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SECTION 1

1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 Championship Show - a sanctioned conformation show to be judged by an approved ANKC Ltd Championship Judge (including those overseas judges approved by the ANKC Ltd to judge at Australian fixtures) at which points may be awarded towards an exhibit's Australian Championship conformation title.

1.1.2 Open Show - a sanctioned conformation show to be judged by trainee judges/open show judges where no championship points are to be awarded.

1.1.3 Parade - a sanctioned conformation show at which exhibits have not accrued enough points for a "Champion" title or have not yet applied for that title at the date entries close where no championship points are to be awarded.

Note: An Open Show and Parade is a means by which trainee judges can gain experience in ring craft and Clubs are to be encouraged to conduct them.

1.1.4 Neuter - A neuter is a dog or bitch that has been desexed either by castration or ovarian hysterectomy and is rendered infertile. This does not include vasectomies (Dogs) or tubal ligation (Bitches).

1.1.5 Specialist Breed Judging (Added 10/19, 6.8) - any form of judging performed by a judge who is a recognised breed specialist or who has a particular interest in a breed or breeds and which may entail each or any of the following:-

- a. Judging time may be slower than 25 dogs per hour.
- b. Individual critiques may be given.
- c. Gradings may be awarded.
- d. Class places greater than First, Second and Third may be awarded.

1.2 Classes for Exhibit at a Show

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

1.2.1 General Classes

Name	No.	Description
Baby Puppy	1	For dogs aged three and under six months.
Minor Puppy	2	For dogs aged six and under nine months.
Puppy	3	For dogs aged six and under twelve months.
Junior	4	For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months.
Intermediate	5	For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
Novice	6	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a First Prize at any Parade, Open Show or Championship Show (subject to Member Body Rules). Baby puppy and Local classes excepted. (For the purpose of classifications (6) and (6A) First Prizes won up to and including the day before the date of entry close in a Show only shall be taken into account but such restriction shall not apply in the case of a Special Prize for which more than one win is required).

Graduate	7	For dogs six months of age or over which have not won a Challenge Certificate up to and including the day before the date of entry close.
Limit	8	For dogs over twelve months of age which are not Champions, or have not gained sufficient points to qualify as a Champion up to and including the day before the date of entry close.
State Bred	9	For dogs six months of age or over bred in the State or Territory in which they are exhibited. (Amended 10/10, 7.47)
Australian Bred	10	For dogs aged six months or over bred in Australia. (Amended 10/10, 7.47)
Bred by Exhibitor	14	For dogs aged six months and over. The exhibit must be owned and handled by the breeder of record. The exhibit must be handled throughout the breed classes, all Group and General Specials classes by the owner or part owner of the prefix under which the exhibit was originally registered. (Added 10/17, 7.5.8 – effective 01/01/18) (Amended 06/18, 5.3 – effective 01/01/19)
Open	11	For dogs aged six months or over and of a breed or variety recognized by the ANKC Ltd.
Veteran	12	7 years and over (10/15, 7.5.7 – Effective from 01/01/16)
Veteran	13	10 years and over (10/15, 7.5.7 – Effective from 01/01/16)

1.2.2 Neuter Classes

Name	No.	Description
Puppy Neuter	15	For neuter dogs aged six and under twelve months. (05/01) (Amended 10/10, 6.4)
Junior Neuter	16	For neuter dogs aged nine and under eighteen months. (05/01) (Amended 10/10, 6.4)
Intermediate Neuter	17	For neuter dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months. (05/01) (Amended 10/10, 6.4)
Open Neuter	18	For neuter dogs aged six months or over. (05/01) (Amended 10/10, 6.4)

Note: Bitch Classes For all of the above classes utilize the same number as dogs with addition of the letter A, e.g., 1A = Baby Puppy Bitch. **(Added 10/10, 6.4)**

- 1.2.3 To calculate the age of dogs for entry into breed classes where the date of birth does not occur in the relevant month, the anniversary date be taken as the last date of that month, e.g. dogs born on 31 January will be eligible to enter the baby puppy class on 30th April. **(06/95, 3.1.2)**
- 1.2.4 A sweepstakes class for Neutered dogs should be optional at ANKC Ltd official shows. **(10/94, 8.1.3)**
- 1.2.5 Separate classes may be offered for Veterans at fixtures - 7 years and over; 10 years and over. Where only 1 Veteran class is offered it is to be class 12. **(05/92)**
- 1.2.6 Only entire dogs and bitches can compete in the Veteran Classes at Specialist and Semi-Specialist Show where the winners are eligible to compete for Challenge Certificates. **(10/92, 7.4) (Amended 10/09, 10.3)**

1.2.7 Entire and Neuter dogs and bitches shall be eligible to enter Property and Special Classes at Specialist and Semi-Specialist Shows. **(Added 10/15, 6.3.1.2) (Amended 10/19, 6.8)**

1.2.8 Colour classes are deemed to be a domestic matter. **(04/87)**

SECTION 2

2.1 Classification of the Groups of Breeds of Dogs

2.1.1 Breeds to be listed under their common name in alphabetical order within the seven (7) ANKC Ltd recognized groups of dogs. **(04/80)**

SECTION 3

3.1 Neuter Classes (05/01)

Neutered dogs and bitches shall be approved to compete at any ANKC Ltd official Show, where the following neutered classes are offered. **(05/01, Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

3.1.1 Classes 15, 16, 17 & 18 shall be optional Classes at any ANKC Ltd sanctioned show.

3.1.2 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be ineligible to compete against entire exhibits for Challenge or Best of Breed awards. **(Amended 10/09, 8.9)**

3.1.3 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at breed level after Best of Breed and any Class elimination judging.

3.1.4 Classes 15,16,17 & 18 shall be judged at both Group and Show level immediately after General Classes.

3.1.5 Where only one (1) Neuter Class per sex is held at a show, that class shall be Open Neuter (classes' 18/18a) **(10/11)**

3.1.6 Only dogs or bitches registered with an ANKC Ltd Member Body as a "neuter" on the main register shall be eligible to compete in either Class 15,16,17 or 18. **(Amended 10/01)**

SECTION 4

4.1 Order of Judging

The official ANKC Ltd judging sequence shall be followed by all Member Bodies **(09/84)**, unless the procedure outlined in Section 5 of these Regulations is approved by a Member Body. **(10/01)**

The following sequence was adopted **(10/92)**:

4.1.1 Breed Classes

- a. Judge all dog classes in breed.
- b. Judge the dog challenge winner from the exhibits placed first, who are unbeaten, in each of the breed classes, excluding baby puppy.

- c. Judge the reserve challenge winner from the balance of class winning exhibits and the second place winner from the class in which the challenge winner was entered.
- d. Repeat 1, 2 and 3 in the bitch classes in breed.

Note. At all Shows, breeds and varieties shall not be intermingled. (10/99)

4.1.2 Best of Breed Judging

- a. Judge Best of Breed from the challenge winning dog and bitch.
- b. The exhibit awarded Best of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered.
- c. Judge the Runner Up Best of Breed from the unsuccessful challenge winner in the Best of Breed competition and the exhibit awarded reserve challenge to the exhibit awarded Best of Breed.
- d. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered. Provided, the Best of Breed was not entered in the same class.
- e. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with clauses b. and d., judge the Best of Breed of class immediately after the Runner Up Best of Breed is judged, from the class winners of each sex within that breed. Only the exhibits awarded Best of Class of breed shall be eligible to compete for Best of Class of group.
- f. Repeat the above procedure for each breed within the group.

4.1.3 Neuter of Breed judging (where offered)

- a. Judge all neuter dog classes in breed
- b. Judge the neuter dog certificate winner from the exhibits placed first, who are unbeaten, in each of the breed classes
- c. Judge the reserve certificate winner from the balance of class winning exhibits and the second place winner from the class in which the certificate winner was entered
- d. Repeat 1, 2 and 3 in the bitch classes in breed.

4.1.4 Best of Neuter of Breed judging (where offered)

- a. Judge Best Neuter of Breed from the certificate winning dog and bitch.
- b. The exhibit awarded Best Neuter of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered.
- c. Judge the Runner Up Best Neuter of Breed from the unsuccessful certificate winner in the Best Neuter of Breed competition and the exhibit awarded reserve certificate to the exhibit awarded Best Neuter of Breed.
- d. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best Neuter of Breed shall automatically be declared the winner of the class in breed in which it is entered. Provided, the Best Neuter of Breed was not entered in the same class.

- e. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with clauses b and d, judge the Best Neuter of Breed of class immediately after the Runner Up Best Neuter of Breed is judged, from the class winners of each sex within that breed. Only the exhibits awarded Best Neuter of Class of breed shall be eligible to compete for Best Neuter of Class of group.
- f. Repeat the above procedure for each breed within the group.

4.1.5 Group Specials

- a. Judge Best in Group from the Best of Breed winning exhibits only.
- b. The exhibit awarded Best in Group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Group award in which it was entered.
- c. Judge Runner Up Best in Group from the balance of the Best of Breed winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best of Breed exhibit awarded Best in Group.
- d. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best in Group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Group award in which it is entered. Provided, the Best in Group winner was not entered in the same class.
- e. Applicable at Royal Shows only, where the award is offered, judge Best Opposite Sex in Group from the challenge winning exhibits of the opposite sex to the exhibit awarded Best in Group. Provided that if the Runner Up Best in Group is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at Royal Shows.
- f. The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Group and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Group are not eligible to compete for the Best of Class In Group award for which the Best Opposite Sex in Group was entered. This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite Sex in Group has been offered.
- g. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with Clauses a. and d., and the requirements of Clause f., judge Best in Class in Group awards from the respective Best of Breed class winners.

4.1.6 Neuter Group Specials (where offered)

- a. Judge Best Neuter in Group from the Best Neuter of Breed winning exhibits only.
- b. The exhibit awarded Best Neuter in Group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Group award in which it was entered.
- c. Judge Runner Up Best Neuter in Group from the balance of the Best Neuter of Breed winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best Neuter of Breed exhibit awarded Best in Group.
- d. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best Neuter in Group shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Group award in which it is entered. Provided, the Best Neuter in Group winner was not entered in the same class.
- e. Applicable at Royal Shows only, where the award is offered, judge Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Group from the certificate winning exhibits of the opposite sex to the exhibit awarded Best Neuter in Group. Provided that if the Runner Up Best Neuter in Group is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at Royal Shows.

- f. The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Group and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Group are not eligible to compete for the Best of Neuter Class In Group award for which the Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Group was entered. This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Group has been offered.
- g. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with Clauses b and d, and the requirements of Clause f, judge Best in Class in Group awards from the respective Best of Breed class winners.

4.1.7 General Specials

- a. Judge Best in Show from the Best in Group winning exhibits only.
- b. The exhibit awarded Best in Show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Show award in which it was entered.
- c. Judge Runner Up Best in Show from the balance of the Best in Group winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best in Group exhibit awarded Best in Show.
- d. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best in Show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Show award in which it is entered. Provided, the Best in Show winner was not entered in the same class.
- e. Applicable at Royal Shows only, where the award is offered, judge Best Opposite Sex in Show from the Group winning exhibits and the Opposite Sex in Group winning exhibits, which are of the opposite sex to Best in Show. Provided that if the Runner Up Best in Show is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at Royal Shows.
- f. The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Show and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex in Show are not eligible to compete for the Best of Class in Show award for which the Best Opposite Sex in Show was entered. This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite in Show has been offered.
- g. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with clauses b and d, and the requirements of clause f, judge Best in Class in Show awards from the respective Best in Group class winners.

4.1.8 Neuter General Specials (where Offered)

- a. Judge Best Neuter in Show from the Best Neuter in Group winning exhibits only.
- b. The exhibit awarded Best Neuter in Show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Show award in which it was entered.
- c. Judge Runner Up Best Neuter in Show from the balance of the Best Neuter in Group winners and the exhibit awarded Runner Up to the Best Neuter in Group exhibit awarded Best Neuter in Show.
- d. The exhibit awarded Runner Up Best Neuter in Show shall automatically be declared the winner of the Class in Show award in which it is entered. Provided, the Best Neuter in Show winner was not entered in the same class.
- e. Applicable at Royal Shows only, where the award is offered, judge Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Show from the Group winning exhibits and the Opposite Sex Neuter in Group winning exhibits, which are of the opposite sex to Best Neuter in Show. Provided that if the Runner Up Best Neuter in Show is eligible to compete for this award it shall automatically be declared the winner. This award may only be offered at Royal Shows.

- f. The exhibits of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Show and any exhibit previously beaten by an exhibit of the same sex as the Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Show are not eligible to compete for the Best of Class Neuter in Show award for which the Best Opposite Sex Neuter in Show was entered. This clause only applies at Royal Shows where the award Best Opposite Neuter in Show has been offered.
- g. Except for the awards automatically made in accordance with clauses b and d, and the requirements of clause f, judge Best in Class in Show Neuter awards from the respective Best in Group Neuter class winners.

4.2 Order of Judging

The order of judging for Best Class of Breed, Best Class in Group and Best Class in Show shall be from Baby Puppy through to Open Class, except where the award is automatic. Judging of these class awards shall, in each case, take place after the judging of Best of Breed, In Group and In Show, Runner Up to these awards and best opposite if applicable. **(10/92)**

4.3 Optional Order of Judging

Effective from 1 January, 2003. At Specialist and Semi Specialist Club's Championship and Open Shows, the order of judging shall be optional, provided the order of judging is published in the Show Schedule. **(05/02)**

SECTION 5

5.1 Alternative In-Group and In-Show Placing System (10/99) (Amended 06/18, 5.4 – effective 01/01/19)

(Alternative for Shows that only offer Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy in Group/Show and Best Exhibit in Group/Show) (10/01)

5.2 Breed Judging

- 5.2.1 Breed judging shall be conducted in the same manner as the existing system to select Best of Breed, Best Puppy of Breed and Best Baby Puppy of Breed. **(10/11)**

5.3 Group/Show Judging

- 5.3.1 Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit In Group are no longer to be judged. These places are to be awarded Best in Show 2nd and Best in Group 2nd in lieu of Runner-Up and judged in accordance with 5.2.
- 5.3.2 Only Best Baby Puppy In Group and Best Puppy In Group awards will be offered. Therefore, only exhibits that have won Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy of Breed are eligible to compete for Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Group. **(10/11)**
- 5.3.3 Only Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Show awards will be offered. Therefore only Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Group winners are eligible to compete for Best Baby Puppy and Best Puppy In Show. **(10/11)**
- 5.3.4 Only exhibits that have won Best of Breed awards are eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Group awards 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st, subject to the provision of Regulation (5.2).
- 5.3.5 Only exhibits which have won Best Exhibit In Group shall be eligible to compete for Best Exhibit In Show awards 2nd and 1st, subject to the provision of Regulation (5.3.5).
- 5.3.6 Effective 1 July 2017 the sequence of judging Best Exhibit in Group and Best Exhibit in Show awards shall be in the following order:
 - a. Best Exhibit in Group, placed in the order of 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st
 - b. Best Baby Puppy in Group
 - c. Best Puppy in Group
 - d. Best Exhibit in Show, placed in the order of 2nd, 1st.
 - e. Best Baby Puppy in Show
 - f. Best Puppy in Show
- 5.3.7 Where a puppy is awarded a Best in Group/Best in Show placing in accordance with 5.3.6 a or d, the highest placed puppy shall be awarded Best Puppy in Group/Best Puppy in Show and there shall be no elimination. **(Amended 10/16, 7.5.5)**

SECTION 6 (Added 10/17, 5.3.1 – effective 01/01/18)

6.1 Rules for the Conduct of FCI/CACIB Shows

This part of the Regulations is applicable only in respect of those dog shows in which a “Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté de la FCI” (CACIB), award for the title “International Beauty Champion”, can be awarded.

At an FCI/CACIB Show ANKC Challenge Certificates counting towards the title of Australian Champion will also be awarded.

For these events a fee is charged by the FCI for every dog appearing in the catalogue, the amount of which is to be determined by the General Assembly of the FCI. This fee is due, on receipt of the catalogues and the CACIB/Res-CACIB lists of the show in question. This fee must be paid even if no CACIB-awards are granted. (The current fee is €1.3 per dog). It is the responsibility of the Member Body or Affiliate thereof conducting the show to ensure that this fee is paid.

6.2 Basics

In accordance with the FCI Associate Member Agreement, ANKC Ltd will conduct a minimum of 2 (two) CACIB Shows per year. Notwithstanding, ANKC will consider all applications received from any Member Body of ANKC or an affiliate thereof.

ANKC Ltd are solely responsible for determining in which dog shows in Australia the competitions for the CACIB can be held. These shows, which will also have been sanctioned by the FCI, must be indicated and designated as follows: “International Dog Show with attribution of the CACIB of the FCI”. The catalogue of these shows must be clearly marked with the FCI-logo and the following expression: “Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)”.

6.3 Applications

Applications to have a CACIB International Dog Show sanctioned by ANKC Ltd, and subsequently by the FCI, must be sent in the first instance to the Member Body of ANKC Ltd where the show is planned to be held, no later than 18 months prior to the intended show date and, if the application is supported by that Member Body, is then to be forwarded to ANKC Ltd for consideration. If approved by ANKC Ltd the application is then to be forwarded to the General Secretariat of the FCI no later than 12 months prior, and no earlier than four calendar years prior, to the proposed date of the show.

6.4 Restrictions

Only one CACIB can be awarded in each sex, in every recognised breed and breed variety - in accordance with the FCI Breed Nomenclature- on the same day and at the same place.

No other CACIB show can be held the same days as a World or Section show takes place on that particular continent. Exceptional cases will be dealt with by the FCI General Committee.

If a show has to be cancelled because of force majeure or extreme weather conditions the organiser is recommended to partly refund the entry fees that have been paid, based on its own existing rules. The FCI will only authorize CACIB shows to be held on the same day provided that these events are held at a distance of at least 300 km. In case this distance is less than 300 km, the approval can be given provided that the organiser who first submitted an application gives his consent to the second applicant. In this case, appropriate dividing up of the FCI groups according to the FCI Breed Nomenclature, taking the show venues and days into consideration, is recommended.

At CACIB shows a breed must be judged, if possible, in one single day and the breeds of the same FCI group should also be judged in one day. However, it is possible to divide the groups over two days if needed for organisational reasons. The decision regarding sanctioning CACIB shows is the responsibility of the Executive Director of the FCI.

6.5 Special Requirements / Admission of Dogs

The dogs' welfare and health must be of **UTMOST PRIORITY** at all dog shows.

The organisers are requested to add the following message in the show catalogue, giving it sufficient visibility: The exhibitors are responsible for the welfare of the dogs at an FCI international dog show. It is forbidden to expose a dog to a situation that can be dangerous for its health and welfare, such as for example leaving it in the car in excessively hot or cold weather and/or treating it in a cruel manner.

The organisers must ensure that the only breeds that will be shown are those for which breed standards have been definitively or provisionally accepted by the FCI and which are registered with the studbook or with the appendix to the studbook (waiting list) of an FCI member country. The same will apply to a non-FCI member country whose studbook is, however, recognized by the FCI. Breeds that are not yet recognized (neither definitively nor provisionally) by the FCI, must be recognized at a national level and have pedigrees issued by a national kennel club that is a member or a contract partner of the FCI. These breeds cannot be incorporated in any group (they have to appear in a special section of the catalogue called "breeds not recognized by the FCI") and they are not eligible for the CACIB and for the various FCI titles. In addition, they cannot compete in the Best in Group finals. The normal FCI fee has to be paid also for each dog of these breeds. At all shows in which the CACIB of the FCI is awarded, the division into groups must be in accordance with the current FCI Breed Nomenclature. In case this ruling would not be observed, the FCI reserves the right to refuse future authorizations to award the CACIB at international shows.

These groups are as follows:

Group 1 Sheepdogs and Cattle- Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)

Group 2 Pinschers and Schnauzers – Molossoid Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs

Group 3 Terrier Group

Group 4 Dachshunds

Group 5 Spitz and Primitive Types

Group 6 Scenthounds and related breeds

Group 7 Pointing dogs

Group 8 Retrievers – flushing dogs – water dogs

Group 9 Companion and toy dogs

Group 10 Sighthounds

At all shows with few entries the organisers are allowed to have different groups judged together in the ring of honour for "Best in Group" competitions; however this does not apply to World and Section Shows.

In accordance with the above provision, at FCI/CACIB Shows conducted in Australia the following groups may be utilized:

Group 1 Sheepdogs and Cattle- Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)

Group 2 Pinschers and Schnauzers – Molossoid Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs

Group 3 Terrier Group

Combined Group 4 Dachshunds **Group 6** Scenthounds and related breeds **Group 10** Sighthounds

Group 5 Spitz and Primitive Types

Combined Group 7 Pointing dogs **Group 8** Retrievers – Flushing dogs – Water dogs

Group 9 Companion and Toy dogs

Note:

1. In accordance with the terms of the Associate Membership between ANKC and FCI all ANKC CACIB shows are to be conducted under FCI regulations including group nomenclature and breed standards for the duration of the event. This includes the awarding of National Challenge Certificates.
2. At ANKC CACIB shows clubs hosting the event will have the option of utilizing the 10 FCI Groups or combining the 10 FCI Groups into the 7 Groups as nominated in Clause 6.5 of these regulations. No other combinations may be utilized.

For ANKC/CACIB Shows **only** the following breeds/groups will apply.

Group 1- Sheepdogs and Cattle- Dogs (except Swiss Cattle Dogs)		
Australian Cattle Dog	Australian Kelpie	Australian Shepherd
Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog	Bearded Collie	Belgian Shepherd Dog, Groenendael
Belgian Shepherd Dog, Laekenois	Belgian Shepherd Dog, Malinois	Belgian Shepherd Dog, Tervueren
Bergamasco Shepherd	Border Collie	Bouvier des Flandres
Briard	Collie (Rough)	Collie (Smooth)
Dutch Shepherd	German Shepherd Dog	German Shepherd Dog (LSC)
Komondor	Kuvasz	Maremma Sheepdog
Old English Sheepdog	Polish Lowland Sheepdog	Puli
Pumi	Pyrenean Sheepdog (Longhaired)	Schipperke
Shetland Sheepdog	Tatra Shepherd Dog	Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	White Swiss Shepherd	

Group 2 - Pinschers and Schnauzers – Molossoid Breeds - Swiss Mountain and Cattle Dogs		
Affenpinscher	Bernese Mountain Dog	Boxer
British Bulldog	Bullmastiff	Cane Corso
Caucasian Shepherd Dog	Central Asian Shepherd Dog	Dobermann
Dogue de Bordeaux	Estrela Mountain Dog	German Pinscher
Great Dane	Kangal Shepherd Dog	Landseer ECT
Leonberger	Mastiff	Miniature Pinscher
Neapolitan Mastiff	Newfoundland	Pyrenean Mastiff
Pyrenean Mountain Dog	Rottweiler	Russian Black Terrier
Schnauzer	Schnauzer (Giant)	Schnauzer (Miniature)
Shar Pei	Spanish Mastiff	St Bernard
Tibetan Mastiff		

Group 3 -Terriers		
Airedale Terrier	American Staffordshire Terrier	Australian Silky Terrier
Australian Terrier	Bedlington Terrier	Border Terrier
Bull Terrier	Bull Terrier (Miniature)	Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier	Dandie Dinmont Terrier	English Toy Terrier (Black and Tan)
Fox Terrier (Smooth)	Fox Terrier (Wire)	German Hunting Terrier

Glen of Imaal Terrier	Irish Terrier	Jack Russell Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier	Lakeland Terrier	Manchester Terrier
Norfolk Terrier	Norwich Terrier	Parson Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier	Sealyham Terrier	Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier	Yorkshire Terrier	

Group 4 - Dachshunds

Dachshund(Standard Long Haired)	Dachshund (Miniature Long Haired)	Dachshund (Standard Smooth Haired)
Dachshund (Miniature Smooth Haired)	Dachshund (Standard Wire Haired)	Dachshund (Miniature Wire Haired)

Group 5 - Spitz and Primitive Types

Akita	Akita (Japanese)	Alaskan Malamute
Basenji	Canaan Dog	Chow Chow
Eurasier	Finnish Lapphund	Finnish Spitz
German Spitz (Klein)	German Spitz (Mittel)	Ibizan Hound
Icelandic Sheepdog	Japanese Spitz	Karelian Bear Dog
Keeshond	Norwegian Buhund	Norwegian Elkhound
Peruvian Hairless Dog (Medium)	Peruvian Hairless Dog (Large)	Peruvian Hairless Dog (Small)
Pharaoh hound	Pomeranian	Portuguese Podengo (Large)
Portuguese Podengo (Medium)	Portuguese Podengo (Small)	Samoyed
Shiba Inu	Siberian Husky	Swedish Lapphund
Swedish Vallhund	Xoloitzcuintle (Miniature)	Xoloitzcuintle (Intermediate)
Xoloitzcuintle (Standard)		

Group 6 Scenthounds and Related breeds

Basset fauve de Bretagne	Basset Hound	Beagle
Black and Tan Coonhound	Bloodhound	Dalmatian
Foxhound	Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen	Hamiltonstövare
Harrier	Otterhound	Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen
Rhodesian Ridgeback		

Group 7 Pointing Dogs

Bracco Italiano	Brittany	English Setter
German Shorthaired Pointer	German Wirehaired Pointer	Gordon Setter
Hungarian Vizsla	Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla	Irish Red and White Setter
Irish Setter	Italian Spinone	Large Munsterlander
Pointer	Weimaraner (Short-haired)	Weimaraner (Long-Haired)
Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer		

Group 8 Retrievers – Flushing Dogs – Water Dogs		
Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Clumber Spaniel	Cocker Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel (American)	Curly Coated Retriever	English Springer Spaniel
Field Spaniel	Flat Coated Retriever	Golden Retriever
Irish Water Spaniel	Labrador Retriever	Lagotto Romagnolo
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	Portuguese Water Dog	Spanish Water Dog
Sussex Spaniel	Welsh Springer Spaniel	

Group 9 Companion and Toy Dogs		
Bichon Frise	Boston Terrier	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua, Long Coat	Chihuahua, Smooth Coat	Chinese Crested Dog
Coton de Tulear	French Bulldog	Griffon Bruxellois
Havanese	Japanese Chin	King Charles Spaniel
Lhasa Apso	Lowchen	Maltese
Papillon	Pekingese	Poodle (Standard)
Poodle(Miniature)	Poodle (Toy)	Pug
Russian Toy (Smooth Haired)	Russian Toy (Long Haired)	Shih Tzu
Tibetan Spaniel	Tibetan Terrier	

Group 10 Sighthounds		
Afghan Hound	Azawakh	Borzoi
Deerhound	Greyhound	Irish Wolfhound
Italian Greyhound	Saluki	Sloughi
Whippet		

Unclassified - Breeds not recognized by the FCI (Not eligible for CACIB or Best in Group)	
American Hairless Terrier	To be exhibited in Group 3 Ring
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	To be exhibited in Group 2 Ring
Tenterfield Terrier	To be exhibited in Group 3 Ring
Bluetick Coonhound	To be exhibited in Combined Groups 4, 6 & 10 (Hounds) Ring

6.6 Classes

The decisive date for age is the day the dog is shown. Only the following classes are recognized at ANKC /CACIB shows sanctioned by the FCI:

Baby Puppy For dogs aged three and under six months.

Classes in which the CACIB cannot be awarded:

Minor Puppy For dogs aged six and under nine months.

Puppy For dogs aged six and under twelve months.

Classes in which the CACIB can be awarded:

Junior	For dogs aged nine and under eighteen months. (providing the winner is over 15months of age)
Intermediate	For dogs aged eighteen and under thirty-six months.
Open	For dogs 15 months and over that are not Champions
Champion	To enter a dog in Champion Class, the title must have been confirmed by the issue of a Registered Pedigree Certificate with the title added by the day of the official closing date of entries; a Champion that has not attained 15 months of age may not be awarded a CACIB

6.7 Qualifications and Placings

The qualifications given by the judges must correspond to the following definitions:

EXCELLENT may only be awarded to a dog over 9 months of age 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.

VERY GOOD may only be awarded to a dog over 9 months of age that possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

GOOD is to be awarded to a dog over 9 months of age that possesses the main features of its breed. The good points should outweigh the faults so that the dog can be considered a good representative of its breed.

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

The four best dogs in each class are placed provided that they have been awarded at least the qualification "**VERY GOOD**".

6.8 Titles, Awards and Main Ring Competitions

CACIB – Certificat d’Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté de la FCI

The only dogs which can be taken into consideration for the CACIB are the 1st Place Winners who have been awarded "EXCELLENT" in Junior, Intermediate, Open, and Champion class and are over 15 months of age.

The Reserve CACIB is awarded to the second best dog which was given the qualification "EXCELLENT" from the above mentioned classes. The dog placed second in the class where the CACIB winner comes from can compete for the Reserve CACIB, if awarded excellent. It is not compulsory to award the Reserve CACIB.

As the ANKC Challenge Certificate is a national award, ANKC Regulations decide in which classes and to which dogs this certificate can be awarded.

Judging Procedure for “International Dog Shows with attribution of the CACIB of the FCI”.

The 1st Placed Dogs in Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Intermediate, Open and Champion will compete for the ANKC Challenge Certificate, if the dog that is awarded the Challenge Certificate is 15 months of age or over it will automatically receive the CACIB, providing that it has been graded Excellent.

If the Challenge Winner is from the Minor or Puppy Class the 1st placed dogs in Junior Intermediate, Open and Champion will compete for the CACIB providing that they have been graded excellent and in the case of the junior is over 15months of age.

Best of Breed (BOB)

The Challenge winner from both sexes, will compete for Best of Breed (BOB).

The Class in Breed Awards will be conducted as at ANKC Championship Shows the BOB will Automatically take the award for their respective class.

Best in Group

The Best of Breeds will compete for Best in Group, there will be four (4) Group Placings announced in the order 4, 3, 2 & 1.

The Class in Group Awards will be conducted as at ANKC Championship Shows the four (4) Group Placings will automatically take the award for their respective classes.

Best in Show

The Best in Groups will compete for Best in Show; there will be four (4) In Show Placing's announced in the order 4, 3, 2 & 1.

The Class in Show Awards will be conducted as at ANKC Championship Shows the four (4) In Show Placings will Automatic ally take the award for their respective classes.

SECTION 7

7.1 Awards & Titles

7.1.1 Where a financial member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body competes at a sanctioned show, whether All Breeds or Specialist Breed, that financial member shall be entitled to receive any normally recognized 'in show' and/or 'in group' award. **(09/87, 2(e))**

7.1.2 Where a first place is not awarded, at class level, then all other placings must be withheld. **(04/81)**

7.1.3 Where a Championship Show only offers Baby Puppy /Puppy in Group/Show and no other in show class entry awards, they may offer 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st in group and in show awards. **(10/00)**

7.1.4 Where only class 18/18A are offered only Best and Reserve Neuter in Breed/Group/Show are to be awarded and not Open Neuter in Breed/Group/Show.

7.2 Challenge Certificates

7.2.1 Where a Challenge Certificate winner is found to be ineligible for the Challenge award, the Reserve Challenge winner shall be awarded the Challenge and points, less one for the ineligible exhibit. **(05/90, 2.7.1)**

7.2.2 Where a Best of Breed winner does not compete for Best Exhibit in Group or Best Exhibit in Show for which it is eligible, the Best of Breed Challenge Certificate shall be cancelled. **(10/99)**

7.2.3 No Challenge Certificate shall be issued at Shows unless the Judge has been approved by the ANKC Ltd. **(05/00)**

7.3 Neuter Certificates (Added 10/09, 8.9) (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

7.3.1 Where a Neuter Certificate winner is found to be ineligible for the award; the Reserve winner shall be awarded the Certificate and points, less one for the ineligible exhibit.

7.3.2 Where a Best Neuter of Breed winner does not compete for Best Neuter Exhibit in Group or Best Neuter Exhibit in Show for which it is eligible, the Neuter Best of Breed Certificate shall be cancelled.

7.4 Championship Points System (05/99) (10/11) (10/17)

7.4.1 The owner of a dog registered with the ANKC Ltd which:

- a. Wins not fewer than four Challenge Certificates/Best of Breed Certificates under not fewer than four different Judges at four different exhibitions; and **(10/99)**
- b. Gains a total of 100 points; may apply for such dog to be known as a Champion.

7.4.2 Points shall be allotted for exhibits six (6) months of age and over exhibited in a General Class as follows:

- a. **Challenge Certificate winner – Dogs**
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- b. **Challenge Certificate winner – Bitches**
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- c. **Best of Breed Certificate winner**
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
- d. **Best in Group winner**
Each winner of the recognized seven (7) groups – five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Group at the fixture.
- e. **Runner up to Best in Group**
Each winner of the recognized seven (7) groups – five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Group at the fixture to a maximum of fifteen points (15) or ten (10) points less than the Best in Group Winner.
- f. **Best in Show winner**
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each dog and bitch exhibited in the Show.
- g. **Runner up to Best in Show**
The Runner up to Best in Show winner - ten (10) points less than the Best in Show Winner. **(Added 10/17, 6.1.2 – effective 01/01/18)**

7.4.3 The points awarded under (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f) above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed twenty-five (25) points at any one Show for Best of Breed, Best in Group or Best in Show.

- 7.4.3.1 The points awarded under (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g) above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed fifteen (15) points at any one Show for Runner Best in Group or **Runner Up to Best Exhibit in Show**. If Breed points account for more than 15 points, no additional points will be allocated. **(Amended 10/17, 6.1.2 – effective 01/01/18)**
- 7.4.4 At shows conducted under the conditions of SECTION 5 - 5.1 Alternative In-Group and In-Show Placing System, the points awarded under (e) and (g) above will be awarded to In Group 2nd and In Show 2nd. **(Added 10/17, 6.1 – effective 01/01/18)**
- 7.5 Neuter Championship Points System (Added 10/15, 7.5.9)**
- 7.5.1 The owner of a neutered dog registered with the ANKC Ltd which:
- a. Wins not fewer than four Neuter Certificates/Best Neuter of Breed Certificates under not fewer than four different Judges at four different exhibitions; and
 - b. Gains a total of 100 points, may apply for such dog to be known as a Neuter Champion.
- 7.5.2 Points shall be allotted for exhibits six (6) months of age and over exhibited in a Neuter Class as follows:
- a. **Neuter Certificate winner – Dogs:**
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered dog of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
 - b. **Neuter Certificate winner – Bitches:**
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neutered bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
 - c. **Best of Neuter Certificate winner**
Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each neuter dog and bitch of the breed exhibited at the fixture.
 - d. **Best Neuter In Group winner**
Each Neuter winner of the recognised seven (7) groups – five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neuter dog and bitch exhibited in the Group at the fixture.
 - e. **Best Neuter In Show winner**
The winner of the Best Neuter in Show Award Five (5) points plus one (1) point for each Neuter dog and bitch exhibited in the Show
- 7.5.3 The points awarded under (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall not accumulate and shall, in no case, exceed twenty-five (25) points at any one Show.
- 7.5.4 Only points accrued as a Neutered dog will be accepted towards the Neuter Champion title.
- 7.5.5 A dog who has gained the title of Champion or Grand Champion prior to being entered on the ANKC Ltd Main register as Neutered, shall retain such titles in addition to Neutered Champion. These titles shall have precedence and shall appear in front of the Neuter Champion title in the dogs registered name.
- 7.5.6 The title of Neuter Champion shall fulfill the Conformation Title requirements for Dual and Triple Championships.
- 7.5.7 5 year moratorium imposed on any changes to the Neutered Championship Points System.

7.6 Grand Champion (10/97, 4.7.2) (10/08, 5.5) (04/09) (10/11)

- 7.6.1 Using the points system as approved by the ANKC Ltd at the time, a dog will be required to receive 1000 points to be eligible to the title of Grand Champion.
- 7.6.2 All dogs that qualify for the Grand Champion title under Rule 7.6 are eligible to apply for the title after the implementation date of 1 January 2012.
- 7.6.3 The implementation date for the awarding of the title of Grand Champion be 1.1.98.
- 7.6.4 A Grand Championship will not be awarded to dogs retrospectively, but an dog will be eligible to be awarded the title of Grand Champion, if they gain some points towards the title of Grand Champion (1000 points) after the implementation date of the 1.1.98.

7.7 Neuter Grand Champion

- 7.7.1 Using the points system as approved by the ANKC Ltd at the time, a dog will be required to receive 1000 points to be eligible to the title of Neuter Grand Champion

7.8 Supreme Champion (10/11)

- 7.8.1 Using the points system as approved by the ANKC Ltd at the time, a dog will be required to attain the following qualifications to be eligible to the title of Supreme Champion.
 - a. 1,000points; and
 - b. 3 All Breeds Best in Shows awarded by 3 different Best in Show Judges; or
 - c. 10 Best in Group/Multi-Breed or Breed Specialty Best in Show awarded by 10 different judges. **(Amended 10/14, 9.4)**
- 7.8.2 The implementation date for the awarding of the title of Supreme Champion be 1 July 2012.
- 7.8.3 A Supreme Championship will not be awarded to dogs retrospectively, but an animal will be eligible to be awarded the title of Supreme Champion, if they gain some points towards the title of Supreme Champion (1000 points) after the implementation date of the 1 July 2012.

7.9 International Champion

- 7.9.1 The title International Champion shall be recognized if shown on the Export pedigree of a dog imported into Australia. **(04/85)**

7.10 ANKC/FCI Title of International Beauty/Working/Show Champion (CIB/CIT/CIE). (Added 05/18, EM#158)

- a. Any ANKC registered dog, belonging to a non-working breed as per the FCI Breed Nomenclature, will have to meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply for the title of CIB:
 - 1) Be awarded at least 4 CACIB in a minimum of 3 different countries under a minimum of 3 different judges from at least 3 different FCI Member countries. Or
 - 2) Be awarded at least 4 CACIB in a minimum of 2 Australian States under a minimum of 3 different judges from at least 3 different FCI Member countries.
- b. The CACIB can be granted in both foreign countries and Australian States. In that case, the states are considered as separate entities.

- c. There is no timespan between the first and the last award.
- d. No ANKC registered dog, belonging to a non-working breed as per the FCI Breed Nomenclature, is eligible for the FCI title of CIE (Show Champion).
- e. Any ANKC registered dog, belonging to a working breed as per the FCI Breed Nomenclature, will be subject to the official FCI requirements for the FCI title of CIB and CIT (Working).
- f. In addition, an ANKC registered dog belonging to a working breed as per the FCI Breed Nomenclature is eligible for the FCI title of CIE (International Show Champion) if it meets the same requirements as for the title CIB.

SECTION 8

8.1 Exhibit (Amended 10/12 – 7.5.9)

- 8.1.1 The size of all exhibit numbers must be large enough to be read from a distance of approximately 1200cm (40 feet).
- 8.1.2 Excepting as provided for in Regulation 8.1.3, handlers at all competitions must be financial members of the Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which they reside.
- 8.1.3 A person, who is not a resident of Australia, and is able to provide written advice to the Secretary of the Affiliate conducting the event from the recognized Controlling Body of their Country of Residence that they are permitted to handle dogs at championship exhibitions held in that country, may handle at all competitions conducted by Member Bodies for a period of up to three months on each visit.

SECTION 9

9.1 Disqualification from Conformation Exhibition

- 9.1.1 For Conformation purposes, a dog six months of age or over shall not be accepted as physically entire unless both testicles have fully descended and are in the scrotum. Any dog disqualified for this reason at a Conformation Show or otherwise proven shall be placed on the Limited Register and remain there until it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Member body that it is physically entire or in the case of a Neutered dog, in which case it can be moved to the Neuter Register. **(05/00)**
- 9.1.2 Dogs imported into Australia with cropped ears in accordance with ANKC Regulation Part 6 - 6.11.1 may be displayed only at conformation exhibitions where a non-competitive display classes are offered. **(10/92)**

SECTION 10

10.1 Access to Exhibition Grounds (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

- 10.1.1 A dog exhibitor who has already paid an entry fee to the Dog Section of the show, shall not be required to pay a gate admission charge into the fixture. **(04/91, 5.12)**

SECTION 11

11.1 Use of Firearms

- 11.1.1 The ANKC Ltd disapproves the use of firearms, including imitation firearms and starting pistols, at any Championship Show, Parade or other conformation exhibition. **(04/88, 4.18)**

SECTION 12

12.1 Use of Breed Standards at Shows

- 12.1.1 It is mandatory for Clubs to provide a copy of the Breed Standards in each ring at all Shows and for all Judges, including Overseas Judges.
- 12.1.2 Judges are to be encouraged to refer to the Breed Standards whilst judging. **(10/99)**

SECTION 13

13.1. Responsibilities of Clubs

- 13.1.1 Any changes to judges must be advised to exhibitors as soon as the Clubs (including Royal Shows) are made aware of these changes. **(Added 05/04, Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)**

SECTION 14 (Added 10/13 – 5.6.4)

14.1. Double Handling

- 14.1.1 “Where ‘Double Handling’ of exhibits is permitted at breed specialty and or shows where exhibits are shown according to a specialist manner: the following clause must be included in the show schedule:
- 14.1.2 “Double Handling of *‘Insert name of Breed’* is permitted at this Show”.

SECTION 15 (Added 10/16 – 6.5.1)

15.1. Uppy Collars

- 15.1.1 Any collar that through its design prevents a dog from lowering its head by placing undue pressure on the throat is banned.