

## Rules for Online Grooming

- 1.) Prep work should be done prior to start of competition. Nails, pads, sanitary trim in accordance with breed standard, ears, bath, brush and blow dry.
- 2.) Clean feet for poodles and banding (and applying wiggies) for spray ups may be done ahead of time. Spray ups must be completed in ring.
- 3.) Terrier heads should not be excessively styled and teased prior to start of the contest.
- 4.) Open and Intermediate division must handstrip and card in accordance with breed standards, and may also clip areas that are permitted within the breed standard. Entry division may clipper, but degree of difficulty and technical skills are considered when making final decisions.
- 5.) There must be sufficient coat to make a distinct difference in the final product of the groom.
- 6.) Arrive to check in on time. This way we can make sure everybody is set up properly and can be seen, it also gives us the time to assist you if you are having trouble with Zoom. The Judge will ask you to comb through your dog during check in as a part of prejudging.
- 7.) No leaving dogs on the table unattended.
- 8.) No using visual aids.
- 9.) No outside coaching.
- 10.) No rough handling.
- 11.) All classes no matter the breed nor size of the dog are 2 hours in length. Judges will take the size of dog and degree of difficulty into account when making their decisions.
- 12.) No styling or excessive use of products after time is called.
- 13.) You may use curling irons, dryers during the contest providing you can do so safely
- 14.) Salon Freestyle may add a touch of color ( paws, ears, cheeks or tails), bows, extensions or feathers as accent pieces to their grooms.
- 15.) Abstract Runway, Up and Coming Creative, and Open Creative are all pre-groom
- 16.) Best in Show (BIS)
  - a. All first place competitors from all divisions are eligible for BIS, there is only one BIS winner, it is chosen from all divisions.
  - b. There is no re-grooming of your dog before BIS. You may re-bathe, blow out or apply product so the groom looks as fresh as it did at contest end, but you may not clip, scissor, pluck, card or pull
  - c. You must be present with your dog to be considered for BIS
- 17.) Division eligibility is as follows
  - a. OPEN- Open to all competitors. Recommended for groomers with advanced styling skills, previous successful competition experience and professional conformation show exhibitors and/or certifiers with expert styling skills.
  - b. INTERMEDIATE- Restricted to competitors who have not won two Best in Show or two Best All Around groomer titles, from intermediate division at any show. OR three group placements from any tiered show, OR three 1<sup>st</sup>placements from intermediate division at any show. Recommended for groomers with intermediate styling skills or conformation dog show exhibitors and/or certifiers and instructors with intermediate styling skills.
  - c. ENTRY- Restricted to competitors who have not won a Best in Show or Best All Around title from any division at any show, OR three 1<sup>st</sup> placements from entry division at any show, OR

one group placement from any tiered show. Recommended for groomers who have never competed and/or possess novice--grooming skills. Conformation dog show exhibitors, owners, breeders, handlers who have finished a champion, and/or certifiers and grooming instructors are not permitted to compete in the Entry Division.