

RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS
DOG SHOW ENTRIES, CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY
 (To be voted at the September 15, 2020 Delegates Meeting)
 The AKC Board of Directors approves this amendment

<u>Rule (Bylaw or Regulation)</u> (Line Out)	<u>Proposed</u> (Line In)	<u>Comments</u>
<p><u>CHAPTER 11</u></p> <p>SECTION 8-A.</p> <p>The preceding portion of this section is unchanged.</p> <p>Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee attacks a person or dog at an AKC event resulting in an injury and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.</p>	<p><u>CHAPTER 11</u></p> <p>SECTION 8-A.</p> <p>The preceding portion of this section is unchanged</p> <p>Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee attacks a person or dog at an AKC event and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.</p>	<p>This amendment was requested by Staff to the Board; the Board unanimously supported this proposal.</p> <p><i>This change removes the requirement for an injury to have occurred for an Event Committee to disqualify a dog that has attacked a person or dog at its event, and it believes presents a hazard to persons or other dogs.</i></p>



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SAMPLE OF THE REVISED DQ BY EVENT COMMITTEE FORM CHANGES SHOWN WITH LINE IN/LINE OUT

DOG AGGRESSION – ACTION BY EVENT COMMITTEE

If an Event Committee becomes aware of any significant act of dog aggression that takes place in association with their event, three (3) members of the Committee must investigate the incident (except in the case of a dog that is disqualified by the judge) and complete this form. No exhibitor complaint is required. The Event Committee submits this form to AKC® Event Operations within 72 hours of the incident by either emailing the document as an attachment to eventplans@akc.org or sending a fax to 919-816-4220.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 8-A:

Any dog that, in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or a dog at an AKC event, resulting in an injury, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified. When the dog is disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the American Kennel Club®. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS FORM OR ABOUT THE PROCEDURE, CONTACT THE AKC FIELD STAFF or WEEKEND CLUB HOTLINE 919-816-3955. In the case of an Event Committee disqualification, the reinstatement procedure is the same as any other type of disqualification.

Event: _____ Date: _____
Dog's Name: _____ Reg #: _____
Breed: _____ Class (if entered): _____

Provide Submission of a detailed description of the incident is required. Attach more detailed information, The information submitted must include a signed statement from the dog owner and the individual claiming to have been attacked and signed eyewitness statements. or other documentation (If dog owner/exhibitor is unable to be interviewed by the Committee and provides a signed statement, the Committee must provide an explanation please explain why):

- 1. Was there an attack by the dog? YES • NO •
2. Do you feel that this dog presents a hazard to persons or other dogs? YES • NO •
If yes, you must attach a description of these circumstances. Please explain why the event committee reached this decision.
3. Do you feel there were mitigating circumstances leading to the attack? YES • NO •
Please explain why the event committee reached this decision.
4. Was there an injury to a dog or person? If yes, please describe the injury. YES • NO •
5. Did you disqualify the dog? YES • NO •
The answers to 1, 2, and 4 must be YES in order for the dog to be eligible for disqualification.
If the dog is eligible for disqualification and the answer to 3 is NO, the dog must be disqualified.
6. Did you inform the exhibitor of the committee's decision? YES • NO •
If this form is not signed by the exhibitor at the time of the disqualification, the club must provide documentation to the AKC of notification to the exhibitor and owner(s).

Dog Owner's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Dog Owner's Address: _____
Email Address of Dog Owner and/or Agent: _____
Signature of Dog Owner or Agent: _____
Form Completed by (Printed Name of Club Member): _____
Signature of Club Member: _____