



# **ACW DOG GROOMING** **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

## **OFFICIAL CATEGORIES**

### **STUDENTS-BEGINNERS-INITIATES**

People taking part in a dog grooming qualification course as well as those who have less than 2 years experience can participate in this category.

### **INTERMEDIATE**

People who have over 2 years experience in dog grooming and/or have participated in other competitions may enter this category.

### **OPEN**

Participants with over 3 years experience and/or those who have participated in other competitions may enter the “open” category.

### **CHAMPIONS**

People who have won a gold medal in the same subcategory in another competition may enter this category.

Any canine specimen may participate, whether it is or not a pure breed, if it is not for a breed specific standard cut. Except transformations that are made in the workshop category.

**ANNEX NOTE 1:** The participants in the students, beginners, initiates class will go on to the intermediate category after a period of 3 years of experience or after obtaining a spot on the podium in any ACW Grooming competitions in the students, beginners and initiates category.

**ANNEX NOTE 2:** To participate in a category, there must be a minimum of 3 participants. If, in any case, the category cannot be completed, the participants will go on to compete in a lower category.

## **PARTICIPATION CLASSES**

**SCISSORS:** Only the breed standard cut will be carried out. Those breeds whose standardised cut may be done with scissors, except poodles (Bedlington, Bichon Frise, Bouvier, Kerry Blue, Soft Coated, Russian Terrier...), may register.

**STRIPPING:** Only the breed standard cut will be carried out, using solely the stripping technique, through the use of any tool for the purpose (thimbles, blades, stripping stones...), without the use of scissors or clippers. Breeds with a rough coat whose standard cut require stripping (Fox Terrier, Lakeland Terrier, Scottish Terrier, Schnauzer, Sealyham Terrier, West Highland, etc.) may register.

- Stripping blades are permitted.

- The dogs' cut must be carried out according to the breed standard.
- Sprays, powders and creams are permitted.
- Clippers are not permitted except:
  - Scottish Terrier: chest, head and ears.
  - West Highland Terrier: chest and ears.
  - Cocker Spaniels and Setters: chest and ears.
  - Schnauzers: chest, head, inner area of the hind legs and ears.

### **POODLES:**

Any breed standard cut may be carried out, and it encloses all sizes. The specimen's coat must have a minimum length of 5cm.

### **SPANIELS AND SETTERS:**

All cocker spaniels, setters and springers.

### **WORKSHOP-COMMERCIAL**

Any breed, whether it is or not a pure breed, that enables creative work to be carried out which involves a significant change of the specimen's aesthetics, using any technique (clippers, scissors, attachment combs, etc...). In these classes, the non-exaggerated use of chalk, glitter and accessories is permitted.

### **ASIAN STYLE**

Asian style jobs with a touch of colour and fantasy.

### **FANTASY, CREATIVITY, COLOUR-"PENTEADOS" HAIRSTYLES/BRAIDS**

Any breed, whether it is or not a pure breed, may participate in this class. These classes will be judged separately.

-Hairstyles (with or without colour)

-Fantasy, creativity and colour.

Products and cosmetics that may harm the animal's health will not be used, communicating to the organisation during inscription the brand of the dye product to be used, with a means to check its suitability to preserve the animal's health and wellbeing. For the use of colour, it is convenient to test the product on the animal first to avoid any adverse reactions.

### **TEAMS-COLOUR TEAMS-SPONSOR TEAM**

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

In colour jobs to encourage the participation and introduction in the completion world.

Only one participant may participate in the **Colour and Creativity** class, and in the case of students and beginners, they can participate by forming teams.

**\*The teams will consist of 2 people and only one dog.**

Groomers that have competed individually in any other class may participate in the **Sponsor Team** class.

**\*The teams will consist of 4 people and 1 dog per competitor.**

## **COMPETITION TIMES**

### **WORKSHOP:**

Large specimens: 2:30 hours

Medium specimens: 2:15 hours

Small specimens: 2 hours

### **ASIAN STYLE:**

Large specimens: 2:30 hours

Medium specimens: 2:15 hours

Small specimens: 2 hours

### **FANTASY, CREATIVITY AND COLOUR:**

All participants: 2:30 hours

### **“PENTEADOS” HAIRSTYLES/BRAIDS**

All participants: 2:30 hours

### **SPONSOR TEAM**

Small breeds: 2 hours

Medium breeds: 2:15 hours

Large breeds: 2:30 hours

\*Those specimens with TOP KNOT will have 15 minutes extra.

### **SCISSORS:**

Bichon Frise and Bedlington: 2 hours

The rest of the breeds: 2:30 hours

### **STRIPPING**

#### **Breeds that don't require clippers**

Small specimens: 2 hours

Medium specimens: 2:15 hours

Large specimens: 2:30 hours

#### **Breeds that require clippers**

Small specimens: 2 hours

Medium specimens: 2:15 hours

Large specimens: 2:30 hours

### **POODLES**

Up to 35cm in height: 2 hours

35-45cm: 2:15 hours

Over 45cm: 2:30 hours

### **SPANIELS AND SETTERS: 2:30 hours**

\*Those specimens with TOP KNOT will have 15 minutes extra.

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**All of the specimens that are to participate in an Alianz Grooming competition must have spent a minimum of 2 months without cutting their fur.**

- The participating specimens must be presented in the prejudgement clean, bathed, knots untangled, brushed, with clean ears and cut nails for the initial evaluation.
- In colour, dogs may be presented with the main base applied, lacking defined shapes, polishing and details.
- The specimens must have a minimum of 8 weeks of fur that will allow an appreciation of a visible change in the work performed by the participant.
- All standardised exhibition cuts are permitted in poodles and they must have enough length to correctly execute the job.
- Only prior plantar shaving will be allowed in each category. The poodle may bring a shaven muzzle and first phalanges of each toe on each paw.
- Both the perianal and genital area must be clean always according to its breed.
- Products or cosmetics that may harm the animal's health will not be used. For the use of colour, it is convenient to test the product on the animal first to avoid any adverse reactions.
- Unhealthy specimens may not participate. All must bring the required health documentation to the event. A routine veterinary control will be carried out.
- All grooming techniques are allowed (clippers, scissors, stripping blades... etc.) with the execution and technique required in each category in which they participate.
- In an exceptional case where the competition organisers don't supply the grooming tables, each contestant must bring their own.
- Each contestant will bring their own material and canine specimen.
- The participants must arrive 30 minute prior to the competition.
- All participants will have a metal comb on the table available to the judge for the evaluation.
- Hairpieces and accessories are allowed in the fantasy, creativity and workshop category. In these classes, the non-exaggerated use of chalk, glitter and accessories is permitted.
- Any specimen that shows aggressiveness or bad behaviour that causes problems to other candidates will be disqualified.
- Females in heat cannot participate.
- No dog must be left unattended on the table.
- No participants or modifications will be added once the inscription is closed.
- Any unprepared specimen at the time of evaluation will be disqualified.
- Any undignified expressions towards a judge, participant or member of staff will mean an immediate expulsion.
- The judges' verdict is unquestionable.

## ***EVALUATION CRITERIA***

- \*The racial standard of the specimen will be evaluated in breed cuts.
- \*The correct use of the tools in the execution of the techniques will be evaluated.
- \*The difficulty of the chosen cut will be evaluated.
- \*Completion and final presentation.

### ***Method of grading:***

- \*Each judge will personally judge the participants.
- \*At the end of the judgement, the judges will hand in each of their first four ranks to the organisation.

### ***Points:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> rank: 20 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> rank: 16 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> rank: 12 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> rank: 8 points

- \*The final rank will be the sum of the finalists' points.
  - \*In the case of a draw, the judges will review the jobs again.
- The points given by each judge will be added, and the sum will determine the ranks.

## ***DISQUALIFICATIONS***

- \*The participant who shows aggressive or incorrect manipulations towards his or her dog will get a warning, if the conduct is repeated, he or she will be disqualified.
- \*If a participant is to provoke any kind of lesion to their canine specimen, they will be disqualified immediately, having to take responsibility for the expenses of the healthcare that the animal should need in that moment.

**\*THE ORGANISATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACT IN CONSEQUENCE TO UNPLANNED SITUATIONS IN THESE REGULATIONS.**

**\*PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION LEADS TO ACCEPTANCE OF THESE REGULATIONS.**

- The owners or participants will be responsible for the dog during the whole event, taking charge of any damage or accident caused by it, that is to say, bites, leakages, illnesses...
- The organisation will not be held responsible for accidents provoked by the canine specimens during the competition.
- Nor in the event, or in the competition will it be permitted to advertise any brand or company with canvases, posters, flyers, roll-ups, etc, except on the participants' uniform.
- BEST IN SHOW-all the champions from each category will participant against each other in BEST IN SHOW; they will be evaluated by the ranked participants from the finals (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place from each category). The BIS will be evaluated by the dorsal number; in the case of a draw, there will be a repeat of the vote of those chosen.

Best in Show: 1 rank between all the 1<sup>st</sup> places.

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- STRIPPING
- POODLES
- SPANIELS/SETTERS
- WORKSHOP-COMMERCIAL
- ASIAN STYLE
- “PENTEADOS” HAIRSTYLES/BRAIDS
- FANTASY, CREATIVITY AND COLOUR
- TEAMS-COLOUR TEAMS-SPONSOR TEAM