

EAST AFRICA KENNEL CLUB SHOW REGULATIONS



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Show Regulations of the East Africa Kennel Club (hereafter referred to as the EAKC)

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Defined Terms

In these regulations unless the context requires otherwise

- a. Words importing the male sex shall include the female
- b. Words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.
- c. The word month shall mean calendar month
- d. The council means a duly constituted meeting of the council of the EAKC and, if and so far as any powers of the council have been delegated, includes the delegated authority
- e. Delegated authority means sub-committee of the council or any other body to whom powers have been delegated constitutionally.
- f. A Club means any Club, Society, Association, or any other duly registered body, promoting a show, exhibition, field trial, working trial, obedience test or any other test, and its duly appointed committee responsible for the executive work of the club.
- g. A show means a Show at which dogs are exhibited for competition or awards.
- h. A Prize is a reward of any description offered for competition for which an entry fee is charged.
- i. A Special Prize is a reward of any description offered for competition for which **no** entry fee is charged.
- j. A Challenge Certificate is a Certificate offered by the EAKC at selected shows for dogs of Outstanding Merit.
- k. A Reserve Challenge Certificate is a Certificate awarded by a judge to a dog which in his opinion merits a Challenge Certificate, but which has been beaten by the Challenge Certificate winner.
- l. A Champion Certificate is a Certificate awarded by the EAKC to dogs which have won three Challenge Certificates at three (3) different shows under Three(3) different judges, provided that at least one of the Challenge Certificates was awarded when the dog was more than twelve (12) months of age. Except that at least 2 of the challenge certificates must have been awarded when the dog was more than 12 months of age in the case of breeds limited by weight or height, including Miniature Dachshunds (all coats), Miniature Schnauzers, Miniature Poodles, Toy Poodles and miniature Bull Terriers.
- m. The title Champion (Ch.) shall attach to any Hound, Terrier, Utility, Working or Toy dog awarded a Champion Certificate.
 - i. The title of Show Champion (Sh. Ch.) shall attach to a Gundog awarded a Champion Certificate but if the Gundog has obtained more than one Certificate of Merit regardless of places in either Open or Novice stakes in Working Tests or Field Trials under the rules of the EAKC, the title of Champion shall attach to the dog.
 - ii. The title Field Trial Champion (FT. Ch.) shall attach to a Gundog which has been awarded three first places with Certificates of Merit by two (2) approved judges in the Open Stakes in Working Tests or Field Trials under the rules of the EAKC
 - iii. The title Dual Champion (Dual Ch.) shall attach to a Gundog which is both a Show Champion and a Field Trial Champion.
 - iv. The title Obedience Champion (Ob. Ch.) shall attach to a dog that has been awarded an Obedience Champion Certificate.
- n. A Breeder's Diploma is a Diploma issued by the EAKC to the breeder of a Champion Dog.
- o. An exhibitor is the person in whose name the entry is made, and who must also be the registered owner.

Regulations

1. Recognised Shows

Recognised Shows under EAKC Rules and Regulations are those held under licence or sanction granted by the Council of the EAKC, or Matches permitted by the Council of the EAKC

Shows held under Licence consist of:

- a. **Championship Shows** which are Open Shows at which the EAKC Challenge Certificates are offered.
- b. **Open Shows** at which there is no restriction as to exhibitors making entries in such classes as provided.
- c. **Limited Shows** which are restricted to Members of Clubs or Societies or to exhibitors within specified areas, or otherwise.

Shows held under Sanction are:

- a. **Sanction Shows** at which no Class higher than Postgraduate may be offered. (Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes are not allowed).
- b. **Matches** between dogs which are the property of a member of a Club or Society authorised to hold the Match.
- c. **Exemption Shows** conducted in connection with Agricultural and Horticultural shows, Fetes and the like, consisting of not more than four (4) classes of dogs, which need not be registered.

2. Permission to Hold Shows

The council of the EAKC shall have power to grant, withhold, or cancel permission to hold any show in accordance with the regulations for the time being in force relating to the same.

3. Application

- a. The application for a licence to hold a show must be lodged with the Executive Officer of the EAKC Nairobi, at least two(2) months before the proposed date of the Show, with the appropriate fee.
The application form must be signed by the Chairman of the Committee of the Show, the Treasurer of the Show, the Secretary of the show and up to three (3) members of the Committee of the Show. The above officers must also give their full addresses and such application signed by such officers shall be construed as an undertaking by each of them to bind themselves jointly and severally to hold and conduct the Show under and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the East Africa Kennel Club and to abide by and adopt any decision of the Council of the EAKC or any authority to whom the Council of the EAKC may delegate its powers. Such application shall also be taken as an agreement by such officers and each of them, that any decision given against them or any of them under EAKC Rules may be communicated by the Executive Officer of the EAKC to the secretaries of Dog Shows, Field Trials, Obedience Trials, Working Trials and Societies registered with the EAKC together with a report of the proceedings in the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions. Any notice sent by registered post or email to any such officers at the addresses given by them on the said application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice on the part of the EAKC or any authority to which the Council of the EAKC may delegate its power. The Secretary, Manager and/or Committee of a show shall be responsible for the payment of any fines imposed.
- b. Particulars of the Showground or Hall must be provided containing details of the space for benching and judging, and such other particulars as may be required by the council of the EAKC (See regulation 17a)
- c. At all Shows where judging is intended to take place in the open air, particulars must be given of the arrangements which will be made for judging of the breeds for which Challenge certificates have be granted, in the event of rain.

4. Offer of Guarantees

No Person may make, nor may a Show Executive accept, any offer of guarantee or special prize or donation if the offer is made with a condition that a specified person is appointed to Judge, and should such offer be received, the Show Executive must report particulars to the EAKC

A Show Executive may only accept guarantees, special prizes or a donation with a specified person as Judge from registered breed societies. In such cases the selection of a Judge must have been made by the committee of the breed society or by a properly conducted ballot of the members of the Breed Society.

5. Schedule

The Show Committee or their authorised manager must issue a schedule of the Show, two (2) draft copies of which must be sent for approval to the Executive Officer of the EAKC fourteen days before printing. At the same time, the Show Secretary shall ask for a copy of the EAKC list of Suspended Persons.

- a) The Schedule must contain among other things: -
 - i. Definitions of Classes and such Classes as are defined in the regulations for the definitions of classes must be inserted in the order of these regulations. No Class May be provided unless a Definition of the Class is given in the Schedule.
 - ii. The names of the Judges of each breed.
 - iii. A copy or extract from the EAKC Regulations as in force at the time of publication
 - iv. The following announcements in the Regulations for the show:
 - The definite hour of closing of the show for each day of its continuance.
 - Dogs may be removed before the time advertised
 - If the programme has been completed earlier than anticipated
 - If a veterinary surgeon (who is not the owner of the dog) considers that for health, or other reasons the dog should be removed.
 - If the Show Manager considers the reason for early removal adequate. The Show Manager shall be empowered to decide whether or not the reason given for removal of the dog is acceptable. Should the animal concerned be required for group judging whether Red Rosette winners, or Best Puppies, every effort should be made to find out whether it is really necessary to remove the dog
- b. The Schedule of the Show shall be arranged as follows:
 - i. Before the list of classes at a Championship Show it must be clearly stated, in prominent type for which breeds EAKC Challenge Certificates will be offered.
 - ii. In the case of Breeds entered in Any Breed **not** Separately Classified categories, it must be stated that EAKC Challenge Certificates will be offered at the discretion of the EAKC for all Breeds to which Challenge Certificates are offered under The Kennel Club regulations, and for those breeds eligible to receive Challenge Certificates (or the equivalent) in their country of origin.
 - iii. All Special Prizes offered must, if included in the Schedule, follow after the classification or, alternatively, be grouped together on other pages.
- c. The Schedule of the Show is to be treated as the terms of a contract between the Show authorities and the exhibitors, whose acceptance is confirmed by the receipt of a completed entry form by the show organisers. No modifications may be made except by permission of the EAKC
- d. No Classes at any Show can be amalgamated or cancelled, but a show may be abandoned by the permission of the Council of the EAKC.
- e. At Championship Shows, Breeds for which no classification is offered may be entered in the classes for Any Breed Not Separately Classified of the respective Group and each Breed so entered will be allocated its own classes after entries have closed.
- f. At Championship Shows, separate classes must be offered for all Breeds and varieties of Breeds likely to be entered in the show. Additional Varieties of Breeds which may be entered in

Championship Shows, will be allocated under their own classes if entered in the Any Breed not Separately Classified category of their respective Group. The purpose of this regulation is to ensure that separate classes are provided for each breed and Variety of Breed.

- g. At Championship Shows, at least one Open Class shall be provided for all Breeds on the Schedule, an Open Class for each sex for the Breeds in which Challenge Certificates are offered and a minimum of two (2) other Classes.
- h. A copy of the Schedule, together with a copy of the EAKC Show Regulations must be sent to each confirmed overseas judge for all shows held under EAKC Auspices.

6. Entry for Exhibition

- a. Entries for a Show must close at the time indicated in the Schedule. Entries received by post bearing the postmark of the date for closing of entries may be accepted. In case of violation of this regulation the Secretary or Manager, or both, shall be held responsible and may be dealt with under rule 12.
 - i. EAKC Registered Dogs – a dog must, at the time of entry for a Show, be solely and unconditionally the property of the exhibitor, and must, at the time of exhibition, be registered in the exhibitors name at the EAKC, or such application for registration must have been received by the EAKC Executive officer prior to the closing date for entry. In case of partnership, the full name of each partner must be given. A dog entered at a Show may be sold and exhibited as the Purchaser's property provided that a transfer has been registered before the Show, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Rules and Conditions of the original form and notified the Show Secretary.
 - ii. Registration Pending – East Africa Bred Dogs for which application for registration has been submitted to the EAKC by the closing date of the entries but no EAKC registration certificate yet issued, may be entered in the Show by placing the letters "R. A. F" (Registration applied for) in the column marked "EAKC Registered Number".
 - iii. Registration Pending – Imported Dogs for which application for registration has been submitted to the EAKC by the closing date for entries may also be entered as "R. A. F.". However, if the Official (Export) Pedigree of an imported dog has not been furnished to the EAKC within one year of the dog's arrival in East Africa, that dog will no longer be eligible for exhibition as "R. A. F.", nether will it be eligible to receive a Champion Certificate, until such time as the Official (export) Pedigree has been presented for registration. Permission to exhibit dogs which have been bred in a country where there is no canine governing body will be entirely at the discretion of the Council.
 - iv. Registration Pending – Class III – Dogs with class III registration pending cannot be entered in any Show held under EAKC Regulations unless permission in writing has been sought from and granted by the Council.
- b. Separate entry forms must be filled in for each breed of each exhibitor and must be signed by the exhibitor or his authorised agent in accordance with the provision specified thereon. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Entries will not be included in the Catalogue if the entry fee has not been paid by the closing date for entries.
- c. No official may fill in any entry form except his own or alter any entry form after the entry has been made.
- d. Exhibits at unrecognised Shows automatically become disqualified for entry at any Shows held under the permission of the Council of the EAKC
- e. A Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse any entry on reasonable grounds.
- f. In the case of a dog owned in partnership and entered in Members' Classes or competing for Members' Specials, including Club Trophies, each member of such partnership must be a member of such Association, Club, or Society at the time of Entry.
- g. Puppies under three (3) calendar months are not eligible for exhibition.

- h. In estimating the number of prizes won, all wins prior to midnight on the day specified for closing of entries shall be counted when entering any class. Wins in Variety Classes do not count for entry in Breed Classes. If an award is won after the closing date for entries which disqualifies a dog from a Class in which it has been entered, the dog shall be withdrawn from that class and moved into the next class for which it is eligible.
- i. A dog is not eligible for entry in Variety classes unless also entered in a Breed Class. Exemptions from this regulation are (a) Puppy, unless a Class for dogs under 12 months of age for which it is eligible is provided for the Breed (b) a dog in Any Breed Field Trial Class, (c) a dog in Any Breed Veteran Class. For the purpose of this regulation, any Breed Not Separately Classified shall count as a Breed Class.
- j. If a dog is entered at a Show after disqualification, the exhibitor is liable to the payment of a fine imposed by the council.
- k. A dog which has been registered at the EAKC with date of birth "Unknown" or partly unknown shall not be eligible to compete in classes for which there is an age limit.
- l. Bitches in season are eligible for Show, but not for competition at Obedience Tests, Working Tests or Field Trials.
- m. Monorchids, cryptorchids, castrated dogs and spayed bitches are eligible for exhibition and will be judged at the discretion of the judge.
- n. Entry Form Errors
 - i. If an exhibitor reports before judging of a Class or Classes that he has entered a dog which is ineligible:
 - ii. As regards its Breed, colour, sex, weight or height, the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent Class or Classes for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height and in the event of there being no equivalent class, to the Open class for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height.
 - iii. For any reason other than the above, the show secretary shall transfer it to the Open Class.
- o. Entry fees for a dog entered in, but not sent to, a show will be forfeit, unless the dog is withdrawn before the closing date of entries.

7. Free Passes for Exhibitors

The Committee of a Show shall provide every exhibitor with a free pass to enable him to enter the Show at any time during its continuance. Each competitor will receive a free catalogue and depending on the number of dogs entered, two or more free tickets. With one(1) to two(2) dogs entered, 2 free tickets are issued, for every 3rd dog after this, an additional free ticket is issued (i.e. 5-7dogs = 3tickets, 8-10dogs = 4tickets, 11-13dogs = 5tickets etc).

8. Exhibits Only to be Allowed in Shows

No animal other than an exhibit shall be allowed within the precincts of a Dog Show during its continuance except by permission of the EAKC

9. Height and Weight Classes

Where competition is subject to a height limit, the Show Executive must provide properly constructed measuring sticks and must provide for miniature-, and Toy Poodles, fixed bridge type metal measures of the prescribed maximum height. Before it receives a Class Prize or Reserve at a Show, a Miniature or Toy Poodle must be measured with the appropriate measure on a hard, level surface by the judge making the award. If it fails to comply with the height limit to which it is subject, the judge shall mark his judging book accordingly. In case of a dispute, the decision of the judge is final.

Similarly, where competition is subject to a weight limit, the Show Executive must provide suitable scales. If the dog fails to comply with the weight limit the judge shall mark the Judging Book accordingly. In case of dispute, the decision of the Judge is final.

10. Catalogue

- a. The Show Committee or its authorised Manager must publish a Catalogue which contains entries similar to those required in the Schedule (under Regulation 5), plus full particulars of each exhibit as given on the entry form by the exhibitor. The catalogue must be arranged on the same lines as the Schedule.
- b. The Catalogue must be arranged so that at the beginning of each breed classification there is an alphabetical index containing the names of exhibitors, the name and full particulars of each exhibit, and the number of the class in which it is entered, giving a separate line to the name of each exhibitor.
- c. The email address of each exhibitor must appear either in the index referred to above or elsewhere in the Catalogue.
- d. The numbering order of the Classes in the Catalogue and Judging Book must follow that of the Schedule.
- e. Each breed which has been entered in Any Breed – Not Separately Classified shall, after the close of entries be allocated its own Classes identical to those scheduled for Any Breed – Not Separately Classified but distinguished by a letter following the class number. The Breeds so entered shall be placed in alphabetical order, and the distinguishing letters shall be allocated accordingly.

11. Organisation of Show Premises

The Show Executive must make provision for the following:

- a. Judging rings which must contain at least 500sq feet of clear floor space and be not less than 16ft in width. Each ring must have some form of enclosure and no one except the officials of the Show, the Judge and those in charge of the dogs being judged at the time must be allowed within the enclosure. Should the enclosure be formed by seats, those occupying the seats will not be considered to be within the enclosure and there must be a gangway on two (2) sides, or seating accommodation must be provided on three sides of the ring.
- b. At all entrances for dogs, bowls containing disinfectant or soap and water for the use of veterinary surgeons during their examinations of dogs must be provided.
- c. A table or form of ramp must be provided for Veterinary inspection at each entrance where dogs are permitted.
- d. Stewards must be provided to assist Veterinary Surgeons during the examination of dogs entering the show. Such stewards shall keep a record of dogs which are refused admission and shall hand this record to the Show Secretary. They shall also report to the Show manager or Show Secretary any exhibitor presenting a dog for veterinary inspection whose ring number does not appear on the Veterinary list. Until clearance is obtained from the Show Manager or Show Secretary, the dog may not enter the showground.
- e. Entry forms for all exhibitors and a copy of the EAKC Show Regulations must be available on the show premises throughout the duration of the show.

12. Benching (where applicable)

- a. At Championship Shows the exhibits must be benched or secured in a manner approved by the council of the EAKC
- b. If an exhibitor has more than one breed, his exhibits must be numbered and benched consecutively.
- c. No person may interfere in any way with the benching as erected in accordance with this regulation and in particular the partitions as erected between one pen and another, must not be removed under any circumstances.
- d. Where there is a double row of benching, the gangway between each row must be at least 10ft. wide and where there is a single row of benches the gangway must be at least 7ft. wide.

13. Disinfection

The Show Committee or its authorised Manager shall, before receiving any dog at a show, cause all benches, pens and utensils to be properly disinfected and must see that the proper disinfection is maintained during the show.

14. Veterinary Examination

- a. At least one qualified Veterinary Surgeon or Practitioner must be appointed to a Show except a Sanction Show or Match held anywhere other than the EAKC Show ground. No dog suffering from an infections or contagious disease shall be allowed to enter or remain in the show. The veterinary Surgeon or Practitioner shall:
 - i. Examine all dogs that enter the show ground
 - ii. Cover the aspects of general health only and refuse entry to any dog considered to be suffering from malnutrition, skin trouble of any sort or suspected to be suffering from any disease or illness.
 - iii. Refuse entry to bitches in season when entered in obedience classes only.
 - iv. Not be concerned with problems of Monorchids, Cryptorchids, castrated dogs or spayed bitches, as cases of this nature must be left to the discretion of the judge and a dog falling into any of these categories should be allowed entry if considered to be in good health.
 - v. Under no condition adjudicate in disputes between exhibitors or between judge and exhibitor but refer the disputants to the Show Manager.
- b. Every exhibit must be submitted to the Veterinary Surgeon or Practitioner for examination at the entrance of the Show, at which time a valid rabies certificate must be presented.
- c. In exceptional circumstances, the Show Management may give permission for an exhibitor to take his dog to a Veterinary Surgeon off the showground for examination.
- d. Once a dog has been refused admission by a Veterinary Surgeon or practitioner, it shall not be resubmitted for examination and shall not be permitted to enter the show, except that a bitch in season, which is entered for Breed Classes and Obedience Classes on separate days of the show may be resubmitted for examination the second day with the permission of the Veterinary Surgeon making the examination on the first day.

15. Exclusion of Dogs

A Show Committee shall have the power to exclude or remove any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition.

A judge may order an exhibit to be removed from the ring during the judging of any class if in his opinion the exhibit is unsafe or uncontrollable, or unfit for exhibition for any reason. If such exclusion takes place, the entry fee will be forfeit.

If in the opinion of the Council of the EAKC a dog is not fit for exhibition owing to its savage disposition, such a dog shall not be eligible for exhibition at any show held under EAKC rules.

16. Exhibition of dogs suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease

If any dog is exhibited which has been exposed to the risk of any contagious or infectious disease during the period of six weeks prior to exhibition, and/or if any dog shall be proving to be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease whilst at a Show, including contagious results of inoculations against distemper, the exhibitor thereof shall be liable to be dealt with under the EAKC Disciplinary Code.

17. Exhibition of Dogs

- a. No dog shall be absent from its bench except for the purpose of being judged, exercised, or by order of the Veterinary Surgeon or a Member of the Show Committee.
- b. No dog shall be absent from its bench for the purpose of being exercised at any time for longer than fifteen (15) minutes

- c. No dog shall be exhibited in a ring except on a lead without the express permission of the Judge.
- d. No dog shall be exhibited in a harness.
- e. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars or prong collars is not permitted at or within the precincts of any show licensed by the EAKC.
- f. No dog shall be allowed in a judging ring other than actual exhibits in the Class being judged.
- g. Any member of the Show Committee may require any dog not in its bench to be placed on a lead or otherwise adequately controlled.
- h. Prize Cards, Award Cards, or Rosettes may be displayed on the bench, but not in the ring, except in Group and/or Best in Show Classes.
- i. Spectators may not attract a dog's attention whilst it is being shown. Failure to observe this rule may result in the dog being disqualified. The ring steward is directed to draw the judge's attention to this fact should any infringement of this rule be noticed.
- j. Those taking part in EAKC Licensed/approved events are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards, in accordance with the EAKC Rules and Regulations as published from time to time.
- k. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car parks and approaches.
- l. The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at an EAKC licensed event must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car parks and approaches. This regulation applies before (at any time during the setup period at the venue), during and afterwards (At any time during the breakdown of the event).

18. Regulation for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition

The following Regulations must be observed in connection with the preparation of a dog for exhibition. If a dog is exhibited at a show after having been prepared in contravention of any of the regulation or any part of the Regulation, the owner of that dog and any person who prepared the dog for exhibition or assisted in such preparation in any way renders himself liable to disciplinary action under the EAKC rules and Regulations. A dog exhibited in a condition that contravenes the regulations shall be disqualified from winning any award made to it at the Show.

- a. The chalking, powdering or spraying (with the exception of water) of exhibits within the precincts of the show is forbidden.
- b. No cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissue of the ears or alters the natural formation of a dog may be practiced and nothing may be done calculated in the opinion of the Council of the EAKC to deceive.
Except
 - i. Operations certified to the satisfaction of the Council of the EAKC to be necessary.
 - ii. The removal of dewclaws of any breed.
 - iii. The shortening of tails of the listed Breeds
- c. Dogs with cropped ears may not be shown, except that imported dogs with cropped ears may be exhibited for competition if they have been imported cropped from countries which require or permit cropped ears in their Standard for the Breed. It must be indicated on the EAKCs registration Certificate of such dogs that they have been imported with their ears cropped.
- d. The setting of teeth may not be artificially altered.
- e. No oil, lacquer, greasy or sticky substance which has been used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition shall be allowed to remain in the coat of the dog at the time of exhibition.

The Council of the EAKC may without previous notice order the examination of any dog or dogs at any Show held under its auspices. Any examination thus ordered will be made by a Veterinary Surgeon who

shall have written authority in his possession. The veterinary Surgeon may if necessary, take samples from any dog for further examination or analysis.

Any objection for the infringement of these Regulations must be made to the Show Secretary before the close of the show.

No person not being the owner of a dog competing in the same Breed or its handler has the right to lodge any objection to a dog in that Breed unless he is an official of the show or a member of the EAKC council. Any objection otherwise lodged will be disregarded.

19. Use of Firearms and Sound Amplifiers

The use of firearms, competitive jumping, and any exercise that may be injurious or alarming to the dogs are prohibited, except as especially authorised by the Council of the EAKC

Gun tests may be permitted for German Shepherd Dog Shows only when no other breed is present on the Showground, except in combined Hound/Gundog shows.

The use of sound amplifiers is forbidden except by the Show Committee for administrative purposes.

20. Withdrawal from Competition

After admission to a Show, a dog may not be withdrawn from competition in any class in which it is entered except under the following conditions

- a. If the Judge as announced in the Schedule is changed, the dog may be withdrawn from competition before the commencement of the judging of the Breed and may be removed from the Show by the owner or its accredited agent.
- b. If it is desired to withdraw a dog from competition through illness an application to that effect must be made at once to the Show Manager and if it is thought necessary by the show committee the dog must be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon of the Show. All such cases must be reported the EAKC by the Show Secretary.
- c. In the case of a dog entered in more than one (1) Class, the Judge may permit it to be withdrawn after its first Class. It is not then eligible to enter in any other Class.
- d. Where Classes are judged after the authorised time for removal of exhibits.
- e. A veteran dog declared Best of Breed and awarded a Challenge Certificate may be withdrawn from Variety (Any Breed) Veteran Classes. If so withdrawn, it will remain eligible only for competition for Group/Best in Show judging.

21. Judging & Judges

- a. Judges at EAKC licensed shows must judge in accordance with the Kennel Club Breed Standards. In assessing dogs, judges must penalise any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health or wellbeing of the dog. Judges are also expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations published from time to time.
- b. When a Breed is to be judged in a ring other than that intimated in the catalogue, a notice of the change must be prominently posted in the original ring.
- c. Judges must judge the classes in each breed in the order in which they are entered in the judging book.
- d. The judging of Breeds in which Challenge Certificate are offered must have priority over all other Breeds and Classes.
- e. The Duration of a Show shall be not less than three (3) hours from the advertised time of commencement of judging.
- f. The ring Steward will be responsible for getting the signature of the Judge on the Challenge Certificates and no Challenge Certificate shall be issue until the Judge has signed the Award Card.

- g. A printed slip must be pasted into the Judges Book stating “the Judge is reminded to Withhold Challenge Certificates if he/she does not consider the exhibit worthy of the title “Champion””.
- h. When a Challenge Certificate is offered, this shall take place immediately after judging of Open Classes.
Where a Veteran Class is provided, judging for the Challenge Certificate shall take place following the judging of the Veteran Class.
Any undefeated dog of the Breed concerned may enter the ring to challenge for the Certificate. No Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate shall be awarded to a dog which is not in the ring at the time when the judge makes the award.
Existing Champions are not eligible to challenge for the Certificate with the exception of German Shepherd Dogs.
- i. A judge may not award more than one first prize in any class.
- j. Not more than three (3) judges shall be appointed to adjudicate any prize or special award. When two (2) judges are appointed for any form of competition, the Show Committee must appoint a referee and publish his name in the Schedule.
- k. The Judge’s awards shall be final except in cases of fraud or misrepresentation or where a bona fide mistake has been made by the judge. No alteration of the awards may be made after forty-two (42) clear days have elapsed from the date of the Show without special permission of the EAKC
- l. A Judge shall be empowered to withhold any award, if, in his opinion there is a lack of sufficient merit, but he must mark his judging slips that the award has been withheld.
- m. Before marking awards in the Judging book, the dogs to which awards are being made must be placed in a prominent place in the ring in the order of the judge’s awards.
- n. A Judge must initial any alteration made by him and endorse upon his judging book, slips, letter, or other document, the time and date of making the alterations.
- o. At the conclusion of Judging of the Classes in a breed where Challenge Certificates are offered and Champion Classes have been judged, the Judge must declare which of the exhibits is Best of each Sex and which Best of Sex he considers the Best of Breed, providing that the Challenge Certificate has been awarded. No Best of Breed is declared when both certificates are withheld.
- p. In Breeds where Challenge Certificates are not offered, the Judge of each breed must mark in his book the dogs he declares to be Best of each Sex, and Best of Breed.
- q. Judges must be requested to supply a show Critique on the first three dogs in each Class, a copy of which should be sent to the EAKC office within 21 days of the Show by the Show Organisers of any show authorised by the EAKC
- r. Judges are not permitted to make verbal public commentary on the dogs which they are judging, or have judged at a Show, without prior consent of the Council of the EAKC

22. Challenge Certificates

- a. The Show Secretary must apply for the approval by the EAKC council of all Judges who are to award Challenge Certificates. The names of Judges submitted for approval must be selected by a properly constituted meeting of the Show Committee and, if required evidence of this must be forwarded.
- b. No announcement will be made of the appointment of a Judge for Challenge Certificates until the name of the Judge has been submitted to the Council of the EAKC and the Council has approved the appointment.
- c. Should the Judge named in the Schedule be unable to fulfil his engagement, this fact must be immediately published on the website and via email if time permits.
The Council of the EAKC may in its discretion delegate its authority to any two or more of its members to approve a substitution of Judge or Judges at any Show or Shows. The circumstances of any such substitution must be reported to the Council of the EAKC without delay.
If time does not permit the name of the substitute Judge to appear on the website, the change of Judge shall be clearly announced before judging commences.

Where a change of Judge occurs on the day of the Show and it has not been possible to obtain the approval of the EAKC for the substitute judge, this fact must be clearly announced before judging starts. The EAKC reserves the right to withhold Challenge Certificates or to cancel Challenge Certificates awarded by a substitute Judge who does not meet with its approval.

- d. The Judge shall award a Challenge Certificate to the Best of Sex exhibit entered in the classification for the Breed which is open to all, or to the successful challenger, provided that the Judge is clearly of the opinion that the dog is worthy of the title "Champion". If the Judge is not clearly of that opinion, he must withhold the Challenge Certificate and mark his book accordingly.
- e. In judging dogs for the award of Challenge Certificates, a Judge may award a Reserve Challenge Certificate to a dog or bitch which he considers also worthy of the title of "Champion", but no Reserve Challenge Certificate can be awarded unless a Challenge Certificate has been awarded in the same breed and sex.
- f. The Show Secretary must obtain from the EAKC the award card for each Challenge Certificate and Reserve Challenge Certificate. No other notice regarding a Challenge Certificate may be placed on the bench.
- g. A dog shall not obtain a Challenge Certificate unless it has won a prize in a class confined to its recognised Breed and in accordance with regulations 23 and 24.

23. Special Prizes

A dog must not compete in a Variety Class for a prize of Best in Show, Best of either Sex in Show or Best of specified grouping of Breeds, unless it has competed in a Class for its Breed open to all exhibitors or has been a successful challenger. Except the winner of Best Veteran in Show, if not beaten in a Breed class, is eligible for competition in Group and Best in Show judging.

In all cases of awarding Special Prizes, the Judge shall withhold such Special Prize if, in his opinion, there is a lack of sufficient merit.

24. Competition for Puppy Criterion, Best of Group & Best in Show

- a. Dogs eligible to compete for *Puppy Criterion* are:
 - i. The winners of Puppy Classes. (Where a Puppy Class is provided for the Breed, puppies entered in other classes only and not entered in the Puppy Class are not eligible.)
 - ii. Winners of minor puppy may be chosen by the judge if thought worthy of competing against the Puppy Class winner
 - iii. Where no Puppy Class is provided, the Judge shall nominate the Best Puppy in a Breed.
 - iv. Where separate Puppy Classes are provided for dogs and bitches, the Judge must nominate the better puppy of the two (2).
 - v. The Judging for Best Puppy in Show (Puppy Criterion) shall take place before Group and/or Best in Show Judging.
- b. The Dogs eligible for *Best of Group* are
 - i. Those awarded Best of Breed in their Breed Classes, provided that in a Championship Show such dogs shall have won a Challenge Certificate, except that where no Challenge Certificates are offered to a breed, the Best of Breed shall be eligible to compete for Best of Group (a puppy that wins best of Breed remains eligible even if beaten in the Puppy Criterion).
 - ii. The winner of Best Veteran in Show, if not beaten in a Breed Class.
- c. The dogs eligible to compete for *Best in Show* are
 - i. Where Group Judging has taken place, the Best of each Group., providing that they have not been beaten in any other conformation class.

- ii. When Best in Show has been judged, the Reserve Best of the same Group shall be called in when judging for the Reserve Best in Show.
- iii. Where Group judging has not taken place, dogs which have been awarded Best of Breed in their Breeds and Best Veteran in Show, provided that they have not been beaten in any conformation class except where no Challenge Certificates were offered to a breed, the Best of Breed shall be eligible to compete for Best in Show.
- d. A dog which is entered in Obedience classes only is not eligible to compete for Best in Show, or for any Special Prizes other than those offered in conjunction with Obedience Classes.

25. Objections

An objection to a dog may be made by any person except by one who is under a term of suspension by the EAKC

Objections on the following grounds must be made in writing and delivered to the Show Secretary at the Show. If the objection is made by persons other than the Show Committee, a sum equal to one year's subscription of the EAKC must be deposited at the same time for each exhibit objected to. In the case of an objection to a brace, team or litter, one deposit only is required. The deposit shall not be returned in any event.

- a. Incorrect weight or height or age in a weight, height or age, limit class. The objection may, in the first instance be made verbally to the Judge. It must be followed by the formal objection in writing to the Show Secretary without delay and before the Show closes.
- b. Tampered with, blind, defective in hearing, suffering from any form of contagious disease. The objection must be made before the show closes.
- c. Improperly prepared for exhibition. The Objection must be lodged as soon as possible but in any event before the show closes.

When an objection is lodged, the Show Manager must at once require the owner or handler to bring the dog to the Secretary's office, or any other convenient place appointed by the Show Manager, and then advises him of the terms of the objection. When an objection is on the grounds detailed in (a), (b), and (c) above, the exhibit must not be allowed to leave the showground until it has been examined by a Veterinary Officer or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Show Manager, and this examination must take place in the presence of the Show Manager.

On the day following the show, the Secretary must send the following details to the Executive Officer of the EAKC

- i. A copy of the objection
- ii. The name and address of the objector
- iii. The name and address of the owner of the dog
- iv. The name and address of the veterinary surgeon who made the examination
- v. A written report from the Veterinary Surgeon
- vi. Any other relevant evidence.

The objection will then be dealt with by the Council of the EAKC at a meeting of which all the persons concerned will receive due notice. The decision of the Council of the EAKC shall be final.

Objections lodged on grounds other than those detailed above must be sent direct to the Executive Officer of the EAKC within fourteen (14) days from the last day of the show accompanied by a deposit equal to one year's subscription to the EAKC, which is not refundable.

No objection shall be invalidated solely on the ground that notice has not been duly given, or that any meeting which has not been duly held under this regulation.

26. Disqualifications

A dog is liable to be disqualified from winning any award by the Council of the EAKC whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been:

- a. Exhibited at unrecognised shows
- b. Exhibited by a person disqualified or suspended under rule 12 as from the date of the charge being lodged at the EAKC and for the period of the disqualification or suspension.
- c. Entered in a manner not complying with the classification in the Schedule, or not in accordance with EAKC Rules and Regulations.
- d. Totally blind, afflicted with a tendency to reproduce any condition which in the opinion of the council of the EAKC is hereditary and deleterious, defective in hearing,
- e. Suffering from an infectious or contagious disease or prepared for exhibition in contravention of Regulations
- f. Exhibited for competition by a Judge of that Breed in that Show. Registered or recorded as owned by the Judge within a period of twelve (12) months prior to the Show. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a Judge appointed in an emergency.
- g. Not duly registered or transferred at the EAKC
- h. Imported in contravention of any Law or Regulation for the time being in force in any East African country.
- i. The progeny resulting from the artificial insemination of the bitch, unless prior permission was obtained from the council of the EAKC, and such conditions were complied with it considered advisable to prevent the possibility of fraud.

The owner of a dog disqualified for any of the above reasons is liable to forfeit all entry fees made for such a dog.

27. Order of Merit when dogs are Disqualified

If a prize winner is disqualified, the dogs placed by the Judge next in consecutive order of merit and not lower than Reserve, shall be moved into a higher place in the Prize lists and such placing shall thereupon decide the awards.

If a dog which has been awarded a Challenge Certificate is disqualified the dog which has won the Reserve Challenge Certificate for the same breed and sex shall be awarded the Challenge Certificate. If no Reserve Challenge Certificate has been awarded in that breed and sex, the Challenge Certificate shall be withheld.

28. Entry Forms

- a. All entry forms must be preserved by the Show Committee for at least twelve (12) months from the last day of the Show.

29. Necessary Documents to be Forwarded and Information given to the Executive Officer of the EAKC

The Secretary of a Show must forward the following documents to the Executive Officer of the EAKC within the time specified as follows:

- a. Within three (3) days of publication, two Schedules of the Show, including entry form and any and all enclosures sent therewith to the exhibitors.
- b. Immediately after close of the Show, and by email, return the copy of the EAKC List of Suspended persons

- c. Within three (3) days of close of the Show, two official catalogues of the Show containing a full and correct list of all the entries made thereat and all awards correctly marked thereon. These must be accompanied by the office slips signed by the judge.
- d. Within twenty-eight (28) days of the close of the Show, a copy of the Judge's critique on the first three dogs in each class. (see Show Regulations 23.p)
- e. Upon demand by the Executive Officer of the EAKC, any entry forms or other documents, or any information in connection with any appeal.

30. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct at Shows

The Executive of a Show must immediately report to the Executive Officer of the EAKC any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct or any default or omission at or in connection with the Show which may come under its notice and at the same time forward to the Executive officer of the EAKC all documents and information in connection herewith which may be in its possession or power.

If evidence is placed before the Council of the EAKC to its satisfaction that undue influence has been exercised by any person or that any improper means have been adopted to obtain or interfere with the appointment of a Judge at any show under EAKC rules, the Committee of the Show shall produce all correspondence or evidence in connection with the case to the Council of the EAKC in order that it may deal with the offender(s) under EAKC Rule 16.

31. Penalty for Infringement of EAKC Rules by the Committee.

The Council of the EAKC shall have power to impose a fine not exceeding Ksh10,000/- on the Committee of a show who may have broken EAKC Rules and Regulations in the conduct of a Show.

32. Prize Cards, Ribbons, Rosettes etc.

The cards used to indicate the award of any prize shall be of the dimensions, wording, design and colour approved by the EAKC For Class prizes the wording and all printing shall be in black on card of the following colours

Placing	Colour
First (1st)	Red or Pink
Second (2nd)	Blue
Third (3rd)	Yellow
Reserve	Green
Very Highly Commended (V.H.C.)	White

- a. For all Special Prizes the card shall be White.
- b. Special Cards may be provided for indicating the award of prizes for Best of Breed, Best of Group, and Best in Show (where applicable). Such cards shall be white with printing in red, green and blue respectively.
- c. No ribbon, sash, rosette or similar type of award shall be provided at an EAKC Championship Show for the following awards, except in the following colours.

Placing	Colour
Best of Breed	Red
Best of Group	Green
Best Veteran in Show	Mauve
Best in Show	Dark blue & Light blue
Reserve Best in Show	Blue and Red
Puppy Criterion	Pink & Blue
Open	Maroon
Third BIS	Green & Red

Other show organisers are at liberty to use other colours for these awards at their shows.

33. Definition of Classes at All Shows

- a. A **Variety Class** is one in which more than one breed can compete, but a Class designated as Any Breed Not Separately Classified is judged on Breed Standard and is not a Variety Class.
- b. Wins in **Variety Classes** do not count for entry in Breed Classes but when entering for Variety Classes wins in both **Breed** and **Variety Classes** must be counted.
- c. A first prize means the award given for first place in any Class for which entry fees are paid and such award is dependent upon judging by Breed Standard. A first (1st) prize does not include a first prize in Club Stakes or a Special Prize.
- d. A prize means the award of first (1st), Second (2nd), Third (3rd), Reserve or Very Highly Commended (VHC) in any Class for which entry fees are paid and any such award is dependent on judging by Breed Standard.
- e. No dog is eligible for entry at a Limited or Sanction Show which has won a Challenge Certificate or has obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the Rules and Regulations of the EAKC

34. The Regular Classes

Minor Puppy	For dogs of three (3) and not exceeding six (6) calendar months of age on the first day of the show.
Puppy	For dogs of six (6) and not exceeding twelve (12) calendar months of age on the first day of the show.
Junior	For dogs of six (6) and not exceeding eighteen (18) calendar months of age on the first day of the show.
The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the day preceding the Show. For example, a dog whelped on 1 st January is eligible to compete in a Puppy or Junior Class at a Show, the first day of which is the 1 st of July of the same year and may continue to compete in Puppy Classes at Shows up to and including a Show, the first day of which is 31 st December of the same year, or Junior Classes up to and including a Show, the first day of which is 30 th June of the following year.	
Maiden	For dogs which have not won a first prize at any Show or a Challenge Certificate. Wins in Puppy Classes are excluded.
Novice	For dogs which have not won more than three (3) first prizes at any Show or Shows, or a Challenge Certificate. Wins in Puppy Classes are excluded.
Debutant	For dogs which have not won a first prize at any Show or Shows in the following Classes: Debutant, Undergraduate, Graduate, Postgraduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, Open or a Challenge Certificate.
Undergraduate	For dogs which have not won more than three (3) First prizes at any Show or Shows, in the following Classes; Undergraduate, Graduate, Postgraduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, Open or a Challenge Certificate.
Graduate	For dogs which have not won more than four (4) First prizes at any Show or Shows, in the following Classes; Graduate, Postgraduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, Open or a Challenge Certificate.
Postgraduate	For dogs which have not won more than five (5) First prizes at any Show or Shows, in the following Classes; Postgraduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, Open or a Challenge Certificate.
Minor Limit	For dogs which have not won more than one (1) Challenge Certificate or more than three (3) First prizes in all, in the following Classes; Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit, Open.
Mid Limit	For dogs which have not won more than two (2) Challenge Certificate or more than five (5) First prizes in all, in the following Classes; Mid Limit, Limit, Open.
Limit	For dogs which have not won more than two (2) Challenge Certificate or more than seven (7) First prizes in all, in the following Classes; Limit, Open.
Open	For all dogs of the breed for which the Class is provided
Veteran	For dogs of any age specified in the Schedule but not less than seven (7) years of age on the first day of the Show.

Veteran Class may be offered for dogs of individual Breeds or of more than one Breed. When offered

with the Breed Classes at Championship Shows, the award of Challenge Certificate shall be judged after the judging of the Veteran Class.

The following Other Classes may be included at any Show for dogs of individual Breeds or of more than one Breed. The winners of these Classes are not eligible to compete for a Challenge Certificate at a Championship Show as the result of such a win:-

Country bred Imported	For dogs born in East Africa or the progeny of a bitch imported in whelp. For dogs imported into East Africa and registered with the EAKC having been whelped outside East Africa.
Champion	For EAKC Champions which have been confirmed as Champion or Show Champion under EAKC Rules. The winner of the Champion class will not be eligible to challenge for the CC but may compete for Best of Breed. [min.2020-136]
Field Trial	For any dog having won at least two Working Certificates of Merit either in Working Tests or Field Trials in East Africa.
Brace	For two (2) exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed belonging to the same exhibitor, each exhibit having been entered in some Class other than brace or Team.
Team	For three (3) or more exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one Breed, belonging to the same exhibitor, each having been entered in some other class than Brace or Team.
Club Stakes	Classes restricted to dogs owned by members of the Show-organising Club. In the case of joint ownership each owner must be a member of the Club.
Brood Bitch	For bitches having whelped at least one litter in East Africa and at least one such whelp having been registered with the EAKC
Stud Dog	For dogs having sired at least one litter in East Africa and at least one such whelp having been registered with the EAKC
Brood Bitch with Progeny	For bitches having whelped at least one (2) litters in East Africa and at least two (2) such whelps having been registered with the EAKC A minimum of two(2) such whelps must be shown in the ring with the bitch. They must be entered in at least one other class, and must be first generation only, but not necessarily from the same litter. The owner of the bitch, which need not necessarily be entered in other classes, selects the progeny (he wishes) to be present.
Stud Dog with Progeny	For dog having sired at least one (1) litter in East Africa and at least two(2) such whelps having been registered with the EAKC A minimum of two (2) such whelps must be shown in the ring with the dog. They must be entered in at least one other class, and must be first generation only, but not necessarily from the same litter. The owner of the bitch, which need not necessarily be entered in other classes, selects the progeny (he wishes) to be present.
Kennel Group	For a minimum of four (4) exhibits of the same breed, over the age of six (6) months, registered with the EAKC, all bred by, but not necessarily owned by the holder of a registered prefix/affix. Each exhibit must be entered in at least one other Class. The holder of the prefix/affix selects the exhibits which will represent the group.
Bred by Exhibitor	For dogs bred by the exhibitor and entered in at least one other class.
Special Beginners	For dogs which have never won a Challenge Certificate, owned and handled by an exhibitor who has never won a Challenge Certificate in the breed.
Special Classes	For dogs eligible to compete for trophies with special conditions, at the discretion of the EAKC

Subject to the above, and to any other regulations, a Show Committee may offer such prizes and make such classifications and definitions thereof as they see fit, except that:

- a. All classes advertised in the Schedule of a Show must be clearly defined in the Schedule
- b. If any Class is provided with a definition other than those defined above, the word "Special" must precede the name of such Class. Alterations to any of the above definitions may only be the addition of certain further restrictions such as age, colour or weight etc. No alteration may be made to the wording of the definition as stated in this regulation.
- c. The words Grand, Champion, or Challenge must not be used in the designation of any Class or Prize for which an entry fee is charged and for which entry has to be made prior to the day of the show.

- d. A show committee may include in its Show Programme classes for Obedience, Working Trials, or Field Trials provided that such tests and trials are held in accordance with the EAKC Regulations for Obedience Tests, Working Trials & Field Trials.
- e. Subject to the Special Approval of the Council of the EAKC, specialist Breed Societies may jointly hold Shows of Championship or Open Status and at such Shows, Classes shall be designated as permitted by this Regulation, except that no classes shall be permitted which provide for inter-breed competition other than Litter Classes or Sweepstake Classes.

35. Matches

A Match is one between two or more dogs, the property of members of a Club or Society authorised to hold the Match. (This definition shall include a series of competitions between two or more dogs in which one is judged the winner.)

Matches are subject to the following Regulations:-

- a. Application for permission to hold a Match must be made to the Executive Officer of the EAKC at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the proposed Match. The application shall be made on the official form completed insofar as may be appropriate and submitted with relative licence fee.
- b. All dogs competing in Matches must be registered at the EAKC before the date of Match, in the name of the exhibitor.
- c. No dog under six (6) months of age on the day of the Match may be exhibited.
- d. A match shall be held for competition between dogs which are the property of exhibitors being members of the Club or Society authorised to hold the Match, but subject to the special consent of the EAKC a Match may be held at which entry may be made by members of other registered societies.
- e. A list of the names of all dogs competing, with the names and addresses of the exhibitors, and awards, must be sent to the Executive Officer of the EAKC within three (3) days of the match being held.
- f. No special prize shall be awarded at the Matches unless permission has been obtained from the EAKC.

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