



GENERAL RULES FOR SHOWS AND TRIALS IN DENMARK



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OVERALL

The rules below apply to all shows and trials held in Denmark by the Danish Kennel Club (DKK) or by regions, breed clubs or associations affiliated with the DKK where the results are registered in the DKK dog web (hundeweb.dk).

All regulations for shows and trials must refer to these rules. Therefore, they are not repeated in the individual show- or trial regulations.

The DKK's committees, breed clubs and regions can apply to the DKK general committee for permission to make deviations from these general rules. In such cases, the deviation must be mentioned specifically in the regulation in question.

Subsequently "arrangement" is used as joint designation for all shows and trials.

MANAGEMENT OF THE ARRANGEMENT

The organizing club's general committee appoints an executive for the arrangement (i. e. a show- or trial manager) or an organizing committee which is the highest authority at the arrangement, apart from the judging of the dogs. The executive for the arrangement is responsible for the performance of the arrangement, including that the present rules for the arrangement be observed and questions of doubt be settled.

ADMISSION AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS

Categorized in:

- Registration and ID marking
- Ownership
- Breeds
- Persons
- Ear cropping and tail docking
- Health requirements
- Dogs that cannot take part or be admitted
- Vaccinations
- Doping
- Doping control
- Control of the dog's identity, etc.
- Insurance and responsibility

Registration and ID-marking

It must appear from the regulations of the discipline in question whether the discipline is for all dogs or for pedigree dogs only. In the latter case, it must appear whether the discipline is for all breeds or for individual groups and/or breeds only.

Subsequently, the following criteria must be fulfilled in order for the dog to take part:

- **For all dogs:**
The dog must be identifiable (i. e. micro-chipped or tattooed)
- **For pedigree dogs:**
The dog must be pedigree registered in the DKK or in another pedigree organization recognized

by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI).

Danish-owned dogs must have a Danish pedigree.

Imported dogs that are being registered in the DKK can take part, if the owner submits - along with the entry - a confirmation from the DKK certifying that the dog's pedigree is under registration in the DKK. In this case, the owner is under an obligation to procure the confirmation from DKK's pedigree department.

Transfers from other Danish pedigree organizations cannot take part until they have a registration number from the DKK.

Foreign registered dogs with owners residing outside Denmark must forward a copy of the dogs FCI pedigree certificate to the DKK - or hand over a copy to the organizer who subsequently sends it to the DKK. The dog will then be admitted to hundeweb.

Read more under Entry.

- **For non-pedigree dogs:**

Dogs that are not pedigree registered in the DKK or in another pedigree organization recognized by the FCI must have a START-NR. issued by the DKK before entry - or in connection with the entry. The START-NR. and a possible result book (for arrangements where this is mandatory) can be purchased at the DKK web shop.

Ownership

A possible change of ownership of the dog must be registered in DKK - also in cases of change of address. If these things are not in order, then the dog can be denied participation.

Breeds

It appears from the regulations of the discipline in question, which breeds are admitted.

Breeds provisionally or definitely recognized by the FCI as well as breeds nationally recognized and registered in the waiting register (X-register) of the DKK can take part.

Breeds that are banned according to Danish legislation cannot take part.

Persons

For persons excluded from participating in arrangements in the DKK, breed clubs, the Nordic kennel clubs other FCI kennel clubs or the FCI, the exclusion comprehends:

- Entering dogs for events,
- Participation as official or handler at events,
- Any active participation at events, including dog walking, caring and preparing dogs for participation.

The same applies to people that have been refused the right to keep pets in their home country or by an FCI-member country's government. It also applies to persons that have not regained their membership or membership rights in DKK after exclusion. The exclusion comprises any active assistance at the arrangement, including grooming and prepping of dogs. It is the dog owner's duty to comply with the above-mentioned rules.

Ear cropping and tail docking

All ear cropped dogs born after 30 June 2009 cannot take part regardless of the dog's country of birth. Cropped dogs born before 1 July 2009 can only take part if the dog has been born in a country where ear cropping is permitted.

Tail docked dogs cannot take part, regardless of the dog's country of birth. The prohibition also includes dogs that have been docked for veterinary reasons, irrespective of whether a veterinary certificate is presented. The only exception are dogs that have a written exemption from the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration.

The following breeds are excepted from the tail docking prohibition: Brittany spaniel, German short-haired pointer, German wirehaired pointer, Vizsla and Weimaraner.

Only the following breeds can take part stump-tailed (with a natural bobtail): Australian Shepherd, Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog, Brittany Spaniel, Boston Terrier, Bourbonnais Pointing Dog, Bouvier des Ardennes, Bouvier des Flandres, Croatian Sheepdog, Danish/Swedish Farm Dog, English Bulldog, Entlebuch Cattle Dog, French Bulldog, Gos d'Atura Catala, Jack Russell Terrier, Karelian Bear Dog, King Charles Spaniel, Miniature American Shepherd, Mudi, Old English Sheepdog, Perro de Agua Espanol, Polski Owczarek Nizinny, Long-Haired Pyrenean Sheepdog, Pyrenean Sheepdog Smooth-Faced, Rat Terrier, Swedish Vallhund (Västgötaskets), Schipperke, Terrier Brasileiro, Welsh Corgi Pembroke.

Dogs without tail or with only a part of the tail of all other breeds than the above (and of course Brittany spaniel, German shorthaired pointer, German wirehaired pointer, Vizsla and Weimaraner which are excepted from the docking prohibition) are considered missing a part of the body and consequently they cannot take part (must be disqualified). The only exception are dogs that have a written exemption from the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration.

Health requirements

The dogs that take part must be in good mental and physical health condition and show no signs of illness. Dogs can only take part if they do not pose a danger of infection. If in doubt, a veterinary certificate must be presented.

A dog showing signs of illness can be denied participation by the judge or the executive for the arrangement.

Possible enquiries to the organizer or the DKK (the health committee or the committee responsible for the discipline in question) regarding health requirements – both general and concrete matters – must be presented in writing in order to avoid misunderstandings. Documentation must be brought to the arrangement.

Dogs that cannot take part or cannot be brought to the arrangement

Dogs that have been excluded from participation in arrangements in the DKK, breed clubs, the Nordic kennel clubs, other FCI kennel clubs or the FCI cannot take part.

In connection with pregnancy and birth, the following applies:

- **Before birth:** Pregnant bitches cannot take part the last 30 days before birth (calculated from 63 days after the first mating).
This means that as of 33 days after the mating, the bitch cannot take part.
- **After birth:** The bitch cannot take part until 75 days after birth.
- Puppies under 12 weeks cannot take part and must not be brought to the arrangement.

Sterilized bitches are allowed take part.

It must appear from the regulations of the discipline in question which rules apply for dogs with one or both testicles undescended (dogs with cryptorchidism), castrated males and bitches in heat - including which possible measures should be taken.

Vaccinations

When you participate in a DKK arrangement you must be able to document that your dog is protected against canine distemper, parvo virus and infectious hepatitis. This is possible by presenting a valid vaccination certificate or a positive titer test confirming the presence of protective antibodies.

For dogs over the age of 21 weeks, one of the following kinds of documentation must be presented:

- A vaccination certificate which is at least 7 days and no more than 4 years old – and where the dog had attained the age of at least 16 weeks when the vaccination was performed.
- A positive titer test which is no more than 4 years old – and where the dog had attained the age of at least 16 weeks when the blood sample for the titer test was taken.

For puppies between 12 and 21 weeks, one of the following kinds of documentation must be presented:

- A vaccination certificate which is at least 7 days and no more than 5 weeks old.
- A positive titer test which is no more than 5 weeks old.

Foreign dogs must moreover be vaccinated against rabies according to the Danish legislation in force at the time in question.

Doping

It is prohibited to take part with dogs that are in treatment with medicines or other drugs that improve the performance, change the temperament or in other ways affect the dog's physical appearance or behaviour. This includes e. g. medicines for treatment of pain, infections, allergies/skin problems, hormone disruptions, chemical castration, heart diseases, anxiety, aggression or other mental problems.

Moreover, it is prohibited to take part with dogs that have gone through treatments or surgical operations that dim original exterior faults as e. g. wrong bite, entropion/ectropion, narrow nostrils, too long soft palate or excessive folds of skin.

It is possible to apply for exemption from the doping rules by completing a special form:

<https://www.dkk.dk/alle-emner/sundhed-og-sygdom/doping>.

Exemptions are granted on the basis of an individual assessment and will in certain cases be subject to a breeding ban on the dog.

Doping control

A request for doping control of a dog from others than the executive of the event or the judges must be submitted in writing on the day to the executive of the event with an explanation for the control. The request costs a fee of DKK 1.000,-, which will be lost if the test is negative.

All costs in relation to control and following tests must be paid by the owner of the dog, if the test is positive.

Should the test be negative, the costs in relation to control and subsequent tests must be paid by the organizer of the arrangement.

If a request for doping control of a dog is submitted, the organisers must summon the dog's owner/handler in question for consultation and a notice the dog must be set for doping control on the current day.

It rests upon the organisers to summon a veterinarian for sampling of blood, urine, hair and nose on the current day.

The samples are stored by the veterinarian.

The executive of the event informs DKK about the conducted doping control, after which it is decided which analyses will be carried out on the basis of the nature of the request.

When the results of the analyses are available, the DKK health committee will rule whether or not it is a case of doping.

The health committee's verdict is forwarded to DKK general committee, who will determine whether the case is considered closed or whether it is passed on to the disciplinary board of DKK for trial according to the laws of the DKK.

Persons who refuse to put themselves up for doping control or fail to turn up for control are reported to the DKK, who will decide whether the case is passed on to the disciplinary board of DKK for trial according to the laws of the DKK.

Control of the dog's identity, etc.

On the day of the arrangement, it is possible to organize control of the dog – e. g. identity control, vaccination control, etc.

The executive for the event is obliged to make sure that there is a microchip scanner available.

Moreover, the possible veterinarian attached to the arrangement can make a random check of the participating dogs. The decision of the veterinarian is final (inappealable). If the dog is refused participation, the entry fee will not be reimbursed.

A request for ID control of a dog must be submitted in writing to the executive of the event with an explanation for the control on the day of the event, before the dog is tested/judged. The request costs a fee of DKK 1.000,-, which will be lost if the control is unjustified.

Insurance and liability

Dogs about the area for the arrangement must be comprised by a compulsory public liability insurance covering participation at all types of arrangements.

The dog owner is responsible for any accident, or any damage caused by his/her dog.

All dogs are tested/judged at the owner's own account and risk, and accidents of any kind is no concern of the DKK and the organizing association/club.

The dog owner is obligated to report the damages that his/her dog has caused to their own insurance company.

RULES REGARDING ENTRY AND HOLDING OF ARRANGEMENTS

Categorized in:

- Entry
- Opting out and reimbursement of the entry fee
- Restrictions on participation
- Special regulations for judges, officials and ring staff
- Arrival
- Handling of dogs (welfare)
- Demands on the conduct of participants and spectators
- Complaints

Entry for arrangements

In order to take part at an arrangement, the dog must be entered before the closing date via the DKK website hundeweb.dk of which the entry deadlines and entry fees also appear.

By entering online via hundeweb.dk or by signing the entry form, the owner and/or handler of the dog certifies that he/she is acquainted with the Dansk Kennel Klub general rules for shows and trials in Denmark and the regulations of the discipline in question and that he/she will observe these rules and regulations.

At online entry via hundeweb.dk, the participant receives an e-mail with a receipt attached. This receipt can be used to check whether the dog has been entered correctly.

If it is possible to enter manually (by sending an entry form and at a higher entry fee), the entry form can be found at the website dkk.dk. Entry forms that are unreadable or filled-in wrong will be sent back. If other clubs than DKK are organizing a show, then the entry forms can be issued out on application to these clubs.

When the dog is entered at hundeweb.dk, it is recommended – out of consideration for the judges/organizers and the catalogue - that the owner consents to having his/her name mentioned in the catalogue. This ownership information will be removed from hundeweb.dk after 2 years unless it is renewed.

In order to enter a dog that is under import registration, the dog needs to be entered online and as “unknown dog” with its foreign registration number. At the same time, a copy of the pedigree and a confirmation from DKK that the pedigree is under import registration must be attached. The owner is obliged to procure this confirmation from the DKK registrations department.

Finally, you must check off the box confirming a solemn declaration that the pedigree is sent to DKK for re-registration.

In case of a breach of the above, DKK has the right to delete any obtained results or demand extra fees for the registration of these.

When entering foreign-registered dogs, a copy of the dog’s ownership document and pedigree certificate must be attached the entry, compare with the above section about Registration and ID-marking.

The dog participates at the owner’s/handler’s own expense and risk.

The obtained results are published online at hundeweb.dk. If a written critique is given, it will also be available at hundeweb.dk.

Due to the European general data protection regulation (GDPR), the owner information and pdf-critiques are removed from the internet after two years.

Entries are not received after the entry deadline (closing date).

The organizer can, however, determine a short period of time, e. g. 4 hours, immediately after the deadline for entry, where it will be possible to call or e-mail the organizer and receive help in case of technical problems with entering online. It is a condition that all relevant documentation also reaches the organizer within the above determined period of time.

The organizer can choose to extend the entry deadline, e. g. due to few entries received. If this is done, it should be announced via hundeweb.dk, the websites of the organizer or the arrangement as well as on the social media.

Opting out and reimbursement of the entry fee

Opting out (cancellation of the entry) BEFORE the closing date (deadline for entry)

Opting out (cancellation of the entry) must be informed to the executive for the event before the closing date (deadline for entry). The deadline and contact information appear from the event calendar at hundeweb.dk.

At opting out **before** the closing date, the entry fee can be returned.

Opting out (cancellation of the entry) AFTER the closing date (deadline for entry)

Cancellations received after the expiry of the deadline for entry, **do not** justify reimbursement of the entry fee. This also applies if the owner/handler is prevented from participating.

Exception:

If the dog cannot participate due to illness or death, the entry fee can be refunded. In this case, it must be documented by remittance of an authorized veterinary certificate or veterinary bill no later than 3 days after the arrangement. The dog's ID number and detailed information about the disease must appear from the certificate/bill.

The organizer is obligated to return a part of the paid entry fee in case of cancellation of the arrangement due to force majeure.

Participants who have been rejected due to a draw or where the judging/test has been interrupted through no fault of the handler or dog, must have the fee reimbursed in full.

Change of judges

The rules for changing judges must appear from the regulations of the discipline in question.

Restrictions on participation

The rules about restrictions on participation and the rules about too many entered dogs (and handlers) must appear from the regulations of the discipline in question.

Special regulations for judges, officials and ring staff

The organizing club/association or the executive for the event invites the judges in good time before the event. Only judges authorized by the DKK/FCI can be used. As long as the dogs are being judged, they and their handlers are subject to the judges and their decisions.

If foreign judges are invited, they have to be approved by the DKK. The DKK checks the judges' authorizations abroad.

Detailed rules for the participation of judges, officials or ring staff must appear from the regulations of the discipline in question.

Officials or staff who take part in the competition are not allowed during the judging to carry clothes or markings indicating that the person in question is an official or staff.

Arrival

The handler must bring the following and show it on request of the executive for the arrangement:

- Proof of ownership for identity control
- FCI pedigree certificate (does not apply to dogs registered in Denmark and dogs with a START-NR.)
- Vaccination certificate

- Number and receipt for entry
- Documentation for passed prize/title giving admission to the trial/class

Handling of dogs (welfare)

The welfare of the dog must have the highest priority at all arrangements.

The handler must at all times take care of the dog's welfare, e. g. by securing plenty of drinking water, taking the dog out regularly, etc.

It is forbidden to put the dog in a situation that could be dangerous for its health or well-being, e. g. leaving the dog in a car in hot or cold weather and/or treating the dog in a cruel way.

Punishment of a dog must imply immediate expulsion and cancellation of the obtained result.

At the venue, the dogs must be on leash at all times except when they are tested in exercises/disciplines involving the opposite according to the regulations of the discipline in question.

The DKK's ethic recommendations for handling and training of dogs must be observed at all arrangements, including the DKK's ban against pinch collar. The DKK's ethical recommendations for handling and training of dogs are available on DKK's website: dkk.dk.

Violation of these rules can result in exclusion from the ongoing as well as future arrangements.

If a participant does not follow the executive of the arrangement's request to remove dogs from warm cars, the executive of the arrangement can apply one or more of the following sanctions against the participant in question: Expel the participant from the venue, cancel the results obtained by the participant's dog(s), refer the participant to the DKK disciplinary board.

Demands on the behaviour of participants and spectators

The participant is responsible for arrive in good time, so that the dog is present and ready for judging/testing.

At the venue (the area of the arrangement), everybody must comply with the requests made by the executive for the arrangement. Persons who violate the rules of the arrangement or do not comply with the executive for the arrangement's requests, can be expelled from the venue. This decision is made by the executive for the arrangement.

Participants must keep the venue clean and tidy by cleaning up after themselves and their dogs. The area must be left in the same condition as on arrival.

It is not allowed either to advertise anywhere or perform any kind of sale, distribution or advertisement at the venue without the permission of the executive for the arrangement.

If a dog is aggressive or in another way causes inconvenience to other persons and/or animals, it can be expelled by the executive for the arrangement and its prize/result can be cancelled. The executive for the arrangement can – in consultation with a present judge – disqualify a dog.

A dog which is disqualified because of its temperament can by the DKK general committee be deprived of its right to breed, as well as the right to compete in shows, trials, competitions etc.

Removal of a participating dog or absence, while the arrangement is open; all unseemly critique of a verdict; derogatory remarks about a judge in function as well as indecent tone; or any other kind of violation of these regulations can result in exclusion from the arrangement and possibly cancellation of the obtained prize/result. This decision is made by the executive for the arrangement. The DKK must be informed of the decision subsequently.

It is not allowed publicly (e. g. on the internet, social media, etc.) to express oneself offensively about a judge, an executive for an arrangement and/or the staff/officials connected with the arrangement or to overtly criticize the judge's assessment.

Disqualification of dogs and/or expulsion of participants or spectators from the arrangement as well as cancellations of obtained prizes/results must, together with the grounds for the sanction in question, be reported in writing to the general committee of the organizer (the respective DKK committee/the respective breed club's general committee). The DKK committee/the respective breed club's general committee decides whether the matter can be considered closed or must be forwarded to the DKK general committee with a recommendation for subsequent processing in the DKK disciplinary board. The same applies to remarks on the different platform and for a on the internet.

Complaints

Complaints regarding the arrangement can only be considered if they are presented to the executive for the arrangement on the day of the arrangement (before leaving the venue). The executive for the arrangement must try to settle the matter on the day. Written complaints must be accompanied by a fee of DKK 1.000.00, which will be returned, if the executive for the arrangement finds for the complainant. If not, the fee goes to the organizing club. The decision of the executive for the arrangement can be brought before the DKK general committee. Complaints received later than on the day of the arrangement are not considered.

If the complaint concerns the judging, the judge's decision is final.

CLOSING REMARKS

Suggestions for changes in DKK general rules for shows and trials in Denmark must be submitted to DKK general committee before 1 September the year before you want the changes to come into force. (For example: Proposed amendments for the rules applicable as of 1 January 2022 must be received no later than on 1 September 2021.)

The DKK general committee takes decisions in all matters that are not mentioned in the present rules.

These rules have been approved by the DKK general committee in November 2023 and come into force as of 1 January 2024.