

GENERAL RULES: 2022

BREED STANDARD CLASSES & SALON FREESTYLE

SHOW STRUCTURE, DIVISIONS AND AWARDS STRUCTURE:

Dual-Division Competition

Division "A" & Division "B" compete separately for titles of first, second and third in their division classes. The first place winner from each Division will compete against all other first place winners from their division for Best in Show. There will be a Best in Show Division "A" winner and a Division "B" winner.

COMPETITION LEVEL DIVISIONS:

GroomTeam Sanctioned Class rules will apply to all levels with the following exception: ONLY Division "B" may use clippers, scissors and thinning shears when bodywork is typically hand stripped and/or carded for show ring in sporting class and wire coat class. A fifteen-minute time reduction will be levied.

DIVISION "A":

Open to all competitors. Competitors who have won two Best in Show or two Best All Around groomer titles, from intermediate division or "B" division at any show OR three group placements from any tiered show, OR three 1st placements from intermediate division at any show MUST enter DIVISION "A". Recommended for groomers with intermediate to advanced styling skills, previous successful competition experience, and for intermediate to advanced conformation dog show exhibitors and/or certifiers and instructors.

DIVISION "B":

Restricted to competitors who have NOT won two Best in Show or two Best All Around groomer titles, from intermediate division or "B" division at any show OR three group placements from any tiered show, OR three 1st placements from intermediate division at any show, AS WELL AS competitors who have not won a Best in Show or Best All Around title from any division at any show, OR three 1st placements from entry division at any show, OR one group placement from any tiered show. Recommended for groomers who have never competed and/or possess novice-grooming skills. Conformation dog show exhibitors, owners, breeders, handlers who have finished a champion, and/or certifiers and grooming instructors are **not permitted** to compete in Division "B" and must enter Division "A".

AWARDS:

Both divisions are judged simultaneously. Three placements are awarded in each division. The first place winners from both divisions of each class will go on as Best in Show contenders.

BEST IN SHOW:

Best in Show will be chosen from the 1st place winners from both division A and B from each class: Wire Coat Class, All Other Purebred, Salon Freestyle, and Poodles. The 1st place winners then return with their entry to the Best in Show Awards Presentation at designated time and place. Those winners not present for final Best in Show judging will not be eligible. There will be a Best In show awarded for both Division A and B.

AWARD POLICIES:

Provided sufficient eligible competitors are entered, 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements must be awarded in that order. Awards will not be withheld unless there is a specific disqualifying factor as described in Warnings and Disqualifications.

Refer to Procedures and Protocols for other important information.