### **RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

# MEASURING, WEIGHING AND COLOR DETERMINATIONS WHEN FACTORS OF DISQUALIFICATION IN BREED STANDARDS OR ELIGIBLITY UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF A CLASS OR DIVISION OF A CLASS CANCELLATION OF AWARDS

(To be voted at the September 15, 2020 Delegates Meeting)
The AKC Board of Directors approves this amendment

Rule (Bylaw or Regulation)
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Proposed (Line In)

**Comments** 

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**SECTION 3.** In those breeds where certain heights are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class the conditions of which include a height specification, the judge shall have the authority to make a determination as to whether any dog measures within the specified limits, provided such a determination has not been made previously during the competition at the show.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the height of a dog-under judgment appears not to be in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge make a determination as to whether the dog measures within the specified limits, and the judge shall comply with the request, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

In all cases, the judge shall use equipment that meets AKC requirements.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, he shall mark his judge's book "Measured in."

If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accord with the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog, marking his judge's book "Measured out—disqualified." A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

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**SECTION 3**. In those breeds where certain heights are specified in the breed standard as disqualifications, or in any class specifying height limits, the judge has the authority to determine whether any dog measures within those limits, provided the dog has not been previously measured during any competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities, and other special attractions.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor in the ring, the height of a dog in that ring appears to be outside the limits of the breed standard or the conditions of that class, such exhibitor may, before every dog has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge <a href="mailto:measure the dog">measure the dog</a> and the judge shall comply provided <a href="mailto:the dog">the dog</a> has not been previously measured during any competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, <a href="futurities">futurities</a>, and other special attractions.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is <u>within</u> the breed standard or the conditions of the class, <u>s/he</u> shall mark <u>and initial the</u> judge's book "Measured in." If the judge finds that the dog's height is <u>outside</u> the allowable limits of the breed standard, <u>s/he</u> shall disqualify the dog <u>and mark and initial the</u> judge's book "Measured out - disqualified."

A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, <u>s/he</u> shall <u>mark and initial the judge</u>'s book "Measured out ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee.

Modifies text for additional clarity as to when an entry may or may not be measured as well as the judge's procedural responsibilities.

Reorganizes section for greater understanding.

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If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, he-shall declare the dog ineligible for the class, marking the judge's book "Measured out—ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered to have been wrongly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class at the show. A dog that has thus been found to be ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. However, the owner of such a dog may enter the dog in subsequent shows in another class, provided that he is satisfied that the dog measures within the height limit of that class.

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class shall be considered entered <u>incorrectly</u> and cannot be transferred to any other class at that show. A dog thus found ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. <u>In subsequent shows</u>, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the height limit or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

<u>In all cases, the judge shall use a wicket that meets</u> American Kennel Club requirements.