

Exposition rules of the Austrian Cynologists' Association

These exposition rules which are applicable for the area of the Republic of Austria and binding for all the statutory corporations of the ÖKV as well as their members take the currently applicable exposition rules of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) into consideration. They have been decided by the board of the ÖKV during the meeting on 25th January 2017 and shall enter into effect on 1st July 2017.

§ 1 Types of expositions

- (1) International and national (general) expositions for any breeds.
 1. International expositions are under the protection of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI). Aptitudes (CACIB) for the international beauty championship (CIB) can be awarded.
 2. National (general) exhibitions are under the protection of the Austrian Cynologists' Association (ÖKV). Aptitudes for Austrian beauty championships can be awarded.
 3. Club shows (club winner shows) for one or several breeds that are supported by statutory corporations. With the explicit approval of the board of the ÖKV, aptitudes for Austrian beauty championships can be awarded. The approval for the award of titles can be granted for three shows per year if the respective requirement is proven.
- (2) The named exhibitions and conformation shows have to be realised with catalogues in which the dogs of the individual breeds have to be listed with continuous numbers, starting with 1. Any additions to this catalogue by means of supplements are only possible in case of errors of the exhibition management.
- (3) The minimum requirements catalogue of the ÖKV for "International exhibitions" shall be complied with in the valid version (Annexe A).
- (4) The freshness competition in which the condition, appearance and "freshness" are evaluated according to the age and breed, can be organised by statutory corporations which provide for the realisation of a dogs exhibition in their statutes. This has to be announced in written form to the exhibition officer of the ÖKV three months in advance.

§ 2 Authorisation for conducting

International dogs exhibitions under the protection of the FCI with awarding of the CACIB shall exclusively be conducted by the ÖKV. It may commission statutory corporations with the realisation thereof. The board of the ÖKV shall define the registration and stand fee for the international and national exhibitions for the respectively following year in the first half of the year.

§ 3 Application and approval

- (1) The applications for realisation shall be submitted to the ÖKV in due time and in writing. After hearing the exhibition officer of the ÖKV, the board can approve the realisation of an exhibition in writing.

The board of the ÖKV also decides whether the event may have a certain name (e.g. federal winner exhibition etc.). Apart from that, the events shall be named in consideration of the type and date of the event according to § 1. The programme and the registration form shall render complete information on the organiser, exhibition management, dates, daily schedule, service of judges, breed separation, class separation as well as aptitudes and titles whereupon it must be underlined that there is no legal entitlement to the two latter. On all printed matters, it must be clearly marked that the event is approved and protected by the ÖKV and that international exhibitions are approved and protected by the FCI. The programme and the registration form for international and national exhibitions shall be submitted to the exhibition officer and judge officer as a correction version prior to printing. These shall then comment on the correction version spontaneously.
- (2) The application of a statutory corporation for the commissioning for organising an international exhibition with the CACIB award must be submitted in writing to the ÖKV board at the latest 18 months prior to the date of the event. Organisers of events have to be familiar with the regulations and comply with these.

- (3) The application for the commissioning for organising a national exhibition for all FCI breeds with the CACA award shall be submitted in writing until the end of April for the respectively following year.
- (4) The application for the realisation of a conformation show with the CACA award shall include the minimum information and/or obligations required in the form sheet (Annexe B) and must be submitted to the ÖKV board in writing at the latest 4 months prior to the date of the event.

§ 4 Protection of dates

- (1) The date of an international or national exhibition for any FCI breeds is protected by the ÖKV if the prescribed conditions are complied with and there are no justified objections according to the point of view of the ÖKV board.
- (2) For conformation shows (club winner shows) with CACA award, there is no protection of dates but they have to be announced to the exhibition officer at least 4 months in advance and require the approval of the ÖKV board.
- (3) The protected dates are announced in the official organ/homepage of the ÖKV. On days of international or national exhibitions for all FCI breeds, only exhibitions or conformation shows (club winner shows with CACA award) which were approved by the ÖKV board.
- (4) The acknowledgement of an exhibition will be confirmed in writing to the organiser by the ÖKV as is the withdrawal of an unjustified acknowledgement.

§ 5 Authorised dogs

Docked dogs which were born after 1.1.2008 may not be exhibited in Austria. Purebred dogs as of the age of at least 6 months are authorised. The exhibition day shall be the effective date.

Dogs whose owners have their permanent residence in Austria are only authorised if they are registered in the dog kennel register (ÖHZB). In the youngest class, also dogs which are currently being registered may be entered.

The exhibition management has to check the compliance with the above mentioned preconditions. Dogs that were bred in other countries and belong to foreigners are only authorised if they are registered in a breeding and/or breed registry recognised by the FCI and entered with the registration number.

§ 6 Excluded dogs

Dogs

1. which are not registered in a breeding and/or breed registry recognised by the FCI,
2. which are not in the catalogue, unless there is an approval of the exhibition management (§ 1),
3. which are ill, lame, deaf and blind as well as dogs with malformations and testicular atrophy, gelded male dogs and female dogs that are obviously pregnant or in the breastfeeding phase are excluded.
4. According to the Protection of Animals Act, it is prohibited to display dogs showing signs of breeding resulting in the development of extreme characteristics detrimental to the health and welfare of the animals.

§ 7 Submission of registrations and information in the registration form

- (1) The completed registration form has to be accompanied by the following annexes: copy of the genealogical table, FCI working dog certificate (for starting in the working dog class), champion's certificate (for starting in the champions class) and a copy of the proof of payment.
- (2) The sending of the registration forms obliges to the payment of the fees and the unconditional recognition of the ÖKV's exhibition rules. Applications may not be withdrawn. The registration fee has to be received by the exhibition management at the latest on the day when the registration ends free of charge. If the registration fee is not paid, an additional processing fee determined by the ÖKV board will be charged. The payment obligation continues to apply if the dog is not presented for any reason whatsoever. If the registration fee is not paid prior to the beginning of judgement, the exhibitor shall lose any rights from this event and possibly created evaluations and any prizes shall become void.
- (3) Any information in the registration form has to be rendered completely and truthfully. Unknown or doubtful aspects have to be marked with "unknown". If someone deliberately renders false information, that person shall lose any prizes and will be excluded from further

events by decision of the ÖKV board. The dogs have to be mentioned with the name under which they are registered in the ÖHZB or in the foreign breeding registry recognised by the FCI. Changes of the dog's name (change or omission of parts of the name entered in the breeding registry) will lead to the loss of the form value, possible titles and prizes as well as possibly also the exclusion of the owner and/or of the registered dog from future events.

§ 8 Acceptance of registration

The confirmation of the acceptance of registration takes place by sending an acceptance confirmation. This confirmation will include information on the day and time of delivery of the dogs. The acceptance confirmation serves as the ticket for the dog's owner and entitles the owner or his agent to free entry to the exhibition. Any possible loss of the acceptance confirmation shall immediately be notified to the exhibition management. The regulations of the veterinary inspection office have to be exactly complied with. In case of conformation shows, the sending of acceptance confirmations may be refrained from.

§ 9 Liability of the owner and organiser

The owner shall be liable for any damages caused by his dog. Apart from that, the organiser shall conclude a third-party liability insurance.

§ 10 The dog in the exhibition, keeping, safety, liability

- (1) The welfare of the exhibited dogs enjoys the highest possible value. The current Austrian animal protection laws and official veterinary provisions must be strictly adhered to.
- (2) In the event that an exhibitor's dogs are left in vehicles, dog trailers or motor homes despite excessive or extremely low outside temperatures, we will call the police at the expense of the owner. Additionally, we may impose the following sanctions:
 - Banning the exhibitor from the current event
 - Forfeiture of awarded titles and candidatures in the framework of the current event
 - Initiation of disciplinary proceedings
 - Complete exhibition ban
- (3) The dogs shall be brought to the exhibition on the day mentioned on the acceptance confirmation at the indicated time.
- (4) The dog must be equipped with the required collar and lash. The person presenting in the ring shall wear the catalogue number in a clearly visible way.
- (5) The exhibition manager shall decide upon an entry approval for visiting dogs.

§ 11 Special exhibition

Any statutory corporation may be invited to announce a "special exhibition" for the breed(s) supported by it at any international or national dog exhibition for all FCI breeds at the date determined by the exhibition manager. For this, the statutory corporation shall appoint the judges, special managers, secretaries and, if necessary, also marshals. It shall pay their costs, assume their support and receive a remuneration for each registered dog the amount of which is determined by the ÖKV board.

§ 12 Appointment of form value judges

- (1) In principle, the judges have to be invited by the respective exhibition management and/or by the statutory corporation in due time in advance. The exhibition management shall inform the judges about the possibilities of travelling there, accommodation and the framework programme in writing after their positive answer. The necessary bookings shall be made by the exhibition management according to the instructions of the judge. If the statutory corporations organise special exhibitions, the care for the judge shall be coordinated with the exhibition management in detail.
- (2) For all the breeds for which no special exhibition has been announced, it is the responsibility of the exhibition management to appoint judges at their expenses. The exhibition management shall ensure that each of the judges is only appointed as many dogs per day for evaluation as can be judged without any delay for the programme. The number of 80 dogs per day should not be exceeded, if possible. If the registration result of a judge exceeds this threshold, additional judges shall be appointed. If the judge has been appointed by a statutory corporation which has registered a special exhibition, such statutory corporation shall engage these additional judges at their expenses.

If a statutory corporation abdicates its obligations, it is the responsibility of the exhibition management to engage judges at the expenses of such statutory corporation. All judges working in an exhibition shall be listed in the programme and catalogue with their names and the breeds allocated to them. This also applies to exhibitions with awards of the CACA of the ÖKV. In case of non-appearance or cancellation of appointed judges, the exhibition management shall engage substitute judges. If these judges have been appointed by statutory corporations, these are responsible for the appointment.

Because of the previous announcement of a judge at any place, e.g. orally, in the programme or catalogue, the exhibitor shall not have any claim for the dog registered by them actually being judged by the judge that has been named at that time. The exhibition and/or conformation show management shall remain entitled to nominate a substitute judge.

- (3) 1. For foreign judges, the ÖKV shall obtain the consent of the respectively competent umbrella organisation. The ÖKV shall inform the exhibition management of such consent. The exhibition management shall ensure that the appointed judges are authorised to judge the breeds allocated to them in a suitable way. Judges coming from a country that is not a member of the FCI shall be informed about the FCI standard in due time and the questionnaire developed by the FCI shall be sent to them. It has to be completed by the judge and returned to the ÖKV confirmed by the respective state organisation.
2. Every judge working in an exhibition shall be entitled to the reimbursement of his expenses but not for possible lost remuneration etc. The following are regarded as reasonable expenses:
 - a) travel expenses: The reimbursement of costs is based on the rates determined in the FCI exhibition rules.
 - b) overnight stay: appropriate hotel accommodation.
 - c) For the necessary time, the daily allowance determined by the ÖKV shall be paid. Judges having their residence at the venue shall also be entitled to receive the usual daily allowance.
 - d) A gift for judges shall be provided for, if possible.
 - e) The judges shall not be entitled to exert their function without reimbursement of expenses.
 - f) Every judge shall be informed about the breeds/varieties to be judged and the number of dogs to be judged as well as assistance positions and possible activities in the titular ring in writing in due time.

§ 13 Class separation

- (1) 1. class of youngest, obligatory for dogs from 6 to 9 months
2. youth class for dogs from 9 to 18 months
3. intermediary class for dogs from 15 to 24 months
4. open class for dogs older than 15 months
5. working dog class for dogs with recognised drill marks or hunting examination as of 15 months. If the dog is entered in this class, the exhibitor has to prove that the respective dog is entitled to be registered in this class with the FCI working dog certificate.
6. The champions' class is obligatory until the completion of the 8th year of life for the recognised Austrian champion (ÖCH) and unbinding for the national champions aiming at the aptitude (CACA) for the Austrian championship (ÖCH). Therefore, the latter may also be entered in the intermediary, open or working dog class. Daily titles such as world champion, European champion, state national champion etc. however do not entitle to registration in the champions' class.
7. Veterans' class for dogs as of the completed 8th year of life.
8. Young dogs class, obligatory for German shepherd dogs of between 18 and 24 months.
9. Out of competition: only for dogs which have already been judged with "excellent" at least once before. These will not be described but only receive a blue bond.
- (2) It is not possible to enter a dog in several classes at the same time. The sexes are separately judged.
- (3) The classes listed under para. 1 no. 3 through 6 compete for the CACIB, the classes listed under para. 1 no. 2 through 7 compete for the BOB. Apart from the Best of Breed (BOB) the judge is also required to select the Best of Opposite Sex (BOS).
- (4) 1. Only the exhibition management shall be entitled to shift dogs that have been registered in the wrong class to the correct class or sub-group. The shifting of a dog is however only

possible if the dog was registered in the wrong class because of the age, hair type, colour, weight, sex, size, lack of training marks or other preconditions, in particular if the dog has been allocated to the wrong group by fault of the exhibition management. It is prohibited to shift the dog upon request of an exhibitor without the above mentioned conditions being fulfilled. In case of a shift, this must expressly be noted on the judge's sheet.

2. Dogs which are shifted to the right class or sub-group with delay and those which are delivered with delay by fault of the exhibitor, may be judged subsequently if the respective judge is still there. These dogs are however not entitled to any positions, titles and prizes.
 3. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the presentation of his dog in due time and shall ensure that his dog is listed in the right class in the catalogue in their own interest.
 4. Any dog which is taken out of the ring before the beginning of the judgement procedure shall be regarded as "withdrawn".
 5. Any dog which has not been presented in the ring in due time shall be regarded as "missing".
 6. The exhibitor shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of the registration fees or other costs in any case.
- (5) Only the appointed bodies, i.e. special managers, judges, if necessary interpreters, ring assistants, secretaries and marshals may stay in the ring besides the exhibitors with dogs. Members of the board of the ÖKV shall also be entitled to stay in the ring. Judge applicants working as secretaries or ring assistants or passing test judgements have to observe the Austrian judgement rules. The sitting ring staff (special managers, secretaries, marshals etc.) may not register and/or present any dogs in their possession with the judge to whom they are allocated.
- (6) The secretary should master the language preferred by the judge which should be one of the four official languages of the FCI. The judge's report shall be prepared in that language.

§ 14 Form values

- (1) In the Puppy Class, the only possible notes to be made on the score card are "very promising" "promising" or "not promising". All dogs that score a "very promising" receive an honorary award when participating in the Best Puppy event in the main ring.
- (2) Not taking into account the age and number of dogs to be graded, the conformation grades "Excellent", "Very good", "Good", "Satisfactory" or disqualified are awarded in the other classes. The best 4 dogs are ranked consecutively by "Excellent" and "Very good".
- (3) Dogs that don't conform to the type specified by the standard, that are aggressive or show testicular defects, tooth or jaw anomalies, colour or hair defects or albinism are disqualified. Likewise disqualified are dogs that show a defect that impedes their health or qualifies as a reason for exclusion based on the applicable standard.
- (4) Dogs that cannot be scored and show signs of prohibited interventions receive a "not graded" Judges must state a reason in their report.
- (5) There is no legal entitlement to candidatures or titles.
- (6) Judges must inform the exhibitor of the conformation score awarded during judging immediately after judging or at the latest after completion of the respective class and make it public on the flip chart. All dogs that score a CACA, CACIB, Best Junior or Best Veteran receive a candidature card, BOB and BOS additionally receive a rosette.
- (7) Owners who alter their dogs or tolerate alterations that could trick judges are excluded from the event. Conformation scores, titles and awards received during this exhibition can be rescinded. In the case of recurrence the ÖKV's Board may also issue a temporary or permanent exhibition ban.

§ 15 Prizes

- (1) The organiser and the statutory corporations may award badges, diplomas and titular prizes. Money prizes are inadmissible. Prizes sponsored by authorities and corporations should, if possible, only be awarded according to the donation regulations. Titular prizes may only be awarded to dogs which have at least received the form value "very good". The issuance of certificates in addition to the prizes remains reserved to the exhibition management and statutory corporations.
- (2) Couple class prizes
The exhibitor is entitled to register in the couple class if the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. The couple (male dog and female dog) shall be registered until the end of registration and consists of 2 dogs of the same breed.
 2. Both dogs shall be in the possession of the same owner.
 3. Couples registered until the end of registration shall be listed in the catalogue. Later registrations may be permitted.
- (3) Breeding group prizes
- Any breeders fulfilling the following conditions are entitled to register breeding groups:
1. The breeding group to be registered until the end of registration consists of at least 3 but max. 5 dogs registered for this exhibition of the same breed/variety.
 2. All the dogs of a breeding group shall have the same breeder but do not have to be in such breeder's possession, anymore.
 3. The breeding groups registered until the end of registration shall be listed in the catalogue. Later registrations may be permitted.
- (4) The challenge trophy of the ÖKV for breeding groups shall only be awarded upon request during dogs' exhibitions organised by the ÖKV and are exclusively determined for this. Registrations for this shall take place on the day of the exhibition. The best breeding group that fulfils the following conditions shall be entitled to the challenge trophy:
1. At least 4 dogs judged "excellent" or
 2. At least 3 dogs judged "excellent" and 3 judged "very good" of the same breed with the same kennel name.
 3. The dogs shall stem from at least 3 different fathers and 2 different mothers.
 4. The aptitude for the challenge trophy of the ÖKV shall be acquired three times before the board of the ÖKV will definitely award it. In case of any repeated participation of the candidate, at least one dog shall be added new or replaced. It does not matter, in whose possession the dogs are.
- (5) Best Junior
- The title "best junior" can only be awarded in the youth class to the dog judged "excellent 1" and to the male dog as well as to the female one. The title "Austrian youth champion" shall be awarded to the dog which has been the winner of the class with the highest judgement (best junior and/or CACA) on an Austrian exhibition where at least the CACA is awarded for three times by the ÖKV upon request of the owner. Two titles shall be acquired in the youth class, one may be from the intermediary, open or working dog class up to 24 months. The three aptitudes shall be awarded under at least two different judges. The title "Austrian youth champion" shall not entitle to registration in the champions class.
- (6) CACA and CACA reserve
- With international and national exhibitions under the protection of the ÖKV as well as with conformation shows (club winner shows) protected by the board of the ÖKV, the "aptitude for the national beauty championship (CACA)" of the ÖKV may be announced. The CACA (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championat d'Autriche de Beauté: certificate for the aptitude for the Austrian beauty championship) may be awarded to the dog judged "excellent 1" from the open, intermediary, working dog, champions and titular classes and to male as well as female dogs by the judge. The title "Austrian champion" (ÖCH) for breed without any working test shall be awarded to the dog which has acquired the CACA in four international dog exhibitions in Austria under at least three different judges upon request of the owner. There must be a period of at least one year between the first and the last award of the CACA. Two CACAs may also be won on national exhibitions or club winner shows with CACA award in Austria. For working dogs which have to pass an examination for achieving the title, only three aptitudes are necessary for the award. One may be won in the intermediary, open, champions or titular class, two must be won in the working dog class. Two have to be acquired in international exhibitions and one can be acquired in national exhibitions or club winner shows. Upon request of the breed supporting statutory corporation or of the ÖKV board, for breed with working tests, the three aptitudes with working test may be replaced with six aptitudes in the intermediary, open, champions or titular class in an alternating way. Two of these can be acquired in national exhibitions or club winner shows. In any case, at least one year must be between the first and the last aptitude. Dogs that were already "Austrian champion" (champions class obligatory up to the completed 8th year of life) shall be excluded from further competition for the ÖCH and the aptitude shall be passed on to the dog with CACA reserve. The CACA reserve may be awarded to the next dog judged "excellent 2" if the

judge is convinced that such dog came into consideration for the CACA if the CACA dog was not there.

(7) CACIB and CACIB reserve

With international dog exhibitions under the protection of the FCI, the aptitude for the “international beauty championship” of the FCI is announced. The intermediary, open, working dog and champions class compete together but separate for sexes. The CACIB (Certificat d’Aptitude au Championat Internationale de Beauté: certificate for the aptitude for the international beauty championship) may only be awarded to the absolutely outstanding dog with the form value note “excellent 1” by the judge. The application may not be subject to any other conditions apart from the condition that the dog is absolutely outstanding. The judge is neither obliged nor authorised to gather information on the descent of the dog but shall only judge the appearance. Only one judge may always be responsible for the awarding of the CACIB and such judge must be appointed in advance. The confirmation of this application shall be made by the FCI via the ÖKV if the following conditions are fulfilled:

The dog must be at least 15 months old on the day of the exhibition and dispose of a proof of descent for at least three generations which is free of interruptions and recognised. The CACIB reserve may be applied for the next outstanding dog judged “excellent 2” if the judge is convinced that such dog came into consideration for the CACIB if the CACIB dog was not there. The next following dog with CACIB reserve shall be awarded the aptitude by the FCI if the CACIB dog already is an international champion confirmed by the FCI or does not fulfil the conditions.

For achieving the title “International beauty champion” (CIB) to be awarded by the FCI, the conditions determined and announced by the FCI shall respectively apply. After fulfilment of these conditions of the FCI, the following information shall be submitted to the ÖKV with the request for the awarding of the title:

1. Breed of the dog and designation according to the breeding registry.
2. Place and date of the events where the CACIB was awarded upon indication of the respective judges’ names.
3. Number of aptitude certificates (homologation) received from the FCI which shall be presented to the ÖKV for inspection.
4. Descent proof of the dog in copy for submission to the FCI.
5. Proof of the successfully passed examinations of breed subject to such proof.
6. Name and address of the owner of the dog.

(8) Veterans’ winner

The title “veterans’ winner” can only be awarded to the dog judged “excellent 1” in the veterans’ class, both to the male and female dogs. The title “Austrian veterans’ champion” shall be awarded to the dog which was the winner of the class with the highest judgement in an Austrian exhibition where at least the CACA was awarded for three times by the ÖKV upon request of the owner.

Dogs that already were the “Austrian veterans’ champion”, shall be excluded from further competition for the ÖVCH and the aptitude shall be passed on to the dog with the veterans’ winner reserve. The veterans’ winner reserve may be awarded to the next dog judged “excellent 2” if the judge is convinced that such dog came into consideration for the veterans’ winner if the veterans’ winner dog was not there.

The title “Austrian veterans’ champion” does not entitle to registration in the champions class.

(9) Austrian Grand Champion

All dogs that have already received the title of ÖCH qualify to compete for the title of Austrian Grand Champion. Candidatures are awarded at all international exhibitions in Austria starting on 1.1.2016. Upon the owner’s request, the ÖKV awards the title of Austrian Grand Champion to dogs that have received a CACA in the Champions’ Class at five international exhibitions in Austria by at least 3 different judges

(10) The following titles may be awarded during exhibitions:

1. BOB – best of breed

For the best dog of the breed in an exhibition. It is awarded as follows:

- a) In national exhibitions of CACA dogs, the V1 of the veterans' classes, the titular classes and the youth's best.
- b) In international exhibitions of the CACIB dogs, the V1 of the veterans' classes, the titular classes and the youth's best.

The breed's best can only be awarded by a judge who had already been announced in the announcement.

2. BOG – best of the FCI group: refers to the best dog of an exhibition within an FCI group.
3. BOD – best of day: refers to the best dog of an exhibition day selected from the groups' best of the day and may only be awarded if no BEST IN SHOW is awarded.
4. BIS – BEST IN SHOW
is awarded to the best dog of an exhibition and has to be selected from all the present groups' best dogs.

(11) Junior handling

The junior handling is structured in such a way that every registered junior receives an individual judgement according to a pre-defined points system. The competition is divided into a preliminary decision and the final.

The juniors are divided into two age groups:

Age class 1: 9 – 12 years

Age class: 13 – 17 years

Each junior shall work with the dog registered by him. The junior shall make any exercises with such dog. In the final, the dogs and children in the ring may be changed upon request of the judge (Annexe C).

§ 16 Dismissal of the dogs

The dogs may only leave the premises after the expiration of a time determined by the exhibition manager. Whoever takes the dogs away earlier shall lose any prizes and may be excluded from future events with decision of the board.

§ 17 Objection to the judgement

(1) The judgement shall be definitive. Any objections are inadmissible. The subsequent examination of a judge by other judges or a board of judges is prohibited. Any unreasonable criticism of a judgement shall lead to the loss of any judgements received, titles and prizes as well as the immediate exclusion from the exhibition. It is even possible that the exclusion from any later events is imposed by the board of the ÖKV (application of the exhibition management to the ÖKV).

(2) Formal incorrectness

In case of any formal incorrectness, whether on part of the organiser, judge or exhibitor, any concerned exhibitor shall be entitled to object. The exhibition management shall be obliged to initiate the required investigations if a formal incorrectness becomes known. Objections against formal incorrectness shall be submitted at the time and place of the exhibition to the exhibition management in writing. In case of objections, the double price of the increased nominal fee shall be paid and forfeit in favour of the exhibition management if the objection is rejected. The decision on the objection shall be made by the exhibition manager or the representative of the exhibition manager after having heard all the involved parties. Appeal against such decision may be raised towards the ÖKV within 8 days in writing (registered mail). The decision of the ÖKV board shall be final.

(3) The respective veterinarian appointed by the event management is responsible for inspecting the animals for signs of breeding resulting in the development of extreme characteristics detrimental to the health and welfare of the animals according to § 6 on random basis. On a random basis, said veterinarian will inspect the animals for signs of breeding resulting in the development of extreme characteristics detrimental to the health and welfare of the animals during judging on the entire event grounds without entering the rings and will do so prior to participation in the main ring. In the event that the expert veterinarian identifies signs of breeding resulting in the development of extreme characteristics detrimental to the health and welfare of the animals that result in an exhibition ban, the respective dog will be excluded from the exhibition and all titles and conformation scores possibly awarded during the exhibition will be rescinded.

§ 18 The responsibilities of the exhibition manager

These are listed in detail in Annexe D.

§ 19 Work of the judge

The judges shall judge the dogs according to the applicable FCI standards. The judges shall sign the completed form sheets and CACIB applications after the judgement of the dogs. Care must be taken that the name of the judge is clearly visible and that the titles and aptitudes awarded are mentioned. The form sheets shall be executed clearly readable and in several copies.

§ 20 Conditions for breeders' presentations in exhibitions

1. The positioning of boxes, cages, armchairs and other equipment shall be adjusted to the place offer of the exhibition premises. Placements and other instructions of the exhibition staff in this regard shall be followed.
2. Boxes or cages brought shall correspond to animal protection provisions and may be decorated with pictures, posters or similar things.
3. Seats may as well be used for the presentation of leaflets, business cards etc.
4. Putting up a tent requires the approval of the exhibition management without any exceptions.
5. In general, the breeders may only advertise for themselves.
6. The distribution of advertising materials and the use of advertising space for money or not shall be prohibited on the complete exhibition premises.

§ 21 Preservation of order

The preservation of order on the exhibition premises is the responsibility of the exhibition manager or their representatives. The participants shall absolutely follow the instructions of the authorised personnel. Counteracting persons shall expect to be expelled from the exhibition and other exclusions from exhibitions.

§ 22 Decision of litigations

In case of differences between exhibition participants, the exhibition manager or their representatives shall decide after having heard the parties on site.

§ 23 Report on the exhibition

- (1) The report to be made to the exhibition office of the ÖKV shall include:
 1. The judgement result as well as the fees according to Annexes B, C or D.
 2. Possible perceptions and proposals.
 3. Reports on decisions according to § 17.
- (2) The exhibition management shall pay the invoice sent by the ÖKV within 4 weeks as of receipt.

§ 24 Cancellation of an exhibition

If it is not possible to realise an event, the management shall be obliged to refund the fees paid by the exhibitor. Amounts used for covering the incurred costs may be deducted.

§ 25 Other provisions

Apart from that, the provisions for the world and section exhibitions of the FCI (Annexe D) shall be observed.