

ISWS SHOW RULES AND AWARDS

The word “dog” where used in these rules includes both sexes.

Competition in conformation and performance events can best demonstrate the progress that has been made in breeding for type and quality, as well as for practical use, stamina and obedience. The ISWS has therefore adopted bylaws, rules and regulations to govern these events, the clubs that wish to hold them and the individuals who exhibit, compete or take part in them.

CHAPTER 1

MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD AN ISWS SHOW

Any individual member of the ISWS, association or group with an ISWS member, or any ISWS-recognized club wishing to host an ISWS show shall submit a completed ISWS Show Application to the ISWS Board of Directors for approval not less than 90 days prior to the actual show date. The Board shall respond to such requests within 15 days after receipt of the application. Announcement of said show must be made to the general membership not less than 60 days prior to the actual show date. All points and majors earned at any ISWS approved show (i.e. National Specialty, Regional Specialty or stand-alone ISWS show including ISWS approved NAKC/Rarities and NCA shows) will count towards the ISWS championship. A championship requires a total of 15 points and two major wins under two different judges (see *Chapter 3, Championships, ISWS Champion* for complete requirements).

The Board of Directors, or a committee appointed specifically for this purpose, may track annually the number of five-point majors available in a geographical area. If more than three five-point majors have been earned in any geographical area during the previous year, the Board may adjust the entry numbers required for major wins upwards for the following year. If the number of five-point majors drops within a geographical area, the entry number required for major wins may be adjusted downwards. SilkenFest will be the National Specialty and will use the point schedule from the geographic region requiring the highest entry for a five-point major. Regional Specialties and stand-alone ISWS shows as well as ISWS approved shows at NAKC/Rarities and NCA will use the point schedule for their geographical area.

Any individual member of the ISWS, association or group with an ISWS member, or any ISWS-recognized club wishing to have an ISWS approved show at an all-breed show hosted by a separate show-giving organization (i.e., NAKC/Rarities, NCA) shall submit a completed ISWS Show Application to the ISWS Board of Directors for approval not less than 60 days prior to the actual show date. The Board shall respond to such requests within 10 days after receipt of the application. Announcement of said show must be made to the general membership not less than 45 days prior to the actual show date.

CHAPTER 2

DOG SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

Section 1. Regular Class List. These regular classes must be offered at all approved and sanctioned ISWS shows. Numbers 1 through 7 are divided by sex.

1. **PUPPY** – The Puppy Class shall be for dogs that are six months of age and over, but under twelve months, that are not champions. The Puppy Class may be further divided into two age groups consisting of six months of age and under nine months, and nine months of age but under twelve months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. (If a dog has turned the limiting age on the first day of the show, it is ineligible for this class.)
2. **TWELVE-TO-EIGHTEEN MONTH** – The Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class shall be for dogs that are twelve months of age and over, but under eighteen months, that are not champions. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. (If a dog has turned eighteen months of age on the first day of the show, it is ineligible for this class.)

3. **NOVICE** – The Novice Class shall be for dogs six months of age or older which have not, prior to the date of closing of entries, won three first-place prizes in the Novice Class, nor a first-place prize in the Bred-By-Exhibitor Class or Open Class, nor three or more points towards their ISWS championship.
4. **BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR** – The Bred-by-Exhibitor Class shall be for dogs that are:
 - Six months of age or older on the date of the show;
 - Not a champion of record on the date of the show;
 - Owned or co-owned by any of the breeders of record on the date of the show.
 - The person handling the dog in this class must be a breeder of record and an owner of record of this dog. In any subsequent classes for which the dog becomes eligible at that show, there are no restrictions as to the handler.
5. **AMERICAN-BRED** – The American-Bred Class shall be for all dogs (except champions) six months of age and over, whelped in the United States of America, by reason of a mating which took place in the United States of America.
6. **OPEN** – The Open Class shall be for any dog six months of age or over.
7. **WINNERS** – The Winners Class shall be open only to undefeated dogs of the same sex, which have won first prizes from any of the regular classes listed above. After the Winners prize has been awarded in one of the sex divisions, the second prize winning dog, if undefeated except by the dog awarded Winners, shall compete with the other eligible dogs for Reserve Winners. **No eligible dog may be withheld from competition.**
8. **BEST OF BREED** – The following categories of dogs are eligible to compete in this competition:
 - Dogs that are ISWS champions;
 - Winners Dog and Winners Bitch of the event;
 - Veteran Dog and Veteran Bitch class winners (see Non-Regular Classes).
 - A. **BEST OF WINNERS** – If Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is awarded Best of Breed, it shall be automatically awarded Best of Winners; otherwise, the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch shall be judged together for Best of Winners following the judging of Best of Breed. The dog awarded Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch whichever is greater. In the event that Winners is awarded in only one sex, there shall be no Best of Winners award.
 - B. **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX** – After Best of Breed and Best of Winners have been awarded, the judge shall select Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Eligible for this award are:
 - Dogs of the opposite sex to Best of Breed that have been entered in the Best of Breed competition;
 - The dog awarded Winners of the opposite sex to the Best of Breed;
 - Dogs of the opposite sex to Best of Breed having won their Veterans Class (see Non-Regular Classes).

Section 2. Optional Non-Regular Classes. The following classes are additional classes that may be offered at any ISWS show by the decision of the show management. Numbers 1 through 3 are divided by sex.

1. **PUPPIES THREE-TO-SIX MONTHS** – The Three-To-Six Month Puppy Classes shall be for dogs that are three months of age and over but under six months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. (If a puppy has turned six months of age on the first day of the show, it is ineligible for this class.) The winners of this class are eligible to compete in Best Puppy and Best of Opposite Sex Puppy but are not allowed to compete for championship points nor are they to be counted towards defeated dogs regarding championship points. This class **is not** eligible for Best of Breed competition.
2. **COMPANION** – The Companion Class is open to all neutered and spayed dogs. This class **is not** eligible for Best of Breed competition.
3. **VETERAN** – The Veteran Class is open to all dogs seven years of age or older. This class **is** eligible for Best of Breed competition. This class may be further divided into different age groups if desired (i.e., 7-10 years and 10 years and older.)
4. **STUD DOG** – Stud dog with two or more of his Get. If the show-giving club permits more than two Get to be shown, the upper limit must be stated in the Premium List. The Stud Dog must be shown in the ring with his Get. Neutered dogs are allowed in this class. Owner of the Stud Dog need not be owner of Get. All Get must be entered in one of the regular classes. The winner of this class is not eligible for Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed competition.
5. **BROOD BITCH** – Brood Bitch and two or more of her Produce. If the show-giving club permits more than two Produce to be shown, the upper limit must be stated in the Premium List. The Brood Bitch must be

shown in the ring with her Produce. Spayed bitches are allowed in this class. Owner of the Brood Bitch need not be owner of Produce. All Produce must be entered in one of the regular classes. The winner of this class is not eligible for Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed competition.

6. **BRACE** – Two dogs, irrespective of sex, must be owned by the same owner. Class shall be judged on 40% conformation, 40% matching looks, and 20% difficulty of the match.
7. **JUNIOR HANDLER** – A Junior Handler Class may be offered at the discretion of the show management. A Junior Handler shall be at least 9 years of age and no older than 18 years of age. This class may be divided into different age groups if desired. Any dog shown in any Regular or Non-Regular class including any spayed or neutered dog, may be shown in the Junior Handler Class, except that the Junior Handler must own or co-own the dog, or the dog must be owned or co-owned by a member of the Junior Handler's immediate family. For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are: father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including corresponding step and half-relations, or by a permanent member of the Junior Handler's household.

Section 3. Optional Sweepstakes Classes. The following classes are additional classes that may be offered at any ISWS show by the decision of the show management. All classes are divided by sex.

A. PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

1. **PUPPY** – The Puppy Class shall be for dogs that are three months of age and over, but under six months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. (If a dog has turned six months of age on the first day of the show, it is ineligible for this class.)
2. **JUNIOR PUPPY** – The Junior Puppy Class shall be for dogs that are six months of age and over, but under twelve months, The Junior Puppy Class may be further divided into two age groups consisting of six months of age but under nine months, and nine months of age but under twelve months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of the show. (If a dog has turned the limiting age on the first day of the show, it is ineligible for this class.)
3. **SENIOR PUPPY** – The Senior Puppy Class shall be for dogs that are twelve months of age and over, but under twenty-four months. The Senior Puppy Class may be further divided into three age groups consisting of twelve months of age but under fifteen months, fifteen months of age but under eighteen months and eighteen months of age but under twenty-four months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of the show. (If a dog has turned the limiting age on the first day of the show, it is ineligible for this class.)
4. **BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES (BPSS)** – Best Puppy in Sweepstakes Class shall be open only to undefeated dogs of both sexes, which have won first prizes from any of the sweepstakes classes listed above.
5. **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPSTAKES (BOPSS)** – After Best Puppy in Sweepstakes has been awarded, the judge shall select Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes. Eligible for this award are dogs of the opposite sex to BPIS that have been entered in the BPSS competition.

B. VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

1. **VETERANS** – The Veteran Class shall be for dogs that are over seven years of age. The Veterans Class may be further divided into two or more age groups consisting of seven years and under ten years and ten years and older. The Veterans Class may be further divided into seven years but under nine years, over nine years but under thirteen years, and over thirteen years. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of the show. (If a dog has turned the limiting age on the day of the show, it is ineligible for this class.)
2. **BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES (BVSS)** – Best Veteran in Sweepstakes Class shall be open only to undefeated dogs of both sexes, which have won first prizes from any of the veteran sweepstakes classes listed above.
3. **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPSTAKES (BOVSS)** – After Best Veteran in Sweepstakes has been awarded, the judge shall select Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes. Eligible for this award are dogs of the opposite sex to BVSS that have been entered in the BVSS competition.

C. DIVISION OF PUPPY AND VETERAN ENTRY MONEY AS PRIZES

35% of the total entry fees will be retained by the Club for expenses. The remaining 65% of the entry fees will be divided for that class as follows:

Four or more entries..... First - 50%; Second - 25%; Third - 15%; Fourth - 10%.
 Three Entries..... First - 60%; Second - 30%; Third - 10%.
 Two Entries..... First - 75%; Second - 25%.
 One Entry..... First - 100%.

Section 3. Optional Awards. The following awards may be given at the discretion of the show host.

1. **BEST VETERAN** – If Veterans Dog or Veterans Bitch is awarded Best of Breed, it shall be automatically awarded Best of Veterans; otherwise, the Veterans Dog and Veterans Bitch class winners shall be judged together for Best of Veterans following Best of Winners and/or Best of Breed. If the Veterans classes have been split into separate age groups, a Best of Opposite Sex Veteran may be awarded.
2. **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX VETERAN** – If the Veteran Classes have been split into multiple age groups, Best of Opposite Sex Veteran may be awarded.
3. **BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR** – This is open to the winners of the Bred-by-Exhibitor Classes. If a dog or bitch entered in the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class is awarded Winners and goes on to win Best of Breed, it shall be automatically awarded Best Bred-by-Exhibitor. In the event that both the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are from the Bred-by-Exhibitor classes, the one awarded Best of Winners shall be declared the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor.
4. **BEST PUPPY** – Open to the winners of the Puppy Classes (dogs under the age of twelve months). Class winners from the Three-to-Six Month Puppy Class may compete for this award. If the Puppy Classes have been split into separate age groups, a Best of Opposite Sex Puppy may be awarded. This award should be judged separately after the completion of Best of Breed judging.
5. **BEST COMPANION** – This is open to the winners of the Companion Classes. The Companion Class is not eligible for competition in Best of Breed, so this award should be judged separately after the completion of Best of Breed judging.

AWARDS OF MERIT

Awards of Merit may be offered and awarded at the judge's discretion immediately after the selection of Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex. The three dogs singled out for Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex are not eligible for an AOM. All other dogs remaining in the champion ring are eligible.

The number of Awards of Merit eligible for presentation at any ISWS show should be approximately 5% of the total entry. The number of Awards of Merit offered at a show must be printed in the catalog.

Other awards are left to the discretion of the show-giving club, but must be listed on the premium list and in the catalog.

CHAPTER 3 CHAMPIONSHIPS

ISWS CHAMPION

Any Silken Windhound which shall have won fifteen points shall become an ISWS Champion of Record if the following conditions have been met:

- Two or more majors of at least three points each have been won (a “major” win is worth three points or higher);
- The majors have been won under two different judges;
- One or more of the balance of the points shall have been won under a judge or judges other than the two judges that awarded majors (i.e. the championship points must be won under at least three different judges);
- At least one of the majors must come from an ISWS approved show.
- The remainder of the points may come from NAKC/Rarities, NCA or any ISWS approved show.

DUAL CHAMPION

Any Silken Windhound that has been awarded the title of ISWS Champion may be designated as a “Dual Champion” after it has also been awarded the title of Lure Coursing Champion, Straight Racing Champion or Oval Track Racing

Champion. The title of Dual Champion is to recognize those dogs that have shown their superiority in both adhering to the breed standard and in their ability to perform in the field.

POINT SCHEDULE FOR ISWS SHOWS

Number of dogs in sex	1	2	4	6	8	10+
Number of points awarded	0	1	2	3	4	5

- The number of dogs required for points is the same for both dogs and bitches. The exhibitor counts all dogs of the same sex defeated directly or indirectly from the regular classes.
- The dog awarded the Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater.
- If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, the dogs of its own sex that have been entered for Best of Breed competition and that have been defeated in such competition shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points (to a maximum of 5 points).
- If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed competition and that have been defeated in such competition shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points (to a maximum of 5 points).
- In counting eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included.

At an ISWS Specialty show hosted by NAKC/Rarities NCA or other ISWS-approved organization, the point schedule of those organizations applies only towards their respective championships. The ISWS Point Schedule shown above governs the number of entries required for ISWS championship points. The number of entries required for major points may be changed annually upon the decision of the Board.

For example, while the NAKC/Rarities point schedule requires 5 dogs for a 4-point major, the ISWS Point Schedule requires 6 dogs for a 3-point major. Therefore, if there are 5 class males entered, the dog awarded Winners will have won a 4-point major towards his NAKC/Rarities championship, but it would not count as a major towards an ISWS championship as the entry was too small. If the entry were 6 class males, however, the dog would have earned a 5-point NAKC /Rarities major which would count as a 3-point major towards an ISWS Championship.

OTHER RECOGNIZED SHOW VENUES

The ISWS recognizes the following organizations. Points earned at their shows will count towards an ISWS Championship:

- North American Kennel Club (NAKC/Rarities)
- National Canine Association (NCA)

POINT SCHEDULE FOR NCA SHOWS

Number of dogs in sex	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Number of points awarded	0	1	2	3	4	5

- The number of dogs required for points is the same for both dogs and bitches. The exhibitor counts all dogs of the same sex defeated directly or indirectly from the regular classes.
- Points will be awarded to one dog and one bitch per NCA show, whether from the Professional or Non-Professional class. Those winning dogs are categorized by the NCA as the “Ultimate Winners”.
- The Best of Winners take the highest number of points awarded to either of the two winners (Winners Dog or Winners Bitch).
- No more than 5 points can be earned in any single show. NCA show points will count towards the ISWS championship, but any major win will not count towards the ISWS championship major requirement.
- In counting eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included.

CHAPTER 4

COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

Those countries outside of the United States should follow the rules as set forth by their respective Kennel Clubs or other show-governing bodies as closely as possible.

ISWS points will be awarded to the highest placing non-Champion dog and bitch following the point schedule below. All regular classes will be included in counting points for each sex. The non-regular classes which do not compete for Best of Breed are not included when counting points. The dog or bitch awarded Best in Show counts all dogs defeated of both sexes. Those individuals, associations or ISWS-recognized clubs outside of the United States shall be required to follow Chapter 1 of these rules pertaining to making application to hold an ISWS show and to Chapter 9 pertaining to the submission of show records.

POINT SCHEDULE FOR NON-USA SHOWS

Number of dogs in sex	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Number of points awarded	0	1	2	3	4	5

CHAPTER 5

RIBBONS

All independent ISWS shows shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes for the Regular Classes:

First prize – Blue;
 Second prize – Red;
 Third prize – Yellow;
 Fourth prize – White;
 Winners – Purple;
 Reserve Winners – Purple and White;
 Best of Winners – Blue and White;
 Special prize – Dark Green;
 Best of Breed – Purple and Gold;
 Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed – Red and White.

These requirements do not apply to those ISWS shows held in conjunction with other show-giving organization events.

In the optional Non-Regular Classes, the following colors shall be used for prizes:

First prize – Rose;
 Second prize – Brown;
 Third prize – Light Green;
 Fourth prize – Gray.

Ribbon colors and other awards for the following Optional Non-Regular Awards are left to the discretion of the show host/committee.

Best Veterans;
 Best of Opposite Sex Veteran (to be awarded if the Veterans classes are split into different age groups within the sexes);
 Best Bred-by-Exhibitor;
 Best Puppy;
 Best of Opposite Sex Puppy;
 Best Companion;
 Stud Dog;
 Brood Bitch;
 Brace;

Junior Handler.

CHAPTER 6

DOG SHOW ENTRIES

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

Section 1. Close of entries shall be a minimum of 14 days before the date of show. An earlier closing date may be specified at the discretion of the Show Committee or Show Secretary. The premium must include the date and hour that entries will close. Late entries shall not be accepted and there will be no entries on the day of the show.

ELIGIBILITY TO CHANGE CLASSES

Section 1. No entry may be changed or canceled unless notice of the change or cancellation is received in writing (email, regular post or delivery service) by the Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries, prior to the closing date and hour for entries, except that a correction may be made in the sex of a dog, or a dog may be transferred from one division of the Puppy Class to another or between the Puppy and Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class at a show prior to the judging. A dog determined to be ineligible, by its owner/agent, for the class in which it has been entered may be transferred to an eligible open class at a show prior to the judging of any regular conformation class of the sex of the dog in question, except that dogs which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship after the closing of entries for a show but whose championships are unconfirmed, may be transferred from one of the regular classes to the Best of Breed competition provided this change is made prior to the start of any regular conformation judging at the show.

Dogs entered in the Best of Breed competition at an ISWS show may be moved to their appropriate Open Class before judging begins if their owners find they have entered the Best of Breed competition in error.

No dog may otherwise be transferred to another class. Owners are responsible for errors in the entry forms, regardless of who may make such errors.

CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. No entry may be made and no entry shall be accepted by a Show Secretary which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

Section 2. Any Silken Windhound shall be eligible to be entered in an ISWS Silken show if it meets one of the following conditions:

- The dog is individually registered, with either a Full or Limited Registration, and entered into the ISWS Stud Book; or
- The dog is part of an ISWS-registered litter which has been assigned a Litter Number.

Any Silken Windhound that is not yet individually registered (with either a Limited or a Full ISWS Registration) but that is part of an ISWS-registered litter (that has been assigned a Litter Number) may be entered in an ISWS show. Such a dog will remain eligible to enter additional ISWS shows for only thirty (30) days after the date of the first show in which the dog was entered. The dog must be individually registered (with either a Limited or a Full ISWS Registration) with the ISWS during that thirty (30) day window.

If the dog is not individually registered with the ISWS (with either a Limited or a Full ISWS Registration) during that thirty (30) day window any points, majors or championships earned may be lost, unless the owner of the dog can clearly demonstrate (in writing to the ISWS Registrar) that the delay in registration is due to circumstances for which he is not responsible.

Section 3. The ISWS Board of Directors may determine whether a recording fee not to exceed 50 cents may be required from every dog entered. The purpose of a recording fee would be to help defray expenses involved in keeping the show records.

Section 4. Every dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed. The right to exhibit a dog cannot be transferred. A registered dog which has been acquired by some person

other than the owner as recorded with the ISWS must be entered in the name of its new owner at any show for which entries close after the date upon which the dog was acquired, and application for transfer of ownership must be sent to the ISWS Registrar by the new owner within seven days after the last day of the show. The new owner should state on the entry form that transfer application has been mailed to the ISWS or will be mailed shortly. A reasonable extension of time may be granted by the ISWS if there is any unavoidable delay in obtaining the completed application required to record the transfer, provided the new owner notifies the ISWS Registrar by mail or email within seven days after the show and gives the reason for the delay.

If entry is made by a duly authorized agent of the owner, the name of the actual owner must be shown on the entry form.

Section 5. To be acceptable, an entry must:

- Be submitted with the required entry fee;
- Be on an Official ISWS entry form;
- Be signed by the owner or his duly authorized agent;
- Include all the following information:
 - Name of Show-giving Club;
 - Date of Show;
 - Registered Name of Dog;
 - Name of Class or Classes Entered;
 - Sex;
 - Individual Registration Number or Litter Registration Number;
 - Date of Birth;
 - Name of Breeder(s);
 - Name of Sire and Registration Number;
 - Name of Dam and Registration Number;
 - Name of Owner(s)/Co-owner(s);
 - Name of Owner's/Owners' Agent, if any;
 - Address of Owner(s).

No entry may be accepted unless the Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries, receives such entry prior to the closing date and hour as published in the premium list.

All requirements of the foregoing paragraphs of Section 4 and all other specific requirements printed in the premium list must be met before an entry can be considered acceptable. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the loss of all awards earned at the event.

Section 6. A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the Silken Windhound Standard, or a male which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show and will be disqualified except that a castrated male may be entered in the Companion Class, Veteran Class, or as Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered in the Companion Class, Veteran Class or as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws.

A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure that has the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic, or that does anything to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

A. A dog that in the opinion of the judge menaces or threatens or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached by the judge or examined by the judge in the normal manner shall be excused from the ring. When the judge excuses the dog, he shall mark the dog "Excused," stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed. A dog recorded as "Excused for threatening or menacing" by a judge on three occasions will be administratively disqualified by the ISWS.

A dog that in the opinion of the judge is disruptive, behaving badly and is insufficiently controlled by the handler shall be excused from the ring. When the judge excuses the dog, he shall mark the dog "Excused," stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed.

A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person or other dog in the ring shall be, at the discretion of the judge, either excused or disqualified, depending on the severity of the offense. If a dog is excused twice for aggression in the ring, he will be administratively disqualified by the ISWS. If a dog is disqualified once for a serious incident of aggression, the dog will be administratively disqualified by the ISWS. When the judge excuses or disqualifies a dog for aggression in the ring, he shall mark the dog either "Excused" or "Disqualified," stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog so disqualified shall not be counted as having competed. A dog so excused or disqualified for aggression in the ring shall not be counted as having competed.

When a dog is disqualified under this Section, any awards at that show shall be canceled by the ISWS, and the dog may not again compete unless and until, following application by the owner to the ISWS, the owner has received official notification from the ISWS that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.

Any dog that in the opinion of the Event Committee attacks a person or dog at an ISWS event and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this Section. A report of such disqualification shall be filed with the ISWS. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any ISWS event nor be on the grounds of an ISWS event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the ISWS, the owner receives official notification in writing from the ISWS that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

B. A dog that is lame in any class may not compete in that class. It is the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame. In situations where the judge determines a dog to be lame, the judge shall excuse the dog from the ring and withhold from the dog the awards for that class or competition. The judge shall mark his book "Excused – lame." Any dog so excused will not count as having competed in the class from which it was excused. If the dog has completed previous classes at the event without being excused, it shall count for those classes and keep any awards from those classes.

CHAPTER 7 THE CATALOG

Section 1. Every Show Committee shall provide a printed catalog which shall contain:

- Exact location of the show;
- Date/dates on which the show will be held;
- Show hours (opening and closing);
- List of all officers and members of the Event Committee;
- Names of all judges;
- Name of Show Secretary
- Name of the Veterinarian or Veterinary Clinic, and whether the veterinarian will be in attendance or on-call;
- Names of all exhibitors;
- Information on all entered dogs as described in Section 3 of "THE CATALOG";
- Information on all entered Junior Handlers;
- Judging Program.

Section 2. Every catalog must include the following on its cover or title page:

- Name of show-giving club(s);
- Date of show;
- The statement, "This show is held under International Silken Windhound Society rules";
- The International Silken Windhound Society logo.

Section 3. The catalog shall be in book form. It shall be from 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches to 8 ½ x 11 inches. It shall contain the following information for all entered dogs arranged in this order:

- Catalog (armband) number
- Complete registered name of dog
- ISWS registration number or ISWS litter registration number
- Date of birth
- Name of breeder(s)

- Name of sire
- Name of dam
- Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- Name of owner's agent (if any)

The entries shall be catalogued by regular classes in the following order:

- Dog entries as follows:
 - Puppy (Six-to-Nine and Nine-to-Twelve or combined Six-to-Twelve Month)
 - Twelve-to-Eighteen Month
 - Novice
 - Bred-by-Exhibitor
 - American-Bred
 - Open
- Bitch entries as follows:
 - Puppy (Six-to-Nine and Nine-to-Twelve or combined Six-to-Twelve Month)
 - Twelve-to-Eighteen Month
 - Novice
 - Bred-by-Exhibitor
 - American-Bred
 - Open

Information on dogs entered in single entry non-regular classes that are ineligible for Best of Breed judging (Three-to-Six Month Puppy, Companion) shall be listed before the information for the Regular classes.

If a show-giving club permits more than two Get or Produce to be shown in the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Classes, the upper limit must be stated in the Premium List.

Information on dogs entered in classes where a judge's decision is based on the merits of more than one dog shall be listed after the Best of Breed class. These classes include Brace, Team, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch.

Information on the Junior Handler class should be entered in a separate area either before or after those listings involving dog classes.

The Board of Directors of the ISWS may set additional requirements for format and content of the catalog.

Section 4. A current schedule of championship points shall be published in the catalog.

Section 5. All prizes/trophies offered in a show's premium list shall be printed in the catalog. If the condensed form of a premium list is used, all prizes/trophies offered in a separate list shall be printed in the catalog. No change shall be made in the description or conditions of these prizes or trophies.

Section 6. The ISWS approved breed standard shall be published in the catalog for every Silken Windhound show.

Section 7. The catalog is not to be distributed until the date of the show.

CHAPTER 8

IDENTIFICATION OF ENTERED DOGS AND CANCELLATION OF AWARDS

Section 1. Every dog which is present in the ring for a class in which it is properly entered must continue to compete in all competition for which it is entered or becomes eligible, unless it has been excused, dismissed, disqualified or found to be ineligible under the rules.

Section 2. Any club or association giving an ISWS show must provide numbered armbands and shall see that every person exhibiting a dog wears, when in the ring, an armband containing thereon the catalog number of the dog being exhibited; but no badges, coats with kennel names thereon or ribbon prizes shall be worn or displayed, nor other visible means of identification used, by an individual when exhibiting a dog in the ring.

Section 3. If an ineligible dog has been entered in any ISWS show, or if the name of the owner given on the entry form is not that of the person or persons who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed, or the dog is shown in a class for which it has not been entered, or if its entry form is deemed invalid or unacceptable by the ISWS under these rules, all resulting awards shall be canceled by the ISWS. In computing the championship points, such ineligible dogs, whether or not they have received awards, shall be counted as having competed.

Section 4. If the catalog and/or the judge's book of any show shall by error or mistake set forth any information contrary to the information which appears on the entry form of the dog for that show, the Show Committee, upon request of the owner or handler of said dog prior to the judging, shall correct the entry in the judge's book and in the marked catalog to be sent to the ISWS and said dog properly may compete in all classes and for all prizes for which its entry form discloses it was properly entered.

Section 5. If an award in any of the regular classes is canceled, the dog judged next in order of merit shall be moved up and the award to the dog moved up shall be counted the same as if it had been the original award. If there is no dog of record to move up, the award shall be void.

Section 6. If the win of a dog shall be canceled by the ISWS, the owner of the dog shall return all prizes other than ribbons to the show-giving club within ten days of receipt of the notice of the cancellation from the ISWS.

CHAPTER 9

SUBMISSION OF A SHOW'S RECORDS TO ISWS

Section 1. Submission of an ISWS Show's Records. After each ISWS show, a catalog marked with all awards and absent dogs, certified by the Show Secretary, together with the judge's books and a report of the show must be sent to the ISWS postmarked within seven (7) days after the close of the show. All original entry forms must be maintained by the Show Secretary for a minimum period of 12 months after the show, and these original entry forms must be available to the ISWS upon request during this period. All recording and event service fees, if any, shall be paid to the ISWS within (7) days after conclusion of the show.

Section 2. Submission of NAKC/Rarities or NCA Show's Records. If no marked catalog is available, as may be the case with NAKC/Rarities or NCA shows, the name and corresponding armband number of each entry shall be compiled in a master list to be sent to the ISWS along with the ISWS Show Judging Sheet. The individual who requests the show, or another individual selected before the show takes place, shall be responsible for compiling the master list, recording the placements and wins and having the show results certified by the Superintendent or other authorized individual from the NAKC/Rarities or NCA shows. These show records must be sent to the ISWS and postmarked within seven (7) days after conclusion of the show.

CHAPTER 10

JUDGES

Section 1. A judge shall not exhibit his dogs or take any dog belonging to another person into the ring at any show at which he is officiating, nor shall he pass judgment in his official capacity upon any dog which he or any member of his immediate household or immediate family has handled in the ring more than twice during the preceding twelve months.

Section 2. A judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to the judge to withhold any, or all, prizes for want of merit. After a class has once been judged in accordance with these rules and regulations, it shall not be re-judged. A class is considered judged when the judge has marked his book which must be done before the following class is examined. If any errors have been made by the judge in marking the awards as made, he may correct the same but must initial any corrections.

Section 3. A judge may order any person or dog from the ring, for the purpose of facilitating the judging. Judges are required to exclude from the rings in which they are judging all persons except the steward or stewards and the show attendants assigned to the ring and those actually engaged in exhibiting.

When a judge finds it necessary to excuse a person or dog from the ring under the provisions of this section, that judge shall mark the judge's book "excused" and briefly describe the reason for this action.

When a judge finds it necessary to order an exhibitor from the ring for cause, that judge shall mark the judge's book "ordered from the ring" and briefly describe the reason for this action. This exhibitor's dog is to be considered "excused."

Section 4. A judge's decision as marked in the judge's book cannot be changed by him after filing, but an error appearing in the judge's book may be corrected by the ISWS after consultation with the judge.

Section 5. If a judge disqualifies a dog at any show, he shall make a note in the judge's book giving his reasons for such disqualification. In computing the championship points for a breed, said dog shall not be considered as having been present at the show.

Section 6. No judge or any person residing in the same household with a judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler at a show at which he is officiating as judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of his household shall be ineligible to be entered at such show.

No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his immediate household or immediate family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show.

For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law.

The above will apply to judges of sweepstakes or futurities held in conjunction with ISWS shows.

CHAPTER 11

AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

The ISWS adheres to the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and expects its members to practice and uphold the following principles of good sportsmanship in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of the judge.
- The sportsman respects the International Silken Windhound Society bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the International Silken Windhound Society, or themselves while taking part in the sport.