must be accompanied by such audited Income and Expenditure Account and such other particulars and fees (if any) as may be required by An Ard Chomhairle. All canine clubs and societies applying for affiliation must substantiate in their rules, regulations and activities that they are in one of the following categories:-

- i. Specialist Breed Clubs.
- ii. Utility Clubs.
- iii. General Canine Clubs.

251. All canine clubs and societies applying for affiliation must adopt the Irish Kennel Club Limited “Club Rules” as the Rules of the Club/Society.

252. The Officers and Committee of all affiliated Clubs/Societies must be associate members of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

253. All clubs and other bodies mentioned in **Rule 250** may be affiliated for the period 1st January to 31st December in each year and all applications for renewals of such affiliation must be received at the offices of the Irish Kennel Club Limited by 5pm on the last working day in October.

254. Applications will only be considered once in any year and thereafter a fee becomes due annually irrespective of when the application is made.

255. Subject to compliance with the Articles of Association of the Irish Kennel Club Limited an affiliated club or other body shall have a right to a renewal of its affiliation until its resignation is accepted, but the affiliation may be cancelled by An Ard Chomhairle at any time. An affiliation shall not be cancelled unless An Ard Chomhairle shall give to the club or other body concerned four weeks notice of its intention to cancel such affiliation, together with the grounds therefore and such proposal and grounds and any replies thereto shall be laid in full before a meeting of An Ard Chomhairle summoned after fourteen clear days of notice, expressly setting out the nature of the proposal.

SECTION M – Representation on AN ARD CHOMHAIRLE

256. Representation is confined to affiliated clubs and societies whose affiliation is in accordance with the Articles of Association, Rules and Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

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257. Subject to **Rule 259** hereunder all clubs and societies may apply for representation and re-representation but An Ard Chomhairle shall have the absolute right to reject, postpone or otherwise deal with such applications.
258. A club, society or other body whose interests are limited to a part of a breed shall not be entitled to representation.
259. In the event of a Club or Society not applying for renewal of its affiliation with representation by 5pm on the last working day in October in two consecutive years then that Club or Society will not be entitled thereafter automatically to affiliation with representation and any application for representation will be considered in accordance with **Rule 264**.
260. Clubs, societies or other bodies which were entitled to two representatives prior to 30th June, 1986 shall continue to have two representatives provided that in the current or previous year the number of registrations in the breed which they represent is in excess of 100 and that the membership of the club or society which they represent is in excess of 50. If and when a club or society or any other body fails to fulfil these conditions then the representation will be reduced to one in number and shall remain at one thereafter and the number of delegates to An Ard Chomhairle shall be reduced accordingly.
261. A nominated representative shall be a member of the club or society or any other body making such an application provided the nomination complies with the provisions of the Articles of Association, Rules and Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
262. After any nomination has been accepted, the person nominated as a representative by an affiliated club shall not retire or be subject to recall or substitution by the club, society or other body which has nominated him or her except as provided in the Articles of Association.
263. No person shall remain as a representative on An Ard Chomhairle if the affiliated club, society or other body for which that person acted as representative has been cancelled or suspended.
264. The December meeting of An Ard Chomhairle shall consider all nominations submitted for representation and shall reject all nominations which are not valid and shall have discretion to reject all nominations which, in the opinion of An Ard Chomhairle, should not be accepted. Notice shall be given before the following January to all nominating clubs, societies and other bodies of the acceptance or the rejection of their respective nominations, or the adjournment of the consideration thereof.
265. In the case of a nomination for representation being rejected on the ground only that it is invalid, the notice shall state the reason why such nomination is invalid. In the case of a nomination being rejected by An Ard Chomhairle in the exercise of the discretion vested in it, the notice shall state that the nomination has been rejected by An Ard Chomhairle and An Ard Chomhairle shall be under no obligation to state any reason for the exercise of its said discretion. The consideration of any nomination for representation at the December or any subsequent meeting may be adjourned from time to time, pending the disposal of queries and in the case of such adjournment notice as aforesaid of the acceptance or rejection of the nomination shall be given as soon as it is possible to do so.
266. Only those persons whose nomination as representatives of An Ard Chomhairle for the following year has been accepted at the December meeting shall be entitled to be present until such time as their nomination shall be accepted by An Ard Chomhairle. In the event of a representative ceasing to represent a club, society or other body by reason of him or her being appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman of An Ard Chomhairle, then a substitute nomination for the Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be considered as the first item on the agenda for the February meeting or any postponed meeting thereof and such substitutes shall be appointed for the remainder of the year.

SECTION N – Appointment of Officers and Committee

267. An Ard Chomhairle shall have the power to appoint such officials and Committees as may be deemed necessary and to make and alter Rules and Regulations as are required from time to time. It shall have power to delegate any of its powers, functions or duties to any of its Committee or to any body recognising the supervision and control thereof by An Ard Chomhairle. All matters, which are the subject of intended recommendation by sub-committees, must be submitted to the Board of Directors before being presented to An Ard Chomhairle.
268. An Ard Chomhairle shall appoint a President, Vice President, Treasurer and such other officials, as it may from time to time consider necessary. All officials shall hold office until the next January meeting thereof when they shall retire and be eligible for re-election.
For any one of the three foregoing offices, voting procedure shall be by elimination until one or other obtains 50% plus one or more of the votes of those present and voting on each separate ballot.

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269. The rules governing Substitute nominations shall apply during the full term of office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. **(Rule 266)**.
270. Co-opted committee members must be Associate Members or Honorary Life Members of the Irish Kennel Club Limited prior to and during their committee term of office.

SECTION O - Accounts and Financial Year

271. The books and accounts of the Irish Kennel Club Limited made up from July 1st to 30th June each year shall be audited by a professional auditor appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting and such books and accounts shall be submitted to An Ard Chomhairle and the Annual General Meeting with a Balance Sheet and statement of account in the usual form.
272. The Secretary shall in the month of January each year summon an Annual General Meeting of the Irish Kennel Club Limited to be held in the month of January at which all approved representative members shall be entitled to be present when:-
- i. The audited accounts for the preceding financial year shall be presented.
 - ii. Notice for such meeting shall be conveyed in writing to the members of An Ard Chomhairle.

SECTION P – Standing Orders

273. It shall be a standing order that:-
- i. No major question shall be open for discussion unless it has been specifically set out on the agenda issued for the meeting.
 - ii. No matter which has been determined after due notice may not again be raised for discussion without the suspension of standing orders, unless after a lapse of twelve months, when it may be placed on the agenda again without such suspension.
 - iii. Standing orders may be suspended only by a resolution to that effect, such resolution to be passed by a majority.

SECTION Q – Annual General Meeting

274. Only subscribers and representative members may attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Kennel Club Limited and they shall have voting rights as prescribed under Article 43 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Honorary Members, Associate, Life and any other classes of members than the subscribers and representatives may not attend.

Annual Members Meeting

275. Associate, Honorary, Life and other classes of members may attend an Annual Members Meeting but shall have no voting rights. The accounts and Director's Report will be read and these will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Irish Kennel Club Limited.

SECTION R – Services of the Irish Kennel Club Limited Restricted to Members

276. The person who may avail of the services of the Club is restricted to members, with the exception of person's resident overseas.
277. A member shall, on sale of a dog to a non-member, be entitled to have the dog registered in the name of the purchaser on payment of the current transfer fee by either the vendor or the purchaser.
278. A dog registered in the name of a non-member is entitled to be exhibited at any show licenced by the Irish Kennel Club Limited.
279. A member, on purchase of a registered dog from a non-member, may have such dog registered in his name.

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280. The owner of a registered bitch must be a member to register the progeny from that bitch. The owner of the stud dog is not required to be a member provided the dog is registered in his name.