

CHAPTER 1

Dog Shows Defined

SECTION 1. Definition Of Terms – *Clubs or associations.* This refers to obedience, breed, group, syndicated, all-breed, or other show-giving clubs or associations as may be affiliated or hereafter affiliated with AKCUPI. *Dog shows* refer to all types of conformation competitions, obedience and field trials including fun matches held under existing rules of AKCUPI and as may hereinafter recognized by the AKCUPI.

SECTION 2. *AKCUPI or AKCUPI Affiliated Club show.* Show at which championship points may be awarded, given by a club or association, which is a member of the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. or as determined by the AKCUPI Show Committee.

SECTION 3. *Group show.* Show that is limited to the breeds and varieties of any one Group as listed in Chapter 3, at which championship points may be awarded. All references to all breed shows and all-breed clubs shall also be applicable to Group shows and Group clubs, respectively. AKC groupings will apply.

SECTION 4. *Specialty show.* Show given by a club or association formed for the improvement of any one breed of pure-bred dogs, at which championship points may be awarded to the said breed.

SECTION 5. *Fun Match Show.* Show or any informal meeting at which pure-bred dogs may compete but not for championship points, held by a club or association with such purpose whether or not a member of the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc.

Resolved further, that in addition to the previous requirement, all dogs entered in such Fun Matches should be AKCUPI registered, the person or persons officiating or judging the Fun Match must also be a registered AKCUPI dog owner in good standing.

SECTION 6. *All-Breeds show.* Show where all-breeds recognized by AKCUPI are judged and given awards by AKCUPI or by AKCUPI Affiliated Clubs.

SECTION 7. *AKCUPI Show Representative* – the Corporate Show Committee Chairman will represent, observe the conduct and procedure of the AKCUPI sanctioned shows. In his absence, the Corporate Show Chairman may designate any member of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER 2

Application to Hold a Dog Show

SECTION 1. All application to hold dog shows shall be submitted to AKCUPI Show Committee. On the prescribed application form, completed in full, not later than 30 days prior to

the proposed show date, except when a properly scheduled dog show of an affiliated club offers to share a foreign visiting judge with another club, the second club must comply with all application procedures not less than 15 days prior to the date of the show in which the judge will be shared. The availability acceptance of the officiating judge(s) in form of a signed note of letter, e-mail, and fax shall be attached on the application

SECTION 2. Approval of the application shall be on first-come, first-served basis. However, AKCUPI sponsored shows shall take precedence over all others.

- a) All affiliated clubs, group clubs, and syndicated shows, where two or more breed clubs are sharing a judge, must file the regular written application for each club and comply with existing AKCUPI requirements for scheduling a dog show, plus post a bond in the amount of P1, 000.00 (only one bond of P1, 000.00 is required for syndicated shows) within five days after the bond is posted with AKCUPI to reverse show date furnish confirmation of acceptance from the judge. Within seven (7) days prior to the arrival date, a complete itinerary of the judge(s) arrival, departure hotel, etc. must be furnished AKCUPI along with qualifications of the judge(s).
- b) The P1, 000.00 bond shall not apply to newly organized breed clubs for the two required matches to become affiliated with AKCUPI.
- c) Should the show be cancelled without a new show date established, the P1, 000.00 bond will be forfeited.
- d) All clubs with existing reserved dates must post the required P1, 000.00 bond for each reserved date within ten (10) days after this notice is posted AKCUPI. Failure to post the required bond will result in the cancellation of reserved show date.
- e) Any bond shall be refunded to the individual affiliated clubs, group clubs, or syndicated clubs will be issued together with AKCUPI show assistance check.
- f) AKCUPI shall require a stand by judge to be nominated at the time of the application. The Show Committee Chairman may waive this provision if it is deemed not practical.

SECTION 3. Postponement – For valid reasons, a dog show already approved may be postponed to a date not later than 30 days before the re-scheduled date, provided that the said date is available.

SECTION 4. Where a specialty club wishes to consider as its Specialty Show the breed classes at an all-breed show, a written application must be made to Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. and a fee to be prescribed by the Board of Directors. Consent of the parent member specialty club must be secured.

SECTION 5. A specialty club that wishes to hold a futurity or sweepstake, either in conjunction with a show or as a separate event, must apply to Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines,

Inc. on a form which will be supplied on request, for permission to hold the event, whether or not the futurity or sweepstake will be open to non-members.

SECTION 6. All clubs holding shows under Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. rules must have a copy of the latest edition to The Complete Dog Book, or a current set of the applicable breed standards, at least one copy of Rules Applying to Dog Shows on every event.

SECTION 7. The duration of dog show shall not exceed for two days, unless permission is granted by the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. for a longer period. All evening shows **MUST** finish not later than 12 midnights. (Refer to Appendix A)

CHAPTER 3

Dog Show Classifications

SECTION 1. Groups (AKC website groupings)

SECTION 2. The Regular Classes of the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. shall be as follows:

- 1) Minor Puppy
- 2) Puppy
- 3) Junior
- 4) Intermediate
- 5) Open
- 6) *Addendum class (for affiliated clubs only)*

These classes shall be divided by sex.

SECTION 3. The **Minor Puppy Class** shall be for dogs that are six months of age and over, but under nine months on the date of the show, that are not RP Champions.

SECTION 4. The **Puppy Class** shall be for dogs that are nine months of age and over, but not under twelve months on the day of the show, that are not RP Champions.

SECTION 5. The **Junior Class** shall be for dogs that are twelve months of age and over, but under eighteen months on the date of the show, that are not RP Champions.

SECTION 6. The **Intermediate Class** shall be for dogs that are eighteen (18) months of age and over, but under twenty-four (24) months on the date of the show, that are not RP Champions.

SECTION 7. The **Open Class** shall be for any dog twenty-four (24) months and above on the date of the show, that are not RP Champions.

SECTION 8. Winners Dog Competition – dogs which have won first prizes in either the Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Intermediate or Open Classes will be competing for Winners Dog award.

SECTION 9. Reserve Winners Dog Competition – after the Winners Dog has been awarded, the second placer in the class of the winners dog, shall compete with the other class winners for Reserve Winners.

SECTION 10. Winners Bitch Competition – which have won first prizes in the Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Intermediate or Open Classes will be competing for Winners Bitch award.

SECTION 11. Reserve Winners Bitch Competition – after the Winners Bitch has been awarded, the second placer in the class of the winners bitch shall compete with the other class winners for Reserve Winners.

SECTION 12. Best of Winners – the Winners Dog and the Winners Bitch will be competing for this award. The winner will then compete with the Specials (RP Champions and RP Grand Champions) for the Best of Breed award.

SECTION 13. Specials – only RP Champions and RP Grand Champions of Records.

SECTION 14. The Philippine-bred Class shall be for all dogs six months of age and over, bred in the Philippines, by reason of a mating which took place in the Philippines.

SECTION 15. The **Non-Regular classes** of the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. shall be as follows:

- 1) Baby Puppy
- 2) Philippine-Bred

SECTION 16. The Baby Puppy Class – dogs and bitches that are six months of age and over, but under six months on the date of the show. Baby Puppy Class is not eligible to earn championship points.

SECTION 17. At specialty shows for breeds in which there are varieties and which are held apart from all-breed shows, Best of Breed shall be judged following the judging of Best of each variety and best of opposite sex to best of each variety. Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed shall also be judged. Dogs eligible for Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed competition will be found among the bests of variety or the bests of opposite sex to bests of variety, according to the sex of the dog placed Best of Breed.

At an all-breed show (even if a specialty club shall designate classes as its specialty show), the judge of a breed in which there are show varieties shall make no placing beyond Best of Variety and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety.

SECTION 18. A club or association holding a show may offer Junior Showmanship competition if it so chooses.

The classes and procedure shall conform to the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. regulations governing Junior Showmanship as adopted by the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER 4

Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies

SECTION 1. All clubs or associations holding dog shows under the rules of Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., except sanctioned matches, shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes, in the regular classes of Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. and the regular group classes:

First Place	-	Blue
Second Place	-	Red
Third Place	-	Yellow
Winners	-	Purple
Reserve Winners	-	Purple and White
Best of Winners	-	Blue and White
Special prize	-	Dark Green
Best of Breed and Best of Variety of Breed	-	Purple and Gold
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed		
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Variety of Breed	-	Red and White

SECTION 2. Each ribbon or rosette, except those used at sanctioned matches, shall be at least 2 inches wide, and approximately 8 inches long; and bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., the name of the prize, and the name of the show giving club with numerals of year, date of show, and name of city or town where show is given.

SECTION 3. Alcoholic beverages will not be acceptable as prizes.

SECTION 4. Prizes may be offered for outright award at a show for the following placing:

First, Second, Third in the Minor Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Intermediate or Open Classes, or in any division of these designated in the classification.

Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Breed or Variety, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety.

At all-breed shows only: First, Second, Third in a Group Class and for Best in Show.

CHAPTER 5

Selection of Show Chairman and Veterinarians

Prior to receiving permission to hold a dog show, obedience trial or tracking test, the club must submit the name, complete address, and daytime telephone number of the Show Chairman and Veterinarian contracted by the club to service the event.

CHAPTER 6

Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians

SECTION 1. Any reputable person who is in good standing with Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. and who has been duly qualified to practice his profession by law may act as veterinarian of a dog show.

SECTION 2. Veterinarians serving a show will have complete authority to:

- (a) Reject any dog at the entrance to a show's premises which he considers may endanger the health of other dogs;
- (b) Dismiss any dog that has been admitted to show which he considers may endanger the health of other dogs;
- (c) Recommend to the Show Chairman the excusing of any dog from being shown or from the show premises provided he considers that the showing of the dog in the ring or its remaining within the show premises would impair the dog's health.

SECTION 3. Veterinarians may request exhibitors and handlers to open dogs' mouths, but when they consider it necessary may do so themselves, provided however that in the latter instance they wear rubber gloves and take proper sanitary precautions.

SECTION 4. Upon the presentation at the "Veterinarians Headquarters" of dog whose health has been questioned by an exhibitor or handler, it shall be the duty of one of the show veterinarians, as soon as practical, to make an examination of the dog. If he considers that the dog should be dismissed from the show, he will ask the Show Chairman or show secretary to see that the dog is removed.

CHAPTER 7

Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility

SECTION 1. Registrations of show entries to AKCUPI dog shows, as well as affiliated club dog shows, are subject to the following guidelines:

- a) Dogs entered must be AKCUPI registered.

- b) Entries shall be accepted at the AKCUPI office only if properly filled-up and signed on both sides by the owner or his/her representative (for latter, duly designated via a signed letter of authority addressed to AKCUPI). Whenever co-ownerships are involved, the signature of any one (1) co-owner shall be held binding on the other co-owner(s).
- c) Phoned-in entries run the risk of non-inclusion in the printed catalogue. If not included in catalogue, but participant can produce an Official Receipt showing payment of entry form, an addendum of the entry (ies) shall be accepted.
- d) Deadline for show entry registration is at the end of office hour on Wednesday prior to show date to give the staff ample time to prepare the show catalogue. This shall be strictly enforced.

SECTION 2. Exhibitors are hereby advised to update the anti-rabies inoculations of their dogs primarily for their own protection in the event of biting incidents. The name of the person (whether a licensed veterinarian or otherwise) who administered the last vaccination, along with the date administered, shall be required for certification on the show entry form by the dog's owner or his/her duly designated representative.

SECTION 3. Every dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed.

SECTION 4. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted by a Show Chairman, which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

SECTION 5. No entry shall be made under a kennel name.

SECTION 6. A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed, or a male which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show and will be disqualified except that a castrated male may be entered as Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws or docking of tail if it is of a breed in which such removal or docking is a regularly approved practice which is not contrary to the standard. Neutered dogs and spayed bitches would be allowed to compete in Veterans Classes only at independent specialties and/or those all-breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed.

When a judge finds any of these conditions in any dog he is judging, he shall disqualify the dog marking his book "Disqualified" and stating the reason. He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian.

When a dog has been disqualified under the standard for its breed, or when a male has been disqualified as not having two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum on two separate occasions, by two different judges, such dog may not again be shown. When a dog has been so

disqualified at a show, any awards taken by the dog at that show shall be cancelled by Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc.

A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure that has the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristics, or that does anything to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

Even procedures that are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify that dog from competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearance, bite or gait.

Procedures that would in and of themselves be considered a change in appearance by artificial means and make a dog ineligible for shows include, but are not limited to:

1. The correction of entropion, ectropion, trichiasis or distichiasis
2. Trimming, removal or tattooing of the third eyelid (nictitating membrane)
3. The insertion of an eye prosthesis
4. Correction of harelip, cleft palate, stenotic nares, or an elongated soft palate resection
5. Any procedure to change ear set or carriage other than that permitted by the breed standard
6. Restorative dental procedures, the use of bands or braces on teeth, or any alteration of the dental arcade
7. The removal of excess skin folds or the removal of skin patches to alter markings
8. Correction of inguinal, scrotal or perineal hernias
9. Surgery for hip dysplasia, O.C.D., patellar luxation and femoral head resection
10. Alteration of the location of the testes or the insertion of an artificial testicle
11. Altering the set or carriage of the tail

SECTION 7. A dog that in the opinion of the judge menaces or threatens or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached by the judge or examined by the judge in the normal manner shall be excused from the ring. When the judge excuses the dog, he shall mark the dog "Excused", stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog excused shall not be counted as having competed.

A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person in the ring shall be disqualified. When the judge disqualifies the dog, he shall mark the dog "Disqualified", stating the reason in the judge's book.

When a dog has been disqualified under this Section, any awards at that show shall be cancelled by Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., and the dog may not again compete unless and until, following application by the owner to Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., the owner has received official notification from Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

SECTION 8. A dog that is lame in any class may not compete in that class. It is the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame. The judge shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian. In situations where the judge determines a dog to be lame, the judge shall excuse the dog from the ring and withhold from the dog the awards for that class or competition. The judge shall mark his book "Excused-lame". Dogs so excused will not count as having competed in the class from which it was excused. If the dog has completed previous classes at the event without being excused, it shall count for those classes and keep any awards from those classes.

SECTION 9. No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show and no dog shall receive any award at any show in the event the natural color or shade of natural color or the natural markings of the dog have been altered or changed by the use of any substance whether such substance may have been used for cleaning purposes or for any other reason. Such cleaning substances are to be removed before the dog enters the ring.

If in the judge's opinion any substance has been used to alter or change the natural color or shade of natural color or natural markings of a dog, then in such event the judge shall withhold any and all awards from such dog, and the judge shall make a note in the judge's book giving his reason for withholding such award. The handler or the owner, or both, of any dog or dogs from which any award has been withheld for violation of this section of the rules, or any judge who shall fail to perform his duties under this section, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

SECTION 10. No dog shall be eligible to compete at any show, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any dog show, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a dog show shall immediately be removed if they have the following conditions:

- (a) shows clinical symptoms of distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis or other communicable disease,
- (b) is known to have been in contact with distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis or other communicable disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the show,
- (c) has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the show on premises on which there existed distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis or other communicable disease.

SECTION 11. A club may engage dogs not entered in its show as a special attraction provided the written approval of Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., is first obtained.

SECTION 12. Only dogs that are eligible to be shown under Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., rules shall be allowed within the show venue, except that dogs engaged as a special attraction with Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., approval may also be present.

There shall be no benching, nor offering for sale or breeding, nor any displaying of dogs that are not entered. These dogs shall be subject to all rules relating to health and veterinarians. The owners or agents shall be responsible for the care and safety of such dogs.

SECTION 13. Any person acting in the capacity of Show Chairman (or Show Secretary where there is no Show Chairman), at a show, or any person residing in the same household with the Show Chairman shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the show, and dogs owned wholly or in part by him or by any person residing in the same household with him shall be ineligible to be entered at that show.

SECTION 14. No judge or any person residing in the same household with a judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler at a show at which he is officiating as judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of his household shall be ineligible to be entered at such show. Subject to the foregoing, members of a judge's immediate family as defined in this section who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show if the judge is not officiating over any competition, including a group class or Best in Show, for which the dog is entered or may become eligible.

No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog, which said judge, or any member of his immediate household or immediate family has been known to have owned, within one year prior to the date of the show.

For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law.

CHAPTER 8

Entry Fees

SECTION 1. Resolved that the payment for all regular entries (excluding baby) shall be P500.00 for every entry and a fee of P150.00 for the baby puppy entries (6 months below). The following discount scheme shall be effective based on the following number of entries:

- 1) 5 to 9 dog entries – 10% discount
- 2) 10 to 15 dog entries – 15% discount
- 3) 16 entries up – 20% discount

SECTION 2. Resolved, that on a back to back show, exhibitors are required to pay both shows unless there is technicality like e.g. the judge is the breeder of the dog.

CHAPTER 9

Catalog

SECTION 1. Every Show Committee shall provide a printed catalog, which shall contain:

- Exact location of the show
- Date/dates on which the show will be held
- Shows hours (opening and closing)
- List of all officers and members of the Show Committee
- Names of all judges
- Name of Show Chairman
- Name of the Veterinarian or Veterinary Clinic, and whether the veterinarian will be in attendance or on call
- Judging Program

SECTION 2. Every catalog must include the following on its cover or title page:

- Name of show-giving club(s)
- Date of show
- The statement, “This show is held under the rules and regulations Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc.”
- The Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. logo

SECTION 3. A current schedule of championship points for the appropriate division of the country for each breed shall be published in the catalog. Points are to be determined based on the location of the show site.

CHAPTER 10

MEASURING, WEIGHING AND COLOR DETERMINATIONS WHEN FACTORS OF DISQUALIFICATION IN BREED STANDARDS OR ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF A CLASS OR DIVISION OF A CLASS CANCELLATION OF AWARDS

SECTION 1. Every dog which is present in the ring for a class in which it is properly entered must continue to compete in all competition in its breed or variety for which it is entered or becomes eligible, unless it has been excused, dismissed, disqualified or found to be ineligible under the rules.

SECTION 2. Any club or association giving a dog show must provide arm cards and shall see that every person exhibiting a dog wears, when in the ring, an arm card containing thereon the catalog number of the dog being exhibited; but no badges, coats with kennel names thereon or ribbon prizes shall be worn or displayed, nor other visible means of identification used, by an individual when exhibiting a dog in the ring.

SECTION 3. In those breeds where certain heights are specified in the standards as disqualifications, or in any class the conditions of which include a height specification, the judge shall have the authority to make a determination as to whether any dog measures within the specified limits, provided such a determination has not been made previously during the competition at the show.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the height of a dog under judgment appears not to be in accord with the breed standards or the conditions of the class, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge make a determination as to whether the measures within the specified limits, and the judge shall comply with the request, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

In all cases, the judge shall use equipment that meets AKCUPI requirements.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, he shall mark his judge's book "Measured in". If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accord with the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog, marking his judge's book "Measured out – disqualified". A dog that thus been disqualified by two different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is not accordance with the conditions of the class, he shall declare the dog ineligible for the class, marking the judge's book "Measured out – ineligible". A dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered to have been wrongly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class at the show. A dog that has thus been found to be ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. However, the owner of such dog may enter the dog in subsequent shows in another class, provided that he is satisfied that the dog measures within the height limit of that class.

SECTION 4. In those breeds where certain weighs are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class the conditions of which include a weight specification, the judge shall have the authority to make a determination as to whether any dog weighs within the specified limits, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the weight of a dog under judgment appears not to be in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class or division in which it is competing, such exhibitor or handler may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge make a determination as to whether the dog weighs within the specified limits, and the judge shall comply with the request, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

In all cases, the judges shall use scales that meet AKCUPI requirements.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is in accord with the breed standard of the conditions of the class or division in which it is competing, he shall mark his judge's book "Weighed in".

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is not in accord with the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog, marking his judge's book "Weighed out – disqualified". A dog that has thus been disqualified by two different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is not in accord with the conditions of the class or division in which it is competing, he shall declare the dog ineligible for the class, marking his judge's book "Weighed out – ineligible". A dog thus declared ineligible for a class or division of a class shall be considered to have been wrongly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at the show.

SECTION 5. In those breeds where certain colors or markings are specified in the standards as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class where a certain color, or colors or combinations of colors are required by the conditions of the class or division thereof, it shall be the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is to be disqualified or declared to be ineligible of the class.

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's color or markings are such as to require disqualification, the judge shall disqualify the dog, making note of the fact in the judge's book.

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's color or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class in which the dog is competing, the judge shall declare the dog ineligible to compete in that class or division of class, making note of the fact in the judge's book.

If, in the opinion of any competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the color or markings or combinations of colors of a dog under judgment are such as to disqualify under the standard or are such as not to meet the requirements of the class or division thereof, such exhibitor or handler may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request the judge to render an opinion of the dog's color(s) and markings. Before proceeding with the judging, the judge must write his opinion on an AKCUPI form that will be supplied by the Show Chairman or show secretary for that purposes, and shall disqualify the dog if its color or markings are such as to require disqualification under the breed standard or shall declare the dog ineligible if the color or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division thereof in which the dog is competing, in either case making note of the fact in the judge's book.

Any dog thus disqualified by two different judges under the standard may not again be shown.

Any dog thus declared by the judge to be ineligible for a class or division thereof shall be considered to have been wrongly entered in the class and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show.

SECTION 6. If an ineligible dog has been entered in any AKCUPI sanctioned dog show, all resulting awards shall be cancelled by the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines,

Incorporated. In computing the championship points, such ineligible dogs, whether or not they have received awards, shall be counted as having competed.

SECTION 7. If the catalog and/or the judge's book of any show shall by error or mistake set forth any information contrary to the information which appears on the entry form of the dog for that show, the Show Chairman of the show, upon request of the owner or handler of said dog prior to the judging, shall correct the entry in the judge's book and in the marked catalog to be sent to the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. and said dog properly may compete in all classes and for all prizes for which its entry form discloses it was properly entered.

SECTION 8. If an award in any of the regular classes is cancelled, the dog judged next in order of merit shall be moved up and the award to the dog moved up shall be counted the same as if it had been the original award. If there is no dog of record to move up, the award shall be void.

SECTION 9. If the win of a dog shall be cancelled by the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., the owner of the dog shall return all prizes other than ribbons to the show-giving club within ten days of receipt of the notice of the cancellation from the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc.. The show-giving club shall in each instance of failure to comply with this rule notify the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., of such failure and the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., upon receipt of such notice forthwith shall suspend the exhibitor so in default from all privileges of the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc. and notify the exhibitor so in default that it has done so, and said suspension shall continue until the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., is notified that restitution has been made.

CHAPTER 11

Handler

SECTION 1. Resolved that in line with the dual objectives of lending more distinction to and improving visual conditions at AKCUPI-approved championship shows, the attire of persons in the show ring should be proper at all times, with the following types of apparel strictly prohibited; any uniform or garment carrying the name of any product, whether dog-related or not, and to include kennel names, non-apparel brand insignias or logos, club identification, open shoes, rubber shoes, sandals, maong pants and collarless shirts or any other such attire that would be at the discretion of the Show Chairman be considered as inappropriate and whose decision shall be held as final for that purpose.

Women handlers are not allowed to wear blouse with spaghetti strap, plunging neckline, clothes/dresses that expose the torso or waist, tube blouses and see-thru outfit.

Please be informed that upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., handlers (men and women) should only wear closed shoes when handling dogs in the show ring.

Prior approval is required for Clubs intending to hold dog show with a theme.

SECTION 2. RESOLVED, that those who are directly involved in the show like Show Chairman and Ring Steward should inhibit themselves from entering dogs that they owned or co-owned.

CHAPTER 12

Holding of Shows in Private Residences

It is determined and resolved that dog shows cannot be held in the private residences of members as this would defeat the purpose of promoting the pure-bred dog sport and must always be held in public areas to allow the general public to view the exhibits.

CHAPTER 13

Protests Against Dogs

SECTION 1. Every exhibitor and handler shall have the right to request through the Show Chairman the examination, by one of a show's veterinarians, of any dog within a show's premises which is considered to endanger the health of the other dogs in a show. The request is to be in writing and on a form obtainable from a Show Chairman, whose duty it will be to see that the subject dog is promptly taken to the "Veterinarian Headquarters" by its owner or the owner's agent.

SECTION 2. Any person who is handling a competing dog in the ring in any conformation competition may then verbally protest to the judge before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, alleging that a dog being shown in the competition has a condition which makes it ineligible to compete under Chapter 11, Section 8, or Chapter 11, Section 8-C, of these rules or a condition requiring disqualification under the standard for the breed; except that a verbal protest alleging that the height or weight or natural color and markings of a dog requiring its disqualification under the breed standard or a determination of its ineligibility under the conditions of its class must be made under Chapter 14, Section 3, 4 or 6.

When such a protest is made, it shall be the judge's responsibility to examine the dog for the alleged condition. If, following the examination the judge determines that disqualification is required under Chapter 11, Section 8, or under the breed standard, he shall mark the book "disqualified" stating the reason. If the judge finds that the protest is not sustained, he shall note in the judge's book the condition protested and his findings. He shall not obtain the opinion of the show veterinarian.

If the judge determines that the dog is ineligible to compete because of violation of Chapter 11, Section 8-C, he shall withhold any award to the dog and mark the judge's book "Ineligible to compete – award withheld", stating the reason for his decision.

A dog determined by a judge to be ineligible to compete under Chapter 11, Section 8-C, unless such determination is based on the use of a substance only for cleaning purposes, may not again be shown until an official record has been made by the Asian Kennel Club Union of the Philippines, Inc., of its true color or markings. If the color and markings of the dog as recorded are such as not to be a disqualification under the standard of its breed, the dog's show eligibility will be reinstated.

CHAPTER 14

Championship Points

A dog starts winning championship points when it is adjudged Winners Dog or Winners Bitch or Best of Winners. The maximum and minimum number of points that a dog can win in a breed competition is five (5) points and one (1) point respectively and points are awarded on the basis of a scale depending upon the number of dogs in competition.

To become a **RP CHAMPION**, a dog needs fifteen (15) points, won under at least three (3) different judges. Among these 15 points must be two majors (a win of 3 or more points) each taken under a different judge.

To become a **RP GRAND CHAMPION**, a dog needs to earn 75 points after its championship and eight (8) group placing.

CHAPTER 15

Top Dog of the Year

SECTION 1. RESOLVED, that the Board approved the AKCUPI Top Dog of the Year. RESOLVED further that the points for the Top Dog of the Year will only be limited to the AKCUPI.

SECTION 2. Bonus points for the AKCUPI Dog of the Year

Best in Show	-	100 points
2 nd Best in Show	-	75 points
3 rd Best in Show	-	50 points

CHAPTER 16

Phil-Bred of the Year

The points for the title Philippine Bred of the year shall only be earned during the Best-in-Show competition at which the following points will be awarded.

First Place	-	100 points
Second Place	-	50 points
Third Place	-	25 points

CHAPTER 17

Breeder of the Year

RESOLVED, that the basis for the computation of the Breeder of the Year will be: RP Champion – 15 pts and RP Grand Champion – 75 pts.

CHAPTER 18

AKCUPI Official Breed Standard

AKCUPI will adopt AKC Groupings standard.

CHAPTER 19

Show Chairman

The following policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors regarding stewarding at dog shows:

Clubs should appoint a Show Chairman well in advance of the date of their show whose duty it will be to invite a sufficient number of experienced persons to act as stewards in the judging rings on the day of the show. No person should be asked to serve as a steward whose judging or handling privileges are suspended or whose superintending privileges have been revoked. The Show Chairman should, as soon as practicable, confirm in writing, to each person who accepts an invitation to steward, the date and location of the show, the time at which they are to report for duty, and their particular ring assignment.

In preparing the schedule of ring assignments, the show chairman and other club officials should keep in mind that no person should serve as steward with a judge under whom he has an entry, or under whom, in the course of the day's judging, such entry may become eligible to compete. If it becomes necessary during the show to reshuffle stewarding assignments, care should be taken to see that a person is not assigned to serve as steward with a judge if there is any possibility that the judge, later in the show, will be passing upon an entry of the steward.

Persons should be selected who are familiar with judging procedure, breed classifications and rules. It should be borne in mind that a good steward makes the work of judging easier by relieving the judge of necessary detail; by assembling classes promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate, to a large extent, delays between classes.

The chief steward should use his discretion in the assigning of more than one steward to a ring, but it is advisable that two stewards be asked to serve in those rings where judges have heavy assignments.

Stewards will notify the judge when all the dogs are in the ring for each class and call his attention to known absentees. Under no circumstances should a steward make any notation in the judge's book or erase or strike out any notation made by the judge.

Stewards will be responsible for returning to the chief steward or Show Chairman upon the completion of the judging all prize money, trophies and ribbons not awarded.

Stewards should have in mind that they have been selected to help the judge and not to advise him. They should carefully refrain discussing or seeming to discuss the dogs or the exhibitors with the judge and should not, under any circumstances, show or give the appearance of showing the catalog to a judge. Stewards should not take or seem to take any part in judging. When they are not actively engaged in their duties, they should place themselves in such part of the rings as will not interfere with the view of those watching the judging, and should not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring.

The foregoing policy should be observed by clubs holding member and licensed obedience trials, in addition to the applicable obedience regulations and the practices established for persons stewarding in obedience rings.

Should be licensed Ring Steward.

CHAPTER 20

RING STEWARD QUALIFICATIONS

- Must attend seminar
- Have written exam
- Actual practicum
- Should wear proper attire