

GROOMING SHOW - COMPETITION RULES

Competition level division

There is only 1 level of competition. Classes are not intended for advanced groomers.

Open to all competitors who have not won 2 Best in Show or 2 Best All-Around groomer titles from any division OR three first placements from the entry division at **live** grooming competition shows. Intermediate level competitors who have not won multiple placements in the division Recommended for groomers who have never competed and/or possess novice -grooming skills. Handlers, conformation show exhibitors, certifiers and grooming instructors are not permitted to compete. This does not apply to new handlers who have not handled a breed to championship.

FIRST TIMER: A special award in each class, dedicated to competitors who have never competed in **live** grooming competitions prior to registration.

Check In

- Competition check in & set up opens 30 minutes prior to pre-judging start time.
- Contestants should arrive with their dog at check in station 30 to 60 minutes prior to competition start time.
- Contestants must supply and set up tables and all tools required, dogs must be leashed or kenneled and under control at all times.
- Check in station closes 15 minutes prior to competition start time.
- Contestants who have not checked in 15 minutes before contest start time will not be permitted to compete.

Grooming Equipment

1. Flame devices are not permitted in the competition ring, the prep area or the bathing and drying area.
2. Hair dryers are not permitted in the competition ring unless stated
3. Holding crates are not permitted in the competition ring.
4. Personal grooming tables and equipment must be removed from the ring after each class unless stated otherwise by the show promoter.
5. A few tables are available to be reserved in advance

Strictly Prohibited in the Competition Ring

1. Use of cell phones or any devices other than for recording live during the online competition
2. Any background noise such as radios, televisions, people or pets
3. Smoking in the competition ring.
4. Standing on the grooming tables.
5. Coaching by anyone, at any time, during the competition, including any breaks.
6. Visual or written grooming instructions.

Professional Image and Conduct

1. Competitors must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Using unprofessional language, attitude and body language will be considered unprofessional conduct.
2. Due to the nature of the event, you are welcome to promote your place of work, through self promotion. This includes displaying your logo on grooming apparel, displaying business cards or other promotional material in designated area.

Conversations During the Competition

Competitors must refrain from conversing with others during the competition. Conversations between contestants may be a distraction to other competitors and judges.

Professional Styling Station

Competitors must maintain a safe and organized styling station for the competition dog at all times during the contest. Open scissors left on the table, for example, will be considered a safety issue for the competition dog and will be considered as unsafe working conditions.

Professional Handling

Competitors must practice safe and gentle handling when applying technical skills, such as brushing and hand stripping. Aggressively holding the skin on the dog and/or aggressive brushing techniques would be considered unsafe handling.

1. Competitors must not leave the competition dog unattended on the grooming table. A dog jumping or falling off the grooming table will be considered unsafe handling.
2. Competitors must take care not to adjust the safety loop too high or attach the safety loop incorrectly and place the pet in danger. Adjusting the safety loop too high or too low in an unsafe manner.

Professional Technical Skills Application

Competitors must apply technical skills with safety. Clipper burns, nicks and/or cuts that are discovered on the dog during the judging procedures will be considered unsafe technical application. Competitor may be disqualified from the class if his/her competition dog is injured by unsafe technical skills.

Class Eligibility

This class is open to first time, novice, and beginner intermediate in a class they have never competed or placed in.

Prizes Awarded

1st, 2nd and 3rd, in each division. First Timer in each class

Techniques allowed

Clipping
Scissoring
Thinning
Handstripping
Hand plucking
Carding

***Terriers may be clippered or handstripped

Time Frames

Any Other Purebred

- Up to 17" 1.75 hours
- 17.1"-23" 2 hours
- Over 23.1" 2.25 hours

Mystery Groom (includes all prep work, including bathing and drying)

- Up to and including 17": 2.75 hours
- Over 17" 3 hours

Poodle

- 11" and under: 1.5 hours
- 11.1"-17": 1.75 hours
- 17.1"-23": 2.0 hours
- 23.1" and over: 2.25 hours.

Salon Freestyle

- Up to and including 17":1.75 hours
- Over 17" 2 hours

Salon Creative - Available October 1/2022

Suitable for salon use, must be completed in the ring

- Up to and including 17":1.75 hours
- Over 17" 2 hours

Sporting

- Clipped: 1.75 hours
- Stripped: 2.0 hours

Terrier (add 15 minutes if stripped)

- Up to 17": 1.5 hours
- 17.1"-23": 1.75 hours
- 23.1" and over: 2.0 hours.

Judging Considerations

1. Overall finish
2. Degree of difficulty
3. Handling of animal
4. Overall change in appearance
5. Style to suit dogs personality and structure
6. Techniques that enabled the best outcome for the dogs coat type and starting condition

Warnings and Disqualifications

Competitors will receive a warning for:

- Inappropriate language and attitude
- Skin abrasions such as clipper burns, nicks, or cuts.
- Handstripping, plucking, dematting in a non-compassionate manner
- Dog left unattended on grooming table
- Dog jumping or falling off grooming table
- Rough handling of dog
- Unsafe working conditions
- Unsafe handling of animal under your care
- Lifting of dog by tail strictly prohibited
- Use of cell phones, radios and headsets
- Standing on grooming tables
- Standing on chairs to groom
- Coaching by anyone, at any time during the competition
- A second warning may result in disqualification. All judges' decisions are final.

Competition End

- Contestants should remove hair, tools and equipment from the grooming table.
- A comb should be placed on the table for judges use
- Contestants may comb their dogs after scissors down, prior to and after judging.

- Contestants may use finishing sprays to freshen up their dogs after scissors down, prior to and after judging. Reshaping or styling with hair spray, products or water is prohibited.
- Contestants should stack and present their dog for the judges

Refunds

All sales are final after invoiced.

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