AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC’s birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

• Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
• Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
• Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
• The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
• The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
• The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge’s placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
• The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
• The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
• Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
• Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
• Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
• Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
• Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
• Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
• Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY OBEDIENCE TRIAL

(Member of the American Kennel Club)

Eastern States Exposition
Mallory Building
1305 Memorial Ave
West Springfield, MA 01089

Saturday October 23, 2010

Trial hours: 7:00 am to 11:00 am
All judging will be indoors
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Veterinarian on call 24 hours
Boston Road Animal Hospital, 1235 Boston Rd, Springfield, MA 01119
413-783-1203

“Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians’ recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccines”

CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of these trials under American Kennel Club rules and Regulations.

James P. Crowley, Secretary

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Telephone, Telephone, Fax, Email and unsigned entries cannot be accepted. Entries not on official AKC entry forms, downloaded and/or photocopies of entry forms without agreement and rules on the reverse side of the official AKC entry form are not acceptable.

Mail all entries with fees to Lori A Carver, Trial Secretary 18 Plainfield Rd, Cummington, MA 01026.

Entries received without fees will not be accepted. Acknowledgement of entries will be made as soon as practicable with identification cards. The person accompanying a dog must show identification before the dog will be received. Should such acknowledgement not be received by the exhibitor within reasonable time please contact the trial secretary.

Make all checks and money orders payable to PCA, no credit or debit cards will be accepted for payment. Canadian exhibitors must make fees payable in U.S. funds. The trial Secretary assumes no responsibility for cash sent through the mail. Tabulate carefully. Due to the cost of processing no refunds $4.00 and under will be made.

An AKC recording fee of $.50 first entry only and an AKC Event service fee of $3.00 per entry will be required for each dog entered at any licensed or member club show, obedience trials or tracking test. An AKC recording fee of $3.00 will be required for each entry in any licensed or member club rally trial. All recording and event service fees are paid to the AKC.

No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance—however the trial secretary will, to the best of his/her ability, separate multiple entries made by one handler.

Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by veterinarian or judge or barred from competition by action of the event committee. If because of riots, wars, strikes, civil disturbances, national emergencies, health emergencies, and dictates of law enforcement or the owners(s) of the grounds and/or facilities or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or to complete the event, no refund of entry fee will be made. Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to snow storms, hurricanes, lightning, extreme heat, heavy rain or other circumstances including but not limited to the condition of the facilities or grounds and/or the ingress and egress from the grounds, must be considered to the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors and spectators. The well-being of dogs, exhibitors and spectators is of paramount importance and in the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the event before completion, no refund of entry will be made. To find out about any AKC event cancellation call the AKC Event Cancellation Hotline 877-252-3229.

Post dated checks, returned checks do not constitute valid entry. The trial secretary will add a collection fee to the amount of each returned check of $40 and entry must then be made with money order only.

An administrative fee of $5.00 will be withheld from refunds for processed duplicate entries and/or any entry canceled prior to the closing date. Every effort will be made to find and return duplicate entries before processing.

Errors on entry forms: Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may make such errors, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the closing date.

Each Owner and agent listed on the entry form and/or individual responsible for the dog at a show is bound by the certification and agreement on the front and back of the entry form regardless of who may have completed and submitted the entry form.

As specified in Chapter 12, section 4, of the AKC rules applying to dog shows, information contained on the entry form is required to be published in the show’s catalog. This information is also subject to publication in other media.

Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time for judging—Dogs not required for further judging will be excused.

Judges will not wait for any dog holding up a class. Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging ring when their classes are called to be judged.

All dogs present must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged.

All dog feces must be picked up, failure to do so will result in a trial committee hearing and excusal from the show grounds without refund of entry fees.

No gasoline or diesel generators.

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AGREEMENT
I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the honor of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OR ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS
1. (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color, AKC/UK), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).

2. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.

3. (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e., age division, color division, weight division.

4. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JR.'S DATE OF BIRTH

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER:
The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 816-3776.

By signing the entry form (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner? AENS999 (1/108)

ENTRY FEE $28.00 PER CLASS

OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASSES

Qualifying score required for all prizes in regular and optional title classes “Dog” means either sex

Move-ups will be allowed

Refund of entry fee less $5.00 will be given to bitches in season with a written notice from the veterinarian.

The note must be presented to the trial secretary before the start of judging.

CLASSES OFFERED

Regular Obedience Classes: Novice Class A, Novice Class B, Open Class A, Open Class B, Utility Class A, and Utility Class B

Optional Title Classes: Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open, Versatility

Non-Regular Classes: Wildcard Novice, Wild Card Open, Wild Card Utility & Veterans

Trophies

Unless otherwise indicated, the following prizes are offered by the Puli Club of America, Inc through the generosity of friends and members. All trophies are original, one of a kind, made from fine porcelain ceramic and designed by Debby Carman of Faux Paw Productions. They are dishwasher proof, lead free, food safe and microwavable.

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes – 18” Platter

Highest Scoring Dog in Open B and Utility Combined – 14” Platter

First in each Regular and Optional Title Class – Shaped Plate

Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Obedience Classes:

Obedience Challenge Trophies

Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Obedience Classes: Bartok Challenge Trophy, 10” diameter Fluted SP Bowl on a Walnut Base with SP Plaque. Re-offered by Nancy Kelly.

High Combined Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes: Silver plated Bowl on a Walnut Base with Silver-Plate Plaque offered by Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California in memory of Julius Hidassy

Ribbon Prizes

Regular Classes & Optional Title Classes

First Prize...............................................................Blue Rosette
Second Prize..........................................................Red Rosette
Third Prize...........................................................Yellow Rosette
Fourth Prize........................................................White Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes.............................................Blue and Gold Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in Open B and Utility Combined .....................Blue and Dark Green Rosette

Qualifying Score.........................................................Green Ribbon

Non-Regular Classes

First Prize.................................................................Rose Rosette
Second Prize......................................................................Brown Rosette
Third Prize........................................................................Light Green Rosette
Fourth Prize......................................................................Grey Rosette
Accommodations

Holiday Inn Hotel of Springfield - Enfield
1 Bright Meadow Blvd
Enfield, MA 06082
860-741-2211

Directions to show site:

From the North – Take I-91 to West Springfield – Exit 13S (Sign reads “Route 5, Riverdale St, West Springfield”) South on Route 5 to Route 147 West. Follow Route 147 West for 1 mile to Show Grounds on left.

From the South – Take I-91 North to Springfield – Exit 3 (Sign reads “Route 5, Columbus Ave, Agawam, West Springfield”) Follow Route 5 North to Route 147 West, then proceed as above.

From the East or West – Take Mass Pike (I-90) to Exit 4, Follow signs marked “Route5, Riverdale St, West Springfield” Take Route 5 South to Route 147 West, and then proceed as above.

Important Notice – Access to the show grounds will be through GATE 9 ONLY. Gate 9 is on the left approaching the show grounds from the East approximately 1000 yards BEFORE the actual show buildings. It will be clearly marked.