

The Norwegian Kennel Club Show Regulations

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Norwegian Kennel Clubs show regulations.

These regulations apply to all official dog shows arranged by NKC or clubs under NKC's jurisdiction. The regulations are in harmonization with the Nordic kennel clubs (Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden). At unofficial arrangements the organizing club shall inform the public that the arrangement is unofficial. For more information and show schedules: www.nkk.no

1. Management

All organizers shall appoint a show manager. He or she is responsible for ensuring that the dog show is conducted according to these rules. If disputes or doubts of any kind arise, they should attempt to be solved on site. Assigned show manager must have a good understanding on how a show is run and must have good knowledge of the existing rules and regulations. The show manager must, in writing, confirm to the show organizer, that he/she is familiar with the rules and regulations. The show manager may expel any person who is found breaking the show regulations from the show premises. The show manager (ct. nr. 14) may dismiss dogs displaying unwanted behaviour, like aggression towards dogs or people.

Any conflict or disagreement, which may arise between handlers and owners, is not the responsibility of the organizers. The organizer is responsible of the show; financially, principally and technically. Animal welfare shall have the highest priority on all dog shows and events.

The organizer must make sure that the shows catalogue is not made public until 2 hours before judging starts at the earliest.

2. Entry at dog shows

Anyone that has not been excluded by the NKC, or a foreign affiliated dog club (FCI), may enter a dog at a dog show.

The handler of a dog must be 10 years or older.

3. Dogs entitled to enter in shows

3.1 Breed requirements

Please see the FCI and NKU (Nordic Kennel

Union) updated lists over dog show entitled breeds that are not FCI approved.

3.2 Dog requirements

To enter a dog, the following requirements must be met:

-All dogs, must be ID-marked.

-All dogs must be registered with NKC or with a club under NKC's jurisdiction/affiliated club.

-A foreign registered dog living in Norway, and owned by a person living in Norway, must be reregistered to NKC before entered at a dog show.

-Norwegian owned Border Collies must achieve at least 90 points, over two different years, on a herding trial before it can sign up at a national dog show.

Border Collies may enter an international dog show without meeting trial merit requirement.

-To enter Obedience- and/or Agility- trials, all unregistered or mix-breeds must be NOX registered in NKC.

A dog expelled from participating in shows or trials in other countries may not be entered.

3.3 Minimum age for entry at a dog show

The dog must be 9 months the day of the show.

3.4 Vaccination regulations

All dogs participating in shows or other activities organized by NKC must be vaccinated against canine distemper, parvovirus and HCC. Dogs under 6 months of age must be vaccinated at the earliest at 12 weeks of age. The vaccination is then valid for 1 year. For dogs vaccinated at 6 months of age or older, the vaccination is valid for 3 years.

Quarantine time for first time vaccination is 2 weeks. Vaccinations must be documented on request. It is also recommended that dogs participating is vaccinated against parvo influenza yearly.

3.5 Open studbook

Dog breeds with open studbook/unknown generations, or dogs that the Board of NKC has given permission, may pay a deposit registration fee and attend a dog show with a permission number ("dep.nr."). If the dog fulfils the necessary requirements, NKC may issue a registration certificate/studbook. A dog can receive a permission number only once.

The only exception is in cases where the dog achieves "KIP" (cannot be judged) at a show. For more information about breeds with open studbooks and permission number, please contact NKC.

3.6 Ear cropping and tail docking

According to regulations as of April 25th 2003, paragraph 614 of *Norwegian Food Safety Authority (Mattilsynet, former Statens Dyrehelsetilsyn)* states that dogs who have been ear cropped and/or tail docked may NOT enter shows or trials, regardless of which country the docking has taken place.

Bobtail: For more information about natural bobtail breeds, please see Nordic Kennel Union's updated list.

3.7 Health Status

A dog may not enter a dog show if:

- The dog is sick
- The dog has fleas or other parasites.
- The dog is blind or deaf
- The dog is pregnant with less than 30 days to deliver (estimated 63 days from first mating)
- The female has puppies younger than 75 days old

Dogs that are showed must be in a good mental state, have a good health and show no

signs of illness. A dog can only enter in a dog show if it has no infection that may infect other. If in doubt a veterinarian certificate must be obtained.

If a dog has been injured, and this can be certified by a veterinarian, the certificate must be brought to the show. The certificate must state the dog's pedigree name, registration number, and must be verified by signature, stamp and id by a licensed veterinarian.

Dogs that have their tail amputated for medical reasons may enter if a veterinary declaration stating the reason for the surgery can be provided. The declaration must include the dog's pedigree name, breed, registration and ID number, and must be at hand at the show. Owner of dogs with amputated tail must contact the Norwegian Kennel Club and apply for permission to enter.

It will always be the judge's decision, whether an injury should be taken into consideration or not, in the judging of the dog.

The ring steward, the judge or the present veterinary may request that the dog be examined by a veterinarian.

Male dogs that have been castrated due to illness may enter shows if the owner can submit a testimonial given by the NKC. To get this permission the dog's owner must receive a veterinarian certificate which states the dog had normal testicles after the age of 6 months, before the operation, and send it to NKK, in due time before the show. Neutered bitches are given a general dispensation to exhibit.

3.8 Doping and faking is forbidden.

Doping is interpreted as the use of medicine or other remedies that stimulates, calms down, reduces pain, affects behaviour and/or in any other way alter the dog's performance or quality.

NKCs anti-doping rules can be found at www.nkk.no is prohibited to show a dog who has been subject to procedures with the intention of improving the dog's exterior and/or performance. Examples of such procedures are braces, tattooing to change nose colour or pigmentation, and surgery to

correct misplaced testicles including testicular implants.

It is not permitted to treat the skin, coat or nose with any product that can change its colour or structure. This includes dye, chalk, hairspray etc.

Normal brushing, plucking and trimming required for the breeds are permitted. So is washing/bathing with regular dog shampoo and conditioner, as well as blow drying. At the show grounds it is only permitted to use water in the fur. No other remedies are allowed.

Organizers of the show may confiscate equipment, bottle or the like if there is doubt regarding the contents and use of it.

4. Entry

4.1 Entry and entry fees

Entry and payment must be done within the date that is set by NKC or the organising committee. All forms of entry are binding. The organizer can accept an entry after the set date if the dog's breed, class, gender and catalogue number is printed correctly in the show catalogue (not "B-numbers").

Entry after the deadline of international dog shows is **not** accepted.

Entries that are sent or paid within the deadline and proven by a receipt are accepted at the show as an addition to the catalogue.

Additions to the catalogue must be made visible to the public next to the current show ring.

To get the member discount for dog shows the owners must be a member of the NKC (through an affiliated working breed/dog club), or a member of a foreign affiliated organization.

You may enter a dog show:

1. Electronically on the web via www.nkk.no
2. Manually entryform with receipt for paid entryfee.

Please contact NKC for more information about entry.

If the entry fee is not paid within the deadline, the organizing committee can either -delete

the dog from the show catalogue, or -add an additional 50 % on the entry fee. The entry fee must be paid even if the dog does not show up for assessment.

4.2 Refund of entry fee

Entry fee can only be refunded when changes in judges have been made after the entry deadline. These changes must have been made after the dog was entered. To get the refund the exhibitor must return the start number, receipt, and a written complaint to the organising committee on the day of the show at the latest, and before any judging of the class/breed has begun. No refunds will be given if information regarding reserve judges was included in the show invitation. No refunds will be given if the dog is sick or hurt on the day of the show and cannot enter.

4.2.1 Exceptions

The organizing committee may demand an additional 25% administration fee when an entry is not accepted (for example due to late payment or dogs not eligible for the show).

4.3 Catalogue and program

One of the official FCI languages (English, German, French or Spanish), in addition to the original language of the breed, must be used when the breed and its country of origin is presented in the catalogue and program. Not-FCI-approved breeds must be separated from the other breeds in the catalogue.

4.4 Correct information

Incorrect information when entering may lead to disqualification and deleting of results. The exhibitor must alert the information at the show as soon as possible if there is any wrong information in the catalogue and /or program.

4.5 Announcement of changed judge.

Changing a judge must be announced to the exhibitor in writing. If this is not possible, the change must be announced at the current show ring.

5. Duties and responsibilities of the exhibitor

5.1 The dog's identity

The organizer can at any moment control the dog's ID- chip or tattoo.

5.2 Responsibility

The exhibitor is responsible for his/her dogs. This includes removing poo or other remnants at the show area, parking places, paths or any other places associated with the show. The exhibitor is also responsible for any damage or injury caused by the dog.

Puppies less than 4 months of age may not enter the show area. Immediate family or spouse of the judge, or other show ring personnel, may not show a dog in the same ring.

5.3 Supervision

The exhibitor must at all-time have supervision and control over his/her dogs. This includes dogs in a cage, a car or a trailer, on or off the show area. It is only allowed to leave the dog tied up at a trimming table if it is groomed or prepared for the ring.

5.4 Dog welfare and health

The exhibitor is responsible for the welfare of his/her dog at the show area. It is not allowed to expose the dog for any situation where its health or welfare may be in danger, e.g., leaving the dog in a very hot or cold car, or treat the dog in bad manners. It is not allowed to lift dogs in their leash and/or tail.

5.5 Arrival

The exhibitor is responsible for meeting in due time and in the correct show ring. The time board schedule placed at the ring is only to be seen as a guide. The judgement can start both later and earlier than announced, but never earlier than announced in the Program

catalogue.

5.6 Influence

Any inquiries from the exhibitor to the judge, during the judgement, must be made via the ring steward /assistant in the ring. Attempting to influence the dog through another person outside the ring is prohibited. Attempting to distract another entered dog is prohibited.

5.7 Attendance time

The exhibitor is responsible for meeting in due time with the dog at the right show ring. A dog that shows up late for the ordinary judging, may be given a critique and quality judging after the breed judging has finished. Dogs that show up late cannot compete in competition classes, even if it has been given a critique and quality judging.

5.8 Leash

All dogs must be on a leash at all-time at the show area, except when entering in obedience and agility competitions.

5.9 Punishing

It is prohibited to physically punish or hit the dog. Prong and pinch collars are not allowed.

5.10 Criticizing the judge.

It is prohibited to criticize any judge regardless of the forum in which it is done, or openly criticize the judge's assessment.

5.11 Profiling

During the judging the exhibitor may not wear clothes or other items with visible logos and/or kennel names.

6. Offences

Violation of the rules above, unpleasant conduct or other uncivilised behaviour may cause reporting to the NKC and loss of prize and/or exclusion from shows, trials and tests.

7. Judges, Managers, Ring Stewards/Assistants in the ring

A judge may only *handle* dogs that he/she or anyone from the immediate family or spouse owns, co-owns or has bred. The judge may not judge any dogs he/she has owned, co-owned, sold, trimmed or had in his/her possession the last 6 months. According to the FCI rules, a judge may not enter any dogs where he/she is appointed to judge.

Other personnel in the ring (ring stewards, assistants, students, secretaries and so forth) may not enter or show a dog in the same ring where they are stationed. If the show last more than one day, they may not show a dog for the same judge they have been, or shall be, working with.

The Show Manager may not sign up or show a dog any day.

Other dog show personnel may enter and show a dog. When entering the ring they may not wear any form of personnel label /clothing.

8. The judge's decision is final

Any decision the judge makes in relation to exterior, prizes and placement is final and cannot be altered. Exhibitors cannot dispute against the judge's decision.

Judge's decisions can be overturned in the following situations:

- A technical flaw has occurred.
- A dog has not had the right to enter according to current rules.
- An owner protests against a judgement that settles on a disqualified error on the breed standard.

Protests against a judge's decision can be delivered by:

- The aggrieved exhibitor.
- The Show Manager or current judge.
- NKC, if the result must be reconsidered for any other reasons.

A protest must be submitted in writing to the Show Manager within the same day the protest is stated. A protest fee, twice the entry fee in open class, must be paid.

If the protest is delivered from anyone who is not permitted to do so, or the protest fee is not paid, the protest will be rejected. This decision is made by the Show Manager. If the protest is approved, the dog's prizes will be deleted from the results, and the entry fee and protest fee will be refunded.

A dismissal of the protest may be submitted in writing to NKC within 30 days. Results can be altered within 2 years from the show.

9. Implementation of the judgements

Dogs and bitches are shown separately. The class is determined by age and formerly gained merits. The dog may be entered to one (1) class only. The judging consists of a quality part and a competition part. At the quality part the judge considers the dog with regards to the breed standard and submits a written assessment of the dog in one of the Scandinavian languages or one of the four FCI languages (English, French, German or Spanish).

10. Changing the entered class

A dog must be shown in the class it is entered. It is prohibited to change class after the dog is entered

Exceptions

- printing errors in the catalogue or other information pamphlets, which cannot burden the exhibitor.
- breeds that are measured at the show to conclude class decision are allowed to change class
- type placement for short haired or longhaired German shepherd dogs.

11. General rules for quality and competition classes

There is individual judging of quality in all

classes (ct. nr. 12). The prizes are as follows:

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Sufficient

0. Prize

KIP (cannot be judged)

There is competition judging in all classes with four placements.

Dogs that achieve "Very Good" will partake in the competition judging if none, or less than four dogs, has achieved "Excellent" in the quality judging. Only dogs that achieve "Excellent" may get CK (Champion Quality).

Special rules apply for the Dachshund breeds, the Toy-, Miniature and Medium size Poodle, Miniature- and Medium Size Spitz when participating in the Junior-, Intermediate- and Open class (ct nr. 11.18).

11.1 The Junior Class-JK

Dogs must have reached the age of 9 months but be under the age of 18 months at the first day of the show. NB: Dogs that enter the Junior Class may not compete for the CACIB (ct nr. 11.18).

11.2 Junior Competition Class-JKK

The class is open for dogs that have achieved "Excellent" in the Junior Class. The judge may grant a CK to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may attend the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class. Dogs that achieve "Very Good" will partake in the competition judging if none, or less than four dogs, has achieved "Excellent" in the quality judging. Only dogs that achieve "Excellent" may get CK (Champion Quality).

At NKC's Nordic and International shows:
Winner of junior competition class that has achieved excellent with CQ will receive Norwegian junior certificate.

At NKC's International shows
Winner of junior competition class that has achieved excellent with CQ may be awarded junior CACIB (CACIB-J)

There is no reserve certificate or reserve CACIB-J. Only the winner can be awarded these certificates, regardless of if they have already gained the title.

11.3 Intermediate Class-UK

The dog must have reached the age of 15 months but be under the age of 24 months on the first day of the show.

11.4 Intermediate Competition Class-UKK

The class is open for dogs that have achieved "Excellent" in UK class. The judge may grant a CK to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may attend the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class. Dogs that achieve "Very Good" will partake in the competition judging if none, or less than four dogs, has achieved "Excellent" in the quality judging. Only dogs that achieve "Excellent" may get CK (Champion Quality).

11.5 Open Class- AK

The dog must have reached the age of 15 months at the first day of the show, and not have achieved the title Norwegian Show Champion.

11.6 Open Competition Class- AKK

The class is open for dogs that have gained an "excellent" in AK. The judge may grant CK to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may attend the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class. Dogs that achieve "Very Good" may partake in the competition judging if none, or less than 4 dogs, has achieved "Excellent" in the quality judging. Only dogs that achieve "Excellent" may get CK (Champion Quality).

11.7 Working Class- BK

The class is open to dogs that have reached the age of 15 months at the first day of the show, with achieved additional field trial

requirements (ct. nr. 16):

11.7.2 Working Class Certificate- WCC

A foreign owned dog must document achieved field trial requirements with a Working-Class Certificate (from its country's kennel club) at the show, to achieve a certificate for championship. The WCC must show type of trial and prize.

11. 8 Working Competition Class- BKK

The class is open for dogs that have achieved "Excellent" in BK. The judge may grant CK to dogs with champion quality. Only dogs with CK may enter in Best Dog/Best Bitch Class. Dogs that achieve "Very Good" will run in the competition judging if none, or less than 4 dogs, has achieved "Excellent" in the quality judging. Only dogs that achieve "Excellent" may get CK (Champion Quality).

11.9 Champion Class- CHK

The class is open to Norwegian show champions, other national show champions and international show champions (CIB og CIE). A champions may be entered in other classes as long as they fulfil the requirements for the class.

Junior- and Veteran champions (national and international) does not qualify to enter champion class.

Please note that a dog must be registered champion in NKC or other FCI country to participate in champion class. If the champion title is not yet confirmed the dog must be entered in another class where it meets the requirements for participating.

From 01.01.2017 champion class is not mandatory for Norwegian show champions. Dogs that achieve the champion title after entering an upcoming show must participate in the class where it is entered. (Changed 01.07.2021)

11.10 Champion Competition Class- CHKK

This class is open to dogs that have achieved "excellent" in the CHK. The judge may grant CK to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may enter in Best Dog/Best Bitch Class. Dogs that achieve "Very Good" will run in the competition judging if none, or less than four dogs, has achieved "Excellent" in the quality judging. Only dogs that achieve "Excellent" may get CK (Champion Quality).

11.11 Veteran Class- VK

The class is open for dogs that have reached the age of 8 years on the first day of the show.

11.12 Veteran Competition Class- VKK

The class is open to dogs that have achieved "Excellent" in VK. The judge may grant CK to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may enter in the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class. "Excellent" qualifies for entry in the competition for best veteran. Dogs that achieve "Very Good" will run in the competition judging if none, or less than four dogs, has achieved "Excellent" in the quality judging. Only dogs that achieve "Excellent" may get CK (Champion Quality).

At NKC's Nordic and International shows: Winner of veteran competition class that has achieved excellent with CQ will receive Norwegian veteran certificate.

At NKC's International shows Winner of veteran competition class that has achieved excellent with CQ may be awarded Veteran CACIB (CACIB-V)

There is no reserve certificate or reserve CACIB-V. Only the winner can be awarded these certificates, regardless of if they have already gained the title.

11.13 Best Dog Class- BHK / Best Bitch Class- BTK

The classes are open to all the breed's dogs of

the same gender that have gained CQ. Competition judging are four placements 1BHK, 2BHK, 3BHK, 4BHK

A judge cannot change the order of placement from other competition classes.

Norwegian show certificate is handed out in BHK/BTK to the best dog that is not yet a Norwegian champion (including dogs that has not yet had their title confirmed), or have received the certificates it needs towards the champion title (fullcert regel).

Reserve certificate is awarded the second best dog that is not yet a Norwegian show champion (including dogs that has not yet had their title confirmed) or have received the certificates it needs towards the champion title (fullcert regel).

Only the two best dogs – that is not yet Norwegian show champions (or pending confirmation) can compete for the Norwegian show certificate. If these dogs are “fullcertet” no certificate or reserve certificate will be handed out.

“Fullcert” = a dog that cannot make use of the offered certificate towards the champion title.

For breeds obligated to working trials for receiving the certificate the best placed dogs that meets the requirements will be awarded the certificate no matter what class they are competing from.

A foreign owned dog must present a WCC to be able to achieve a CERT, no matter which class it is attending (this applies to the breeds that *needs* a WCC to get a CERT). (ct. nr. 11.7.2.)

At international shows one also competes for the CACIB and reserve CACIB in this class. CACIB can be granted to the best placed dog from the classes UK, AK, BK and CHK. Res-CACIB can be granted to the next best dog from the same classes (also INT CH). For CACIB regarding breeds with colour variation; also, dogs that have not been placed in BHK/BTK may be considered for the CACIB/ResCACIB.

11.14 Best of Breed- BIR (BOB)/ Best of Opposite Sex- BIM (BOS)

The best Dog (BHK) and the best Bitch (BTK) compete for the BIR/BIM. If a breed is judged by more than one judge, one of the judges is appointed to judge the BIR/BIM, in addition to Best Veteran, Best Progeny Class and Best Breeders Class. The elected judge must be announced before the show.

11.15 The Progeny Class- AVKL

The class is open for sire or dames competing with four of their offspring. The sire or dam must be signed up to an official class or in the Progeny Class and be presented together with the group.

The sire or dame must have achieved at least “Good” at the current show or at a prior show. The offspring must be entered and judged in one of the other classes at the show. The group may not hold more than one dog with the prize “Very Good”. Offspring with “Good”, “Sufficient”, “KIP” or “O. Prize” may not enter. Only one group of the same breed after the same sire or dam may be entered. The entered dog with all offspring in the group must be of the same size- and coat variations. When assessed it is the group’s average quality and homogenous expression in relation to type that is decisive, before the single dog’s individual quality. Groups with homogenous and excellent quality may be granted Prize of Honour (HP).

The best progeny group with HP goes on to compete in the finals. The owner or the representative for the sire/dam shall inform the ring steward, as well as the owners of the participating dogs, that he/she is entering the group in The Progeny Class.

11.16 Breeders Class- OPPDKL

The class is open for groups of 4 dogs of the same breed, bred by the same person and/or under the same kennel name. If more than one person is breeder of the same dogs, all of them must be announced as breeders. If a person has his/her own breeding and in addition is a co-breeder of other litters,

offspring from both breeding cannot be present in the same group. Only one group of the same breed from the same breeder may be entered.

The participating offspring must be of the same size- and coat variations. All participating dogs must be entered and judged in one of the show's other classes. The group may not hold more than one dog with the prize "Very Good". Dogs with "Good", "Sufficient", "KIP" or "O. Prize" may not enter. When assessed it is the group's average quality and homogenous expression, in relation to type, that is decisive before the single dog's individual quality. Groups of homogenous and excellent quality may be granted HP.

The best breeding group with HP goes on to compete in the finals. The breeder or his/hers representative shall inform the ring steward, as well as the owners of the participating dogs, that the group is signed up for the Breeders Class.

11.17 Junior handling

Please see NKU (Nordic Kennel Union) rules for Junior Handling.

11.18 Special Circumstances

Dachshunds, Toy-, Miniature- and Medium size Poodle, Miniature- and Medium size Spitz competing in the Junior Class, shall be entered and judged according to the size variation they are registered as. The dog's final size variation shall be decided upon first entry to a show after 15 months of age. The judge will then measure the dog and decide where it belongs in its final size variant. Copy of the critique that states the size and original registration certificate/studbook must be sent to NKK for registration as soon as possible.

The width of the chest of the Dachshund shall be measured by a judge. This is the deciding factor of which size variation class the dog shall be judged in. For placements as a miniature dachshund the width of the chest must be within 30 and 35 cm, and for rabbit

Dachshund the width of the chest must not exceed 30 cm.

The following applies to Toy-, Miniature- and Medium Sized Poodle: dogs between 35cm and 45 cm are typed Medium Sized Poodles, between 28 cm and 35 cm are typed Miniature Sized Poodles, and dogs under 28 cm are typed as Toy Poodles.

The following applies to Miniature- and Medium Size Spitz: Dogs that are 34 cm +/- 4 cm are typed as Medium Size Spitz, while dogs at 26 cm +/- 3 cm are typed as Miniature Spitz.

Results achieved in another size variation class will be invalid if the size variant is changed. Changing the measurement may only be done by forwarding a complaint to the NKC. The request must be sent immediately, and no later than two weeks after the measurement has been done. If the request is forwarded, final measurement will be done by a committee of appeal. This appellate authority consists of two authorised exterior judges of the breed appointed in cooperation with the breed club. They measure the dog again and decide on the final size variation.

This measurement may not be appealed. In cases where a dog is exhibited after the appealed measurement, and before the control measurement has taken place, it will be considered an acceptance of the first measurement, thus consequently resulting in the measurement being final, and the right to appeal ceases to exist. Expenses in connection to the control measurement will be paid by the owner.

Placement of the German Shepherd Dog regarding long or shorthair variety, may be determined at the show by the judge, or by a prefilled form before the breed judgement in the ring. The dog will then be placed in the right breed category.

If the owner of the dog considers the dog to be placed in the wrong class, the owner may send an appeal to NKK within two weeks after the show. The appellate authority consists of 2 authorised exterior judges of the breed,

appointed in cooperation with the breed club. These will consider the dog in full fur. Their decision regarding the hair variant may not be appealed, and the dog will be final registered as decided.

11.19 Category Size Measuring

Dogs may also be measured by a commission after the age of 9 months, but before the age of 15 months. The commission consists of two authorised judges of the breed. A size measuring may be held in connection with shows or in other official arrangements. Original registration documents with the ID-number must be presented to the organizers. ID- number shall be controlled. The organizers decide whether a commission size measurement is possible. At a size measuring the dog is registered in its final size variation. The result may not be appealed. After a commission measurement the dog must be entered to the size variation category decided by the judges. The measurement form and the dog's registration documents must immediately be forwarded to NKC by the organizer.

11.20 Finals

Unapproved FCI breeds may not enter in the group finals at international shows. (for example Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog, Russian Hound, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka, Swedish White Elkhound). Finals are not entitled to be registered in the studbook. The finals are a competition of the groups, and the best dog of the show; BIG and BIS, with four dogs placed. Dogs that have achieved best in breed; BIR, competes for best in group; BIG. Dogs that have achieved 1 BIG competes for best in show, BIS. If convenient, for example due to the numbers of participating breeds, the organizers may decide to judge to or more groups at once. A merging of two groups or more in the finals must be announced beforehand in the show announcement. The competition for the Shows best Veteran is open for dogs that have achieved the title Best Veteran of the day. The competition for

the best Progeny and Breeders Class is open for the best group of the breed with HP.

12. Definitions of Prizes

12.1 Excellent

Will only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical features of its sex.

12.2 Very good

Very good is awarded to a dog which possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated but none of a morphological nature. This award can only be granted to a dog of very good quality.

12.3 Good

Good is awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed. Any faults must be of a lesser prominent character.

12.4 Sufficient

Sufficient is awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves something to be desired.

12.5 Disqualified (0. prize)

Disqualified is given to a dog which does not correspond to the type required by the breed standard, this may be as follows:

A: atypical exterior according to the breed's standard

B: has anatomical flaw(s) that to a major degree affects the dog's physical health, especially in contexts concerning the breed's original use and function.

C: testicular abnormalities

D: scared and/or aggressive behaviour in the ring, and when it is impossible to approach

the dog.

If “Disqualified” is awarded because of point **D**, the judge must sign the prize list concerning the incident. Other abnormalities in mentality shall be judged according to the breed standard.

The reason for disqualification must always be stated in the judge’s critique.

-Any dog that has been disqualified three times, because of disposition (see point D), are banned from entering dog shows.

12.6 Cannot be judged- KIP

KIP is given a dog when it is impossible to judge its exterior, quality, movements and gait. This may be if the dog constantly jumps up and down on its handler, does not move at all, avoids the judge, makes it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy, structure and testicles, has a puppy- like behaviour, is in poor physical condition. Also, if the dog is trimmed to the extent that its coat cannot be judged, and/or the dog that has an injury that makes it difficult to judge its movements.

The reason for KIP must always be stated in the judge’s critique.

12.7 Prize of Honour (HP)

Prize of Honour can be awarded to breeders and progeny classes that display homogeneous and average quality. The Honours Prize entitles participation in the final competitions.

12.8 Certificate/reserve- certificate /CK (Champion Quality)

This may be awarded to a typical and correctly built dog of such quality that the judge finds it to be of champion quality. A reserve CERT can be proposed to the first runner up for the CERT. The reserve CERT will function as CERT if the winner of the CERT is disqualified or has achieved the CERT’s (3) required to acquire championship (ct. nr. 11.13). The dog that is awarded the reserve certificate must also meet any trial merit requirement.

12.9 Nordic certificate/Nordic reserve certificate

Nordic certificate and Nordic reserve certificate is awarded at “Nordic Dog Shows”. Nordic certificate is awarded the best dog and best bitch in the BHK/BTK (see 11.13 above) and reserve certificate is awarded to second best dog/bitch in the BTK/BHK.

12.10 CACIB/reserve CACIB

This may only be awarded at an international dog show, and only to dogs of superior quality (competing in classes/breeds where the CACIB is awarded and may be given, and where the dog has at least three registered generations of ancestors in its studbook). Normally the requirements for CACIB are higher than for the certificate. For Norwegian breeds there is no difference in quality for CERT/CK and CACIB.

13. Dispensation

The NKK General Committee may, in special circumstances make it necessary, exempt from these rules.

14. Violation of the dog show rules

When suspecting a violation of the show rules (cf. point 1), the show manager shall be noticed. A written rapport about the any incidents may be forwarded to NKK within 8 days after the show. Disputes between individuals are irrelevant to the show manager.

15. Ribbons

All rewards are marked with the following color codes, either ribbons or cards:

Excellent in quality class	= Red
Very Good in quality class	= Blue
Good in quality class	= Yellow
Sufficient in quality class	= Green
0. Prize in quality class	= Grey
Kip in quality class	= Brown
Champion quality (CK)	= Pink
Certificate (CERT)	=
Red/white/blue	
Reserve Cert (Res-Cert)	= Light blue
Champion	= Red and green
CACIB	= White
Reserve CACIB	= Orange
Best Veteran	= Grey and pink
Best in opposite sex (BIM)	= White & green
Best in Breed (BIR)	= Red & yellow
Honour prize for best Progeny and Breeding Class	= Purple & white
Participant in LP	=
Red/black/yellow	
Participant in AG	= Black & Orange
1 st prize in LP and AG	= Red
2 nd prize in LP and AG	= Blue
3 rd prize in LP and AG	= Yellow
0. Prize in LP and AG	= Grey
KIP	= Brown

Best in Show (BIS) = Red/white/blue

Best in Group (BIG) = White and blue

The winners of BIS, BIG, CERT, CK, CACIB, Best Veteran, Best Progeny Class and Best Breeding Class shall receive prizes. The organizer is free to submit prizes to other dogs.

The exhibitors will receive the critique from the judge in the ring.

16. Additional demands for participating in working-class

Breeds listed in **bold font**, has additional requirements for achieving the CERT (ct .nr. 11.13).

Group 1: Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs

Breed	Demands
Border Collie	The dog must at least achieve, from 2 different years, 90 points on a herding field trial, before it can be entered to a show.
Australian Kelpie Beauceron Belgian Shepherd Dog Bouvier des Ardennes Bouvier des Flandres Briard Picard Pyrenean Sheepdog German Shepherd	One of the following demands must be achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion from class D to C in a Nordic working dog trial - Passed the NKC's Poll trail - Promotion from class 1 to class 2 in a RIK working dog trial - Passed IPO 1 - Passed SchH 1 - Passed VPG - Passed SL1 - Passed SPH1 (only Australian Kelpie) - B-approved rescue dog from Norwegian Rescue Dogs (only Australian Kelpie)
Collie; long- and shorthaired	One of the following demands must be achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion from class D to C in a Nordic working dog trial - Passed the NKC's Poll trial - Promotion from class 1 to class 2 in a RIK working dog trial - Passed IPO 1 - Passed SchH 1

Group 2: Pincher and Schnauzer- Molossoid Breeds- Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs

Breed	Demands
Boxer Hovawart Riesenschnauzer Rottweiler	One of the following demands must be achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promotion from class D to C in a Nordic working dog trial - Passed the NKK's Poll trial - Promotion from class 1 to class 2 in a RIK working dog trial - Passed IPO 1 - Passed SchH 1 - Passed SL1 (only Rottweiler) - B-approved rescue dog from Norwegian Rescue Dogs (only Rottweiler)
Dobermann	One of the following demands must be achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promotion from class D to C in a Nordic working dog trial - Passed the NKK's Poll trial

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passed SchH 1 - Passed SL1, RRP1, RSP1, SPH1, IPO-V - B-approved rescue dog from Norwegian Rescue Dogs
Landseer Leonberger Newfoundland Dog	A minimum score of 100 points at a working water trial for Newfoundland Dogs.

Group 3: Terriers

Breed	Demands
Border Terrier Fox Terrier Jack Russell Terrier Parson Russell Terrier German Hunting Terrier Welsh Terrier Lakeland Terrier	Minimum 3 rd prize on a Nordic Earth Dog Trial

Group 4: Dachshunds

Breed	Demands
Whole group	Minimum 3 rd prize on a Nordic Earth Dog Trial trial or on a Nordic drev-trial, or Minimum 3 rd prize on a Nordic blood-tracking trial.

Group 5: Spitz and Primitive types

Breed	Demands
Finnish Spitz Norrbottenspitz	Minimum 3 rd prize on a Nordic field trial for barking gun dog (halsende fuglehund).
Hälleforsdog Jämtdog Karelian Beardog Laika-breeds Norwegian Elkhound- grey Norwegian Elkhound-black Swedish White Elkhound	Minimum 3 rd prize on a Nordic elkhound-trial
Alaskan Malamute	<p>Alternative 1 (former regulations before 2010) Achieved 2 of following: Certificate in a Sled Dog Test Approved Sled Dog test, part 1 Approved Sled Dog test, part 2</p> <p>Alternative 2 (regulations from 1.1.2010) Approved at least 2 out of 5 subtests leading to Norwegian Sled Dog Working Champion.</p>
Samoyed Greenland Dog	<p>Minimum one out of three of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The dog must achieve a CERT in a Sled Dog working trial

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The dog must have completed a 1-dog Sled Dog Test - The dog must have completed a long distance Sled Dog Test, A, B, C or D.
Siberian Husky	Minimum 3 rd prize on sled dog trial for polar breeds.
Cirneco Dell'etna Pharaoh Hound Podenco Canario Ibizian Hound Podenco Portugues	Valid Lure Coursing licence and approved at least three trail. Minimum one trail must be an international (CACIL) trail. There must be a period of minimum one year and one day between the first and the last run. The dog must have achieved minimum 67 points (certificate quality) in the three achieved trails.

Group 6: Scenthounds and Related Breeds

Breed	Demands
Beagle Drever Dunker All Scent Hounds /støvere (except Slovakian Hound) Other Hounds/støvere	Minimum 3 rd prize on a Nordic hunting field trial for hounds. The working trial must be on either hare, deer, roe deer or fox.
Basset Artesian normand Basset Bleu de gascogne Basset Fauvne de bretagne Basset hound Brand basset Griffon vendeen Petit basset Griffon vendeen	Minimum 3 rd prize on a drev- trial for bassets
Bavarian Mountain Scenthound Hanoverian Scenthound	Approved prize on a working trial for schweisshounds
Bloodhound	Minimum 3 rd prize on a working trial for Bloodhounds
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Minimum 2 nd prize Nordic blood-tracking trial (blodspor eller fersksporprøve).

Group 7: Pointing Dogs

Breed	Demands
Breton English setter Gordon Setter Large Münsterlander Small Münsterlander Irish Red and White Setter Irish Setter Pointer Hungarian Vizla German Pointing Dog Slovakian Wire-haired Pointing Dog Weimaraner Other Pointing Dogs	Minimum 3 rd prize on one of the following trails, national or international: -mountain hunting trial -lowland hunting trial -woodland hunting trial

Group 8: Retrievers- Flushing Dogs-Water Dogs

Breed	Demands
American Water Spaniel Clumber Spaniel Cocker Spaniel English Springer Spaniel Field Spaniel Irish Water Spaniel Sussex Spaniel Welsh springer Spaniel	Approved hunting-ability trial for Flushing Dogs
Chesapeake Bay Retriever Curly Coated Retriever Flat Coated Retriever Golden Retriever Labrador Retriever Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	Minimum 3 rd prize on a working field trial for Retrievers
German Spaniel/Wachtelhund	Minimum 3 rd prize on an national breed specific trial or 3 rd prize on a Norwegian field trials for spaniels

Group 10: Sighthounds

Breed	Demands
Afghan Hound Azawakh Borzoi Greyhound Irish Wolfhound Italian Greyhound Polish Greyhound Saluki Deerhound Sloughi Spanish Greyhound Hungarian Greyhound Whippet	Approved lure coursing licence, and completed at least three trials, with one international (CACIL) trial; with at least 366 days between the first and the last race. The dog must also have achieved at least 67 points (CERT-quality) in the three qualifying races.