



**RULES FOR BREED SHOWS, SHOW LICENCES AND  
SHOW OFFICIALS**

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# RULES FOR BREED SHOWS, SHOW LICENCES AND SHOW OFFICIALS

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Boxer Breed shows are regulated by the definitions, requirements and procedures set out in these Rules.

## 2 INTERPRETATION

Interpretation of these Rules is governed by clauses 2.1.14, 3.3 and 3.4 of the FBCSA Constitution.

## 3 DEFINITIONS

### 3.1 ORGANISATION

In these Rules the following words shall have the meaning assigned to them:

“FBCSA” – shall mean the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa

### 3.2 SHOWS

A *BREED SHOW* is any exhibition of Boxers for competition or award to which the public is admitted and at which the dogs are phenotypically evaluated in accordance with the FCI Boxer Standard. All dogs must be suitably benched at these shows and the right of admission is reserved.

A *MATCH MEETING, RALLY OR OPEN SHOW* is an exhibition of dogs where no points towards Championship status are awarded.

A *CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW* is a show at which points towards Championship status may be awarded.

AN *INTER-CLUB SHOW* is a Championship Show at which Affiliated Clubs compete.

A *FBCSA SHOW* is a Match Meeting or Championship Show organised by the Executive of the FBCSA.

### 3.3 OFFICIALS

*ACCREDITED JUDGE*: A person who has fulfilled the requirements of the FBCSA to judge Championship Shows and whose responsibilities are laid down by the Assembly of Judges.

*CANDIDATE JUDGE*: A person who is attending training courses given by the Panel of Judges.

*JUDGE-IN-TRAINING*: A person who has passed the examinations as laid down by the Panel of Judges and is qualified to judge Match Meetings.

*ACCREDITED RING STEWARD*: A person accredited by the FBCSA to assist the Judge in the show ring and whose responsibilities are laid down by the Panel of Judges. All Accredited Judges are also Accredited Ring Stewards.

*CANDIDATE RING STEWARD*: A person who is attending training courses given by the Panel of Judges.

*RING STEWARD-IN-TRAINING*: A person who has passed tests laid down by the Panel of Judges and who assists the Accredited Ring Steward in the show ring.

*BENCHING STEWARD*: A competent person appointed by a Show Committee to check that all entries have been benched and are marshalled for class judging.

*FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE*: A competent person appointed by the FBCSA Executive to represent the FBCSA at a Championship Show and report to the FBCSA Executive and Show-holding Club on the show. No committee member of a Show-holding Club may be appointed. At match meetings the Show Manager of the Show-holding club will officiate as Federation Representative at match meetings.

*FBCSA SHOW SECRETARY*: A competent member of the FBCSA Executive with responsibility to receive and deal with show entries and other relevant administrative matters.

*SHOW COMMITTEE*: A Committee appointed by the FBCSA Executive or an Affiliated Club to organise and manage a show.

*CLUB SHOW SECRETARY*: Any competent person appointed by a Club Show Committee may act as a Show Secretary.

*VETERINARIAN*: A veterinarian appointed by a Show Committee to be present or on call at all Championship Shows.

### **3.4 BREED SHOW CLASSES**

#### **3.4.1 QUALIFYING CLASSES**

All unbeaten dogs in these classes, if held, will be eligible to compete for Best in Show. The age of the dog will be determined as at the advertised date of the show and calculated inclusive of the date of its birth. All dogs 12 months and older will be rated in accordance with clause 3.5 with the exception of veterans who is at the discretion of the judge.

- ◆ **3 - 6 MONTHS PUPPY:** For Boxers of three months and under six months.
- ◆ **6 - 9 MONTHS PUPPY:** For Boxers of six months and under nine months.
- ◆ **9 - 12 MONTHS PUPPY:** For Boxers of nine months and under twelve months.

The BEST PUPPY and BEST OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY will be selected from the winners of the above classes.

- ◆ **12 – 18 MONTHS:** For Boxers of twelve months and under eighteen months.
- ◆ **18 – 24 MONTHS:** For Boxers of eighteen months and under twenty-four months.
- ◆ **24 – 36 MONTHS:** For Boxers of twenty-four months and under thirty-six months.
- ◆ **36 MONTHS AND OLDER:** For Boxers of thirty-six months and older.
- ◆ **KEENAGER:** For Boxers of four years and under seven years. (Keenagers do not compete for Points Award.)
- ◆ **VETERANS:** For Boxers of seven years and older. (Veterans do not compete for Points Award.)
- ◆ **LAUREL WREATH:** For Champions and Points winners not eligible for the age group classes.
- ◆ **POINTS AWARD:** For Boxers rated Excellent and Very Good in age groups. If there are more than four dogs rated Excellent in a class, then all dogs rated Excellent in the class up to fourth place may compete at the discretion of the Judge. If there are less than five dogs rated Excellent, then all Very Good dogs up to fourth place may compete at the discretion of the Judge.

BEST IN SHOW and BEST OPPOSITE SEX will be judged from the following:

Major winners of Points Award, Laurel Wreath, Keenager Open and Veteran Classes, together with Best Puppy and Best Opposite Sex Puppy.

#### **3.4.2 NON-QUALIFYING CLASSES**

- ◆ **CHILD HANDLER CLASS:** For Child handlers from the age of six years up to the age of 8 years handling any Boxer not younger than 3 months and registered with the FBCSA.
- ◆ **JUNIOR HANDLER CLASS:** For Junior handlers between the ages of 9 and 12 years handling any Boxer not younger than 3 months and registered with the FBCSA.
- ◆ **TEENAGE HANDLER CLASS:** For Teenage handlers between the ages of 13 and 16 years handling any Boxer not younger than 3 months and registered with the FBCSA.

Winners of these classes, if held, are not eligible to compete for Best in Show.

(Please refer to Addendum 1 RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR CHILD, JUNIOR AND TEENAGE HANDLER OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS.)

- ◆ **OTHER CLASSES:** Any Class that has been clearly defined by the Show-holding Club in its schedule.

### 3.4.3 ORDER OF JUDGING:

The order of judging set out in the show schedule must be adhered to at the show.

## 3.5 RATINGS AND CRITIQUES

The rating of dogs at Championship Shows, as prescribed and defined by the *Federation Cynologique Internationale*, has been adopted by the FBCSA. The definitions are as follows:

- ◆ **EXCELLENT:** May only be awarded to a Boxer that comes close to the ideal type of the Breed, is presented in excellent physical condition, displays harmonious, even temperament and has quality and nobility of bearing. In view of its outstanding type small imperfections may be overlooked but it must possess typical features of its sex.
- ◆ **VERY GOOD:** May only be awarded to a Boxer possessing the typical characteristics of the Breed, balanced proportions and good condition. A few minor but not morphological faults (faults of form and structure) may be excused. This rating may only be awarded to a quality Boxer.
- ◆ **GOOD:** May be awarded to a Boxer that possesses the main characteristics of the Breed but has major faults.
- ◆ **INSUFFICIENT:** May be awarded to a Boxer that resembles the Breed without possessing sufficient type or to a Boxer exhibited in poor physical condition.
- ◆ **DISQUALIFIED** must be awarded to a dog which shows a behaviour clearly not in line with its standard or which behaves aggressively; or to a dog which has testicular abnormalities

The Judge shall also give a verbal or written critique on each exhibit.

## 4 REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY AT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

#### 4.1.1 EXHIBITS:

Only Boxers that have been registered as follows are eligible for competition at Championship Shows held under these Rules:

- ◆ in Stud Book Register A or B of the FBCSA.

A Boxer is not eligible for exhibition at any Championship Show if:

- ◆ it is totally blind or totally deaf;
- ◆ it is suffering from a communicable disease;

- ◆ it is owned by the Judge officiating at the show or by a member of the Judge's immediate family or relative;
- ◆ it has been prepared for exhibition by a Judge officiating at the show;
- ◆ it has been owned by the Judge or any member of his immediate family or relative within the previous nine months, except in the case of a puppy under 12 months;
- ◆ it has been exhibited at breed shows held by an organisation not recognised by the FBCSA.

A Boxer is not eligible for exhibition in the Qualifying Classes of a Championship Show if:

- ◆ it is a male that is not entire due to unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism.

On receipt of a written application, accompanied by the necessary veterinary certificate, permission may be granted by the FBCSA Executive to exhibit previously entire males that have been castrated.

#### **4.1.2 EXHIBITORS/HANDLERS**

Only persons who are members of Affiliated Clubs and who have paid the dues and levies prescribed by the FBCSA may enter or handle dogs at Championship Shows. Child, Junior and Teenage Handlers, whose parents or a responsible person are members of an FBCSA affiliated club, are eligible for the Child, Junior or Teenage Handler classes. Junior and Teenage Handlers accompanied by a member of an FBCSA affiliated club may compete in the breed show classes. A Teenage handler 16 years and older must be a fully paid up member of a FBCSA affiliated Club in terms of Clause 4.1.2. of the FBCSA Constitution.

#### **4.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY AT MATCH MEETINGS, RALLIES, OPEN SHOWS:**

These events are open to all Boxer dogs and are not confined to registered dogs. Champions and Points. Winners shall not be eligible for Best in Show.

## **5 APPLICATION TO HOLD SHOWS**

### **5.1 APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES AND NOTICES**

All shows must be approved by the FBCSA Executive which may withdraw or cancel such approval for good reason.

All applications for Championship Shows must be lodged with the FBCSA secretary by January 31 each year for approval by the Governing Body.

The FBCSA Executive may approve other applications, accompanied by the required licence fee, provided that applications for Championship Shows are lodged with the FBCSA Secretary 120 days before the show.



Applications for Match Meetings must be lodged with the FBCSA Secretary 30 days before the show and the licence fee must be paid prior to or accompany the application.

No show that has been approved by the FBCSA may be cancelled without the consent of the FBCSA Executive. If a show is not held the fee will be forfeit unless otherwise resolved by the FBCSA Executive.

A show schedule in the prescribed form for a Championship Show must be submitted to the FBCSA Show Secretary at least 90 days before the date of the show, unless otherwise resolved by the FBCSA Executive.

No schedule for a Championship show or notice of a Match Meeting, rally or Open Show may be issued without approval by the FBCSA Show Secretary.

By resolution, the FBCSA may hold any Breed Show at any time and place. Such show will be known as a FBCSA Show and be managed by the FBCSA Executive. No licence fee is payable.

The FBCSA Executive may hold an Inter-Club Championship Show as the final event on the show calendar each year.

## **6 ENTRIES AT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS, MATCH MEETINGS, OPEN SHOWS AND RALLIES**

### **6.1 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS**

Entries must close at least 28 days before the show and the day fixed may not be altered without the permission of the FBCSA Executive. In special cases the closing date for entries may be extended to more than 28 days. Entries sent after the advertised closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of the FBCSA show secretary.

The postmark of postal entries will be accepted as proof of entry by the stipulated date. Entries by facsimile or e-mail will be accepted by the FBCSA Show Secretary and must be accompanied by the deposit slip for entry fees. Hand-delivered entries with fees may be placed in a special box at shows prior to the closing date of the relevant show. Entries sent after the advertised closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of the FBCSA show secretary.

No official may fill in any form except his own, nor alter any entry form after the entry has been lodged. The FBCSA Show Secretary or a Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse any entry for good cause shown.

A dog may only be entered in one qualifying class for which it is eligible. If it is confirmed by the FBCSA Executive that a dog was exhibited in classes for which it was not eligible it will be disqualified.

Show entry fees are prescribed by the FBCSA. A stipulated portion of the fee must be remitted to the FBCSA Judges' Fund.

## **6.2 MATCH MEETINGS, OPEN SHOWS AND RALLIES**

Entries may be taken on the day of the show and must close 30 minutes before the advertised start of the show.

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES**

Member Clubs have full discretion in the appointment of Judges accredited by the FBCSA, but a Judge may not judge more than two Championship Shows in any calendar year. The period between judging appointments must not be less than four (4) months.

Judges not on the FBCSA List of Judges but who are accredited by canine organisations recognised by the FBCSA may be appointed with the approval of the FBCSA Executive.

Soliciting Assignments: Soliciting or promoting assignments cannot be condoned. Any club or individual receiving such a solicitation should notify the FBCSA Panel of Judges.

## **8 INOCULATION CERTIFICATES/ATTENDANCE**

Inoculation certificates for all exhibits entered in classes up to 18 months of age must be presented for inspection prior to Championship Shows. No exhibit under the age of 18 months may be shown unless the certificate has been presented or the relevant prescribed FBCSA form has been duly signed by the exhibitor.

Any exhibit not present when judging starts must be marked absent and excluded from the show unless good cause is shown for late arrival at the show.

Only dogs entered in the show will be permitted in the precincts of the show ring.

## **9 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION**

After admission to a show a dog may not be withdrawn from competition without the consent of the Federation Representative except when the Judge announced in the schedule is changed. In such case the dog may be withdrawn before the start of the judging and may be removed from the show by the owner or exhibitor.

Numbers of all absentees and exhibits that have been withdrawn from competition must be publicly announced before the start of judging.

A dog that has qualified for Points Award may only be withdrawn from Points Award by the owner in consultation with the Federation Representative.

## **10 SHOW RING**

At all shows the exhibits must be judged in suitable rings, based on one metre per dog for the largest class, with a minimum size of 20 x 20 metres or 400 square metres. The perimeter of the ring must be clearly marked. The ground cover or floor surface in the show ring must facilitate the judging and must not hinder the gaiting of the exhibits. A tape measure must be available to verify the size of the ring.

## **11 BENCHING**

### **11.1 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS**

Dogs must be benched at all times, except when being exhibited or exercised.

A dog is benched if it is:

- ◆ Confined to a trailer, travelling box or its owner's vehicle; or
- ◆ Attached with a suitable leather collar and substantial benching chain of not more than one metre in length to a stake firmly embedded in the ground. Dogs benched in this manner must be a minimum of three metres apart and no dog may be benched within three metres of the ring.

### **11.2 MATCH MEETINGS, RALLIES AND OPEN SHOWS**

Dogs must be suitably benched at all Match Meetings, Rallies and Open Shows.

## **12 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

Should an Inter-Club Championship Show be held, points are awarded to Affiliated Clubs in all classes on the basis of the placings of exhibitors who compete on behalf of their nominated Member Clubs. Points are allocated as follows:

First place	4 points
Second place	3 points
Third place	2 points
Fourth place	1 point
Best Puppy	5 points

BOS Puppy	3 points
Best in Show	10 points
BOS in Show	7 points

In all other respects the show must be conducted in terms of the Rules for Championship Shows, except that points towards Championship status awarded at this show will be allocated as either "local" or "away" points.

### **13 POINTS AWARD AND CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS**

Points towards Championship status may only be awarded at recognised Championship Shows to Boxers shown in classes that qualify for Points Award. The Judge cannot award points to dogs that have been shown in classes that do not qualify for Points Award, i.e. where maturity and away points are required. Any or all points and placings may be withheld by a Judge for want of merit. A 4-point major may only be awarded to a dog rated Excellent

Points may only be awarded to Boxers rated EXCELLENT or VERY GOOD.

At Championship Shows points may be allocated as follows:

First place	4 points
Second place	2 points
Third place	1 point

The number of points required for Championship status is twelve (12) and must include a one four-point win, local, away- and maturity points as defined below;

- At least one four point win won at any FBCSA accredited championship show
- At least three local points awarded at the exhibitor's own home club championship show

**Note:**

(i) Home provinces (domicile addresses) are defined as follows:

BCSA = Gauteng  
CSABC = Free State  
EBC = Free State  
NBC = Gauteng

(ii) Should a club host a championship show in a province other than the province of the home club (as defined above), points awarded to the home club exhibits are still regarded as "local" points (i.e. should EBC host a show in Gauteng, points won by EBC exhibits will count as "local" points).

- At least three away points to be awarded at a club championship show held by a club residing in a province other than the province of the exhibitors' own club.
- At least two maturity points to be awarded after a male has reached the age of 27 months and a female has reached the age of 21 months.

Two points are also awarded to any Boxer attaining the Companion Dog (BH) qualification. These points shall in no way count as maturity or away points. These points only count as “local” points.

Points awarded at the FBCSA Inter-Club Championship Show may count towards Championship status either as “local” or “away” points.

No judge may award more than six of the twelve points required. Points may be awarded by any number of judges.

A Boxer may not be entered in the classes qualifying for Points Award or under a particular judge if **all** the points Awarded would be superfluous regardless whether “maturity” or “away” points are required.

If a Boxer has earned all his qualifying points (or has reached a total of 10 points) before, in the case of a male, 27 months or, in the case of a female, 21 months the exhibit must then be shown in the Laurel Wreath class until the required age is attained.

#### **14 GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP AND SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS**

The title of Grand Champion will be awarded to a Boxer that has achieved the following qualifications:

- ◆ The Championship title as described in clause 13
- ◆ The Endurance qualification (AD)
- ◆ The Traffic Steady Companion Dog (BH) title or the WTS Elementary qualification
- ◆ Received at least a Very Good rating in Conformation and a Very Good rating in Disposition under an Accredited Breed Standard Test (BT) Judge.
- ◆ Has produced a FBCSA registered litter.

The title of Supreme Champion will be awarded to a Boxer that has achieved the following qualifications:

- ◆ The Championship title as described in clause 13
- ◆ A recognised Obedience Championship or Protection Dog title
- ◆ The Endurance qualification (AD)
- ◆ The Traffic Steady Companion Dog (BH) title or the WTS Elementary qualification
- ◆ Received at least a Very Good rating in Conformation and a Very Good rating in Disposition under an Accredited Breed Standard Test (BT) Judge
- ◆ Has produced a FBCSA registered litter.

## **15 Sire and Dam of Merit**

The title of Sire and Dam of Merit will be awarded to a Boxer whose progeny have achieved championship status

- (a) in the case of a Sire: 6 champions
- (b) in the case of a Dam: 3 champions

## **16 POINTS AWARD, BEST IN SHOW AND BEST OPPOSITE SEX CERTIFICATES**

Such certificates will be presented at Championship Shows as proof of the award.

## **17 PRIZES**

All prize money and trophies will be handed out on the day of the show.

## **18 SPECIAL AWARDS**

These are awards that include Sire/Dam/Breeder/Exhibitor of the Show and of the Year, Child, Junior and Teenage Handler classes and such other Specials as may be introduced.

The scoring for the Special Awards shall be based on the number of entries in a class at Championship Shows, as follows:

One entry	1 point
Two entries	2-1 points
Three entries	3-2-1 points
Four or more entries	4-3-2-1 points
Best Puppy and BOS Puppy	2 additional points
Best in Show and BOS	4 additional points

In addition to the above, when calculating Sire/Dam/Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year, points will be awarded for qualifications earned at all Working Trials and Tests during the year. *Refer to the FBCSA Breed Ordinance (Special Awards) for details.*

## **19 ORDER OF MERIT WHEN DOGS ARE DISQUALIFIED**

If a prize winner is disqualified the dogs next in consecutive order of merit, as placed by the Judge and awarded not lower than fourth place, shall be moved into higher places in the prize list and shall become award winners.

Where a dog that has been allocated points is disqualified, dogs will only be moved up in accordance with this Rule if the officiating Judge has signed a certificate that the dogs next in consecutive order of merit are worthy of points awarded on the basis provided for in clause 13.

## **20 OBJECTIONS**

Should any person have an objection of any nature whatsoever about a show they may lodge a written objection with the FBCSA Representative, with a fee of R 100.00 or as determined by the FBCSA Executive from time to time. The FBCSA Representative will forward the objection to the FBCSA Executive together with any comments.

## **21 AVAILABILITY OF FBCSA CONSTITUTION AND RULES FOR SHOWS**

A copy of the FBCSA Constitution and Rules for Shows must be on hand at all Championship Shows.

## **22 PROCEDURES**

### **22.1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHOW OFFICIALS AND EXHIBITORS**

#### **22.1.1 CLUB COMMITTEES**

Club committees must:

- ◆ apply for a show licence in accordance with clause 5;
- ◆ issue an early invitation to a Judge;
- ◆ select and book a venue with sufficient space to set up a prescribed ring with shady parking for vehicles, dog trailers, water on tap and clean toilets;
- ◆ submit a schedule and name of Judge as per clause 5;
- ◆ distribute schedules for all Championship Shows to all paid-up members;
- ◆ appoint a Show Committee with a Manager, Show and Trophy Secretary/ies, Benching/Marshalling Steward/s, Ring Steward (who may be a Steward-in-Training at request of the Panel of Judges), Honorary Veterinarian and any other officials who may be needed for the efficient conduct of the Show.

#### **22.1.2 FBCSA SHOW SECRETARY**

The FBCSA Show Secretary must:

- ◆ approve the show schedule (confirmation by FBCSA Executive);
- ◆ distribute copies of the show schedule to Club Secretaries;
- ◆ receive show entries and acknowledge all show entries;
- ◆ compile and print out the computer list of entries and exhibitors for the show catalogue and provide the Club Show Secretary with a copy thereof;

- ◆ compile and print out the Special Award Score sheets for the show; and
- ◆ list and balance show entry fees for handing over to the Club Show Secretary;
- ◆ provide Judge's Certificate, Federation Representative's report form, copy of Show Rules, copy of Constitution and Inoculation Form (as provided for in clause 8);
- ◆ provide rating cards, Points certificates, Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex certificates;
- ◆ provide measuring stick and eye chart.

### **22.1.3 SHOW COMMITTEE**

#### **CATALOGUE**

At every Championship Show the Show Committee must provide each exhibitor with a printed catalogue with the following particulars for all exhibits:

- ◆ class entered;
- ◆ catalogue number of exhibit;
- ◆ FBCSA registration number, name, sex and date of birth of exhibit;
- ◆ names of sire and dam;
- ◆ name of breeder;
- ◆ name and address of owner;
- ◆ nominated club of owner

The exact location of the show and the date on which it is held must be given.

The catalogue must list the names of all officials and the names and addresses of all Judges, the Show Secretary and the Veterinarian.

Every catalogue must state on its cover or title page:

*"HELD UNDER THE RULES OF THE FEDERATION OF BOXER CLUBS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA"*

All prizes must be listed in the catalogue with the names of the sponsors or donors. A copy of the catalogue must be provided for the Benching/Marshalling Steward, Ring Steward, Show Secretary and Federation Representative. One official catalogue with full and correct details of all entries, absentees and all awards inserted, including Special Awards, must be forwarded to the FBCSA Show Secretary within seven days after the show, together with the prescribed score sheets for Special Awards and the original pages from the Judge's Book.

A marked catalogue must also be provided for the officiating Judge and the FBCSA Secretary.

In addition the Show Committee must:

- ◆ arrange for rosettes/prizes;
- ◆ recall trophies in good time, preferably in writing;



- ◆ organise publicity;
- ◆ ensure that an official updated Judge's Book and the Special Award score sheets are available;
- ◆ provide exhibitors' numbers;
- ◆ set up the ring and provide equipment for the show (eg place numbers, water bowl, soap and towel for the Judge, "poop scoop", public address system);
- ◆ ensure that dogs are benched; no dog may be benched within three metres of the show ring;
- ◆ mark up catalogues for the FBCSA Secretary, the FBCSA Show Secretary, the Club Secretary and the officiating Judge;
- ◆ mark up the Special Award score sheets;
- ◆ complete the Points Award, Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex certificates;
- ◆ provide all officials with refreshments;
- ◆ ensure that the Judge completes the form required under clause 19 on the day of the show; and
- ◆ in the event of disqualification, ensure that trophies, prizes and award cards are forwarded to the next in line.

#### **22.1.4 FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE**

The Federation Representative must ensure that exhibitors at Championship Shows present a current inoculation certificate for each exhibit entered in classes up to 18 months of age or that the relevant prescribed FBCSA form has been duly signed by the exhibitor (as per clause 8). The Federation Representative must also complete a report on the prescribed form for the Executive and the Show-holding Club.

#### **22.1.5 EXHIBITORS**

- ◆ Entries by facsimile or e-mail will be accepted by the FBCSA Show Secretary on or before the closing date for the show and must be accompanied by the deposit slip for entry fees. Exhibitors will submit their entry forms with fees are posted by registered mail on or before the closing date for the show. Postal entries must be postmarked on or before the closing date of the show Hand-delivered entries with fees may be placed in a special box at shows prior to the closing date of the relevant show. Entries sent (by post, fax or e-mail) after the advertised closing date will only be accepted at the discretion of the FBCSA Show Secretary.
- ◆ Exhibits must be entered in the correct class and any clerical errors must be rectified before the start of the show.
- ◆ All trophies must be returned in good repair and clean condition for presentation at the next show of the Club or the FBCSA. Failure to comply with this Rule will render an Exhibitor liable to penalties that may be imposed by the FBCSA or Show-holding Club.
- ◆ Exhibitors must conduct themselves with decorum and are responsible for the conduct, behaviour and control of their dogs at all times.

- ◆ Exhibitors may not leave the show ring until excused by the judge or ring steward; exhibitors may not step out of the show ring with their dogs to sit or stand in the shade without permission from the Judge or ring steward.
- ◆ All exhibitors shall have equal opportunity to show their dogs to best advantage; the attention of dogs may be attracted on an individual basis from outside the ring. Throwing of toys or any other items of attraction, as well as squeaking of toys will not be allowed in any final line up. A Judge's decision regarding the use of toys, etc. will be final.
- ◆ Dogs may only be set up against each other at the request of the Judge, providing that handlers agree thereto. This will not be allowed in any final line up.
- ◆ Exhibitors are not allowed to remove their dogs from the show grounds unless they have received permission from the Federation Representative.

## **22.2 PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION**

Hair may be trimmed on the extremities, but the trimming must not be obvious; nails and whiskers may be trimmed; whitening may be used on white markings; normal hygiene routine may be done. No clean shaving is allowed on any part of the dog, except in cases of injury and/or surgery. The appearance of the Boxer must not be changed by artificial means, eg tinting.

## **22.3 RETURN OF TROPHIES/PRIZES/AWARDS AFTER DISQUALIFICATION**

If a dog is disqualified all trophies/prizes/award cards must be returned to the Show-holding Club within 10 days after notification of such disqualification by the FBCSA Show Secretary.

Should the owner of a disqualified dog fail to comply with this Rule the matter will be dealt with by the FBCSA Executive in terms of clause 22 of the FBCSA Constitution.

The Club Show Secretary must advise the FBCSA Show Secretary within 21 days after receipt of advice of any disqualification that the awards have been presented to the next in line.

# Addendum 1

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## **RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR CHILD, JUNIOR AND TEENAGE HANDLER OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS**

### **1 OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Child, Junior and Teenage Handler of the Year Competitions are:

- ◆ To introduce young handlers to the sport of dog showing
- ◆ To provide them with meaningful competitions in which to learn and develop all aspects of show handling and sportsmanship.

### **2 APPLICABILITY OF FBCSA SHOW RULES**

Child, Junior and Teenage Handler Classes are held under the Show Rules of the Federation of Boxer Clubs of Southern Africa (FBCSA). All relevant clauses, but particularly those that pertain to the preparation of dogs for exhibition, benching at shows, the responsibilities and conduct of handlers, the handling of dogs, disqualification and the return of trophies shall apply unchanged to competitors and exhibits in the Child, Junior and Teenage Handler Classes.

### **3 APPROVAL OF CLASSES**

Classes for the Child, Junior and Teenage Handler of the Year Competitions may be offered at any licenced Championship Show held by a Boxer Club affiliated to the FBCSA.

The classes must be advertised on the official schedule for that show as approved by the Federation Executive.

Any Judge accredited by the FBCSA to judge Championship Shows may judge Child, Junior and Teenage Handler Classes. The same Judge may be invited to judge both the Championship Show and the Child, Junior and Teenage Handler Classes. A Club may, however, invite a different Judge to officiate for these classes only, provided it is clearly stipulated on the Show Schedule.

#### **4 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

Child, Junior and Teenage Handler Classes are Non-Qualifying Championship Show classes (ie exhibits are not eligible for the Best in Show Award unless also a winner of a Qualifying Class).

These classes are judged solely on the skill and ability of young handlers when presenting their dogs in the show ring. The conformation or quality of the dog handled is of no consequence.

**Child Handler (6-8 years old):** A Child may compete in this class if at least six (6) years old and until the end (31 December) of the year in which he/she turns nine (9) years old. A parent/legal guardian of the Child must give permission in writing on the entry form for the child to compete. The Child must furthermore be accompanied by a responsible adult who is a paid-up member of an Affiliated Club, who has signed the entry form submitted by the Child and who must be present at the show with the Child until all judging has been completed.

**Junior Handler (9-12 years old):** A Junior may compete in this class from the beginning of the year (1 January) of the year in which he/she turns ten (10) years old and until the end (31 December) of the year in which he/she turns thirteen (13) years old. A parent/legal guardian of the Junior must give permission in writing on the entry form for the Junior to compete. A Junior Handler may compete in the breed show classes as stipulated in clause 4.1.2.

**Teenage Handler (13-16 years old):** A Teenager may compete in this class from the beginning (1 January) of the year in which he/she turns fourteen (14) years old and until the end (31 December) of the year in which he/she turns seventeen (17) years old. A parent/legal guardian of the Teenager must give permission in writing on the entry form for the Teenager to compete. A Teenage Handler may compete in the breed show classes as stipulated in clause 4.1.2.

#### **Child/Junior/Teenage Handler of the Year Competitions**

Points will be awarded pro rata as follows to the placings in each Child/Junior/Teenage Handler Class held at Championship Shows during the year, based on the number of competitors actually present in a class:

- ◆ Four or more competitors: 4-3-2-1
- ◆ Three competitors: 3-2-1
- ◆ Two competitors: 2-1
- ◆ One competitor: 1

The competitor who accumulates most points in a calendar year in each of the three categories will receive the FBCSA Child, Junior and Teenage Handler of the Year Trophies, at a Championship Show determined by the FBCSA.

### **Eligibility of dogs**

Any Boxer of any sex or age (but not younger than three (3) months), registered with the FBCSA may be handled in the Child/Junior/Teenage Handler Classes. The onus is on the adult responsible for a young handler to ensure that he/she will be able to control the Boxer to be handled. If the Judge is of the opinion that any dog entered poses a threat to the handlers or other dogs in the class, such dog will be excused forthwith and be removed from the ring.

## **5 ENTRY FORMS**

Entries for Child/Junior/Teenage Handler Classes must be made on the official entry forms, which must be completed and duly signed as required and accompanied by the stipulated entry fee.

Entries may be submitted in advance with Championship Show entries, but will also be accepted at the table of the Show Secretary on the day of the show.

## **6 GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITORS AND JUDGES**

### **6.1 Safety**

The onus is on the parent/responsible adult to ensure that the disposition, degree of socialisation and training, age, size and strength of the Boxer handled match the skill and experience of the competitor.

Judges and Ring Stewards must make every effort to ensure the safety of both handlers and dogs during the judging of the Child/Junior/Teenage Handler Classes. Competitors should be spaced well apart and instructed to maintain the distance between them and other handlers. Two dogs may not be moved side by side and the gaing pattern should not result in the dog being judged moving directly towards those waiting. Large classes should be divided and only as many competitors admitted into the ring as can be safely examined.

The Judge must immediately excuse and have removed from the ring any dog that is out of control or shows any sign of viciousness or dangerous aggression.

All decisions regarding the safety of handlers and dogs as well as adequate control in the ring are solely the responsibility of the Judge, shall be rendered by him/her without consultation and shall be final and binding.

### **6.2 Judging Criteria and Evaluation of Competitors**

The Judge and Ring Steward must conduct the ring in a consistent, businesslike and safe manner that will instill confidence in the competitors. Procedures and patterns used are at the discretion of the Judge but should conform to those commonly used in judging the Boxer. The Judge should strive to evaluate all

competitors in a consistent manner and devote to each competitor approximately the same amount of attention and time.

The conformation and quality of the Boxer handled is of no consequence and should not influence the evaluation of the skills of a competitor. The Judge shall totally separate the handling ability of a competitor from all other considerations.

The main criterion in assessing the handler's capabilities is ECONOMY OF MOTION. A skilful handler is not conspicuous or dramatic, but calm, efficient, in control and able to focus attention on the dog rather than him/herself. Exaggerated motions or posture, loudness or any behaviour of the handler aimed at attracting attention to him/herself must be faulted.

Handlers should further be examined and assessed in four basic areas:

- ◆ **General Skill and Empathy with the Dog** – the handler and dog should work as a team. The handler must strive to present the dog with an apparent minimum of effort. The dog must be relaxed, responsive to the handler and firmly under control. Both dog and handler should, above all, appear to be enjoying all phases of presentation. Impatience, harsh corrections or any other heavy handedness must be penalised.
- ◆ **Knowledge of Presentation of the Boxer Breed** – the handler must present the dog in a manner that is appropriate for the Breed. He/she must be able to move the dog with the rest of the class, present it in a standing position for individual examination and move it individually at a collected trot in a pattern as directed.
- ◆ **Skill in the Individual Dog's Presentation** – the handler must attempt to present the dog to best advantage, try to minimise its faults and must move the dog at the correct speed to allow it to move to the best of its ability.
- ◆ **Conduct, Sportsmanship and Knowledge of Ring Procedure** – handlers should appear attentive, confident and alert. They should be courteous to both the Judge and other competitors. Any sign of poor sportsmanship must be severely penalised, regardless of the other skills of a competitor. The Judge must also evaluate the ability of the competitor to follow directions, concentrate on the job at hand and use space wisely.

Child/Junior/Teenage Handlers are important to the sport of dog showing. Club committees, Judges and all other Show Officials must understand the purposes of these classes and must take their responsibilities seriously to guide the Future Guardians of the Sport.

## Addendum 2

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### RESPONSIBILITIES OF JUDGES

1. There are three key ingredients to excellence in judging:
  - ◆ **Breed Knowledge:** The most vital single aspect of judging is knowledge of the breed and its standard. This can come from breeding experiencing, showing, stewarding and actually judging championship shows and match meetings. As judges advance, they must depend on observation of judging, reading about the breed, attending breed seminars, discussions with individuals knowledgeable in the breed and, most importantly, continual study of the breed standard. Judges should continually study to improve their knowledge of the breed standard and rules and must clearly understand all changes in the breed standard and rules.
  - ◆ **Procedure:** Given substantial breed knowledge, judges must develop sound judging procedure and ring control as well as a thorough knowledge of FBCSA rules and policies.
  - ◆ **Impartiality:** Judges must be impartial and must totally divorce the merits of the dogs they judge from any other consideration. Judges are presumed to be honest. From the exhibitor's point of view, impartiality extends to eliminating anything else other than the merits of the dogs in a particular class on a given day.
2. Soliciting Assignments: Soliciting or promoting assignments cannot be condoned. Any club or individual receiving such a solicitation should notify the FBCSA Panel of Judges.
3. Judges may not exhibit their own dogs nor take any dogs that belong to another person into the ring at any show at which they officiate nor may they pass judgement upon any dog that they or any member of their immediate family or relative has owned during the previous nine months, except in the case of a puppy under 12 months.
4. A judge shall give all exhibitors an equal opportunity to show their dogs to best advantage; the attention of dogs may be attracted on an individual basis from outside the ring. Throwing of toys or any other items of attraction, as well as squeaking of toys will not be allowed in any final line up. A judge's decision regarding the use of toys, etc. will be final.
5. A Judge may set dogs up against each other providing that handlers agree thereto. This will not be allowed in any final line up.

6. A Judge's decision shall be final in all cases that affect the merits of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to the Judge to withhold any or all awards for want of merit. After a class has been judged in accordance with the Show Rules, it shall not be rejudged.
7. A Judge may order any person from the ring. To facilitate judging Judges should exclude from the ring all persons except the Steward and Trainees assigned to the ring and the exhibitors in the class.
8. Judges shall be assigned a book called the Judge's Book in which they shall mark all awards. After each class the Judge must sign the book and any alterations must be initialed by the Judge.
9. Judges' decisions, as marked in the Judge's Book, cannot be changed by them after they are filed with the Show Committee, but a clerical error in the Judge's Book may be corrected by the Federation after consultation with the Judge.
10. If a Judge disqualifies a dog at any show, it shall be noted in the Judge's Book with the reasons for such disqualification.
11. If, in the opinion of the Judge, any exhibits have been improperly tampered with, are castrated or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease, the Judge shall report this to the Show Secretary immediately after the class. The Show Secretary shall have such exhibits examined by a Veterinarian and submit the cause or causes for the decision of the Show Committee.
12. The Judge shall rate all dogs in the Keenager and Laurel Wreath classes and the classes that qualify for the Points Award classes. The rating shall be as laid down in Clause 3.5 of the Breed Show Rules.
13. The Judge shall give a verbal or written critique on each exhibit.
14. The Judge shall submit a written report after each breed show judged when required by the Panel of Judges.
15. Should the Judge reverse a previous decision, this must be recorded in the Judge's Book and be publicly announced by the Ring Steward.



## Addendum 3

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### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF RING STEWARDS**

The function of a Ring Steward is to assist the Judge and to make the show run efficiently and smoothly.

It is a responsible appointment and can make the Judge's task much easier if it is carried out with concentration and attention to the needs of the Judge.

The Ring Steward should consult with the Judge at the start of the show to check how the judge wishes to operate. Unless the Judge has specific instructions for an individual class, the format will remain the same throughout the show.

As a Ring Steward you must be attentive to the needs of the Judge at all times. However, you must not get in the Judge's way. Keep in the background ready and waiting for an opportunity to help.

No matter what your qualifications in other capacities on the day you must confine your activities to your Ring Stewarding duties. You may not enter into a discussion with the Judge about the exhibits.

All Ring Stewards must have a good knowledge of the Show Rules.

#### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF RING STEWARDS**

1. Get the Judge's Book from the Show Secretary before the start of the show.
2. Do not write anything in the Judge's Book or make any erasures, except to tick the number of each exhibit in the ring and to circle any known absentees.
3. The Judge must initial any alterations he/she makes. The Ring Steward must check that this has been done.
4. A catalogue should be at hand in case the Judge wants to know the age of an exhibit.
5. Ring Stewards may not play any part in the judging of the show and may not discuss, or appear to discuss the exhibits/exhibitors with the Judge or anyone else in the ring.
6. When Stewards are not actively engaged in their duties they should keep out of the line of sight of the Judge or spectators. Ring Stewards must be conscious at all times of the placement of dogs being gone over by the Judge and be alert for opportunities to assist as required.

7. Familiarity with the Show rules and their application is a very important aspect of the Ring Steward's duties.
8. Stewards must inform the Judge when all the dogs are in the ring for each class. In the absence of announcements from the table the Steward must call out the class and numbers of the dogs in a loud clear voice.
9. Exhibitors' numbers must be clearly visible at all times.
10. Good order in the ring must be maintained. If exhibitors are having difficulty controlling their dogs the Steward must endeavour to put the matter right so that no disturbance is caused.
11. In the Points Award class the exhibits should be placed in order of merit as they were placed in the age-group classes unless the Judge instructs otherwise.
12. The Steward must ensure that each exhibitor has an equal opportunity to show his/her dog to the best advantage.
13. If the Judge should reverse a previous decision, it is the duty of the ring Steward to tactfully ask the Judge whether he/she is aware of such reversal –before the Judge enters the order of judging in the Judge's Book.
14. The Steward must ensure that exhibits do not leave the ring until the results of a class have been announced. A copy of the results of each class, duly signed by the Judge must be handed to the show Secretary for public announcement.
15. The Steward must ensure that rating cards (where applicable), ribbons and prizes are handed to the Judge so that they may be presented in the ring.

## Addendum 4

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### JUDGES' TRAINING COURSE

1. The Panel of Judges will at their discretion offer a judges' training course from time to time.
2. The Panel of Judges will determine, from time to time, the applicable fee for the judges' training course.
3. Only FBCSA accredited ring stewards may enroll for a judges' training course.
4. Prior to the enrolment, candidates may be required to submit a motivation on why he/she wants to become a judge.
5. The Panel of Judges will appoint, at their discretion, lecturers for the topics presented at a judges' training course.
6. A "Candidate Judge" is a person who is attending a training course presented by the Panel of Judges.
7. The judges' training course shall consist of the following topics:
  - Responsibilities of Judges
  - History of the Boxer
  - Basic Anatomy
  - Basic Genetics
  - Standard of the Boxer (FCI No. 144)
  - Conformation and Movement
  - Ratings and Critiques
  - Show Rules for Breed shows
  - Live Dog Assessment
8. Theoretical and practical examinations in the following subjects must be successfully completed (pass rates in parenthesis):
  - ◆ Responsibilities of Judges (70%)
  - ◆ History of the Boxer (50%)
  - ◆ Anatomy (65%)
  - ◆ Genetics (50%)
  - ◆ The Boxer Standard (75%)

- ◆ Conformation and Movement (75%)
  - ◆ Ratings and Critiques (75%)
  - ◆ Rules for Breed Shows (65%)
  - ◆ Live Dog Assessment (75%)
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- ◆ A number of Live Dog Assessments must be attended as determined by the Panel of Judges from time to time
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9. A “Judge-in-Training” is a person who has passed the examinations as laid down by the Panel of Judges and is qualified to judge match meetings.
  10. A **minimum** of two match meetings with an entry of not less than 15 Boxers must be judged before accreditation. At the discretion of the Panel of Judges a judge-in-training can be asked to officiate at more than two match meetings before accreditation.

## Addendum 5

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### BREED STANDARD TEST CONFORMATION JUDGES' COURSE

1. The Panel of Judges will at their discretion offer a judges' course for breed standard test conformation judges from time to time.
2. The Panel of Judges will determine, from time to time, the applicable fee for such a course
3. Only FBCSA accredited breed judges may enroll for this course.
4. The Panel of Judges will, at their discretion, appoint lecturers for the topics presented at this course.
5. A "Candidate Breed Standard Test Conformation Judge" is a person who is attending such a training course.
6. The breed standard test conformation judge's' course shall consist of the following:
  - ◆ Discussion on the Standard and the evaluation of conformation and movement in a breed standard test
  - ◆ Practical applications of:
    - Marshaling of participants
    - Establishment of eye colour and bite formula
    - Movement evaluation
    - Test for steadiness to gunshot
    - Body measurements
    - Conformation evaluation
    - Summary of general impressions
    - Breeding recommendations and ratings
7. Theoretical and practical assessments in the following subjects must be successfully completed (pass or fail). At least two accredited breed standard test conformation judges shall adjudicate.
  - ◆ Marshaling of participants
  - ◆ Establishment of eye colour and bite formula
  - ◆ Movement evaluation
  - ◆ Test for steadiness to gunshot

- ◆ Body measurements
  - ◆ Conformation evaluation
  - ◆ Summary of general impressions
  - ◆ Breeding recommendations and ratings
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- ◆ A number of Live Dog Assessments must be attended as determined by the Panel of Judges from time to time.
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8. A “Breed Standard Test Conformation Judge-in-Training” is a person who has passed the examinations as laid down by the Panel of Judges and is qualified to officiate as trial stewards at breed standard tests.
  9. A “Breed Standard Test Conformation Judge-in-Training” must have officiated as breed standard test trial steward at least once before accreditation.