

SHOW RULES OF ČMKU (BOHEMIAN AND MORAVIAN CYNOLOGICAL UNION)

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Article 1 – Purpose of the Show Rules

The ČMKU Show Rules follow the wording of the FCI International Show Rules and apply to dog shows organized in the Czech Republic. They regulate show conditions so that the dog shows organized in the Czech Republic have a unified and dignified nature. More details and potential supplements, which, however, must not essentially differ from these Rules, are regulated by the propositions of the show. The shows represent cynology to the public and they contribute to its promotion and encourage interest in breeding and keeping individual dog breeds.

For the needs of these Rules, specified terms are to be interpreted as follows:

- dog: male or female dog unless directly stated otherwise
- breed: a breed recognized by the FCI with a recognized FCI standard, a nationally recognized breed, a breed still not internationally recognized by the FCI or a breed in the process of new creation which is registered by a national FCI organization or a partner FCI organization.
- exhibitor: usually the owner of the dog or a person authorized by the owner to present the dog at a show.

Article 2 – Planning and Organization of Shows

- a) A show can be organized by ČMKU or any cynological organization authorized by ČMKU which is integrated into ČMKU and has legal subjectivity (hereinafter the organizer).
- b) **The organizer must send the application to organize a show on a specific date, according to the type of show, by:**
 - 1 January of the previous year – national and international shows,**
 - 15 August of the previous year – other shows.**to the ČMKU Secretariat. Potential changes are approved by the ČMKU Presidium. **The date of delivery of the application to the ČMKU Secretariat shall be considered decisive.** During coordination, the principle of protected dates of international and national shows in the Czech Republic will generally be adhered to. Applications to organize international and national shows are governed by complementary rules of ČMKU, which approves these dates.
- c) The schedule of shows shall be publicized by 1 January of the current year. The shows organized in January and February shall be included in the schedule of cynological events of the previous year.
- d) The organizer shall be responsible for the preparation, securing, course and liquidation of the show. The organizer of the (special or club) show shall be obliged to apply for consent with awarding the Czech Republic's championship candidacy (CAC, CAJC) before the ČMKU instructions are issued.

- e) The shows are financially secured by the organizer if the contract does not state otherwise.
- f) The organizer delegates the implementation of the show to the Show Committee.
- g) At national and international shows that last more than one day, the breeds not recognized by the FCI are judged on the first day of the show.

Article 3 – Types of Shows

According to the scope and place of organization, shows are divided as follows:

- a) Area and regional shows
 - b) Area and regional club shows
 - c) Club shows (CAC, CAJC)
 - d) Special shows (CAC, CAJC)
 - e) Special club shows (CAC, CAJC)
 - f) National shows (CAC, CAJC, CAC CMKU)
 - g) International shows (CAC, CAC CMKU, CAJC, CACIB - FCI)
 - h) A special show (e.g. European or World Show for a breed, a show organized by an international club of the breed or breeds, etc.) – the organization of such a show is subject to the approval of the ČMKU Presidium.
- a) **Area and regional shows:** available to breeds specified in the instructions. These shows are organized according to the territorial division of the Czech Republic. Special and club shows of breeding clubs may be part of area and regional shows. In such a case the individuals of the given breeds may take part only in the club or special shows and only receive the titles and candidacies awarded there.
 - b) **Area and regional club shows:** without awarding candidacies for Czech championships and with or without the awarding of candidacies for the club championship.
 - c) **Club shows:** these can be organized for a breed or club by one club in one calendar year, or two club shows for breeds associated in the relevant breeding club with awarding of the CAC and CAJC titles. For awarding the Club Winner title, see Article 6, Letter c), ČMKU General Rules. This provision of the ČMKU General Rules does not restrict organizing club shows without awarding the CAC and CAJC titles.

This means: 1 time per year, a club show with Club Winner and CAC and CAJC titles,

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1 time per year, (for a breed) a special show with the Special Show Winner and CAC and CAJC titles

In a year when no special show is granted to the club for its breed, the club may organize, on the basis of an application, a 3rd club show with CAC candidacy and without the Club Winner title for this breed.

- d) **Special shows** with the awarding of CAC, CAJC and the Winner of Special Show title are available to all individuals of the relevant breed, which belongs to the competence of the organizing (co-organizing) organization. A special show may simultaneously be a club show. Only one special show may be organized for one breed in one calendar year. Shows organized in this way must be available to all individuals of the relevant breeds if they meet the generally valid conditions.
- e) **Special club shows:** it is within the club powers to merge the club and special shows; in such a case it is, however, possible to award the candidacy for Czech championships (CAJC, CAC, r. CAC) in each class only once. One dog may win both titles – the Club Winner and Winner of Special Show.
- f) **National shows:** with awarding of CAC, CAC ČMKU, CAJC – available to all breeds.
- g) **International shows** with awarding of CAC, CAC ČMKU, CAJC, and with the proposition of candidacy for the FCI International Beauty Championship - CACIB (hereinafter CACIB) are available to all breeds. These shows are organized under the patronage of FCI and the FCI International Show Rules apply to them.

A breeding club may agree with the organizer of a national or international show to organize a club or special show within this show. Such a show must be organized on day other than a day when the breed is judged at the given national or international show.

Article 4 – Show Classes

- a) a dog may only be registered in one class at one show.
- b) division of dogs into classes:

Mandatory classes:

1. **Junior Class** - 9 - 18 months
2. **Intermediate Class** - 15 - 24 months, available to all dogs regardless of the tests they passed and awards they won
3. **Open Class** – from 15 months, available to all dogs regardless of the tests they passed and awards they won
4. **Working Class**- from 15 months. This class is available at international shows only for dogs written in the list of breeds which have to pass the required test to win the International Beauty Championship. The fulfilment of conditions for the Working Class at MVP must be documented by the prescribed certificate; this also applies to the breeds of the X group. On the basis of an application of the relevant breeding club, the Working Class may be also opened at all other types of shows for other breeds for which a national certificate is issued. This certificate is issued by organizations authorized by the ČMKU, or directly by the ČMKU.
5. **Champion Class** - from 15 months; open only at international shows and available to dogs that have won the International Championship or Championship of some of the FCI member countries.

6. **Veteran Class** - from 8 years.
7. **Winner Class** - from 15 months, outside of international shows this class may be opened instead of the Champion Class, available to dogs with the recognized international or national Championship, National Winner, Club Winner, Winner of a Special Show, European Winner or World Winner. The aforementioned titles must be won in a competition with adult dogs.

The following classes can also be opened:

1. **Puppy Class** - 4 – 6 months
2. **Junior Class** - 6 - 9 months
3. **Honourable Class** – from 15 months; this class can be opened at all types of shows and is available to dogs with a recognized International or National Championship, National Winner, Club Winner, Winner of a Special Show, European Winner or World Winner, without a claim for CAC. The classification and ranking are specified. Excellent 1 cannot take part in the competition for the Winner of Breed and cannot be part of any competition within the breed (CACIB, National Winner, Special Show Winner, Regional Winner or Area Winner).
4. **Class Without Competition** – from 15 months; in this class it is possible to exhibit dogs without the claim for classification and ranking.

Classes with different structures can only be organized at separate German Shepherd shows:

- Junior Class 6 - 12 months
- Junior Class 12 - 18 months
- Adolescent Class 18 - 24 months
- Working Class from 24 months, subject to a performance test
- Veteran Class from 8 years up

For breeds that are judged separately according to their colour, size and weight, the FCI Rules or decision of the ČMKU Presidium applies for shows listed in these Show Rules.

The number of CACIB for individual breeds is determined by FCI. The number of CAC, CAC ČMKU and CAJC for individual breeds is determined by the rules for awarding the Czech Championship, ČMKU Championship and Czech Junior Championship. The titles Area Champion, Regional Champion, Special Show Winner and National Winner are awarded in the same way as CACIB.

For inclusion into a class, the age of the dog on the day when the show takes place is decisive (i.e. on the day when the dog is judged at the show); other conditions must be met on the day when the application is submitted. *Example: If the dog was born on 1 January 2011, it belongs to the Junior Class at a show that takes place on 1 October 2011.*

An application for a show must contain a complete and legible photocopy of both sides of the Pass of Origin of the individual to be registered. If the acquired titles justifying the dog's classification in the Champion Class (Winners) or the certificate of passing the prescribed tests for the Working Class are not properly documented, the organizer shall be obliged to put the dog in the Open Class.

Transferring a dog from one type (size, colour, type of hair) into another is not permitted at a show. To transfer a dog from one class to another at a show is permitted only with the written consent of the organizer and only if there was an error in the breed or gender, or if the erroneous classification of the dog was caused by the organizer.

Article 5 - Classification

A dog is classified by awarding a grade.

a) Class of **Puppies** and Young Dogs

- Very promising

- Promising

In the Class of Puppies and Young Dogs the ranking of the first four individuals is determined and no Class Winner title is awarded.

b) Junior Class, Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class, Champion Class (or Winners), Veteran Class, Honourable Class:

- Excellent

- Very good

- Good

- Satisfactory

In the Junior Class, Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class, Champion Class (or Winners), Veteran Class, Honourable Class the rankings of the first four dogs that are awarded the grades Excellent or Very Good is determined.

The aforementioned classification must correspond to the following definitions:

- **Excellent:** - This grade may be awarded only to an individual that comes very close to ideal as described in the standard and is presented in excellent condition. The dog's nature must be harmonic and balanced. The type of the dog must correspond to its class and must have a first-class dog posture. The predominance of its qualities must compensate for its minor deficiencies. The dog must show the typical properties of the breed.
- **Very good:** - This grade is awarded to an individual that has the typical properties of the breed, balanced proportions and is in good shape. Minor deficiencies will be forgiven, but not morphological defects. This award may only be granted to a first-class individual.
- **Good:** - This grade is awarded to an individual that may show signs of its breed but that obviously has more serious deficiencies. Good signs should outweigh its defects so the dog can be considered a good representative of its breed.

- **Sufficient:** - This grade is given to an individual that may show the signs of its breed but whose bodily appearance is lacking when compared to the ideal, does not show the generally accepted characteristic signs or whose physical condition is not sufficient.
- **Disqualification:** - A dog that does not comply with the type required by the standard of the breed, or which is aggressive, must be disqualified. The same applies to dogs with abnormal testicles, anomalous jaws, whose colour of structure of hair do not correspond to the standard of the breed or which show signs of albinism. This grade should also be awarded to dogs that comply with the unified appearance of the breed so little that their health is endangered. Dogs that show defects that exclude them according to the standard of the breed should also be disqualified. The reason for why a dog received the **DISQUALIFICATION** grade must be stated in the assessment.

Dogs that cannot be awarded any of the aforementioned grades shall leave the ring with the following classification:

- **Cannot be Judged:** - This classification is given to a dog that does not move, continuously jumps on its guide or tries to get out of the ring, does not allow for the judging of its step and movement or which permanently avoids inspection by a judge and does not allow its teeth, anatomy and structure of its body, tail or testicles to be inspected. A dog with permanent consequences after an injury also may receive this classification. This classification also given if traces of surgery or modifications are found, indicating that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge.

This also applies if a judge has sufficient reason to believe that the dog underwent surgery whose purpose was to modify its original state or property (e.g. eyelid, ear or tail). The reason why the CANNOT BE JUDGED classification was awarded must be stated in the assessment.

A dog that did not arrive for judging shall receive the **DID NOT ARRIVE** classification in the list of results.

In addition to the grade and the determined ranking, the number of dogs that competed in the given class may be stated in the assessment list.

Article 6 – Titles

1) Titles awarded in a breed show ring

a) Class Winner

This title may be awarded at area or regional shows to individuals that won the grade Excellent 1 in the Junior Class, Intermediate Class, Open Class and Veteran Class.

If the breed is divided according to colour, size and weight, this title may be awarded in every class. Within the German Shepherd breed, the title may be awarded in the Junior Class to an individual that won the award Very Good 1 (this does not apply to International and National Shows).

b) **Area and Regional Winner**

These titles may be awarded to the best dog and bitch from the competition of Class Winners from the Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class and Winner Class.

c) **Club Winner**

The conditions for awarding the Club Winner title are fully in the competence of the relevant breeding club. If the Club Winner title is tied to club membership and the title is not awarded to the fist-ranking dog, the individual that ranked first shall advance to the BOB competition.

d) **Special Show Winner**

The best dog and bitch of the breed from the competition of Excellent 1-CAC from the Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class and Winner Class.

e) **National Winner**

The best dog and bitch of individual breeds at a national show from the competition of Excellent 1-CAC from the Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class and Winner Class.

f) **Best of Juniors (BOJ)**

This title is awarded to the best young dog or bitch of the breed from the competition of all juniors of the breed with awarded CAJC candidacy.

g) **Best of Veterans (BOV)**

The dog or bitch that received the award Excellent 1 in the Veteran Class. In the case of breeds judged according their colours, the best dog and bitch from the competition of Excellent 1. The title may only be awarded at shows awarding CAC.

h) **Best of Breed (BOB)**

The best junior dog (CAJC) and bitch (CAJC), the best veteran dog (E1 from the Veteran Class) and bitch (E1 from the Veteran Class) and the best adult individuals, dog and bitch advance to this competition. The title may only be awarded at shows awarding CAC.

i) **Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) –** The best young dog (CAJC) or bitch (CAJC), the best veteran dog (E1 from the Veteran Class) or bitch (E1 from the Veteran Class) and the best adult individuals, dog or bitch (NW, CACIB, Club Winner or Special Show Winner) of the opposite sex than the individual that received the BOB title enter the competition.

2) **Titles awarded at national and international shows in final competitions**

a) **Best of National Breeds (BONB)**

Individuals of national breeds judged at the show (český teriér, český fousek, český strakatý pes, český horský pes, chodský pes, pražský krysařík), and the Czechoslovakian Wolfdog breed, step into the ring. Only individuals with the BOB title take part in the BONB competition. From the date these Show Rules come into effect, at shows lasting more than one day, all of the aforementioned breeds have the first day of the shows set as the day of their showing.

Methodology of Best of National Breeds (BONB):

The ČMKU Show Rules valid from 1 January 2009 include a new competition – the Best of National Breeds. This competition is meant for Czech FCI- recognized or non-recognized national breeds and its purpose is to promote these breeds. Therefore, all individuals judged within the show of the following breeds: český fousek, český teriér, český horský pes, český strakatý pes, chodský pes, pražský krysařík and Czechoslovakian Wolfdog. The last breed is at present represented by the Slovak Republic toward FCI, but in view of the fact that this breed originated in Czechoslovakia and its breeding has a long tradition in our country, it is undoubtedly entitled to take part in the competition.

The competition has two parts. In its first part, national breeds are presented as a whole, and in the second part the Best of National Breed is selected. The practical course of the competition is as follows:

- The competition is mandatory for international shows. During national shows, the show organizer decides on the inclusion of the competition into the show. At shows that last more than one day, it is therefore necessary to adhere to the requirement of the Show Rules and present the national recognized and non-recognized breeds on the first day of the show;
- The competition is under way at the very beginning of final competitions, ideally as the second one after Junior handling. The reason is that at such a time a relative higher number of exhibitors and viewers are present at the show and that the presentation of national breeds may really be their promotion;
- Individual Czech national breeds advance to the final show club. If possible, all individuals judged at a given show should take part in it, regardless the award they receive;
- The breeds are presented individually both from a historical perspective and current perspective, and they are offered the opportunity to present themselves in motion.

After the presentation of all breeds, all individuals that were awarded the BOB title within individual breeds are invited into the centre of the ring. A judge appointed in advance will select 5 dogs (or 3 dogs) from this group and establish the final ranking. The winning dog will receive the title Best of National Breeds (BONB).

b) FCI Best In Group (BIG)

All Best of Breed (BOB) winners of the relevant FCI group enter the competition. Non-recognized breeds form a special group whose winner, unlike at an international show, cannot take part in the competitions for the BOD and BIS titles.

c) FCI Junior Best In Group (JBIG)

All BOJ – Best of Juniors dogs or bitches from the breeds of the relevant FCI group enter the competition; at NS and IS organized in the Czech Republic, the Best of Juniors (BOJ) are judged within the FCI groups. The Best of Juniors dog and bitch of the breed always enter this competition. Only one dog from the group (JBIG) advances to the next competition (JBOD, JBIS).

d) Best of Day (BOD)

All winners of the FCI groups from individual days of shows that last more than one day enter this competition. ***The Best In Group of Non-recognized Breeds does not enter the competition at MVP.***

e) Junior Best of Day (JBOD)

All Best of FCI Groups from individual days of shows that last more than one day, enter the competition. ***The Best In Group of Non-recognized Breeds does not enter the competition at MVP.***

f) Best in Show (BIS)

All Best of FCI Groups or Best of Day (BOD) winners enter the competition at shows lasting one or more days. ***The Best In Group of Non-recognized Breeds does not enter the competition at MVP.***

g) Junior Best in Show (JBIS)

All Junior Best in FCI groups or Junior Best of Day (J BOD) enter the competition at shows that last one day. The Best In Group of Non-recognized Breeds does not enter the competition at MVP.

It is necessary to list the titles to be awarded in the show instructions. It is possible to award all titles regardless the number of presented individuals if the quality of the candidate for the titles complies with the requirements for the award. Upon request, the aforementioned titles may be recorded in the dog's Pass of Origin.

Article 7 – Competitions

1) Mandatory competition at international and national shows

a) FCI Best in Group (BIG)

b) FCI Junior Best in Group (JBIG)

c) Best of Day (BOD)

d) Junior Best of Day (JBOD)

e) Best in Show (BIS)

f) Junior Best in Show (JBIS)

g) Best of National Breeds (BONB) - this competition is mandatory only at international shows. At national shows, the show organizer decides on the inclusion of this competition into the show.

h) The course of competitions a)- g) is described in Article 6 – Titles, Item 2 a-g.

i) Best Pair of Dogs

A dog and a bitch of one breed, including the FCI non-recognized breeds, that were judged at the show and are owned by one owner.

j) Best of Breeding Groups

A breeder may register in the competition a minimum of three and a maximum of five individuals of one breed from his own breeding that come from different intercourses (at least from two different fathers or mothers) and were judged at the show, including the FCI non-recognized breeds. These individuals need not be owned by the breeder.

k) Junior Handling

This competition is a useful preparation for future exhibitors. The presentation of the dog is judged; this is why the quality of the presented dog is not decisive. The competitors register for the competition in advance, but they do not have to mention the dog with which they are taking part in the competition. It is also possible to compete with a dog that was not judged at the given show but always with a breed judged at the show on the same day, including the FCI non-recognized breeds. A young exhibitor may only compete with one dog during one day of the show. The rules of the competition and the judging system are specified in the Annex to these Rules. The organizer shall be obliged to prepare numbered labels to mark the young exhibitors and assessment sheets for the competition. The young exhibitor shall receive the original of the assessment sheet; its copy stays with the organizer.

Division of age categories:

1st group – 9-13 years

2nd group – 13-17 years

In the 9-13 years age category, those who reached the age of 13 at least one day before the show and do not reach the age of 13 on the day of the show may take part in the competition.

In the 13-17 age category, those who reached the age of 13 at least one day before the show and do not reach the age of 17 on the day of the show may take part in the competition.

2) Non-mandatory competitions

a) Child and Dog

This competition is for children older than 3 years of age and younger than 9 years of age, under the conditions set for the Junior Handling competition.

b) Senior Handling

For exhibitors older than 17 years of age under the conditions set for the Junior Handling competition.

c) Best of Puppies

Dogs and bitches from the Puppy Class awarded the grade Very Promising 1 enter this competition.

d) Best of Adolescents

Dogs and bitches from the Adolescent Class awarded the grade Very Promising 1 enter this competition.

e) Best of Veterans

Best of Veterans (BOV) of the breed enter this competition.

f) Parade of Honourable Classes

All Excellent 1 (E1) from Honourable Classes enter this competition.

3) Competitions at area and regional shows and at shows organized by clubs

a) If the organizer of a club, special, area or regional show organizes the competitions Junior Handling, Child and Dog, Senior Handling, Best Pair of Dogs or Best of Breeding Group, the same rules for NS and IS apply to them.

b) Best of Breeding Males

This competition may be announced only at club and special shows. A breeding male with at least five offspring that were judged at the show enters this competition. The type and quality of breeding is judged. The breeding male need not be judged at the show within normal competition and need not even be present.

c) Other competitions

Organizers of area, regional and club shows may, at their discretion, include other competition into the show. Their results are not recorded in the Pass of Origin.

More detailed conditions must be written in the show catalogue. It is also suitable to mention in the instruction and programme of the show an overview of all accompanying promotional events.

Article 8 - Candidacy

a) Candidacy for Junior Championships (CAJC)

Awarding this candidacy is regulated by the Rules for Awarding the Czech Junior Championship; these Rules are specified in the Annex to these Show Rules and must be included in the catalogue of shows where awarding the candidacy (CAJC) is permitted.

b) Candidacy for Czech Championship (CAC)

Awarding this candidacy is regulated by the Rules for Awarding the Czech Championship; these Rules are specified in the Annex to these Show Rules and must be included in the catalogue of shows where awarding the candidacy (CAC) is permitted.

c) Candidacy for ČMKU Show Championship (CAC ČMKU)

Awarding this candidacy is regulated by the Rules for Awarding the ČMKU Show Championship; these Rules are specified in the Annex to these Show Rules and must be included in the catalogue of shows where awarding the candidacy (CAC ČMKU) is permitted.

d) Candidacy for FCI International Beauty Championship (CACIB)

Awarding this candidacy is regulated by the FCI International Show Rules, which are specified in the Annex to these Show Rules. The relevant provisions concerning the conditions, method and number of CACIB for individual breeds must be included in the catalogue of international shows.

The candidacy is awarded (for CAC, CAJC) or proposed (for CACIB) by a judge who judges the respective breed at the show. If the breed is judged in more rings, its name must be determined in advance and the name of the judge who awards (proposes) this candidacy must be stated. The exhibitor shall receive a document with the type of the show, stamp of organizer, catalogue number of the dog, name of the dog and signature of the judge. The document must be issued on the official form of the ČMKU. Candidacies for CAJC, CAC and Res. CAC can be awarded only at shows that take place in the Czech Republic.

- e) Breeding clubs are competent to prepare their own rules for awarding the **Club Championship**. This title cannot become an entitlement for entering the Working Class or Winner Class.

Article 9 - Judges

- a) Only judges written in the country-wide list of judges and qualified to judge the respective breeds may judge at shows.
- b) Only judges written in the list of international judges of the FCI member country may judge at international shows. Judges who are written in the list of national judges and are waiting for the fulfilment of conditions for being written in the list of international judges may judge in the country of their residence.
- c) Foreign judges of the FCI member countries may judge in the Czech Republic only with the consent of their parent organization, which is requested by the ČMKU (this does not apply to group judges and to judges of all breeds) and judges from FCI non-member countries may judge after submitting a questionnaire – confirmation that they shall be judging pursuant to the FCI Rules (see FCI regulations). The method of gaining qualification, expanding qualification and keeping the list of judges is regulated by special international and national regulations. At FCI shows, judges from FCI non-member countries may only judge the breeds recognized by their national cynological organizations, even if they are written in the list of judges of their national organization as judges for all breeds. National FCI judges for all breeds from the countries that are proper FCI members but have fewer than 100 registered breeds may judge only the breeds recognized by their national cynological organization. If they are not written in the FCI Judges Directory, they have to be authorized by their national cynological organization.
- d) Only a judge who was delegated to the show may judge at a show, but only those breeds for which he/she is qualified. Clubs may propose one judge of one breed to a national show or international show during one show season only twice.
- e) The Bohemian and Moravian Cynological Union or the organization authorized to do so delegate judges to shows upon the request of the organizer.
- f) The delegating organization appoints one of the delegated judges the Chief Judge. If the Chief Judge does not arrive to the show, the filling of this position shall be decided on by agreement at the judges meeting.

Duties of the Chief Judge:

- conducting the meeting of judges,
- chairing the committee that decides on protests,
- assigns candidates for the position of a judge to individual judges
- submitting a summary report on its course of the show to the delegating body and the ČMKU within 14 days after the end of the show

g) A judge is entitled to:

- request that the organizer fulfils reasonable conditions for dog judging,
- point out inappropriate conduct of exhibitors, organizers or assistants pursuant to the provisions of these Rules, and if they are seriously breached, to refuse to judge the dogs,
- not judge an individual that entered the ring late if it is not the fault of the organizer. If the individual was judged additionally and cannot participate in the competition, it cannot be ranked,
- exclude from judging an individual that is evidently encouraged aloud from behind the ring,
- be paid remuneration relating to the performance of his/her service.

h) A judge shall be obliged to:

- not judge and uncontrollable or aggressive individual,
- make sure that the dogs are not standing "face to face" in the ring – see the FCI circular No. FCI 86/210
- refuse to judge at a show held by organizations not covered by an FCI member organization,
- confirm to the organizer in writing that he/she accepts the delegation. By accepting the delegation the judge expresses his/her consent with the conditions which the organizer stipulated (judged breeds, expected number of individuals, including the amount of remuneration and compensation, accommodation, etc.),
- take part in the meeting of judges which is held at the latest one hour before the beginning of the show,
- judge the shown individuals strictly and with no bias. To judge only and exclusively pursuant to the FCI standard,
- issue a written assessment and assign the show awards,
- not judge an individual that was owned by him/her the past six months before the show. A judge must not judge a dog which he sold less than six months ago. The same applies to dogs that are the property of persons close to the judge pursuant to the Civil Code, or that are shown by such persons,
- not judge and individual he/she was preparing for the show during the past six months (brushing, hair cutting, hair trimming or adjusting its appearance in another way),
- a judge is responsible for the work of the candidate entrusted to him/her,

- fill-in the Book of Judges and submit it to the Show Committee,
- i) The conduct of the judge must be correct both during the judging in a ring and outside it. It follows from this that the judge:
 - is not entitled to view the catalogue before or during the judging,
 - must not check-in a dog registered in his/her name at the shows where he/she is in the position of judge and on the day when he/she judges,
 - must not arrive to a show where he/she judges accompanied by the exhibitors whose dogs he/she is to judge,
 - never socialize with the exhibitors who will present to him/her their dogs at the show or live with them before the show; this provisions also relates to all persons working in the show ring,
 - behave correctly in the ring and judge all dogs without discrimination. A judge must always be polite,
 - must not judge individuals with cropped ears,
 - when judging in the ring, a judge must not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages,
 - must not use a mobile phone when judging,
 - the aforementioned provisions also apply to candidates within their performance,
 - must never ask for an invitation to judge,

Article 10 - Judging

- a) Only a judge is entitled to decide on assigning a show award, rank and title. The judge assigns them according to the quality of presented individuals and it is not his/her duty to verify whether the presented individuals meet the conditions entitling them to be registered in the respective class (age, tests, records in breeding books, etc.).
- b) One judge judges in each ring. For space reasons, one ring may be used subsequently by two or more judges.
- c) Only the judge, ring supervisor, record-keeper or interpreter may be present in the ring in addition to the judge during the judging. A guest instructor or instructors may be allocated to the ring with the permission of the Chief Judge. The judge may agree with the organizer on the use of his/her own record-keeper or ring supervisor. A deputy of the organizer or the Chief Judge may enter the ring during the judging if they carry out the tasks relating to the successful course of the show. The entry of other persons into the ring (photographers, club officials, etc.) is permitted only after the end of judging and after the ranking is determined, but always with the consent of the judge.
- d) When judging, the judge follows the FCI standard in its full wording. When judging the breeds not yet recognized by the FCI and newly-originating breeds the judge follows the standard approved by the FCI member country which is their guarantor.

- e) The judge shall be obliged to determine in each class (with the exception of the class outside competition) the ranking of the first four individuals (awarded the grades Excellent, Very Good, Very Promising and Promising).
- f) The show assessment or a diploma which must be signed in the own hand of the judge who judged the dog serves as a document of the performed judging. A record into the pedigree or qualification sheet may be made in accordance with the instructions by the Show Committee (however, the date, place and type of the show, class of award or the ranking, titles and the name of the judge must always be stated).
- g) It is desirable that the judge publicly evaluates the judged class and justifies the awarded assessment and the determined ranking.

Article 11 – Condition for Being Accepted at a Show

- a) The dogs must be recorded in the Breeding Book of the FCI member country, or in the Breeding Book of the countries whose Pass of Origin is recognized by FCI.
- b) The dog and the exhibitor must fulfil other conditions included in the instructions (see, in particular, the veterinary conditions in Article 17 of these Show Rules).
- c) CANCELLED
- d) The organizer shall be entitled not to accept the application of any exhibitor for the show it organizes. However, the organizer shall be obliged to immediately inform the concerned exhibitor of such a fact, at the latest within ten days after the application is received. This provision does not apply to special shows.

Article 12 – The following individuals are excluded from participation at shows

- a) Dogs that are not written in the catalogue. An exception applies to the dogs that demonstrably are not written in the catalogue due to the fault of the organizer, and dogs whose assessment constitutes a document for their record into the Auxiliary Register.
- b) Dogs that are sick, suspected of having a disease, after an injury, bitches in the second half of pregnancy, nursing bitches and bitches in heat.
- c) Dogs owned by persons whose right to exhibit was withdrawn.
- d) Dangerous dogs – biting and aggressive toward people and dogs.
- e) **Dogs with cropped ears.**

Article 13 – Obligations of the Exhibitor (Show Committee)

- a) To apply for the inclusion into the Schedule of Cynological Events on time.
- b) To issue instructions with all of the data necessary for participation in the show, including the facts that exclude dogs from the participation in the show. Furthermore, it must be

stated that the exhibitor agrees with having his/her address published in the catalogue. The instructions for club, special, national and international shows must include the proposed judges for individual breeds or a group of breeds.

- c) To reject and return applications delivered after the show deadline and after the catalogue is compiled, and to confirm the acceptance of applications.
- d) To compile and release the show catalogue. It is not permitted to add any supplements (e.g. in the form of inserted sheets) to the catalogue.
- e) To secure with the delegating body that the proposed judges are delegated, and if foreign judges are proposed, to apply for the consent of their parent organizations.
- f) To provide trained staff for the rings and show offices.
- g) To provide in advance legibly filled-in assessment sheets, diplomas and documents on awarding titles and candidacies.
- h) To provide visible labels for the shown dogs.
- i) To provide organization, veterinary and medical services for the time when the show is held.
- j) To provide a sufficient number of show rings. The rings must be spacious enough to allow the shown breeds presenting themselves in motion corresponding to their breeding standard, and their size must correspond to the size of the shown dogs and to the number of individuals shown at the same time. In particular, to secure suitable, non-slippery surface at least along the perimeter of the ring in the path of the dog's movement, or other necessary equipment (e.g. scales, suitable table with a pad for the judging of small breeds). If the ring or its equipment does not meet the aforementioned conditions, the judge is entitled to suspend the judging and request rectification from the organizer.
- k) To pay to the judges and other staff financial remuneration and compensation in the amounts determined in advance.
- l) The organizer shall be obliged to adhere to all veterinary regulations (which must be included in the instructions) stipulated by a State Veterinary Administration body and the local government bodies that permit the organization of the event in their territory.
- m) If the show does not take place for reasons of force majeure, the show fees shall be used to pay the costs related to the preparation of the show.
- n) The organizer shall not authorize a person who will be exhibiting before assessing care for a judge.
- o) The staff (ring supervisor, interpreter, record-keeper) must not work in the ring where a dog registered for the show in his/her name should be judged, and must not present any dog in the show ring where he/she works.
- p) The organizer shall be obliged to archive the sent applications for the period of 1 year.

Article 14 – Rights and Obligation of the Exhibitor

The exhibitor is entitled to:

- a) have his/her dog written in the show catalogue if the exhibitor sent the application and paid the show fee on time, and if his/her application was not rejected pursuant to Article 11, letter d),
- b) have his/her dog judged,
- c) receive the original of the show assessment, the diploma or potential material prize,
- d) use the titles gained at shows,
- e) withdraw from the judging before the judging of his/her dog begins,
- f) the recording of show award in the Pass of Origin or Performance Book is left to the organizer. However the record is to be made exclusively during the show exceptionally on the basis of the submitted show assessment by the ČMKU Secretariat for a fee determined by the ČMKU Presidium,
- g) protest against formal breaches of these Show Rules or instructions.

The exhibitor has the following obligations:

- a) to send on time a completely, duly and legibly filled-in application documented by the necessary requisites. To confirm the truthfulness of the data in the application by his/her signature through which he/she also undertakes to fulfil the provisions of these Show Rules and instructions,
- b) to pay the show fee together with the sending of the application,
- c) to submit the "Acceptance of Application" document when a dog is received at the show,
- d) to submit the Pass of Origin and Performance Book according to the organizer's instructions,
- e) to visibly mark himself/herself and the shown dog (according to conditions) with the assigned number,
- f) to appear with the dog on time in the show ring and present the dog so that it could be judged by the judge as best as possible,
- g) to follow the instructions of the judge,
- h) to prevent the dog from free running on the show premises. The exhibitor is fully responsible for damages incurred by the dog,
- i) not to disturb the course of the show by his/her behaviour and inappropriate conduct,
- j) an exhibitor who does not participate in the show for any reason shall not be entitled to have the show fee refunded,
- k) It is prohibited to adjust the hair, skin of muzzle of the dog by anything that changes their structure, colour or shape. It is prohibited to adjust the dog on the show premises using any substances or aids. Only hair cutting, trimming, combing and brushing is permitted. It is also prohibited to tie the dog to the trimming table for a time longer than necessary for the treatment. A breach of this provision may result in immediate exclusion of the dog from its participation in the show.

- l) Loud encouraging of the dog from behind the ring (so-called double-handling) is prohibited. It is also prohibited to attract the dog's attention from behind the ring in any other manner (e.g. the using whistles, toys, food, calling the dog, etc.).

If there are more owners of a shown dog, only the data written in the Pass of Origin shall be decisive. The names of all co-owners, but only one contact address, will be written in the catalogue. If a judge judging the dogs' appearance is one of the co-owners, he/she must be written in the catalogue.

Article 15 - Protest

- a) No protest against the decision of the judge (assessment, ranking and awarding of title) is permissible.
- b) A protest for formal reasons (a breach of the show regulations or instruction) is permissible. The protest must be lodged in writing together with the payment of a deposit amounting to double the show fee for the first dog paid by the first deadline of the show.
- c) If the protest is rejected, the paid deposit is forfeited to the benefit of the show organizer.
- d) A protest may be only lodged during the course of the show.
- e) The Protest Committee usually has three members; it consists of the Chief Judge, Show Director and one of the judges. At shows with only one judge or foreign judges, the Protest Committee may have only two members. In such a case it shall consist of the Chief Judge and the Show Director. The Chief Judge must be a ČMKU judge.
- f) The protest shall be discussed by the Protest Committee in the presence of the judge (organizer) to whom the lodged protest relates. A written record must be made of the discussion and result.
- g) A protest lodged after the end of the show (after the end of judging in all rings) shall not be discussed.

Article 16 - Liability

- a) The organizer and the Show Committee shall not be liable for potential sickness of a dog, a death or loss of a dog, and shall not be liable for any damages incurred by a dog during the show.
- b) The exhibitor shall be liable for damages incurred by a dog.

Article 17 – Veterinary Regulations

- a) The organizer, exhibitors and visitors are obliged to adhere to legal regulations (in particular to regulations on veterinary care and protection of animals against cruelty), veterinary conditions determined by a body of veterinary care and show instructions, or the duties set out by a State Veterinary Administration body issued in accordance with the legal order during its supervision over the event.

- b) The organizer shall be entitled to order a person who seriously or repeatedly breaches the obligations written under Item a) to leave the show premises.
- c) These regulations apply both to the shown dogs and to dogs of visitors or participants in competitions and accompanying events.

Article 18 – Sanctions

- a) A breach of these Show Rules, other binding regulations and instructions of the show may result in disciplinary proceedings. The competence to disciplinary proceedings is set out by the regulations of individual cynological organizations and clubs.
- b) For a breach of provisions of these Show Rules, the ČMKU Presidium may sanction individual dogs, their exhibitor and, last but not least, also the organizer:
 - 1. In the case of repeated aggressive behaviour of a dog toward other dogs or people, the ČMKU Presidium may exclude such a dog from its participation in shows of all types held under the ČMKU patronage for a period of up to one year.
 - 2. In the case of a repeated or gross breach of these Show Rules, FCI Show Rules or other regulations and rules of the FCI or ČMKU, the ČMKU Presidium may issue a prohibition of participation in shows of all types held under the ČMKU patronage to individual exhibitors for a period of up to two years.
 - 3. In the case of a breach of provisions of these Show Rules or FCI Show Rules by an organizer, the ČMKU Presidium may refuse to grant its consent with organizing shows held under the ČMKU patronage by this organizer for a period of up to two years.
 - 4. In the case of a repeated sanction pursuant to Items 1), 2) and 3) the ČMKU Presidium may sanction the offender for a period of up to 10 years.
- c) In the case of a breach of these Show Rules, the organizer may file with the ČMKU Secretariat a proposal to cancel the gained assessment and remove the gained titles. The ČMKU Presidium shall decide on the cancellation of the gained assessment and removal of titles.
- d) If a dog behaves aggressively in the ring (breed groups finals) and a judge witnesses its behaviour during the judging, it is the duty of such a judge to write a report to the hands of the Organization Committee and disqualify the dog from the remaining part of the competition. All of the grades and titles awarded at the given show shall be cancelled.

Article 19 – Closing Provisions

The Show Rules dated 26 October 2011, including all of their supplements, are cancelled on the day when these Show Rules come into effect.

Approved by the ČMKU Presidium on 12 September 2013 by Resolution No. 47/9/13, valid from 1 January 2014 Changes:

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| Article 5, Item b, | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium171/3/14, dated 13 March 2014, with immediate validity |
| Article 6, title BOS | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium171/3/14, dated 13 March 2014, with immediate validity |
| Article 14, Item k | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium171/3/14, dated 13 March 2014, with immediate validity |
| Article 18, Item d | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium171/3/14, dated 13 March 2014, with immediate validity |
| Article 11, Item c | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium191/6/14, dated 17 June 2014, valid from 1 January 2015 |
| Article 15, Items e, f | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium191/6/14, dated 17 June 2014, valid from 1 January 2015 |
| Article 7, Items i, j | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium201/8/14, dated 28 August 2014, valid from 1 January 2015 |
| Article 3, Item c | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium224/12/14, dated 18 December 2014, valid from 1 January 2015 (included in the minutes from the ČMKU Presidium meeting from 29 January 2015) |
| Article 6, Items h,i | Resolution of ČMKU Presidium meeting dated 17 September 2015, with immediate validity. |