



## **THE KENNEL CLUB OF JERSEY LICENSED SHOW, BREED SHOW AND HANDLING REGULATIONS (“Regulations”) EFFECTIVE FROM 18 FEBRUARY 2025**

These Regulations are issued by the Executive Committee (“Committee”) of The Kennel Club of Jersey (“the KCJ”) under the powers provided by Rule 12(d) in the Constitution of the KCJ and replace all previous versions.

For these Regulations words importing the masculine gender include feminine and neuter genders and words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa.

Award	An achievement from a governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club Limited (“the RKC”).
Challenge Certificate	An award that counts toward the title of show champion.
Champion	A dog that is awarded the title of champion under the rules of the KCJ and/or any governing body recognised by the RKC.
Championship Show	KCJ organised show open for exhibition to all Jersey or Guernsey registered dogs over six months of age where Jersey Challenge Certificates are offered.
Companion Show	Show organised by or held under licence of KCJ where classes may be included for pedigree and non/pedigree dogs.
Exhibitor	Any owner, handler or other person who has responsibility for dogs at a show or event.
Match	Event organised by or held under licence of the KCJ open to all Jersey or Guernsey registered dogs over four months of age.
Members	Member of the KCJ.
Members Show	KCJ organised show open to exhibition to Jersey or Guernsey registered dogs over six months of age, except champions (save for special classes if scheduled after Best in Show), the owners of which are all members.
Month	A calendar month.
Not For Competition	Any dog over four months of age registered with the KCJ or Guernsey Kennel Club entered as “Not for Competition” at a show. Dogs entered as Not For Competition may be used in show handling classes.
Open Show	KCJ organised show open to exhibition to all Jersey or Guernsey registered dogs over six months of age.
Regulations	KCJ Constitution, regulations, rules and codes which may be in force from time to time.
Reserve Challenge Certificate	An award that is given to a dog that is of sufficient merit to be awarded the Challenge Certificate should the winner of the Challenge Certificate be disqualified and an award that counts towards the title of champion where appropriate.
Show Manager	A member who is not handling a dog who is nominated by the Committee to oversee a show organised by the KCJ.
Show	An event organised for competition by the KJC or licensed by the KCJ.

## **LICENSING OF SHOWS AND REGULATIONS FOR LICENSED SHOWS**

- A. Show licences will only be issued to the KCJ Affiliated Clubs.
- B. Dogs entered for exhibition at the KCJ licensed shows, except for Companion Shows, must be registered with the KCJ or Guernsey Kennel Club (GKC).
- C. Persons disqualified or suspended by the KCJ are not permitted to take part in any KCJ licensed shows.
- D. The age of all dogs shall be taken on the first day of a show, except from those competing in the Channel Islands Dog of the Year finals.
- E. Only dogs of six months of age and over on the first day of a show are eligible for exhibition at the KCJ run or licensed shows except for matches and companion shows. Dogs aged four months and over are eligible to enter Not for Competition at all shows and be used for handling classes
- F. Parents or guardians (whether present or not) will be held responsible for any minor (under 16 years of age) under their control. Should a complaint be received against any minor, the parent or guardian will be held responsible as if they themselves were the cause of such a complaint and shall be liable for damage and loss however caused.
- G. Every precaution shall be taken to ensure the safety of all persons, exhibits and property within a show precinct the KCJ shall not accept any responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused to, or by, any persons or exhibits.

## **WELFARE OF DOGS AND CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT AT SHOWS**

- 1. An exhibitor must take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dogs are met including access to water. Dogs should not be left in distress or in conditions which may lead to distress.
- 2. If in the opinion of the KCJ, a dog is of savage disposition, it shall be ineligible for entry for any show.
- 3. No activity should be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog.
- 4. Except when caged all dogs must be on a lead for the duration of a show including the exercising area, except when competing in the ring in an obedience class or agility test or taking part in a demonstration.
- 5. Exhibitors must not pick up dogs by their tails and/or lead when lifting them, this is not acceptable and will be classed as harsh handling and the exhibitor and dog will be disqualified.
- 6. It is not acceptable to handle a dog in a manner which causes its feet not to touch the ground when on the move. Exhibitors should note that such practice could constitute harsh handling and could lead to disqualification.
- 7. An exhibitor must always ensure dogs are kept under proper control at a venue, including the showground. This regulation applies at setup, during a show and the breakdown of a show.
- 8. A Veterinary Surgeon or deputy shall be available at a show or on call should it become necessary in an emergency.
- 9. All exhibitors are expected to always act in a "Spirit of Good Sportsmanship".
- 10. Abusive behaviour and discreditable conduct will not be tolerated, and the show organisers will take appropriate action.

## **REGULATIONS FOR EVENTS RUN BY THE KCJ**

- 11. The Committee will be concerned for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors during a show but will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any exhibit, person or other property whatsoever the cause, nor

for any act of omission by themselves and others and it is on this understanding that entries are accepted.

12. While every precaution shall be taken to ensure the safety of all persons, exhibits and property within a show precinct the KCJ shall not accept any responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused to, or by, any persons or exhibits.
13. Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated at any time, neither will discreditable conduct. After consideration, the Committee reserves the right to refuse entries to and presence at a show from any exhibitor found to be guilty of such abusive behaviour or discreditable conduct for a maximum of six shows.
14. Parents or guardians (whether present or not) will be held responsible for any minor (under 16 years of age) under their control. Should a complaint be received against any minor, the parent or guardian will be held responsible as if they themselves were the cause of such a complaint and shall be liable for damage and loss however caused.
15. The Committee shall decide upon the judges to be appointed. Members may submit, in writing, names of judges they wish to be considered for appointments.
16. Invitations to judge must be made by the Show Secretary in writing and they must ensure that written/electronic acceptances are received. Upon receipt of the written acceptance a judging contract is formed.
17. The following wording should be included in the judging contract:  
“I confirm that I agree to be bound by the KCJ’s Rules and Regulations and the Royal Kennel Club Limited’s Code of Best Practice for Judges. I acknowledge that I am bound to notify you, in writing, of any personal circumstances which may affect my ability to fulfil this appointment. I understand that it is possible that due to circumstances beyond the control of the KCJ the Appointment may be postponed or cancelled. I further understand that the KCJ will inform me as soon as possible and have the right to cancel this contract without compensation but will endeavour to offer me an alternative appointment.”
18. All judges’ contracts are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Committee.
19. Direct contact, including the use of social media, with judges of a show should be kept to a minimum before and during a show, it understood that contact is often required to carry out necessary show duties.
20. No person, handling at a show shall attend or host a pre-show meal with the judge.
21. Should any judge be prevented from fulfilling his engagement, the Committee shall be empowered to make alternative arrangements. Changes shall be notified as soon as practicable by the most appropriate means. If a judge is changed after entries have closed an owner should withdraw if Regulation 55 is breached and they may receive a refund of fees paid.
22. Judges shall not stay with a member of the KCJ before a show where the member has an exhibit at that show, this includes any dog which the member has bred, has owned or has handled in the previous year.
23. In the event of the abandonment of a show for any unforeseen circumstances, the KCJ may defray such expenses from the entry fees to cover the cost of the show.
24. No dog may be exhibited at a show unless the Registrar is satisfied that all paperwork is in order and has issued a registration number. No entry fees will be refunded should the paperwork not be in place by the day of the show.
25. A dog may be entered as Registration Applied For (“RAF”), at close of entry, where an application for registration has been made, with enclosed fee, but the supporting paperwork has not yet been made available. All papers must be with the Registrar at least 48 hours before a show. The exhibit must be in the ownership of the exhibitor at close of entry.
26. A dog may be entered as Transfer Applied For (“TAF”) at close of entry, for which an application for a transfer of ownership and/or jurisdiction has been made, with enclosed fee but the supporting paperwork has not yet been made available. All papers must be with the Registrar at least 48 hours before the show. The exhibit must be in the ownership of the exhibitor at close of entry.
27. Entry forms for shows organised by the KCJ, save for matches and companion shows, shall contain, in

- full, the registered name of the dog, the date of birth, the names of the sire and dam. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the information provided. Where a dog is owned by more than one person it may be signed or entered electronically by one of the owners in good faith.
28. Definitions of classes for shows organised by the KCJ shall be printed in the schedule and agreed by the Committee from time to time.
  29. In the case of a dog owned in partnership and entered in a class where the owners must be members each owner must at the time of entry be a member.
  30. Class entry fees for events organised by the KCJ will be decided by the Committee and printed in the schedule.
  31. Entries will close as set out in the schedule. Late entries will not be accepted.
  32. The Show Secretary reserves the right to recommend to the Committee that an exhibit be refused entry. The Committee shall have the final right to refuse entry and, if upheld, any payment refunded.
  33. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by the full amount of the fees and duly completed entry form which may be electronic.
  34. The entry fee for a dog entered and not exhibited will be forfeited.
  35. Permission should be sought from the Committee for any dog to be entered in a show which has had an operation which may give it an unfair advantage. Permission may be granted based on individual circumstances at the discretion of the Committee if it is felt that the operation was performed for the welfare of the dog and not for unfair gain. A dog cannot be entered if:
    - i. Totally blind
    - ii. Totally deaf
    - iii. It has cropped ears
    - iv. The owner is under suspension by the KCJ
  36. If any dog and/or exhibitor is entered for a class for which they are not eligible, entry money shall be forfeited, unless it can be shown that the error is not of the owners making.
  37. Classes shall be scheduled at each show allowing for the best competition possible, classes shall be decided by the Show Secretary but shall follow the following guidance:
    - i. Where it has been made known that one or more dogs of a breed are to be exhibited a breed class will be scheduled.
    - ii. If no dogs are entered in a breed for two consecutive previous shows, then breed classes will not be scheduled at the next show.
    - iii. Where a breed is entered in a "not separately classified" class for two consecutive shows a breed class will be scheduled at the next show.
  38. At a Members Show special classes may be scheduled for champions after Best in Show.
  39. All Committee members may enter and handle a dog at a show unless they have been nominated as Show Manager in which case they can enter a dog but cannot handle any dog.
  40. In brace or team classes, it shall only be necessary for an owner to nominate and pay for one of the dogs at time of entry. All dogs shown in brace or team classes must have been entered into at least their breed or veteran classes and have completed all previous classes entered.
  41. Judging will commence at the time advertised in the schedule.
  42. A show will be open to the public on such payment, if any, as may be decided upon by the Committee. Exhibitors will be admitted free of charge
  43. Apart from dogs entered in a show, or entered "Not for Competition", no dog shall be allowed within the showground without the permission of the Show Manager.
  44. The Committee may add other attractions to any show if it so deemed beneficial to the KCJ.
  45. No notice of any description shall be posted in the precincts of a show without the consent of the Show Manager. All advertisements are strictly forbidden.
  46. The mating of bitches within the confines of show grounds is strictly forbidden.
  47. Any fouling in the showground, or adjacent areas, should be cleared up, and disposed of in the bins

provided, or removed from the showground by the exhibitor. Any exhibitor failing to comply with the rule may have their exhibits disqualified.

48. The Show Manager shall have the right to exclude any dog which is not in a fit state for exhibition due to disease, vice or any other cause; whether such exclusion takes place before or after the dog is judged, the entry fee will be forfeited.
49. Any exhibitor and/or handler can steward or record at a show, carrying out their duties in a professional manner.
50. If an exhibitor reports, before the judging of a class or classes, that a dog has been entered in a class or classes for which it is ineligible, they may choose one of the following options.
  - i. withdrawal from competition
  - ii. transfer to the correct class. If a dog has been entered in a class relevant to its age and it is not eligible as it is not of the correct age then the Show Secretary may transfer it to the appropriate age class, in all other circumstances it will be transferred to the Open class. If a dog is entered in the incorrect breed the Show Secretary may transfer it to the appropriate breed class, if there is no equivalent class it will be transferred to the Open breed class. If there is no breed class it will be transferred to the appropriate variety class in the group
51. If an exhibit arrives late or misses a class, the dog may not be transferred to any other class. Such a dog may however take part in handling classes.
52. Once an exhibit has arrived at the showground it cannot leave, without the permission of the Show Manager, until all its classes have been completed. Should it qualify for special awards these will be regarded as classes to be completed.
53. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any dog, and/or exhibitor from an award won in a class for which they were not, for any reason, eligible and it will be the owner's responsibility to cover any associated costs such as, but not limited to, amending engraving or replacing trophies and/or rosettes.
54. Judges must judge in accordance with the RKC's Breed Standards unless clearly marked in the schedule and 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 KCJ Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice.
55. Judges are expected to act impartially, with integrity and to only judge on the merits of the dogs in competition and consider no other factors. A judge must request that a dog be withdrawn from competition if the judge has a conflict of interest with the dog and/or its owner. A report must be submitted within 7 days to the Show Secretary. At any show, a judge shall not judge any exhibit in which he has an interest. A judge shall be deemed to be interested in any exhibit if he, singularly or jointly,
  - i. bred the exhibit  
or has within the preceding twelve months: -
  - ii. owned the exhibit
  - iii. handled the exhibit
  - iv. prepared the exhibit
  - v. boarded the exhibit.
56. Should any dog be reported by a judge as suffering from any of the conditions set out in Regulation 35 i to iii, the dog shall be disqualified immediately and any awards at that show shall be forfeited.
57. A judge may withhold any award if he considers that such an award is not merited.
58. If not at ringside when required for judging, the Committee will not be responsible for an exhibit's absence from the show ring: the onus is on the exhibitor to be present and not unduly delay judging.
59. No person or dog shall be allowed in the judging ring except those exhibiting or being exhibited in

the current class or those engaged in their official duties.

60. Any Group winners shall be permitted to withdraw from further classes and still be eligible to compete for Best in Show.
61. The attraction of the exhibits or exhibitors' attention from outside the ring is prohibited, where an unfair advantage may be gained – it is not allowed even at the judge's or stewards discretion.
62. The wearing of any "badge" of office, affix, or any club affiliation, or awards whilst handling an exhibit in the show ring is prohibited. Prominent displaying of affixes, club affiliations, awards or dog's names in the proximity of the ring is to be discouraged and should be removed on request of the Show Manager.
63. It must be understood that the judges' decisions are final, except in the case of fraud or misrepresentation or where a bona fide mistake has been made by the judge or where an objection is upheld.
64. In the event of an objection being received in writing with the appropriate non-refundable fee of £75.00 to the Show Manager by an exhibitor, against any exhibit entered in the show on the grounds that: -
  - i. it has had an operation that will give it an unfair advantage and an exemption has not been granted by the Committee, and/or
  - ii. is suffering from an infectious or contagious disease, and/or
  - iii. is excluded under Regulation 35.

the Show Manager must investigate the objection and if required request the Veterinary Surgeon, or his representative to be called to examine the dog and give his opinion in writing to the Show Manager before the close of the show. If in the opinion of the Show Manager, and after consultation with the Veterinary Surgeon, or his representative, the objection is justified all awards won by the dog shall be held in abeyance until the objection has been considered by the Committee.

65. Other than provided for in Regulation 64, all matters of dispute at a show organised by the KCJ, or any objection that Regulations have not been adhered to, should be referred to the Show Manager, on the day and the appropriate non-refundable fee of £75.00 paid. The Show Manager shall then investigate the objection, act if appropriate, and report to the Committee at the next meeting.
66. If a complaint relates to an exhibit owned by the Show Manager, it should be referred to any other officer of the KCJ who is not connected to the complaint.
67. In addition to any objection made during a show, a complaint may be made in writing, with the appropriate non-refundable fee paid of £75.00, to the Secretary within seven days of the relevant show for consideration by the Committee. The Committee shall also be empowered to investigate any observed irregularities regarding the show and associated paperwork.
68. All objections and complaints shall be considered by the Committee at the next committee meeting. Should the Committee feel further action is justified it shall give notice of the terms of the objection or complaint to the person concerned, who shall be entitled to
  - i. Make a statement in writing to the Secretary within fourteen days of the notice being served
  - ii. appear in person before the Committee, such a date to be arranged in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days The Committee shall then come to a final decision whether to uphold the objection or complaint or not.
69. All objections and complaints will be decided upon by the Committee and its decision shall be final and will be advised to all parties concerned by the Secretary.
70. Should the complaint or complaints be made against a member of the Committee, that person shall withdraw from the meeting while the complaint is considered.

## **TROPHIES AND AWARDS FOR KCJ ORGANISED EVENTS**

- a. No trophies shall be taken out of the Channel Islands. The Committee also have the right to bar trophies, of value, from leaving Jersey.
- b. Any person wishing to donate a trophy should write to Committee to ensure that such a trophy is required, and that the class/award to which it will be allocated will provide fair competition.
- c. Trophies shall only be accepted by the Committee under the condition that if the class/award for which the trophy is awarded shall cease to exist, it may be reallocated at the discretion of the Committee.
- d. The Committee shall appoint a Trophy Steward who need not be a member of the Committee but must be a member of the KCJ.
- e. Should the Trophy Steward feel that a trophy is not currently active he may request of the Committee that it is to be archived until such time as it is required again, or to have it re-allocated.
- f. The Trophy Steward shall provide the Treasurer with a register of all trophies owned by the KCJ and of the current holders of each trophy.
- g. All trophies remain the property of the KCJ, unless won outright, and must be surrendered upon request.
- h. No exhibitor winning a trophy may take the trophy unless he signs a receipt for it, a copy of such to be retained by the Trophy Steward.
- i. Trophies signed for are the responsibility of the signer in case of loss or damage; trophies may not be handed over to a third party without consent from the Trophy Steward, and the trophy records being updated and counter signed.
- j. All trophies should be returned, clean, to the Trophy Steward.
- k. Any exhibitor failing to return a clean trophy ten days prior to the date of a show without good reason may have their entries revoked by the Show Manager with all fees being forfeit. Notwithstanding all trophies should be returned to the Trophy Steward in good time for them to be re-presented. Failure to return trophies may result in suspension from future shows. Trophies should also be surrendered upon written request of the Trophy Steward.
- L. The cost of additional plaques or new bases shall be borne by the KCJ only if the Trophy Steward has been informed of any such addition before being made. The Trophy Steward shall have received confirmation from the Treasurer that the KCJ is willing to accept such cost before any work is undertaken.
- m. Jersey Challenge Certificates may be awarded to Group winners at Championship Shows and a Jersey Reserve Challenge may be awarded to the dog placed Group 2 at Championship Shows, subject to the discretion of the judge.
- n. Any dog having been awarded three Jersey Challenge Certificates from three different judges and having received confirmation from the Committee shall be given the title of Jersey Champion and may place the letters "Jsy CH" in front of the dog's name.
- o. Any dog who has been awarded two Jersey Challenge Certificates from two different judges and five Jersey Reserve Challenge Certificates from five different judges and having received confirmation from the Committee shall be given the title of Jersey Champion and may place the letters "Jsy CH" in front of the dog's name.

## **HANDLING REGULATIONS FOR KCJ ORGANISED EVENTS**

- Dogs must be entered in a breed class or Not For Competition to participate in a handling class.
- Handling classes will be held as listed in the schedule.
- The name and age of the handler together with the class number must be provided on the entry form provided for this purpose.
- Entries may be taken on the day of a show, if a handler is over the age of 16 they must sign the entry form.
- Parents or guardians must be present and will be held responsible for any minor (under 16 years of age) under their control. Should a complaint be received against any minor, the parent or guardian will be held responsible as if they themselves were the cause of such a complaint and shall be liable for damage and loss however caused.
- No person shall be allowed in the judging ring except those exhibiting in the handling class or those engaged in their official duties.
- Any objection or complaints will be held in accordance with the Regulations stated above.
- Any handler who enters a class for which they are not eligible will be responsible for any associated costs including but not limited to engraving and rosettes