

Rules and Regulations

Class Division

Hand Stripping, Spaniels and Setters, Pure Breeds, Poodles

Beginner Class – competitors with up to 3 years of experience as a groomer (including show experience).

Open Class – over 3 years of experience. Competitors who have competed in a Champion Class are not eligible.

Dogs must be groomed according to FCI breed standards.

Workshop, Asian Style

Same experience criteria as above.

Grooming does not follow FCI standards. All breeds welcome. Hand stripping is not allowed. All grooming techniques are permitted.

For poodles: muzzle must not be shaved. Temporary accessories and washable dyes (chalk, markers) allowed.

Model Dog

Artificial models made of synthetic fiber with full-body structure required.

Commercial Class: Should resemble a commercially groomed pet. Minor creative accents

Time Limits

Category Small Medium Large

Hand Stripping (no clippers) 2.5h – 3h

Hand Stripping (with clippers) 2h 2h 15min 2.5h

Spaniels & Setters – – 2.5h

Poodles Up to 45cm: 2h 15min Over 45cm: 2.5h (+15min for topknot)

Pure Breeds 2h (e.g. Bichon, Bedlington) 2.5h (e.g. Kerry Blue)

Workshop / Asian Style 2h 2.5h

Model Dog Commercial – 2h Creative – 2h 15min

Requirements for Dogs

All dogs must have a valid rabies vaccination record.

Dogs must be bathed (except hand-stripped dogs).

Clean ears, clipped nails, and hygienically prepped areas are required.

No visible clipper lines or patterns allowed.

Hair must be long enough to show transformation.

Improper coat prep may result in disqualification from placing.

Grooming Rules by Category

Hand Stripping:

No bald patches or pink skin visible.

Hand-stripped "with the grain", without pain.

Coat rolling allowed.

Clippers may only be used on specific areas (e.g. Schnauzer head, WHWT ears).

Poodles & Pure Breeds:

Must be bathed and well-dried.

No clipper guards allowed.

Face, feet, and tail must be shaved prior to competition (except Asian Style).

Must reflect the FCI standard style.

Asian Style / Workshop:

All tools allowed (scissors, clipper, thinning shears).

Washable dyes and collars permitted.

Model Dog:

Chalk and color allowed. No mess on judge's hands post-evaluation.

Judging Criteria

Suitability of style to dog

Grooming difficulty

Ability to enhance anatomy and hide flaws

Trendiness and execution of modern grooming styles

Adherence to breed standards

Finish quality (scissoring, clipping, hand stripping)

Balance, symmetry, and smoothness

Presentation to judges

Scoring:

10 points – 1st place

8 points – 2nd place

6 points – 3rd place

(Judges work independently, no consultations allowed.)

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Awards

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category

BEST IN SHOW – selected from all 1st place winners

Golden Stripper – best from Hand Stripping / Spaniels & Setters

Golden Scissors – best from Poodles / Pure Breeds

Important Competition Rules

Arrive at ring 30 mins before start with your dog and tools.

No talking to other competitors or the audience during competition.

Mobile phone use is strictly prohibited.

Aggressive behavior or mishandling of dogs may lead to disqualification.

Clean up your grooming station after the contest.

A comb must be left on the table for judging.

Display dogs only during judging.

Any injury or burn to a dog disqualifies from winning.

No refunds in case of withdrawal.

Entering the contest implies acceptance of all rules and consent to use of image for promotional purposes.