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The judge will be assisted by a qualified steward, whose responsibility is to see that all formal requirements are fulfilled in the ring. The steward is also responsible for the paperwork, and as the judge is not expected consult the catalogue at any time in the ring, will check that only dogs eligible for the various classes are brought before the judge at the proper time. The dogs are judged on individual merits in two types of classes, i.e. in "quality classes" and "competition classes". In the quality classes, the dogs are assessed in relation to the ideal for the breed, while the prizes are awarded in the competition classes on the basis of merits and each dog in relation to the other dogs in the class.

### **Organization and Leadership**

All organizers shall appoint a Show Manager. He or she shall make sure the exhibition is conducted according to this set of rules, and that in the case of disagreements or where doubts arise they may be solved immediately on site. The Show Manager may decide to expel any person from the show premises who is found breaking any of the show rules. Dogs displaying unwanted behaviour may be dismissed by a judge or by the Show Manager. Conflicts or disagreements which may arise between exhibitors are not the responsibility of the organizers.

### **The Minimum Age for Participating at Shows**

The dog must have reached the age of 9 months at the first day of exhibit, independent of which day the breed is judged in cases of shows running over several days.

### **Earcropping/Tail Docking**

According to paragraph 614 of Mattilsynet (Norwegian Food Safety Authority) dogs that are ear and/or tail docked may not participate at shows or trials, regardless of in which country the docking has taken place. Imported Norwegian owned dogs that has a written "show permit" from the Mattilsynet (former Statens Dyrehelsetilsyn) dated before January 1 2001 may participate at shows and trials. The original certificate must be presented to the Steward before the judging starts. If the exhibitor has forgotten to bring the certificate a right copy with details of the dog's registration number, and of place and date for the exhibition must be sent to the NKK within 8 days.

### **Health Status**

The dog may not be entered if: -it's ill -it's infested with fleas or other parasites -it's blind and/or deaf -it has less than 30 days till delivery(counted 63 days after first mating) -it has puppies that are under 75 days of age The dog shall be in good mental and physical health and not show any sign of illness. If a dog has been injured and this can be certified by a veterinarian, the attest must be brought to the show. It will always be the judge's decision, weather this should be taken to consideration or not, in the judging. The manager, the judge or the veterinary may request that the dog be examined by a veterinary. A dog which has had been castrated due to illness may participate at shows, if the owner has been granted a permission by the NKK. The certificate of permission to exhibit may be issued by the NKK on request. Bitches that have been neutered are given a general dispensation to exhibit.

**Doping/Faking is prohibited**

By doping it is understood the use of medicine or other remedies that through its effects stimulates, calms down, kills pain, affects behaviour, temperament or in any other way can be assumed to affect the dog's performance or quality.

It is not permitted to exhibit a dog where: -surgery has been performed with the intention to improve the dog's conformation. -the coat, nose or skin has been treated with products that change its colour or structure.

**Influencing the Results**

It is forbidden to: -Try to disturb the dogs of other exhibitors -Openly influence a dog with the help of person(s) standing ringside (doublehandling).

All enquiries from the exhibitor to the judge must be done via the Steward throughout the whole duration of the judging.

**Late Arrivals**

Any dog which shows up too late for the ordinary judging, may be given a critique and quality judging, after the breed judging has finished. Dogs that show up too late, cannot compete in competition classes.

**Criticizing the Judge**

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

**Profiling**

During the judging the exhibitor may not wear clothes or any outfit bearing a visible kennel name.

**Judges, Managers and Stewards/Assistants in the Ring**

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

**Execution of judging**

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

**General Rules for Quality and Competition Classes**

There's individual judging of quality in all classes. The prizes are as follows: excellent, very good, good, sufficient as well as 0 prize and KIP (cannot be assessed). There are competition judging in all classes, 4 (four) placements. For the Dachshund breeds, the Toy-, Miniature and Medium Size Poodle, Miniature- and Medium Size Spitz special rules apply when participating in the Junior-, Intermediate- and Open class, see 11.17. Participants in the Junior or Veterans class do not compete for CACIB.

**The Junior Class – JK:**

Dogs must have reached the age of 9 months, but be under the age of 18 months at the first day of exhibition. NB: Dogs that are entered to the junior class do not compete for the CACIB.

**Junior Competition Class – JKK:**

The class is open for dogs that have gained an excellent in the Junior Class (1JK). The judge may grant a Champion Quality (CK) to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may participate in the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class.

**Intermediate Class – UK:**

The dog must have reached the age of 15 months but not yet the age of 24 months on the first day of competition.

**Intermediate Competition Class – UKK:**

The class is open for dogs that have gained an excellent in the Intermediate Class (1UK). The judge may grant a champion Quality (CK) to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may participate in the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class.

**Open Class – AK:**

The dogs must have reached the age of 15 months at the first day of the exhibition and not have gained the title Norwegian Show Champion.

**Open Competition Class – AKK:**

The class is open for dogs that have gained an excellent in the Open Class (1AK). The judge may grant a champion Quality (CK) to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may participate in the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class.

**Working Class – BK (from 9 months)**

The class is open for: Alt. I: Dogs from 15 months of the following breeds that have gained hunting trial prizes:

**Group 1:** Australian kelpie, berger des Pyrenees a poil, beauceron, border collie, bouvier des ardenes, bouvier des flandres, briard, german sheperd, , groenendael, lakenois, picard,malinois,tervueren **Group 2:** Boxer, dobermann, giant schnauzer, hovawart, landseer, leonberger, newfoundland, rottweiler. **Group 3:** Border terrier, fox terrier, german huntingterrier, jack russell terrier, lakeland terrier, parson russell terrier, welsh terrier. **Group 4:** All breeds. **Group 5:** Alaskan malamute, finnish spitz, greenland dog, hällforsdog, jämthund, karelian beardog, laika-breeds, norrbottenspitz, Norwegian elkhound, samoyed, siberian husky, Swedish white elkhound. **Group 6:** All breeds except: Black and tan coonhound, dalmatian, otterhound, rhodesian ridgeback. **Gruppe 7:** All breeds. **Gruppe 8:** All breeds except: american cocker spaniel, kooikerhond, lagotto romagnolo, portugese waterdog, spanish waterdog.

**Group 10:** All breeds.

**Working Competition Class – BKK:**

The class is open for dogs that have gained an excellent in the Working Class (1BK). The judge may grant Champion Quality (CK) to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may participate in the Best Dog/Best Bitch Class.

**Champions Class – CHK:**

The class is mandatory for dogs that are Norwegian Show Champions. Dogs with other National and International Show Champion titles may also be entered to this class.

**Champion Competition Class – CHKK:**

The class is open to dogs that have gained excellent in the Champion Class (1CHK). The judge may grant champion quality (CK) to dogs of champion quality. Only dogs with CK may participate in Best Bitch/Best Dog class.

**Veterans Class – VK:**

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

**Veterans Competition Class – CHKK:**

The class is open for dogs that have gained an excellent in the Veterans Class (1VK). The judge may grant champion quality (CK) to veterans found in excellent condition. Only dogs with CK may participate in Best Dog/Best Bitch class. NB: Dogs entered to the Veterans Class do not compete for the CACIB.

**11.13 Best Dog Class – BHK / Best Bitch Class – BTK:**

The classes are open for all the breed's dogs of the same sex that have gained CK in the classes JK, UK, AK, CHK, BK, VK. Competition judging: 4 placements: 1BHK, 2BHK, 3 BHK, 4BHK. The Certificate is handed out in BHK/BTK to the best dog that is not yet a Norwegian Show Champion, to the dog after there will be handed out a reserve certificate, that will qualify as a certificate if the certificate winner is disqualified later. At International exhibitions one also competes for the CACIB and ResCACIB in this class. CACIB is granted the best placed dog from the classes UK, AK, BK, CHK. ResCACIB is granted the next best dog from the same classes. CACIB regarding breeds with colour variations: Also dogs that have not been placed in BHK/BTK may be considered for the CACIB/ResCACIB.

**11.14 Best of Breed – BOB (BIR) and Best of Opposite Sex – BOS (BIM)**

The best dog (1BHK) and the best bitch (1BTK) compete for the BIR/BIM. If a breed is being judged by more than one judge, one of the judges is appointed to judge the BIR/BIM, Best Veteran, Best Progeny Class and Best Breeders Class. The appointment must be announced before the show.

**11.15 The Progeny Class – AVKL:**

The class is open for dogs and bitches that compete with 4 of its offspring. The sire or dam must be entered to an official class or in the Progeny Class and be presented together with the group. The sire or dam must have gained at least a Good at the show in question or at a prior show. The offspring must be entered and judged in one of the other classes at the show. The group may not hold more than one Very good. Offspring with Good, sufficient, KIP, or 0. Prize may not participate. Only one group of the same breed after the same sire/dam may be entered. All the offspring in the group must be of the same size/type of coat variations. When assessed it is the group's average quality and homogenous expression in relation to type that is decisive, before the single dog's individual quality. Groups of homogenous and excellent quality may be granted Prize of honour. The best progeny group with HP goes on to compete in the finals. The owner or the representative for the sire/dam shall inform the Steward as well as the owners of the participating dogs that he/she is entering the group in the Progeny Class.

**11.16 Breeders Class – OPPDKL:**

The class is open for groups of 4 dogs of the same breed, bred by the same person. If more than one person are breeders of the same dogs all of them must be announced as breeders. If a person has his/her own breeding and in addition is a co-breeder of other litters, offspring from both breedings can not be presented in the same group. Only one group of the same breed from the same breeder may be entered. All the offspring in the group must be of the same size/type of coat variations. All participating dogs must be entered and judged at one of the show's other classes. The group may not hold more than one Very good. Dogs with Good, sufficient, KIP or 0. prize may not participate. When assessed it is the group's average quality and homogenous expression in relation to type that is decisive, before the single dog's individual quality. Groups of homogenous and excellent quality may be granted HP. The best breeding group with Prize of honour goes on to compete in the finals. The breeder or his/her representative shall inform the Steward as well as the owners of the participating dogs that the group is entered to the Breeders Class.

**11.17 Special Circumstances:**

Dachshunds, Toy-, Miniature- and Medium Size Poodle, Miniature- and Medium Size Spitz shall in the Junior Class be entered and judged in accordance with the size variation they are registered as. The dog's final size variation shall be decided upon at first entry after 15 months of age. The judge will at this point measure the dog and judging it to belong in its final size variant.

The width of the chest of the Dachshund may/must be measured by the judge, and this is the deciding factor of which size variation class the dog shall be judged in. For placement as a Rabbit Dachshund the width of the chest must not exceed 30 cm and for Miniature Dachshund the width of the chest must be within 30 and 35 cm.

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

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

Results gained in another size variation Class will be annulled if the size variant is changed.

Changing the measurement may only be done by forwarding a complaint to the NKK. The appeal must be sent immediately and no later than 2 weeks after the measurement has been performed. If the appeal is forwarded, final measurement will be done by a "committee of appeal". The committee of appeal consists of 2 for the breed authorised conformation judges appointed in cooperation with the Breed Club. They measure the dog and decide on the final size variation. This measurement may not be appealed.

In cases where a dog is exhibited after the appealed measurement and before the control measurements has taken place, it will be considered an acceptance of the first measurement, thus consequently resulting in the measurement being final, and the right to appeal ceases to exist. Any expenses at control measurement must be covered by the owner of the dog.

### **11.18 Commission Measuring**

Dogs may also be measured by commission after the age of 9 months, but before the age of 15 months. A Commission consists of 2 for the breed authorised conformation judges. Commission may be held in connection with exhibitions or other officially announced set arrangements. Original pedigree papers with the ID number must be presented to the arranging party at the time of the measuring. The ID number shall be controlled. The arranging party decides whether a commission measurement is possible. At commission measuring the dog is placed as its final size variation, and the result can not be appealed. After a commission measurement the dog must be entered to the size variation class that has been decided. The form for measuring and the dog's original pedigree paper must be sent to the NKK without delay by the show's organizer.

### **11.19 Finals**

Results from the finals are not entitled to be registered in the studbook. The finals are a competition of the groups' and the show's best dog – BIG and BIS, 4 dogs are placed. Dogs that have been BOB compete for the Best in the Group (BIG). Dogs that have been placed 1.BIG compete for the Best in Show (BIS). If the arranging party finds it convenient, for instance due to the number of participating breeds, two or more groups may be judged as one. A merging of two or more groups in the group finals must be announced in the prior announcement of the judges. The competition for the show's Best Veteran is open for dogs that have been placed as BOB Veteran. The competition for the best Progeny and Breeders Class is open for the best group of the breed with HP.

## **12. Definitions of Prizes**

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

**12.2 VERY GOOD** may only be awarded to a dog which possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated but none of a morphological nature. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

**12.3 GOOD** is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed however showing faults provided these are not concealed.

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

**12.5 DISQUALIFIED** must be awarded to a dog which does not correspond to the type required by the breed standard; which shows a behavior clearly not in line with its standard or which behaves aggressively; which has testicular abnormalities; which has dental flaw or a jaw anomaly; which shows a color and/or coat imperfection or clearly shows signs of albinism. This qualification shall also be awarded to dogs that correspond so little to a single feature of the breed that their health is threatened. It should furthermore be awarded to dogs that show eliminating faults in regard to the breed standard. Dogs that cannot be awarded one of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the rating : **CANNOT BE JUDGED**. This rating is to be given to any dog which does not move, constantly jumps up and down on its handler or tries to get out of the ring, makes it impossible to assess the gait and the movement or avoids constantly to be examined by the judge and makes it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy and structure, tail or testicles. This rating is also to be given if traces of operations or treatment can be observed which seem to indicate that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge. The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect operations that were intended to correct the original condition or feature (e.g.: eyelid, ear or tail). The reason why the dog was rated CANNOT BE JUDGED has to be stated in the judge's critique.

**12.6 Prize of Honor (HP)**

Could be awarded to equal breeders and progeny classes.

**12.7 Certificate/CK (Champion Quality):**

Typical all through, and all in all a correctly built dog with so distinct advantages and so insignificant faults that the judge finds it to be of champion quality.

**12.8 CACIB/Reserve CACIB (Nomination for the International Show Champion Title):**

May only be handed out at International shows and only to dogs that really excel (and which compete in classes/breeds where CACIB may be given and where the dog has at least 3 registered generations of ancestors in its pedigree). Normally the requirements for CACIB are higher than for the certificate. For Norwegian breeds there is no difference in quality for CERT/CK and CACIB.

**1. Dispensation**

The NKK General Committee may, when unusual circumstances require it, make exemptions from these rules.

**2. Ribbons**

All prizes are shown with ribbons: BIS= National coloured, broad BIG= White and blue BIR= Red and yellow BIM= White and green BIR Veteran= Grey and pink CACIB= White Reserve CACIB= Orange Certificate (Cert)= National coloured, narrow Reserve Certificate= light blue Certificate quality (CK)= Pink Champion= Red and green Honorary Prize for Progeny and Breeder's Class= Lilac and white All participating dogs in Obedience (LP) regardless of class=Red, black and yellow All participating dogs in Agility (AG) regardless of class=Black and orange Excellent in quality class, competition class, LP and AG= Red Very good in quality class, competition class, LP and AG= Blue Good in quality class, competition class, LP and AG= Yellow Sufficient in quality class, competition class, LP and AG= Green 0. prize in quality class, LP and AG= Grey KIP (cannot be judged) in quality class, LP and AG= Brown

To winners of BIS, BIG, Best Veteran, Best Progeny Group and Best Breeders Group as well as for certificate, CK and HP there shall be given additional prizes/gifts. The arranging party is free to hand out prizes to other dogs as well as it sees fit. The exhibitors will be given the ribbons as well as the judge's written critique in the ring.