



THE MALAYSIAN KENNEL ASSOCIATION
AUTHORISED SHOW RULES
(For All types of Shows)

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PART I : INTERPRETATION

In these Rules the words defined as hereinafter following shall bear the meaning herein set out unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith. :

"These Rules" means: The authorized Show Rules for the time being in force.

"The Association" means: The Malaysian Kennel Association.

"Shows" means: A dog show or Dog Sports Event or Canine Event which is promoted by the Association or held under a license issued by the Association by an Affiliate Club.

"Show Committee" means: The Committee appointed by the Association, Affiliate Club of the Association or by a promoter of a show under these Rules.

"Unrecognized Shows" means: Any other shows.

Words importing the singular number only shall where the context so admits, include the plural number and vice versa. Words importing the masculine gender only shall where the context so admits, include the feminine gender.

PART II : SCORE

These Rules shall apply to all shows held under the auspices of or authorized - by The Malaysian Kennel Association, Association's Affiliate Club and any person, firm or corporation conducting or taking part in any shows in any manner whatsoever, shall be bound by these Rules; PROVIDED that the Association may at its discretion exempt any show from the full application of these Rules or any one or more of these Rules.

PART III: KINDS OF SHOWS

Recognized shows shall be of the following kinds :

A) CONFORMATION DOG SHOWS

i) **CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW** at which the Association's Challenge Certificates (CC) counting towards the title of Malaysian Champion and CACIB Certificates counting towards the title of International Beauty Champion may be awarded and at which there shall be no restriction on the number of exhibits which may be entered though there may be restriction as to the breeds or certain groups of breeds;

ii) **OPEN SHOWS** at which there shall be a restriction on the numbers of exhibits which may be entered (though there may be restriction as to breeds or certain groups of breeds) but at which No Challenge Certificates shall be awarded.

iii) **LIMIT SHOWS** at which the dogs entered and exhibited may be restricted and which may at the discretion of the Association be confined to dogs of specified breeds or groups, restricted to dogs the property of members of the Association, to owner resident within a specified area, or limited in any other way, which the Association may approve. No Challenge Certificates shall be awarded at Limit Shows and no dogs, which have won a Challenge Certificate, may participate in a Limit Show.

iv) **EXEMPTION SHOWS** that is, shows from which the Association may exempt the application of these Rules or any one or more of these Rules. No Challenge Certificates shall be awarded at the Exemption Shows.

v) **MATCHES** at which there shall be no restriction on the number of exhibits, which may be entered. Puppies under 6 calendar months of age and dog, which have won Challenge Certificates, are not allowed compete at a Match Show. Matches may at the discretion of the Association and be confined to dogs of specified breed or group, restricted to dogs the property of members of the Association, to owner resident within a specified area, or limited in any other way which the Association may approve. No Challenge Certificates, prize cards, diplomas or other printed awards shall be awarded at a Match Meeting.

B) DOG SPORTS TRIALS

i) **OBEDIENCE TRIALS** held by the Association and open to all exhibitors who qualify for the various classes offered and at which the Association's Obedience Certificates will be awarded.

ii) **AGILITY TRIALS** held by the Association and open to all exhibitors who qualify for the various classes offered and at which the Association's Agility Certificates will be awarded.

iii) **DANCES WITH DOGS TRIALS** held by the Association and open to all exhibitors who qualify for the various classes offered and at which the Association's Dances with Dogs Certificates will be awarded.

iv) **RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIALS** held by the Association and open to all exhibitors who qualify for the various classes offered and at which the Association's Rally Obedience Certificates will be awarded.

v) **IPO TRIALS** held by the Association and open to all exhibitors who qualify for the various classes offered and at which the Association's Certificates will be awarded.

vi) **ANY OTHER CANINE SPORT** event promoted and held by the Association and open to all exhibitors who qualify for the various classes offered and at which the Association's Certificates will be awarded.

C) GROOMING CERTIFICATION held by the Association and open to all exhibitors who qualify for the various classes offered and at which the Association's Certificates will be awarded.

PART IV: WHO MAY HOLD SHOWS

Any of the above mention type of shows may be promoted and/or organized either:

A) By the Association itself in which case they may be described as The Malaysian Kennel Association Championship, Open, Limited, Exemption, Match, Obedience, Agility, Dances with Dogs, Rally Obedience Trials or IPO Trials.

B) By Affiliates, groups or persons or individuals approved and licensed by the Association to hold Conformation Dog Show or Dog Sports Trials. The name by which the show is to be called shall be approved by the Association and notified to the promoters in the contract.

PART V: APPLICATION TO HOLD SHOWS

A) The authority given by the Association to MKA AFFILIATE CLUBS shall be subject to the conditions imposed by the Association in the MKA AFFILIATION DOCUMENT and shall be run in accordance to the Association's Show Rules and Regulations.

B) The authority given by the Association to individuals to run events on behalf of or sanctioned by the MKA shall be run in accordance to the Association's Show Rules and Regulations.

C) Save where a show is being held by the Association itself, any persons granted permission to organise events on behalf of the Association or the Association's Affiliate Clubs shall be required to indemnify the Association and its officers against any claims arising out of the show or touching or concerning the same whether in respect of running expenses, or losses, damage to property, injuries to person, accidents and all other matters whatsoever. The Association strongly advises its Affiliate Clubs and/or persons granted permission to organise events on behalf of the MKA to take out Public Liability Insurance.

PART VI. GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SHOWS

A) APPOINTMENT OF SHOW MANAGER & COMMITTEE

i) Every show or event must appoint a Show Manager who shall be responsible to the Association for the proper organization of the show in accordance with the Rules. The Show Manager of a show shall appoint a Show Organising Committee if required.

ii) The Association may in its discretion appoint to any Affiliate Member show or event sanctioned by the Association, any person as a Show Representative, either in lieu of or in addition to any Show Representative appointed by the Show Organising Committee to act as an observer to ensure the rules of the Association are being adhered to.

B) SHOW VENUE

No show venue shall be approved unless there be adequate shelter from the rain, and if the show is to be held prior to 5.00 pm there shall be effective protection from sunshine.

C) SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND CATALOGUES

The Association or organising Affiliate shall on the day of the show publish and issue a Show Catalog containing a schedule of the show including:

- i) a statement on the cover that such Show is conducted under the Authorised Show Rules of the Association;
- ii) name of the Show Manager and Show Organising Committee;
- iii) names of judges and which classes, breeds, groups they are to judge;
- iv) the full name, date of birth, registered number, name of owner, exhibit numbers and in the case of Conformation Dog Shows microchip number, names of their sires and dams and name of breeder;
- v) details of all awards to be made at such show;
- vi) such other particulars as the Association may require.

D) JUDGES

i) Judges, Show Managers and Chief Ring Stewards at all shows shall be appointed by the Association or organising Affiliate and to be stated in the Show Catalog. The invited judge must be licensed by a governing body recognized by the Association.

ii) In the event of a judge being unable to attend a show and judge there, or of his failing to attend to fulfil his engagement of a show, the Association or Organising Affiliate may appoint another judge to officiate in the place of the judge originally appointed.

iii) When the judge announced in the schedule is changed, the dog may be withdrawn from competition under substitute judge by giving notice in writing to the Show Manager before commencement of the judging of the breed or group. The Show Manager shall notify the Chief Ring Steward. A refund of the entry is also permitted if requested by the withdrawing Exhibitor, so long as the request is made before commencement of judging for the day begins.

iv) In the event the judge not fulfilling his engagement to judge, he may be required by the Association to give reasons of such failure, and in the event of his explanation not being considered satisfactory, the Association shall at its discretion, may take whatever disciplinary action deemed appropriate against the judge.

F) ENTRY FORMS & ONLINE ENTRIES

i) All entries shall be in writing or via online entry where available in the form from time to time prescribed by the Association, and shall be completed by the bona fide owner and signed by at least one co-owner on behalf of other co-owners. The original of such written authority shall be sent to the Association at its registered office. Similarly all Online Entries submitted must be done so by the bona fide owner or co-owners.

ii) In submitting entry form the applicant shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by the Association's Show Rules in force at the time of the show.

iii) Entries for a show must close at the time indicated in the schedule, entries received by the post after the closing time though bearing the date of closing of entries will not be accepted. No entries will be accepted after the closing date unless specified by the Association or permitted by the Show Manager or by the MKA Director in charge.

iv) The Association reserves the right to refuse to accept an entry without having to give a valid explanation.

v) Affiliate Clubs refusing an entry a member of the Association, have to provide a written reason to the Association for such action being taken.

PART VII: BREED REGISTRATION AND CLASSIFICATION

A) BREED OF DOGS RECOGNISED

i) CONFORMATION SHOWS -The breeds of dogs recognized by the Association for exhibition purpose shall be the breeds of dogs recognized by the FCI and in addition such other breeds approved by the Association.

ii) DOG SPORTS & OTHER SHOWS – All breeds of dogs including mix/cross breeds will be recognized by the Association for all Dog Sports or other non-Conformation Dog Show events.

B) FORMALITIES REGARDING EXHIBITS (Conformation Dog Shows)

i) REGISTRATION OF DOGS

All dogs exhibited at the Association's shows or at Affiliate or MKA licensed shows, must be registered with the Association in accordance with the conditions stated in the Association's Registration Form from the time being in force.

ii) UNREGISTERED DOGS - NAF

The Association may allow the exhibition at show of dogs not fully registered by the Association but for which their registration have been applied and recorded as being "provisionally registered". Every such dog entered for a show shall have the letters "NAF" after its name indication that its Name Has Been Applied For and it will be allowed to be exhibited for a period of not more than six months after the date of its provisional registration.

The date of provisional registration shall be the date of receipt of the application by the Association.

If full registration of the dog by the Association has not been effected after one year of the dog's provisional registration, the dog will be deemed as disqualified from the show at which it was exhibited and all prizes and awards that it may have won will be withdrawn.

iii) IMPORTED DOGS - PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION APPLIED FOR (PRAF)

(a) Dogs Imported into Malaysia permanently - All imported dogs will be permitted to be exhibited for a period of six (6) months pending full registration with the Association. Such exhibits will be entered as "Provisional Registration Applied For (PRAF)."

To qualify for PRAF status all the required paperwork, especially a copy of the foreign Pedigree Certificate bearing at least the microchip or tattoo number of the animal to be stated therein must be submitted to the MKA with the required payment. If this is not submitted, the dog will not be allowed to enter any shows organized or sanctioned by the MKA unless written permission is given by the Association's Director in charge.

For the dog to be allowed to compete after the initial six (6) month period, the original Export Pedigree Certificate in the owner's name must be submitted to the MKA.

If documentation is not completed within a period of 12 months or if the particulars provided in the Entry Forms are found to be false, all placings and awards including the Challenge Certificates may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Association and the owner liable to disciplinary action in the case of false claims being made. No certificates of Championship or of any other such titles to be officially issued, until the re-registration process is completed.

(b) Dogs entering Malaysia for International Shows – All dogs coming solely for the purpose of International shows or for shows sanctioned by the Association as being International events, will be permitted to be exhibited for the period of the said show and receive all awards won during the period of the show. These awards may be withdrawn if the particulars provided in the Entry Forms are found to be false or the owner does not comply with the rules and regulations of the short term import rules stated on condition of entry.

iv) OWNERSHIP

A dog must at the time of entry for a show, be the registered property of the exhibitor, save that the Association may in its absolute discretion accept an entry in respect of a dog which is temporarily in the charge of a person not its bona fide owner provided that such entry is made on behalf of the person who is the bona fide owner of the dog.

v) **TRANSFER**

All transfers of ownership must be completed and recorded by the Association before an entry can be accepted in the name of the new owner.

C) CLASSES FOR BREED AND VARIETIES

At any shows, except Match, The Association may provide classes from amongst the following classification. Affiliate clubs organizing breed specialty shows may alter the classes offered, but may not under any circumstances award Challenge Certificates to exhibits under the age of 15 months.

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

i) **MINOR PUPPY:** For dogs of three and not exceeding six calendar months of age on the day of the show (not eligible for CC and other classes)

ii) **PUPPY:** For dogs over six (plus one day) and not exceeding ten calendar months of age on the day of the show. (Eligible for MKA Junior CC)

iii) **JUNIOR:** For dogs over ten (plus one day) and not exceeding fifteen calendar months of age on the day of the show. (Eligible for MKA Junior CC)

iv) **INTERMEDIATE:** For dogs over fifteen (plus one day) and not exceeding twenty four calendar months of age on the day of the show. (Eligible for MKA CC)

v) **OPEN:** For dogs over Twenty four calendar months (plus one day) on the day of the show. (Eligible for MKA CC)

vi) **MALAYSIAN BRED:** Open to all dogs over six calendar months (plus one day) whelped in Malaysia, inclusive of dogs imported in-dam. (Not eligible for MKA CC – *Amended December 2021*)

vii) **VETERAN:** For dogs of any age specified in the schedule but not less than 8 (eight) years on the day of the show. Dogs in the Veteran class are NOT eligible for MKA CC but eligible for Best of Sex competition. Dogs eligible for the Veteran class who are already MYS Champions, can only enter either one of the classes – Veteran or Champion – but not both. (*Amended December 2023*)

viii) **CHAMPION :** For Dogs/Bitches over 15 months old with an Adult Champion title (not Junior Champion) from an FCI Member country only. Proof of Champion titles must be provided at the time of entry.

All Adult Malaysian Champions (not Junior Champions) **MUST** automatically enter the Champion Class, but may also additionally compete in the Malaysian Bred class to compete for that In Group and In Show Awards. Dogs eligible for the Veteran class who are already MYS Champions, can only enter either one of the classes – Veteran or Champion – but not both.

Overseas Champions (from FCI member countries) who want to compete for the title of Malaysian Champion, **MUST** enter the Intermediate or Open Class, unless special exemption rules are in place for visiting foreign dogs at FCI International Shows held in Malaysia.

The Champion dog and bitch classes will be judged separately.

ix) Any other classes as deemed appropriate by the Association and advertised in the show entry form.

PART VIII: PRIZES AND AWARDS

A) CLASS PLACINGS OFFERED

Shall be as follows (If they are present in the Ring):

- i) less than 5 exhibits - 1st and 2nd prizes
- ii) 5 or more exhibits -1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes
- iii) 8 or more exhibits -1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes

B) CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES (JCC/JCAC & CC/CAC) *(Amended May 2023)*

At all Championship shows, there shall be offered for competition an award known as the Junior Challenge Certificates (JCC/JCAC) & Challenge Certificates (CC/CAC) for all unbeaten dogs for each sex eligible for the respective award as mentioned above in PART VII Point C.

Judging for the Junior Challenge Certificates (JCC/JCAC) in both sexes, will be from the class winners of the Puppy and Junior classes only.

Judging for the Challenge Certificates (CC/CAC) in both sexes, will be from the class winners of the Intermediate and Open classes only.

A Judge need not award a Challenge Certificate unless he is of the opinion that the winning exhibits is of outstanding merit and is worthy of being awarded the status of a champion.

C) RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE (JRCC/JRCAC & RCC/RCAC) *(Amended May 2023)*

The Reserve Junior Challenge Certificates or Reserve Challenge Certificates shall be awarded to the second best dog and bitch of each breed if the Judge considers them of sufficient merit. The winner of a Reserve Challenge Certificate shall automatically be awarded the Challenge Certificate should the original winner of the Challenge Certificate be disqualified.

Judging for the Junior Reserve Challenge Certificates (JRCC/JRCAC) in both sexes, will be from the class winners of the Puppy and Junior classes only. *(Amended May 2023)*

Judging for the Reserve Challenge Certificates (RCC/RCAC) in both sexes, will be from the class winners of the Intermediate and Open classes only. *(Amended May 2023)*

In the event a Judge does not award a Challenge Certificate (JCC or CC) the Reserve Challenge Certificate (JRCC or RCC) is also automatically redundant and not to be awarded.

D) CACIB, JUNIOR CACIB & VETERAN CACIB (International Beauty Certificate)

At FCI International Show, all unbeaten dogs in the Intermediate, Open, Champion and Working classes for each sex may be awarded the CACIB, if the Judge considers them of sufficient merit for the title of International Beauty Champion. Winners of the Junior and Veteran Classes shall also be awarded the Junior and Veteran CACIB respectively. This category will shall always follow the latest FCI Rules & Regulations with regards to the eligibility and award system and title qualification.

E) RESERVE CACIB, JUNIOR CACIB & VETERAN CACIB (International Beauty Certificate)

The Reserve CACIB shall be awarded to the second best dog and bitch of each breed from classes eligible for the CACIB, if the Judge considers them of sufficient merit. The winner of a Reserve CACIB shall automatically be awarded the CACIB should the original winner of the CACIB be disqualified.

F) FCI ASIA, AFRICA & OCEANIA SECTION (FCI A2O) CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE *(Amended December 2023)*

At FCI A2O Shows, each best of sex – Best Dog & Best Bitch, selected from the winners of the Junior CC, Adult CC, Champion Class & Veteran Class winners, are eligible for the FCI A2O Challenge Certificate/CAC (A2OCAC) which goes towards their FCI A2O Champion titles. A Reserve FCI A2O Challenge Certificate/RCAC (RA2OCAC) is also awarded to the reserve of each sex. This category will shall always follow the latest FCI A2O Rules & Regulations with regards to the eligibility and corresponding award system and title qualification.

G) SEA CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

At SEA Championship Shows, all unbeaten dogs for each sex (Junior CC, Adult CC, Champion Class & Veteran Class winners) are eligible for the South East Asian (SEA) Challenge Certificate (CC/CAC) which goes towards their SEA Champion titles.

H) BEST OF BREED *(Amended December 2023)*

Where breed classes are offered at the show, there shall be offered a Best of Breed (BOB) prize for each breed. At the end of breed judging for each sex, the judge will select the Best Dog and Best Bitch (and reserves), from the winners of the Champion class (CACIB winners for FCI Int. Shows) and CC/CAC winners for both Junior & Adult CC/CAC and the Veteran Class Winners. Best of Breed is then to be selected from the Best Dog and Best Bitch.

In the event of both CC/CACs are withheld and there is no winner in the Champion Class, the Best Of Breed prize will not be awarded and the dogs ineligible to compete for Best in Group. They may however compete for their respective Class in Group Awards.

I) RESERVE BEST OF BREED *(Amended May 2023)*

After selection of the Best of Breed from the Best Dog and Best Bitch, the judge will then select and Reserve Best of Breed (RBOB) not best opposite sex. Before declaring Reserve Best of Breed, the Reserve Best Dog or Bitch, to the Best of Breed winner, will be called back in to compete for the Reserve Best of Breed. The Reserve Best of Breed shall automatically be deemed Best of Breed if the original Best of Breed winner is disqualified.

J) BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

At the discretion of the show committee at some shows, instead of a RBOB winner, a Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) may be awarded. This shall be competed for by the opposite sex to the Best of Breed winner, i.e. the remaining Best Male or Female of Breed. The awarding of BOS must be advertised in the Show Entry Form. The BOS shall automatically be deemed Best of Breed if the original Best of Breed winner is disqualified.

K) BEST MALAYSIAN BRED OF BREED *(Amended December 2023)*

If the Best of Breed or Reserve Best of Breed winners, are not dogs or bitches entered in the Malaysian Bred class, the dog and bitch winners entered in these two classes, then compete for Best Malaysian Bred, which is to be judged after the conclusion of Best of Breed judging.

L) BEST VETERAN OF BREED *(Amended December 2023)*

Dogs eligible for the Veteran class who are already MYS Champions, can only enter either one of the classes – Veteran or Champion – but not both. This is because dogs in the Veteran Class, are eligible to compete for the Best Sex award. Judging of Best Veteran of Breed is to be done after conclusion of Best of Breed. If the Best of Breed or Reserve of Breed winners come from this class, they will automatically be deemed the respective winner of these breed categories.

M) JUDGING OF BEST PUPPY, JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE OF BREED *(Amended December 2023)*

Judging for Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best Intermediate of Breed will be conducted last, after selection of the Malaysian Bred, for the winners of those Dog and Bitch classes respectively. If the Best of Breed or Reserve of Breed winners come from any of these classes, they will automatically be deemed the respective winner of these breed categories.

N) BEST IN GROUP, RESERVE BEST IN GROUP & R/U to RESERVE BEST IN GROUP

i) In each Group, all the Best of Breed winners shall compete for the title of Best in Group (BIG1) and this award shall be conferred on the winner of this class.

ii) Upon the selection of the BIG1 winner, selection of a Reserve BIG (BIG 2) shall be made from the remaining Breed winners and also the Reserve Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex to the Group winner.

iii) Upon the selection of the BIG2 winner, selection of a R/U to Reserve BIG (BIG3) shall be made from the remaining Breed winners and also the Reserve Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex to the BIG1 & BIG2 winners.

The reserve Best In Group shall automatically be deemed Best in Group if the original Best In Group winner is disqualified. The same applies for the subsequent group place winners.

At the discretion of the Association, at some shows an additional fourth Best in Group (BIG4) may also be awarded. If an additional Group placing is to be awarded, it must be advertised in the Show Entry Form.

O) BEST IN SHOW, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW & R/U to RESERVE BEST IN SHOW
(Amended May 2023)

i) At each show, there shall be offered the award of Best In Show (BIS1) which shall be

conferred on the unbeaten dog of the show and which shall be competed for by the Best In Group winners of all groups participating at the show.

ii) Upon the selection of the Best In Show winner, selection of a Reserve Best In Show (BIS2) shall be made from the remainder of the Group winners and also the Reserve Best In Group (BIG2) from which the Best In Show came from. The Reserve Best In Show (BIS2) shall be deemed the 2nd best dog of the whole show. It shall automatically be deemed the Best In Show winner, if the original Best In Show is disqualified.

iii) Upon the selection of the Reserve Best In Show winner (BIS2), selection of a R/U to Reserve Best In Show (BIS3) shall be made from the remainder of the Group winners and also the Reserve Best In Group (BIG2) from which the Best In Show (BIS1) and Reserve Best in Show (BIS2) winners came from. The R/U to Reserve Best In Show (BIS3) shall be deemed the 3rd best dog of the whole show. It shall automatically be deemed the Reserve Best In Show (BIS2) winner if the original Reserve Best In Show (BIS2) is disqualified.

At the discretion of the Association, at some shows additional Best in Show placings may also be awarded, following the same process as above. If additional BIS placing is to be awarded, it must be advertised in the Show Entry Form.

P) SPECIAL PRIZES – IN GROUP & IN SHOW AWARDS

i) These may be awarded at the discretion of the Association to any of the following: Where separate classes are provided for the sexes of the Best or Reserve Best of Breed specials e.g. Best Puppy of Breed, Best Junior of Breed, etc. These specific Age class winners are then eligible to compete for their specific In Group Award (i.e. Best Puppy in Group, Best Junior in Group, etc.) and then go further to compete for their specific In Show Awards (Best Puppy in Show, Best Junior in Show, etc.)

For these In Group or In Show awards, the show committee is at liberty to decide how many placings are to be awarded for each In Group or In Show award.

ii) Except with the special permission of the Association no special prize shall consist of money or a free stud service by any, nor shall a prize be offered either for progeny sired by a specified dog or for the progeny of a special bitch.

The BIS1, BIS2 and BIS3 winners will be automatically deemed to win their Class in Show, should they come from a class where such an award is being offered. If there is more than one place being offered for this Class in Show, the balance of group winners for this class, will compete for the remaining placings on offer.

Q) DOG OF THE YEAR AND OTHER SUCH AWARDS

Any such scheme, the awards and points structure is at the discretion of the Association and must be advertised before the commencement of the Show Season and may only be amended at the end of the Show Season for the following year.

PART IX: CONDITIONS APPLICABLE ON SHOW DAY

Save with permission of the Show Manager, no animal other than an exhibit shall be allowed within the precincts of a dog show during its continuance.

A) DOGS NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM COMPETITION

i) A dog after admission to a show may not be withdrawn from competition in a class into which it has been placed, unless the Show Secretary is informed of the owner's wish to withdraw from competition. In this case, only the owner of the dog or his accredited agent may withdraw the dog, and only before the commencement of the judging of the breed, or variety of the group in question. Any exhibit failing to participate in its class may be subjected to withdrawal of any earlier awards won at the show in question.

B) ADMISSION TO AND REMOVAL OF DOGS FROM SHOW

No dogs suffering from or which may have recently been exposed to any contagious or infectious disease will be admitted to the show venue, where a veterinary surgeon is in attendance, his opinion on this subject shall be final, if not that of the Show Manager.

C) DOGS TO BE CRATED/CAGED

Each exhibitor shall ensure his dog is crated or caged and kept safe whilst not being exhibited in the ring. No dogs are to be placed for continued periods (more than 1 hour) on a grooming table, whether secured with a grooming noose or arm.

All exhibits when out of their crates or benching area must be controlled on a leash at all times including the show ring except during an Obedience Trial or Demonstration for off leash exercises.

D) EXCLUSION OF EXHIBITORS AND EXHIBITS

At events organized by the Association, its Affiliate Member or persons/organisations given permission to conduct an event endorsed by the Association, the Show Manager may refuse admission to the show or remove there from those in breach of the

following, unless otherwise stated in the particular discipline's published Rules & Regulations:

- i) Any dog which is of a savage unmanageable disposition.
- ii) Bitches in oestrus (in season) will be permitted to be exhibited at all MKA Conformation Shows. However, bitches in oestrus that cause, in the opinion of the Show Officials a nuisance to other dogs, may be removed from the Show. No bitch in oestrus can be exhibited at an Obedience Trial, Rally O Trial or Agility Trial.
- iii) Any dog which is cryptorchid (*for Conformation Dog Shows only*)
- iv) All male dog over the age of six (6) months should have TWO apparently normal testicle fully descended into its scrotum. A judge may excuse a dog from the ring if it is found not confirming to its required Breed Standard (*for Conformation Dog Shows only*)
- v) Any bitch, which is spayed except that this shall not apply to an animal that has progeny registered at the Association but prevented from breeding as a result of surgical operation and provided a certificate must be submitted by the veterinary surgeon certifying that spaying was necessary for health reasons. (*for Conformation Dog Shows only*)
- vi) Any dog led into the Ring or exhibited by a person who has been suspended or expelled by the Association under the Regulations.
- vii) Any exhibitor guilty of unbecoming behaviour, which is prejudicial to the good order and conduct of the show. Refusal of admittance or removal of any exhibitor shall ipso facto also mean refusal of all the exhibitor's exhibits.
- viii) Any lining membranes of the mouth have been cut, pierced or mutilated in any way.
- ix) Any oily, greasy or sticky substance or other preparation or chemical, which has been applied to a dog's coat shall not be allowed to remain on it at the time of exhibition.
- x) Any dye, colouring, whitening or darkening matter, or preparation, has been used and if the effect of it remains at any time during the show.
- xi) The Pulling the dog up at the neck and/or tail is prohibited as it constitutes abuse. Judges can excuse exhibitors who ignore this rule from the ring and not have to judge their dogs. Any exhibitor caught lifting the dog with the lead around its neck and tail, onto or off a grooming table, or whilst attempting to stack the dog on the ground or on the grooming table will be excused from the ring. Any exhibitors caught lifting the dog with the lead around its neck and tail, anywhere in the show grounds will also not be

allowed to enter the ring. A penalty and disciplinary action may be applied if any subsequent incidences by the same owner/handler are reported.

xii) The use of electronic training collars or Pinch collars will be permitted in the show ring or anywhere in the show premises. A penalty and disciplinary action may be applied if any subsequent incidences by the same owner/handler are reported.

xiii) If anything has been done to the dog which, in the opinion of the Show Manager, is calculated to deceive or mislead except only in the case of a necessary operation certified by a Veterinary Surgeon to the satisfaction of the Show Manager.

xiv) The dog must not have endorsed on his registration documents the words "Not eligible for entry at show or exhibition" or "NOT FOR SHOWING NOT FOR BREEDING" *(for Conformation Dog Shows only)*

xv) Any puppy under the age of eight weeks is not permitted to be at any event.

xvi) Attracting the attention of an exhibit from outside the ring (Double Handling) is allowed provided that the Judge does not object. *(for Conformation Dog Shows only)*

xvii) Exhibits will not be allowed in the judging ring at any time except required for judging.

xviii) If the dog's microchip is scanned by a Show Official and the microchip number is not that of the registered dog, or is unable to be found when scanned and/or handler refuses to have the dog's microchip scanned. A report will then have to be lodged by the Show Manager to the Association.

E) DOCKED TAILS & CROPPED EARS

i) The shortening/docking of tails as allowed in the breed standards is permitted so long as the procedure has been performed by a registered veterinary surgeon. Permission will be granted for showing of any breeds that are not traditionally docked, but whose tails have been shortened to save the life of the dog, so long as proper documentation from a certified veterinarian is provided, stating clearly the reason for the surgery being carried out.

ii) No cutting, piercing, breaking by force of any kind of operation or act which destroys the tissues of the ears calculated to deceive, except for ear cropping as permitted in their breed standards, provided the operation is performed by a registered veterinary surgeon.

F) PERSONS AND CONDUCT IN THE JUDGING RING

i) Without the permission of the Chief Ring Steward/Chief Calling Steward no person other than the judge, the properly appointed stewards, Ring Helpers, Trainee Judges, those permitted by the Show Manager and the handler of the exhibits shall be in the ring during any time when judging is in progress. No person shall handle or attempt to handle more than one dog in the ring during one class, except in Brace, Team, Litter or Progeny classes nor shall there be any changing of handlers once judging has commenced without the permission of the judge.

ii) Once judging has commenced no dog may be allowed to join the class in progress without the permission of the judge. The judges' decision is final on admission into the ring after judging of the class has commenced. The same applies to exhibits who after three calls by the Ring Steward are marked absent.

G) ABSENTEE FROM JUDGING

It shall be the duty of all exhibitors to present themselves for judging. If after three calls by the Ring Steward exhibitors are not present, the exhibit will automatically be marked absent for that class in progress. The judge shall not re-judge any class because of the absence from judging ring of any exhibits at the time of the actual judging of the class. Any exhibit absent from the judging ring at the required time will be deemed to have withdrawn from competition and be liable to lose any previous awards won during that competition.

H) FINALITY OF JUDGE'S AWARDS

A judge's award shall be final except in case of fraud or misrepresentation or where breach of these Rules is discovered or where a mistake has been made bona fide by the judge. No alteration of the award may be made after the close of the show without special permission of the Association.

I) POWER TO WITHHOLD AWARDS

A judge shall be empower to withhold any awards (either class awards, Challenge Certificates, CACIBS, or special prize) if, in his opinion there is a lack of sufficient merit, but he must sign the CRS book to state that the award has been so withheld.

PART X: CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS *(Amended May 2023)*

A) MALAYSIAN CHAMPION & MALAYSIAN JUNIOR CHAMPION *(Amended December 2023)*

- i) **Adult Champion** - The Association hereby grants that any Dog/Bitch winning a total of **six (6) Challenge Certificates (CAC)** by Judges or panels of Judges at Championship shows held by the Association or by Affiliate clubs of the Association, shall be entitled to the title of **Malaysian Champion (MYS. CH)**. There is no time frame for the accumulation of the 6 CACs. *(Amended December 2023)*
- ii) **Junior Champion** - The Association hereby grants that any Dog/Bitch winning a total of **four (4) Junior Challenge Certificates (JCAC)** from the Puppy or Junior classes, by Judges or panels of Judges at Championship shows held by the Association or by Affiliate clubs of the Association, shall be entitled to the title of **Malaysian Junior Champion (MYS. JR. CH)**, so long as at least two (2) of the **Junior Challenge Certificates (JCAC)** was won whilst competing in the Junior Class. *(Amended December 2023)*

All applications for the title of **Malaysian Champion & Malaysian Junior Champion** must be made on a separate form with details of all relevant criteria, for approval and official recording by the MKA inclusive of admin fee.

B) Malaysian Grand Champion Title (MYS. GR. CH.) *(Amended December 2023)*

The title of **Malaysian Grand Champion (Mys. Gr. Ch.)** can be attained by dogs and bitches over the age of 15 months who meet the following criteria.

Criteria	Min. No. of shows to be attended.
1 Best in Show + 6 CC's	6
1 Res. Best in Show + 6 other* Best in Groups	7
4 Best in Groups + 12 Best of Breed (BOB)	12
1 Best in Group + 5 Res. Best in Groups + 17 BOB	17
25 Best of Breed	25
* Other refers to groups that must be won in addition to the Group won when the dog won Res. Best in Show.	

All applications for the title of **Grand Champion** must be made on a separate form with details of all relevant criteria, for approval and official recording by the MKA inclusive of admin fee.

C) Malaysian Hall Of Fame Title (MYS. HOF.) *(Amended December 2023)*

The title of Malaysian Hall of Fame (Mys. HOF.) can be attained by dogs over the age of 15 months who meet the following criteria.

Criteria	Min. No. of shows to be attended.
3 Best in Show + 5 other* Group 1 st placing (BIG1)	8
2 Best in Show + 2 Res. Best in Show + 5 other* BIG1	9
1 Best in Show + 15 other* BIG1	16
30 BIG1	30
* Other refers to groups that must be won in addition to the Group won when the dog won Best in Show or Res. Best in Show.	

All applications for the title of Hall of Fame must be made on a separate form with details of all relevant criteria, for approval and official recording by the MKA inclusive of admin fee.

PART XI: GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL EXHIBITORS AT MKA ORGANISED, SANCTIONED OR AFFILIATE MEMBER EVENTS

A) CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

It shall be a condition of entry to any event organized by the Association, Affiliate Clubs or person assigned to hold an event by the Association that the Owner, Co-owners and Exhibitor of a dog renders himself liable to a penalty and disciplinary action (including suspension and disqualification) by the Association in its sole and absolute opinion, after conducting an investigation, is found to be in breach of the Rules of sub-section (i) to (xiii), of the Authorised Show Rules of The Malaysian Kennel Association and/or the Articles of The Malaysian Kennel Association :

i) **Indemnity of the Association and Show Officials** –An exhibitor shall hold the Association, Affiliate Clubs or person assigned to hold an event and its officers and officials harmless and indemnified against all claims demands suits actions proceedings damages expenses and costs (including legal costs) arising from or relating to such loss or damage.

ii) **Contagious Diseases** - The dog must not be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease

iii) **Alteration of Teeth** - The setting of the teeth may not be artificially altered or teeth implanted.

iv) **Ownership of Dog by Judge** - The dog must not have been registered or recorded as owned or co-owned by the Judge within the period of 180 days prior to the show, except that this shall not apply when the Judge is appointed in an emergency.

v) **Socialising & Contacting the Judge** - A member must not, at any time prior to or during a Show, compromise or entertain a judge (unless at an official show function) appointed in respect of that Show, in such a manner as could give rise to the inference that the member is attempting to influence the judge's attitude to the member or to an exhibit (whether owned by the member or another person). A member is not to contact a judge after the announcement of that judge's appointment by any means that may be interpreted as promoting an exhibitor or an exhibitor's exhibits. This includes social networking sites, email and all electronic forms of communication as well as traditional forms of communication.

vi) **Use of Paraphernalia in the ring** - An exhibitor must not wear any form of attire or paraphernalia which advertises a kennel name, dog club, training group, name of another sponsor save for that of the show, nor the name of his exhibits in the ring unless given written permission by the Association. Neither is he allowed to display any name tag that indicates he is an official of the show committee or of the Association.

vii) **Animal Abuse** - Any instance of perceived animal abuse at a show must be reported. Examples include actual physical abuse, excessive discipline of a dog, neglect endangering an animal's wellbeing and the whelping of a bitch at an event. This also includes and is not limited to action taken to separate dogs during a dog fight.

viii) **Misconduct** - Every exhibitor shall behave with decorum and in a sportsmanlike manner to all other persons in the show. An exhibitor shall at all times during a Show obey and comply with all reasonable directions given by a show official. A member may not disparage the decision of a judge; denigrate, malign, besmirch, slander, disparage or vilify the person or reputation of any other member or Show Official, or cause embarrassment to a Judge or other persons at a show. Any failure by an exhibitor to adhere to the requirements of this regulation shall be deemed to constitute misconduct.

viii) **Abusive Verbal Behaviour** - Aggressive, threatening and verbal abuse to the Associations officials, staff, Show Officials and fellow exhibitors will not be tolerated.

ix) **Dishonesty** - Acts of dishonesty or deceit or other fraudulent conduct, and improper or discreditable behaviour, in or about or in connection with the show, shall render the offending party liable to penalty, under these Rules.

x) **Use of Prohibited Substances/Drugs** - A dog to which a prohibited drug has been administered shall not be exhibited. It is a condition precedent to any dog being exhibited at a Show that, if required, the dog be swabbed or tested at any time and from time to time during the Show. The cost of swabbing/testing a dog will be met by the Association. If the swab is found to be positive, the registered owner shall be liable to forthwith pay to the Association the cost of the test and be suspended from membership and any prize awarded to the dog at the Show shall be forfeited and the dog de-registered. If an owner and/or handler refuses to have a dog swabbed/tested the owner will also be suspended and the dog de-registered.

xi) **Random Checking of Microchips** - It is a condition precedent to any dog being exhibited at a Show that, if required, the dog's microchip be scanned at any time and from time to time during the Show. If the microchip number is not that of the registered dog, and/or handler refuses to have the dog's microchip scanned, the owner, pending an inquiry will be suspended from membership, the dog de-registered and any prize awarded to the dog at the Show shall be forfeited.

xii) **Aggressive Dogs** – It is the sole and absolute obligation of the owner, exhibitor and/or handler at a show/trial/event organised by the MKA or its Affiliates to take all such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under that person's care or control or for which that person is responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner. If a fight or attack should happen it is the sole responsibility of the owner/handler of the dogs to intervene, not that of the Association or its Show Officials. The Association does not provide any equipment for this and it is the responsibility of the owner/handler to humanely intervene and restore order. If an attack occurs, it is the obligation of the affected persons, witnesses or Show Officials who observed the incident to report the incident in writing to the Show Manager as soon as possible after the incident and before the conclusion of the show. Dogs who initiate or demonstrate aggressive behavior towards other dogs or humans whilst at an event organized by the Association or its Affiliate clubs will be immediately suspended from further participation at the Association's events. Pending an investigation the dog and owner/handler are liable to face disciplinary action in the form of suspension of membership or suspension of participation at any further events organized by the Association or its Affiliate clubs. Aggressive dogs will have to go through a temperament assessment organized by the Association before being allowed to participate at any further events organized by the Association or its Affiliate clubs.

B) FRAUDULENT OR DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOUR AT SHOW BE REPORTED

The Show Manager must immediately report to the Association any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, and at the same time forward to the Association all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession.

C) PARTICIPATION IN UNRECOGNISED SHOWS

- i) Any person promoting, exhibiting, judging or in any way officiating at unrecognised show shall at the discretion of the Association, be disqualified from judging, competing, winning a prize or taking part at a recognised show, and all dogs exhibited at any unrecognised show shall be disqualified from competition at any recognised show. Such disqualification shall apply also to all dogs registered in the name of or owned by any person disqualified as hereinafter provided.
- ii) The Association shall have the power to remove, upon such terms and condition as it shall think fit, any disqualification under these Rules.
- iii) The Association shall have the power to inquire into and adjudicate upon any charge which may be made against any member for any act or conduct in regards to a dog or any matter connected with, arising, out of or relating to a dog show, which in the opinion of the Association is discreditable or injurious to those interested in or concerned with canine matter, and, if such charge is proved to the satisfaction of the Association, to impose appropriate penalties as specified in this Authorised Show Rules and the Articles of Association of The Malaysian Kennel Association.

D) PROTESTS

Any exhibitor may lodge a protest (except by one who is under terms of suspension by the Association) provided:

- i) Verbal protest is made before the termination of the show to the Show Manager. A protest fee of RM 200.00 shall be paid at the time of making verbal protest. Such fee shall 'be refunded if the protest is upheld. Should the protest be withdrawn a surcharge of RM 50.00 will be charge as administrative cost. However, if the protest is dismissed, the full amount of RM 200.00 will be forfeited.
- ii) Written details of the protest are delivered to the Secretary of the Association of the Association within 48 hours at the end of the show.

PART XII: PENALTIES

Any person guilty on any infringement of these present or any provision hereof, (in which respect of the opinion of the Association shall be final and conclusive in all respects) shall, at the discretion of the Association be subject to any one or more of the following:

A) Fine not exceeding RM1000.00

B) Suspension from taking part in all shows and events organized and sanctioned by the Association and its Affiliate Clubs for such period as the Association deems fit, not exceeding 24 months.

C) Suspension of Membership of the Association for a period not exceeding 12 months.

D) Injunction against any exhibits involved in the infringement from taking part in any shows and events organized and sanctioned by the Association and its Affiliate Clubs for such period as the Association deems fit, not limited to a lifetime suspension for failure to pass the Association's temperament test in the case of Aggressive dogs.

E) Penalties stipulated in the Articles of Association (Constitution) of The Malaysian Kennel Association.

PART XIII: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS FOR SHOWS

A) FEE MAY BE CHARGED, ETC.

A Show Committee may charge entry fee, entrance fee to show ground, and fees for seats situated around judging ring. It may offer for sale and sell copies of the show catalogue or other matter concerning the show, and may also let and charge rent for space occupied in the show ground for traders' stalls.

B) ADVANCES OF MONEY TO SHOW MANAGER

The Association may advance such sums of money to a Show manager on account of expenditure to be incurred in organizing a show as it may in its absolute discretion determine.

PART XIV: THE ASSOCIATION TO BE FINAL COURT OF APPEAL

The Association shall be the final court of appeal in Malaysia in all matters, question or disputes (whether arising out of these Rules, or out of these Rules & Regulations of the aforesaid Kennel Club or the interpretation thereof) concerning a show or otherwise in connection with canine affairs, and the decisions of adjudication of the Association shall be conclusive and final and binding upon any person owing, or registering a dog promoting, exhibiting, judging or in any way officiating or participating at a show.

PART XV: MISCELLANEOUS

A) THESE RULES TO BE AVAILABLE

These Rules shall be published online on the Association's website or available in print for a fee.

B) ALTERATION AND REVOCATION OF THESE RULES

The Association may whenever it shall think fit alter or revoke these Rules or any of them, or make new Rules.

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