

Rules Applying to Dog Shows

A. Definitions

1. Mixed Breed Dog Clubs of America will be designated as MBDCA in these regulations.
2. Show: A Show must have at least one judge approved by MBDCA for each level of obedience and, if offered, must have a judge approved by MBDCA for Mixed Breed Conformation.
 1. A Specialty Show is open only to dogs registered with MBDCA.
 2. An Open Show is open to all mixed breed and purebred dogs.
 3. A Fun Match is any event which does not meet the requirements for a Show, provided the judge is not approved by MBDCA. The terminology is not important (Run Through, Show-n-Go, etc.) as long as the team is treated as though this were an official trial and receives a score. Group exercises may be held in a separate ring provided the original judge officiates, or the group judge is also an approved MBDCA judge.
3. The immediate family is defined as: parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, siblings, spouse, and in-laws.

B. Judges

1. A judge's decision is final in all matters. A judge may withhold any or all prizes if he feels the dog is not deserving.
2. A judge must not be required to judge more than 100 dogs per day nor may he be required to judge for more than 4 hours without a break.
3. A judge must not allow any person in the ring unless the person is exhibiting or serving in an official capacity and must not allow any dog to be in the ring which is not being exhibited or receiving a score.
4. A judge is required to inform MBDCA of any violations of these rules by any member or chapter.
5. A judge must not judge his own dogs, a dog owned or co-owned by any member of his immediate family, or any dog who has been trained or regularly instructed by the judge within 6 months prior to the show.
6. At an Open or Specialty Show, one judge may judge all classes if the judge is approved by MBDCA for those classes.
7. Judges should not be expected to wait for dogs. Being at the ring on time is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

C. Entries

1. The fee must be sent with the entry completed on the official entry blank (or an exact copy) sent by the chapter holding the show. The entry must be received by the close of the entry date printed in the premium list.
2. The entry form should include: the dog's registered name; birth date (month, day, year) or approximate if unknown; sex; classes entered; dog's registration number; name of the sponsoring chapter; date, time, and place of the show; and waiver of club's responsibility to be signed by the owner listed on the registration certificate.
3. Any change needed in the entry form must be sent to the Show Secretary, in writing, before the closing day of entries.

D. Excused

1. A dog which does not complete any exercise or class will be excused.
2. A dog which is excused must receive no awards for that class.
3. When a judge excuses a dog he must so note on the Judge's Certification Form and/or in the judge's book.
4. A dog which is in pain must be excused.
5. A judge must excuse any dog which cannot be controlled by the handler.

E. Disqualifications

1. A dog which is disqualified must receive no awards at that show.
2. When a judge finds a disqualifying condition he will so note on the Judge's Certification Form and/or in the Judge's Book.
3. Any dog attacking or attempting to attack or bite any person or another dog in the ring must be disqualified.
4. Any handler who deliberately interferes with another handler or his dog must be disqualified.
5. Any handler who abuses his dog while on the show grounds must be disqualified. This includes overly harsh corrections or any conduct towards a dog that would be prejudicial against the sport.
6. Any dog showing symptoms of having been drugged or treated in any way harmful to the dog must be disqualified.

F. Ineligible Dogs

1. No dog may be entered for legs or points in Specialty Shows sanctioned by MBDCA unless that dog is registered with MBDCA.
2. A dog cannot earn an MBDCA title or degree unless registered with MBDCA.

G. Other

1. All dogs at a show must be kept on leash or confined while on the show grounds.
2. Any person entering a dog at any show sanctioned by MBDCA does so at his own risk and must abide by these regulations.
3. All exhibitors are responsible for acquainting themselves with these Regulations. Ignorance of the Regulations is the fault of the exhibitor, not of MBDCA or its chapters.
4. Exhibitors should show consideration for those handlers in the ring. There should be no loud or distracting activities on the show grounds, and a clear area of 6 feet around all ring boundaries should be maintained.
5. The MBDCA Board of Directors will consider any changes to the Regulations twice a year. Any suggested changes should be submitted in writing to the MBDCA Board.
6. A rule change will go into effect 30 days after approval.