



## **REGLEMENT Windmill Grooming Masters**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of these rules is to encourage groomers to develop and expand their skills by participating in grooming competitions.

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF TRIMMING**

The objectives of grooming are:

- Maintaining the health and hygiene of the dog.
- Preventing diseases by keeping the skin and coat in good condition.
- Respecting the image of each breed according to the breed standard and ensuring that the correct techniques for each grooming are maintained over time.
- Improving the structural and anatomical strength of the dog.

## **3. WELFARE AND HEALTH OF THE DOGS**

The welfare and health of the dogs should be of utmost importance and priority in all dog grooming competitions. Therefore, organizers must create a physically and mentally favorable environment for the dogs (e.g., ensure that water is always available, that the dog does not have to stand for too long, etc.).

## **4. GENERAL RULES FOR DOG GROOMING COMPETITIONS**

### **4.1 Classification of categories**

There are eleven categories offered in the competition, the first four (1 to 4) are the official classes and the other seven are optional. Within the official classes, two levels are offered. Within the other categories, there is one level

Category 1

Stripping

Category 2

Spaniels & Setters

Category 3

Poodles

Subgroup 1: Large Poodles

Subgroup 2: Toy, Dwarf, Medium Size Poodles

Category 4

Pure Breeds

Category 5

Beginner

Category 6

Intermediate class

Category 7

Salon/Workshop class

Category 8

Asian Style

Category 9

Model dog Pure Breeds en Asian Style

Category 10

Model dog Table

Category 11

Relay

Level A - Champion

Level B - Open

Level C – Intermediate

Level D – Beginner

#### 4.1.1 Recognised and accepted breeds for competitions

##### Category 1

##### Small breeds

- Affenpinscher
- Griffon bruxellois
- Australian Terrier
- Cairn Terrier
- Dandie Dinmont Terrier
- Belgian Griffon
- Jack Russell Terrier
- Norfolk Terrier
- Norwich Terrier
- Parson Russell Terrier
- Scottish Terrier
- Sealyham Terrier
- Wirehaired Dachshund (kaninchen, miniature, standard)
- West Highland White Terrier
- Zwergschnauzer
- Border Terrier

##### Middelgrote rassen

- Wirehaired Fox Terrier
- Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen
- Irish Glen or Imaal Terrier
- Irish Terrier
- Lakeland Terrier
- Little Basset Griffon Vendéen
- Middenslag Schnauzer
- Welsh Terrier

##### Large breeds

- Airedale Terrier
- Deerhound
- German Upright Wirehaired
- Grand Griffon Vendéen
- Griffon Korthals
- Irish Wolfhound
- Giant Schnauzer
- Spinone
- Vizsla Wirehaired

All other purebred picking varieties

Category 2

- American Cocker Spaniel
- English Cocker Spaniel
- English Springer Spaniel
- Welsh Springer Spaniel
- Field Spaniel
- To the Setters

All other purebred Spaniels and Setters

Category 3

Small breeds

- Toypoedel
- Miniature Poodle

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- Medium Sized Poodle

Large breeds

- Standard Poodle

Category 4

- Barbet
- Bedlington Terrier
- Bichon Frise
- Bouvier
- Portuguese Water Dog
- Cesky Terrier
- Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
- Irish Water Spaniel
- Kerry Blue Terrier
- Lagotto Romagnolo
- Black Russian Terrier

Categories 5, 6, 7, 8, 11

For all breeds that are trimmed and that do not fall into the above categories. In this class, the participant can apply all the different techniques. Such as: Stripping, thinning, cutting, clipper. The salon and Asian grooming style is also included in this category, where much depends on the creativity of the participant.

There are no restrictions in terms of style. Painting is not allowed. The model on the dog should emphasize the beauty and form the basis of the assessment. If accessories are used, they must not harm the dog's health and must not be used permanently.

## Category 9

Model dog contest this is for all model dogs that are groomed in a pure breed model or in an Asian Style. The model dog is cut and colored at the competition. If you have a model dog in a breed standard (e.g. bouvier) that must be evenly colored in advance, this is allowed in advance. Only natural uniform breed standard colorings, the spots of the fox terrier for example are applied during the competition. All further colourings are not allowed before the competition, this happens during the competition. The Asian Style is 25% allowed coloring and accessories.

## Category 10

Model dog Table this is for all model dogs that are groomed in a creative way. This can consist of: Creative (dog's face still recognizable) or extremely creative (no dog recognizable anymore) Everything can be done but at home. The model dog is taken to the competition ready to go.

### 4.2 Classification of levels

#### 4.2.1 Level D - Beginners

The beginner level is designed for participants with less than 2 years of experience in dog grooming. Experience in dog shows can also be taken into account.

All groomers with more than 2 years of experience participate directly in level C the intermediate class. The participant can compete at this level all year round, both domestically and internationally. After the first year, the participant must move on to level C, the intermediate class. A participant who has won a first place at this level can choose to move on to level C the intermediate class before the end of the year at the beginner level.

#### 4.2.2 Level C - Intermediate Class

The Intermediate Class refers to groomers with more than 2 years of experience in dog grooming. Experience in dog shows can also be factored in.

The participant must participate in each class for at least 2 years, both domestically and internationally, before he/she can move on to level B the open class. If the participant achieves a first place in the intermediate class during the 2 years, he/she can move on to level B the open class. If the participant has not achieved first place during the 2 years in level C, he/she must remain in the category until he/she has achieved a first place before he/she can move on to level B the open class

You can only advance to a higher level in the category in which you participated or won a prize.

#### 4.2.3 Level B - Open Class

The open class is intended for groomers who have participated in Level C the intermediate class for at least 2 years or have achieved at least a first place.

If a groomer achieves a first place in his/her class at this level, a Golden Scissor Award (see explanation on the website) will be awarded. If the groomer has achieved a first place, he/she may move on to the champion class. Please note that you are not allowed to return to the open class after that. Upon achieving 3 Golden Scissor Awards, you will automatically enter the Champion Class.

#### 4.2.4 Level A – Champion Class

The champion class is intended for groomers who have achieved a first place in Level B or a Best in Show. Also in this class a Golden Scissor Award will be awarded for a first place.

### 5. GENERAL INFORMATION

Products such as paint or aerosols that change the color of the dogs' fur are not allowed only with the model dogs. Glitters and accessories are only allowed in the Asian class and Model dog Asian in the other class it is not allowed. Only chalk is allowed for the stripping dogs if it is used to a limited extent.

Dogs may not be trimmed more than 56 days before the competition date (depending on the growth of the coat), with the exception of the groin and underside of the feet. The picking varieties may be trimmed up to 30 days before the competition.

The organizers may take a 10-minute break for the dogs and/or participants to rest during the competition. The dogs must then be removed from the table to be able to stretch their legs.

Participants must bring their own dogs and their own tools. Participants provide their own rug that can be placed on the table afterwards for the presentation. Always put a comb on the table for the jury afterwards. Respect the jury, don't argue or give gifts. Feedback may be requested after nomination, with the exception of the nominee. They may ask for feedback after the installation.

Participants must ensure that their dogs are properly vaccinated and must be able to provide proof of vaccination if requested by the organiser.

The arm of the grooming table is allowed, provided that it is allowed according to the legislation of the organizing country. However, the safety and well-being of the dogs are of the utmost importance. The dog must have clean teeth, but may be missing elements in the teeth. The dog may be neutered/sterilized.

A warning and/or disqualification will take place;

If a dog is too tight on the table attached to the grooming arm.

The groomer walks away from the dog and leaves him unattended on the table.

Aggressive behavior of the groomer towards the dog is seen.

The groomer injured the dog.

A groomer must handle his dog, table and work materials carefully. The table must be cleaned after the match with the use of chalk or color.

Participants must be present in the ring 30 minutes before the start of the competition for the preference.

Participants must have respect for fellow participants and for the jury.

## **6. TIMES AND RULES PER CATEGORY**

### Category 1

#### TIMES

Stripping open and champion class

Small breeds 2.00 hours

Medium breeds 2.30 hours

Large breeds 3.00 hours

#### RULES

The hair between the pads of the feet and at the groin may be removed before the match. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Chalk during the competition is allowed, only excessive use of chalk is frowned upon. All materials suitable for this coat are allowed.

### Category 2

#### TIMES

Setters & Spaniels open and champion class

All Spaniels & Setters 2:30 PM

#### RULES

The hair between the pads of the feet and at the groin may be removed before the match. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Any materials suitable for this coat is allowed

### Category 3

#### TIMES

Poodles open and champion class

Toy and Dwarf 1.45 hours + 15 minutes extra for Topknot

Medium 2.00 hours + 15 minutes extra for Topknot

Standard 2.30 hours + 15 minutes extra for Topknot

#### RULES

The feet, muzzle and groin may be shaved before the competition. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Use of comb attachments may be used minimally, with too much use of them, points will be deducted by the jury. The top bun does not have to be done in the last 15 minutes, this can also be done earlier. The top bun must

be done at the competition. Use of hairspray is possible on the head and neck, but this should be limited. The rest of the coat must remain loose and combable.

#### Category 4

##### TIMES

Purebreed open and champion class

Bichon Frisé, Bedlington Terrier, Cesky Terrier 2.00 pm

Kerry Blue Terrier, Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Zwarte

Russian Terrier, Bouvier, Barbet, Portuguese Water Dog, Irish Water Spaniel, Lagotto Romagnolo

2:30 hours

##### RULES

The feet and groin may be shaved before the competition. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Use of comb attachments may be used minimally, with too much use, points will be deducted by the jury. The coat must remain easy to comb after using products.

#### Category 5

##### TIMES

Beginners

All breeds 2.30 hours

##### RULES

The hair between the pads of the feet and at the groin may be removed before the match. With a poodle, you can shave the feet and muzzle before the competition. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Use of comb attachments is permitted. All materials are allowed provided they are used properly. All breeds are allowed.

#### Category 6

##### TIMES

Intermediate class

All breeds 2.30 hours

##### RULES

The hair between the pads of the feet and at the groin may be removed before the match. With a poodle, you can shave the feet and muzzle before the competition. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Use of comb attachments is permitted. All materials are allowed provided they are used properly. All breeds are allowed.

#### Category 7

##### TIMES

Salon class

Dwarf/medium stroke 1.30 hours

Large 2.00

## RULES

The hair between the pads of the feet and at the groin may be removed before the match. With a poodle, you can shave the feet and muzzle before the competition. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Use of comb attachments is permitted. All materials are allowed provided they are used properly. All breeds are allowed.

### Category 8

#### TIMES

Asian

Toy and Dwarf 1.45 hours

Medium 2.00 hours

Standard 2.30 hours

## RULES

The hair between the pads of the feet and at the groin may be removed before the match. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. Use of comb attachments is permitted. All Asian style models are allowed, a small accent of coloring may be applied (for example colored ear). Accessories may be added.

### Category 9

#### TIMES

Model dog Purebred en Asian Style

2.30 hours

## RULES

The model dog must be brushed out. Model dog contest this is for all model dogs that are groomed in a purebred model or in an Asian Style. The model dog is cut and colored at the competition. If you have a model dog in a breed standard (e.g. bouvier) that must be colored evenly in advance, this is allowed in advance. Only natural uniform breed standard colorings, the spots of the fox terrier for example are applied during the competition. All further colourings are not allowed before the competition, this happens during the competition. The Asian Style is 25% allowed coloring and accessories.

### Category 10

#### TIMES

Model dog table creative and extremely creative these are two different classes one level. Model dog table kids under 15 years.

Bring ready

## RULES

The model dog table should have a creative model. This can be done creatively in two ways, it must still be clearly a dog. Extremely creative The participant can do anything to make the model dog as extreme as possible and it doesn't have to look like a dog anymore. Everything is allowed. Please note that the project can be placed on a table

The model Dog for the kids is a free choice of model on the dog. Prepared at home and placed on the table during the hole competition.

#### Category 11

Times

Relay

Toy and Dwarf 1.44 hours 26 min per participant

Medium 2.00 hrs 30 min per participant

Standard 2.30 hours 38 min per participant

#### RULES

The hair between the pads of the feet and at the groin may be removed before the match. With a poodle, you can shave the feet and muzzle before the competition. Nails must be trimmed. The coat should be clean. All techniques are allowed if it is possible for the coat. There is 1 comb in the match. The competition consists of 4 participants, 1 dog and 1 comb. Example: Participant 1 starts with the desired technique on the dog, when the time is up, the comb that is used is passed on to participant 2 and so on. Think of the right tactics in advance. The team passes on their team name before the start of the match. Before presenting, everything is allowed to impress the jury (think of a unit that you form as a team and dog, possibly seduce with other things). What is not allowed is that things are used that make noise, think of confetti cannon. The main intention is to have fun among each other with the dog as the center.

#### GENERAL

If the participants are not sure to which size category their dog belongs, this must be clarified and approved by the judges or the chairman of the jury, or by a representative of the organization, before the start of the competition.

### **7. AWARD CEREMONY AND PRIZES**

#### General

The nominations are announced after each match. At the end of each competition day, an award ceremony will take place. The numbers 1 of the official categories and of the Asian class have to come back on the last day for the best in show. The prize winners of the model dog table will be announced on the last day of the competition.

The winners of the beginner class and intermediate class compete among themselves for the title of Upcoming Talent. This decision is made by all jury members involved in these categories. This is done with ballot papers.

The five winners of the categories Picking, Spaniels and Setters, Poodles Standard, Poodles Toy, Dwarf, Medium Size. Other purebred-cut breeds compete for the title of

Best in Show Windmill Grooming Masters. This decision is made by all jury members involved in these categories. This is done with ballot papers.

#### 7.1 Registration

All participants must fill in the correct registration forms and pay the registration fees. Once registered, money cannot be returned. It is possible to sell the registration of the class if participation is not possible. The registration may not be sold by auction or at a higher price.

Participants must be 16 years of age or older.

It is the responsibility of each participant to inform themselves about the appropriate level. If he/she registers at a level that does not suit him/her, he/she may be disqualified, even after the completion of the competition.

The organization can choose to merge levels into one level if there is too little participation.

### **8. GUIDE FOR THE JURY**

#### 8.1 Scoreformulier

We will work with tablets with the program of GroomScore

The jury team consists of at least 1 to 3 jury members, at the choice of the organization.

The organization is responsible for inviting jury members and appointing a jury chairman, taking into account their experience.

The places are determined by the sum of the points awarded by each judge. There are at least 3 in each category prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd).

Judging follows the GroomScore 1–10 scale across five categories: Preparation & Technique, Structure, Balance, Finish, and Breed Standard / Style. Judges must score and submit feedback within 14 days of the event.

Photos are taken of the dogs before and after the match.

The final BIS winner will be chosen from the winners of category 1,2,3,4,8.

In the event of a tie, the jury that has the most official categories have judged the entire jury team a double vote.

The title Upcoming Talent of the beginners and intermediate class are the participants who have won first place.

Aspects that the jury must take into account during judging:

Respect for the current breed standard

Quality of clipper, scissoring and stripping. Details of the trimmer's work

Balance, symmetry and sophistication

Ability to camouflage flaws and highlight the dog's beauty

Suitability of the chosen style for the dog

Difficulty of the trimming work

Adapted to modern grooming styles

Presentation of the dog to the jury

## 8.2 Comments for participants on the assessment forms

- Respect for the current breed standard

Breed standards change and are adjusted by the FCI, taking into account the utmost importance of the dog's health and welfare. Groomers, therefore, must know the characteristics of the breed they are enrolling and are expected to enhance its beauty.

- Quality of cutting, clipper and manual trimming. Details of the trimmer's work.

The skills and technique in handling scissors, clippers or snape-on, and the results of these skills and the use of these tools will be assessed. The more detailed the craftsmanship observed in trimming, the better the end result will be.

- Balance, symmetry and refinement

For example, the length of the legs should be in balance with the depth of the body, the length of the body should be in balance with the height, in accordance with the breed standard.

- Ability to camouflage flaws and enhance beauty

For example, if a dog has a sloping back line, but the groomer is able to camouflage the deficiency, this will be assessed positively.

- Suitability of the chosen style for the dog

Depending on the dog's balance, the style chosen should camouflage the faults and highlight the positive qualities.

- Difficulty of the trimming session

If a groomer can make a big difference between before and after trimming, or improve a poor quality coat to the breed standard, this will be viewed positively.

- Up to date with modern trimming styles

Groomers should stay up-to-date on the latest grooming techniques seen on the winning dogs of the grooming competition.

- Presentation of the dog to the jury

The dog's health, its muscle condition, the condition of its coat, its whiteness, etc. And at the end of the competition, during the jury's assessment, the correct posture of the dog and the presentation rug will be a positive point to be able to judge him.

### 8.3 Tie

In the event of a tie, the judges will deliberate and decide among themselves who the winner is. In the event that the judges do not reach an agreement, the jury chairman will determine the winner.

### 8.4 General guidelines for each level

For level D, the qualification criteria must take into account a lack of experience. Normally, there is a lack of time to finish the work and an inexperienced execution of the techniques. It will therefore be assessed whether the work has been completed within the allowed time and whether the forms meet the breed standard.

For level C, the Intermediate Class, it can be expected that the knowledge of the standard and the proper execution of the techniques has been mastered. Lack of time, experience with camouflaging and being aware of the latest grooming techniques should not be a priority in the assessment.

For level A and B, the open champion class, excellence can be expected on all assessment points.

8.5 Feedback will be given if desired after the match. The feedback is given to the people who have not received a nomination. The feedback will be given by experienced groomers who have received the feedback from the jury. The participants who have been nominated can ask for feedback after the placements within 2 weeks after the competition via the organization.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS**

Please note that these rules may change from time to time.

These rules may be reviewed annually.