

## Chapter 16 of the Conformation Rules & Regulations – Sanction Match

A sanction match is an informal event held by a club obtaining the approval of the local CKC Board Member for the zone in which the match will be held. Only recognized and listed breeds may compete; however, championship points are not awarded. Sanction matches shall be governed by the specific rules laid down for same (see **Chapter 16 of the Conformation Rules & Regulations** below) and where a rule is not specified, the Conformation Rules & Regulations will apply.

### 16.1 General

- 16.1.1 The club shall appoint a match superintendent, secretary, chief ring steward and at least one steward for each ring. The duties of these officials shall be the same as those at approved conformation shows and shall carry the same authority.
- 16.1.2 All match committee members, judges and stewards must wear identification badges.
- 16.1.3 Each ring must be divided by a rope, curtain or fence at least two (2) feet high and be equipped with sufficient matting to facilitate gaiting, water, towels, ring numbers and placards for the placements.
- 16.1.4 A dog awarded Best in Match is entitled to be designated as same.
- 16.1.5 The use of a Best in Show sign is prohibited and a club must ensure no pictures taken at the match will have a Best in Show sign included in same.
- 16.1.6 A sanction match must be organized so that judging will be completed by 11:00 p.m.
- 16.1.7 An observer from the CKC may attend the match to observe how it is being conducted. Do not hesitate to ask for advice or assistance if a problem arises or assistance is required.
- 16.1.8 A copy of these rules must be posted in a prominent location at the match.

Remember ... A clean match is a successful match and to accomplish this, a good clean-up crew is a must.

### 16.2 The Match

- 16.2.1 A sanction match is a competition at which only recognized and listed breeds may compete but not for championship points. It is a training ground for the officials, judges, stewards, handlers and dogs.
- 16.2.2 As far as practicable, set-up and procedure should follow that of approved conformation shows.
- 16.2.3 A dog must be handled in the ring by the owner or member of the immediate family or by a person who will not receive any monetary consideration.

- 16.2.4 All disqualifications as per the breed standards and the Conformation Rules & Regulations shall prevail at sanction matches, except for dogs under six months of age on the day of the match.
- 16.2.5 A judge at a sanction match shall excuse a dog that has a disqualification as outlined in the breed standard or Conformation Rules & Regulations and shall inform the exhibitor why the dog is being excused from competition.

### **16.3 Dates**

- 16.3.1 Dates must be applied for not less than 60 days prior to the date of the match and on an application form procured from the CKC Board Member representing that zone. The application shall be completed in full and returned to the CKC Board Member for that zone.
- 16.3.2 When approved, one copy will be retained by the local CKC Board Member, one copy will be returned to the club and the third copy will be forwarded to the CKC Shows & Trials Division.
- 16.3.3 Dates will be on a first-come, first-served basis. It will be at the discretion of the local CKC Board Member to fix policies as to time and distance between events in order to prevent a conflict.

### **16.4 Judges**

- 16.4.1 The match-giving club shall have the responsibility of selecting judges with at least five (5) years' experience as a breeder and/or exhibitor, with preference given to those persons who have aspirations of becoming judges.
- 16.4.2 All judging assignments must be made in writing by the club and confirmed in writing by the judge.
- 16.4.3 The judges' books should follow the format of the sample provided in these rules. Only one copy is required and it shall be completed by the judge and signed by him at the completion of the assignment. It is the responsibility of the match-giving club to provide these sheets at the match.
- 16.4.4 The judges' sheets shall only contain the armband numbers as worn by each exhibitor in the ring.
- 16.4.5 The awards shall be transferred to the group and Best in Match sheets by the steward, match superintendent or secretary. Group and general Specials judging sheets will be provided by the CKC if requested.
- 16.4.6 The club will be responsible for supplying each judge with the Verification of Sanction Match/Sweepstakes Judging Assignment form and the judging sheets for their assignments within 14 days of the match. These shall be retained by the judge for future reference if and when needed.

## 16.5 Entries

- 16.5.1 At their option, match-giving clubs may provide blank entry forms for the exhibitors to complete when entering the match. If used, the information needed is breed of dog, class entered (colour or size if divided), name of dog (call name is acceptable), age, sex, name and address of owner.
- 16.5.2 A club may elect to specify a closing date or to accept post entries. If the latter is employed, entries may be accepted until the start of the breed to be entered.

## 16.6 Classes & Awards

- 16.6.1 Classes must be provided for

### Puppy Dog

- 4-6 Month
- 6-9 Month
- 9-12 Month

### Puppy Female

- 4-6 Month
- 6-9 Month
- 9-12 Month

The age groups in each of the above sexes may be combined if entries do not warrant separate classes.

- Open Dog
- Open Bitch

The Open classes may be combined if only one entry is received for each sex.

- 16.6.2 The winners in each class will compete for

- Best Dog
- Best Bitch
- Reserve Dog
- Reserve Bitch

Reserve winners will be for dogs and bitches undefeated by any dog except the Best Dog or Bitch.

- Best of Breed

(Best Dog and Best Bitch compete)

- Best Puppy

(All puppies undefeated by another puppy)

- Best of Opposite Sex

(Awarded to the Best of the sex opposite to Best of Breed)

16.6.3 A club must provide for a Graduate class for all dogs and bitches with five (5) or more championship points in any country (Champions included). Entries will be placed first, second, third, fourth.

Judging of the Graduate class shall follow Best of Breed and/or Best Puppy in Breed.

16.6.4 A club must offer a Best Graduate in Group and Best Graduate in Match. These awards will follow the judging of the group and be before Best in Match.

16.6.5 The following classes may be offered and will be judged after the Graduate classes:

- Sexually Altered Dog
- Sexually Altered Bitch
- Best Sexually Altered in Breed
- Best Sexually Altered in Group
- Best Sexually Altered in Match

## 16.7 Ribbons

16.7.1 All ribbons (or cards) given at a sanction match shall have the words “CKC Sanction Match,” the name of the club, and the award on them. Colours shall be as follows:

First	Gold
Second	Rose
Third	Beige
Fourth	Grey
Best Dog/Bitch	Gold
Reserve Dog/Bitch	Spring (Lime) Green
Best of Breed	Green
Best of Opposite Sex	Rust
Best Puppy in Breed	Pink
Best Altered Dog/Bitch	Orange

## Groups

Same colours as in first through fourth above, longer ribbons or rosettes could be used.

Best in Match	Green
Best Puppy in Match	Pink
Best Graduate in Breed, Group & Match	Brown
Best Altered in Breed, Group, Match	Brown & White