

**RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**  
**MEASURING, WEIGHING AND COLOR DETERMINATIONS WHEN FACTORS OF**  
**DISQUALIFICATION IN BREED STANDARDS OR ELIGIBILITY 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  
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Comments

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**SECTION 4.** In those breeds where certain weights are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class ~~or division of a class the conditions of which include a weight specification~~, the judge shall have the authority to make a determination as to whether any dog weighs within the specified limits, ~~provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.~~

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor ~~or handler then~~ in the ring, the weight of a dog ~~under judgment appears not to be in accord with~~ the breed standard or the conditions of the class ~~or division in which it is competing~~, such exhibitor ~~or handler~~ 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 weighs 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 judges shall use scales that meet AKC requirements.~~

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is ~~in accord with~~ the breed standard or the conditions of the class ~~or division in which it is competing~~, he shall mark his judge's book "Weighed in."

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is ~~not in accord with~~ the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog, ~~marking his~~ judge's book "Weighed out—disqualified." A dog that has thus been disqualified

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**SECTION 4.** In those breeds where certain weights are specified in the breed standard as disqualifications, or in any class specifying weight limits, the judge has the authority to determine whether any dog weighs within those limits, provided the dog has not been previously weighed 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 weight 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 weigh the dog, and the judge shall comply provided the dog has not been previously weighed during any competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities and other special attractions.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is within the breed standard or the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book "Weighed in." If the judge finds that the dog's weight is outside the allowable limits of the breed standard, s/he shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Weighed 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 weight is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Weighed 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 weighed, the judge's procedural responsibilities and the impact on any dog weighed out and associated limitations when weighed out for condition of class. Reorganizes section for greater understanding.*

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If the judge finds that the dog's weight is not in accordance with the conditions of the class or division in which it is competing, he shall declare the dog ineligible for the class, marking his judge's book "Weighed out— ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for a class or division of a class shall be considered to have been wrongly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at the show.

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class or division shall be considered entered incorrectly 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. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the weight limit or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

In all cases, the judge shall use a scale that meets AKC requirements including a platform of sufficient size as determined by the American Kennel Club to safely accommodate all applicable breeds.