

**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

<u>Rule (Bylaw or Regulation)</u> (Line Out)	Proposed (Line In)	Comments
<p><b><u>CHAPTER 14</u></b></p> <p><b>SECTION 6.</b> In those breeds where certain <del>colors</del> or markings are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class where <del>a certain color, or colors or combinations of colors</del> are required by the <del>conditions of the class or division thereof, it shall be the judge's responsibility to determine whether</del> a dog is to be disqualified or declared to be ineligible for the class.</p> <p>If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's <del>color or markings are such as to</del> require disqualification, the judge shall disqualify the dog, <del>making note of the fact in the judge's book.</del></p> <p>If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's <del>color or markings</del> do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class in which the dog is competing, the judge shall declare the dog ineligible to compete in that class or division of class, <del>making note of the fact in the judge's book.</del></p> <p>If, in the opinion of any competing exhibitor or <del>handler</del> then in the ring, the <del>color or markings or combinations of colors</del> of a dog <del>under judgment</del> are <del>such as to disqualify under the standard or are such as not to</del> meet the requirements of the class or division thereof, such exhibitor or <del>handler</del> may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request the judge</p>	<p><b><u>CHAPTER 14</u></b></p> <p><b>SECTION 6.</b> In those breeds where certain <u>color(s), pattern</u> or markings are specified in the <u>breed</u> standard as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class where <u>certain color(s), pattern or markings</u> are required, <u>the judge shall determine if</u> a dog is to be disqualified or declared to be ineligible for the class <u>provided that such determination has not been previously made during competition at that show, excluding sweepstakes, futurities, and other special attractions.</u></p> <p>If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's <u>color(s), pattern</u> or markings require disqualification, the judge shall disqualify the dog, <u>and mark and initial the judge's book "Disqualified - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".</u></p> <p>If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's <u>color(s) pattern</u> or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class in which the dog is competing, the judge shall declare the dog ineligible to compete in that class or division of class, <u>and, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Ineligible - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".</u></p> <p>If, in the opinion of any competing exhibitor then in the ring, the <u>color(s), pattern</u> or markings of a dog <u>in the ring</u> are <u>disqualifications under the breed standard or do not</u> meet the requirements of the class or division <u>of a class</u>, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the ring has been individually examined and individually gaited, request <u>that</u> the judge render an opinion of the dog's color(s), <u>pattern</u> or markings, <u>and the judge shall comply provided that such</u></p>	<p><b>This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee.</b></p> <p><i>Modifies text for additional clarity as to obligations concerning disqualifications and conditions of class related to color and markings, the judge's procedural responsibilities and any impact on the dogs concerning future events.</i></p> <p><i>Reorganizes section for greater understanding.</i></p>

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<p><b><u>CHAPTER 14</u></b></p> <p><del>to</del> render an opinion of the dog's color(s) and markings. Before proceeding with the judging, <del>the judge must write his opinion on an AKC form that will be supplied by the superintendent or show secretary for that purpose, and shall disqualify the dog if its color or markings are such as to require disqualification under the breed standard or shall declare the dog ineligible if the color or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division thereof in which the dog is competing, in either case making note of the fact in the judge's book.</del></p> <p><del>Any dog thus</del> disqualified by three different judges <del>under the standard</del> may not again be shown.</p> <p>Any dog thus declared <del>by the judge to be</del> ineligible for a class <del>or division thereof</del> shall be considered <del>to have been wrongly</del> entered in the class and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show.</p>	<p><b><u>CHAPTER 14</u></b></p> <p><u>determination has not been previously made during competition at that show. If the judge finds that the dog's color(s), pattern or markings are disqualifications under the breed standard, the judge shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Disqualified - Color (or Pattern or Markings)". A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.</u></p> <p><u>If the judge finds that the color(s), pattern or markings of the dog do not meet the requirements of the class or division specified by the breed standard, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Ineligible - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".</u></p> <p>Any dog thus declared ineligible for <u>its</u> class shall be considered entered <u>incorrectly</u> and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show. <u>In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the requirements or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6</u></p>	