



ACHA – WCCHR BENCH SHOW RULES

Classes

Junior – 6 months and up to 2 years old. (A Dog becomes a Sr. on its 2nd Birthday)

Senior – Over 2 years old.

Show Champion & Grand Show Champion (can show in Senior Class at the Club Level) - **Only if there is no other SC or SGC competition.**

All dogs must be registered with ACHA-WCCHR.

Order of Competition

When you have more than 1 dog represented in a class from the same breed, you must determine “Best of Breed” before competing for “Best of Show”

Classes show in this order:

Males – Junior, Senior-SC-GSC and Females – Junior, Senior-SC-GSC

Black & Tan

Bluetick

English

Plott

Redbone

Treeing Walker

Leopard

The winner of “Best of Breed” Junior and Senior-Champion-Grand Champion, respectively, would then come back for Best of Show Junior (Male & Female), and Senior (Male & Female), Champion & Grand Champion.

Every Bench Show at the Club level could have six (6) “Best of Show” Winners. (Junior Male, Senior Male, Junior Female and Senior Female, Champion & Grand Champion)

Clubs may choose to bring the “Best of Show” winners back for an Overall winner. This is not required as there are no points toward titles earned for the Overall Award.

ACHA Little World & World Shows

Will follow the same format with the following exception:

Senior, Show Champion and Grand Show Champion will show in separate classes regardless of number of entries.

There will be an Overall awarded from the “Best of Show” winners.

Show Champion and Grand Show Champion Requirements

Dog **must have competition** in their respective class to receive “Best of Show”

Three (3) “Best of Show” wins makes a dog a Show Champion.

Three (3) more, total of six (6) “Best of Show” wins makes a dog a Grand Show Champion.

All six (6) “Best of Shows” cannot be under the same judge.

Dogs not allowed in Bench show

Female dogs in season will not be permitted to show.

If it is determined during the show a female is in season, dog will be excused.

Dogs that have been castrated or spayed will not be permitted to show.

Dogs will be excused if it is determined during show to have been castrated or spayed.

Owners, Handlers, and Spectators

The handler should be able to gait dog so that judge may evaluate movement.

The handle should be able to show the dog’s bite to the judge.

Youth Handlers may ask for assistance in getting their dog on the bench.

Owners, handlers or spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.

Any person intimidating, threatening or injuring a Bench Show participant, Judge, Club Officer or Representative may be barred for no less than one (1) year up to life from any ACHA licensed events.

Judge(s)

The Judge(s) is in charge of the show and their decision is final.

The Judge(s) has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.

The Judge(s) will evaluate the dogs while being gaited and shown on the bench.

The Judge(s) may excuse any dog for fighting or attempting to bite a dog, or person.

The Judge(s) may disqualify any dog for unsportsmanlike behavior by the handler.

The Judge(s) has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

Local Clubs

The club shall follow the above rules for holding a bench show.

The club shall select an individual who is qualified to judge. 3 person panel not required.

Note: Preferably not the same judge for every show, as dogs cannot earn titles by earning all wins under the same judge.

The club is responsible for having an area to hold the bench show, with ample room for gaiting dogs and adequate benches for dogs to be shown on.

The club shall record Best of Show winners on the Bench Show Report.

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