

# CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS

## Judging and Event Procedures

### JUDGING PROCEDURE

While in the ring, judges will limit their conversation to discussing procedure with their stewards.

1. Each dog will be scored by each judge individually, using a Scale of Points based on the AKC Standard.
2. Each entrant shall be evaluated individually in his/her relationship to the breed standard using a scale of points as stated in the event catalog. The judge's book will contain a score sheet for each individual entrant.
3. The actual judging is as follows (this section taken from Procedure for the Evening):
  - A. *The first dog (of the first group of three), as determined by the Draw Order, will enter the ring, move half way around the ring, then pose. After the pose, the dog will complete the circle. The judges will then mark their Initial Impressions The dog will then be either stacked or placed on a judging ramp depending on the wishes of the judges and ramp availability at the event. This procedure will be followed for the next two dogs, always maintaining Draw Order.*
  - B. *When the first three dogs are on the ramp(s) or ground they will then be examined and scored completely by the three judges, each judge touching and examining each dog as he/she sees fit. Judges may ask their Steward to hold their score sheet while they physically examine each dog. The dogs will then circle the ring, and exit. Steps 1 and 2 will be repeated until all dogs have been examined.*
  - C. *Each dog will then be moved and movement scored.*
  - D. *The winner will be determined based on the highest average score.*

In the event of a tie, it shall be broken by using the "Initial Impression" (on a scale of 1-5) marked by each judge as the determining factor. The Initial Impression score shall be given by the judge before judging any of the scoring categories for each individual dog. This initial impression score means that the dog is taken and placed on the scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning the dog is in perfect harmony with the judge's picture of the ideal Kerry Blue Terrier.

***The final tabulated score sheet will be given to the chair of the committee. It will not be posted or distributed***

## **RATIONALE FOR JUDGING PROCEDURE**

Whenever a judge examines an individual dog and compares him, mentally, to the judge's picture of the ideal, the judge is going through the work of judging by scoring. The scoring system adds the assigning of numerical values to the main factors of the judging, and it demands that the judge indicate where he/she penalizes for less than ideal characteristics.

A judge must go on the record when scoring. Further, a judge must go on the record part-by-part and indicate the degree of deviation of each part from the ideal. The Initial Impression score must be done before judging the dog. In other words, for Initial Impression scoring, a dog must be viewed as a whole and placed on the scale of 1-10 with 10 meaning that the dog is in perfect harmony with the judge's picture of the ideal Kerry Blue Terrier.

It must be noted that scoring is much more time consuming than the comparison judging we are accustomed to in the show ring, where dogs are judged at 25 or more dogs an hour. A judge scoring dogs can do no more than 6-10 dogs an hour. However, when scoring is complete, there is a written critique of each dog as seen by each judge.

Scoring has another virtue. It is a strong discipline for a judge. Sometimes, a fault can seem to stand out and a judge can become sensitized to one difficulty or even one virtue. Scoring checks this to a marked degree. It reduces the idiosyncrasies of an individual judge.

## **PROCEDURE FOR THE EVENING**

Each dog will be issued an armband number. A drawing, defined as the Draw Order, will be conducted prior to the start of the Event to determine the order in which the dogs enter the ring. The ring will be set up with three (3) judging stations. The stations will include place for stacking the dog or ramp. A separate trophy table will be set up.

There will be a PA system with a moderator. The moderator shall announce the dog in the ring as being the entrant on page number in the catalog. He or she shall instruct the handler as to where to position and gait his/her dog.

At the commencement of the event, all the entrants shall be brought in together for two complete revolutions around the ring as an initial introduction and welcome from spectators and judges and then proceed to the holding area outside the ring.

After this initial introduction, the entrants will be judged in groups of three according to the following procedure:

- 1.** The first dog (of the first group of three), as determined by the Draw Order, will enter the ring, move half way around the ring, then pose. After the pose, the dog will complete the circle. The judges will then mark their Initial Impressions. The dog will then be placed on a judging table. This procedure will be followed for the next two dogs, always maintaining Draw Order.
- 2.** When the first three dogs are tabled they will then be examined and scored completely by the three judges, each judge touching and examining each

dog as he/she sees fit. Judges may ask their Steward to hold their score sheet

while they physically examine each dog. The dogs will then be lifted from the tables, circle the ring, and exit. Steps 1 and 2 will be repeated until all dogs have been scored.

3. When all entrants have been evaluated, all dogs will be called back into the ring one at a time and identified by name, owner, and breeder and will receive their rosettes.
4. When a judge has completed his/her scoring of an entrant, he/she shall immediately turn the score sheet over to the ring steward. No score sheets shall be tabulated by the judges or stewards. The CC Committee will choose 3 people to tabulate the results. The Committee Chair may designate a Committee Member to oversee tabulation of scores. This will take place immediately after the judging and the Committee Member will ensure that scores are added and averaged correctly. The dog with the highest score will be declared the winner.  
In the event of a tie, the tie breaking steps in the Judging Procedure section will be followed. The Committee Chairman or designated Committee Member announces the winner at the conclusion of the tabulation.
5. The Committee Chairman or designated Committee Member will present the People's Choice winner with a Winner's Ribbon. That person will then present the Best of Opposites ribbon to that winner. Following this, the Best of Breed ribbon will be awarded to the winner. All three winners will also be presented with trophies exclusively chosen for this event.
6. The final tabulated score sheet will be given to the chair of the committee. It will not be posted or distributed.

## **THE CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS CATALOG**

### **Catalog Requirements:**

All material must be received by deadline given in invitation.

Owner must supply a photo of the dog that is 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 – if photo is emailed it must be a minimum of 300 dpi.

Bios are limited to the show career of the dog or its special relationship to the owner. Bios may not contain negative material or political material. The committee has complete editing authority. The length of bios may not exceed 150 words.

Owner must supply a pedigree on a standardized form that can be downloaded from the USKBTC website. This will create a pleasing presentation in the catalog.

**Catalog Content:**

A catalog will be printed for this event. The catalog must include, but is not limited to the following:

- The cover shall consist of the Challenge of Champions logo, the words CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS, the event date and city where the event is to be held.
- A list of the final Challenge of Champions dogs.
- A one page spread for each entrant in the final Top Twenty standings who has paid the required entry fee. There will be no further charge to entrants for this page.
- The page shall have the name of the entrant, a brief story, owner(s), breeder(s), handler, and the dog's bio furnished by the owner (odd-numbered page).
- The page also shall have a full body photo of the entrant and a three (3) generation pedigree, including the dog's date of birth.
- Judging Procedures and score sheets.
- A profile of each judge.
- A page listing the previous winners, the judges, and the year in which they won.
- A ballot for the People's Choice Award

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

The audience may vote for the Kerry Blue Terrier they think best represents the standard. This is called the People's Choice Award.

Only one ballot per person will be issued and must be signed for. The ballots for the People's Choice Award will be collected at the end of the judging. These ballots will be tabulated along with the judges' scores and the People's Choice Award will be announced, then the BOS winner and finally the BOB winner.