



Contest Rules

2017-2018

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GroomTeam USA, Inc.®
Sanctioned Class Rules 2017-2018

Acceptable coat growth for all GT sanctioned classes:

It is the responsibility of the show promoter and /or their designated judges to determine adequate coat growth.

Acceptable Styling for all GT sanctioned classes:

- All styling must take place during the time frame of the competition except where noted below.
- All dogs must be groomed according to breed standard with the exception of Poodle as noted below.
- All dogs may have sanitary and pads shaved prior to class start.
- All dogs may have nails trimmed and ears cleaned prior to class start.
- Finishing sprays, are permissible in order to tidy up after competition time frame ends however, re-shaping with water or product application is prohibited.
- Chalk products are permissible prior to and during the competition time frame but are prohibited after time is called.
- Wire Coats must be hand stripped. Clippers are only permissible as presented in the conformation show ring.
- Sporting coats must be carded and/or hand stripped. Clippers are only permissible as presented in the conformation show ring.
- Other Purebreds must be styled as presented in the conformation show ring.
- Poodles can be styled as presented in the conformation show ring or pet trims, provided they respect the breed profile as set forth by the standard.

POODLES:

Acceptable breeds: All sizes, natural colors of purebred Poodles

This class may be split into two separate classes as follows: 17" and under, Over 17"

11" and under – 1:30 (One hour & thirty minutes)

Over 11" up to and including 17" – 1:45 (one hour and forty-five minutes)

Over 17" up to and including 23" – 2:00 (Two hours)

Over 23" - 2:15 (Two hours and fifteen minutes)

When splitting the Poodle class the following stipulations apply:

1. A competition must take place between the three finalists from each of the two Open Division Poodle classes to determine the placements of the combined Poodle class, for a final 1st, 2nd and 3rd for all Open Division Poodles. Only the Final place winners may be awarded GT points.
2. Only the final Poodle class point winners will be eligible to represent Open division in the Poodle Group.

Poodle Styling: All pet and show poodle styles are acceptable provided they respect the breed profile of the poodle.

- Feet must be shaved
- Feet may be shaved prior to competition start time. NO extra time will be permitted if not completed prior to class start.
- Face must be shaved during competition time frame
- Small mustache or goatee are permitted
- Scissored face styles such as Bichon or scissored type faces are prohibited
- Show topknots may be pre-banded, including hair extensions prior to the start of the class, spray up products are prohibited prior to the start of the class.

Sporting:

Acceptable breeds Open Division: Spaniels and Setters (see specific breed list)

Styling: Must be groomed to breed profile as presented in the conformation show ring.

Time frame: 2 hours

All Wire Coated Pure Breeds

Acceptable breeds, Open Division: Pure breeds with wire coat types that are hand stripped. (See specific breed list)

Styling: Must be groomed to breed profile as presented in the conformation show ring.

Time Frames: See specific breed List.

Other Pure Breeds:

Acceptable breeds, Open Division: See specific breed list

Styling: Must be groomed to breed profile as presented in the conformation show ring.

Time Frames: See specific breed List.



GroomTeam USA, Inc.® Breeds by Class & Time Allowed

Breed	Time Allowed	Breed	Time Allowed
Other Purebreds Scissoring		Poodles	
Bedlington Terrier	2:00	11" and under	1:30
Bichon Frise	1:45	Over 11" up to and including 17"	1:45
Black Russian Terrier	2:15	Over 17" up to and including 23"	2:00
Bouvier des Flandres	2:15	Over 23"	2:15
Irish Water Spaniel	2:00		
Kerry Blue Terrier	2:00		
Portuguese Water Dog	2:00		
Soft Coated Wheaten	2:00		
Spaniels and Setters		Wire Coats - Hand Strip	
Clumber Spaniel	2:00	Affenpinscher	1:45
American Cocker Spaniel	2:00	Airedale	2:15
English Cocker Spaniel	2:00	Australian Terrier	1:45
English Setter	2:00	Border Terrier	1:45
English Springer Spaniel	2:00	Brussels Griffon	1:45
Field Spaniel	2:00	Cairn Terrier	2:00
Gordon Setter	2:00	Dachshund Wire	1:45
Irish Red and White	2:00	Dandie Dinmont	2:00
Irish Setter	2:00	Giant Schnauzer	2:15
Sussex Spaniel	2:00	Irish Terrier	2:00
Welsh Springer Spaniel	2:00	Lakeland Terrier	2:00
		Miniature Schnauzer	2:00
		Norfolk Terrier	1:45
		Norwich Terrier	1:45
		Scottish Terrier	2:00
		Sealyham Terrier	2:00
		Standard Schnauzer	2:00
		Welsh Terrier	2:00
		West Highland White Terrier	2:00
		Wire Fox Terrier	2:00

World Pet Association – Atlanta Pet Fair & Conference - SuperZoo

GroomTeam & Like Kind Contest Rules

For 2017-2018

World Pet Association produces two grooming shows – One at SuperZoo, Las Vegas, NV and the other at The Atlanta Pet Fair & Conference, Atlanta, GA. Contact: info@wpamail.org 135 West Lemon Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016, USA, (800) 999-7295 or (626) 447-2222.

Contest Entry will close 5:00PM PST, 2 weeks prior to contest start date for the Atlanta Pet Fair and will close 5:00PM PDT, 2 weeks prior to contest start date for the SuperZoo event. Only entries submitted online will be accepted.

WPA shows are GroomTeam sanctioned. Open Division is the only GroomTeam Sanctioned competition, GroomTeam awards points to the open division placements only. These shows are Three Tiered, Multi-Division competitions. Intermediate Division and Entry Division compete simultaneously for the titles of first, second and third in each division. Winners from each division then compete against each other for Group placements. Group placements are calculated to determine the Best All Around Groomer. First place from every Group will then compete for Best in Show. Group placements, Best in Show and Best All Around Groomer, are from the four regular classes.

Divisions:

Open: (GroomTeam Points) Open to all Competitors/Stylists/Professional groomers.

Intermediate: Restricted to competitors who have not won:

- Two Best in Show or two Best All Around groomer titles from the intermediate division at any show.
- OR three first placements from the intermediate division at any show.
- OR three Group placements from a tiered show.

Entry: Restricted to competitors who have never competed, or who have not won:

- A Best in Show or Best All Around Groomer Title from any division at any Grooming show
- Or three first placements from the Entry Division at any Grooming show
- Or one Group placement from a Grooming show
- Owners, handlers, or breeders who have “finished a Champion,” instructors, pet styling contest judges, and certifiers must compete in either the Intermediate or Open Division.

Awards: Immediately following class awards, first place winners from each division will be judged against each other for the first place in Group. The second place contestant from the winning division will then compete against the remaining first place division winners for second place in Group. The division winning Group second will then compete for Group third place.

First place winners from the Groups should remain in the ring immediately following their class for evaluation by the Best in Show judge. The contestant must return with their dog at the designated time and place in

order to be considered for Best in Show awards. Bathing and/or sprucing up of Group winning dogs are permitted, however no other trimming, carding, stripping or styling of any kind is allowed at this time.

Best All Around Groomer (BAAG) is calculated from Group placements as follows: Group first = 3 points, Group second = 2 points, Group third = 1 point. First tiebreaker is the highest number of placements. Second tiebreaker is the highest number of entries defeated. If an exact tie still exists, the prize will be divided equally. In order to be eligible for BAAG, the contestant must enter a minimum of three GroomTeam sanctioned classes. Specialty classes such as Mixed Salon, Creative, Rescue and Jackpot do not count toward BAAG.

Provided sufficient eligible competitors are entered, 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements will be awarded. Awards will not be withheld unless specific rule infractions, as determined by the show management, are severe enough to warrant disqualification.

Classes: Poodles Small, Poodles Large, Wire Coats (Hand Strip), Sporting (Spaniels & Setters), and Other Purebreds (Scissoring).

For all Classes: Ring opens at least 15 minutes prior to prejudge, contestants must be present for prejudging or they will not be permitted to compete. Check Show addendum schedule for time.

Six weeks or more coat growth is recommended; however, as some dogs grow coat more quickly than others, adequate coat growth is defined as enough coat to make a distinct change in the dog's appearance. Rolled or rotated coats are permitted in the hand stripped breeds, but must be adequate to make a distinct change in the dog's appearance. Finishing sprays are permitted after time is called however, re-shaping with any product is prohibited.

Poodle:

Acceptable breeds: All Purebred Poodles.

Standard: Show trims and pet trims that adhere to Poodle breed profile are permitted. Faces must be shaved during the competition time period. Small moustache and/or goatee beards are acceptable. Scissored faces, such as teddy bear/bichon heads are prohibited. Poodle feet must be shaved. Feet may be shaved prior to competition start time. NO extra time will be permitted if not completed prior to class start. Show topknots may be pre-banded, including hair extensions prior to the start of the class, spray up products are prohibited prior to start of the class.

Time:

Small Poodle:	11" and under at withers (1 ½ Hours) Over 11" up to & including 17" at withers (1 ¾ Hours)
Large Poodle:	Over 17" at withers, up to and including 23" (2 Hours) Over 23" at withers (2 ¼ Hours)

Wire Coat Class (Hand Strip):

Acceptable Breeds: Pure breeds with wire coat types that are hand stripped. See list below

Standard: Trimmed to acceptable breed standard and profile.

It is permissible for Entry division, to use clippers, scissors and thinning shears when the bodywork is typically hand stripped for the show ring. Hand stripping on wire-coated breeds is encouraged and adhering to breed profile on all breeds is mandatory.

Time:

Breeds Wire Coat (Hand Strip)	Time A Clip/Scissor	Time B Card/Strip
Affenpinscher	1:30	1:45
Airedale Terrier	2:00	2:15
Australian Terrier	1:30	1:45
Border Terrier	1:30	1:45
Brussels Griffon	1:30	1:45
Cairn Terrier	1:45	2:00
Dachshund Wire	1:30	1:45
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	1:45	2:00
Giant Schnauzer	2:00	2:15
Irish Terrier	1:45	2:00
Lakeland Terrier	1:45	2:00
Miniature Schnauzer	1:45	2:00
Norfolk Terrier	1:30	1:45
Norwich Terrier	1:30	1:45
Scottish Terrier	1:45	2:00
Sealyham Terrier	1:45	2:00
Standard Schnauzer	1:45	2:00
Welsh Terrier	1:45	2:00
West Highland White Terrier	1:45	2:00
Wire Fox Terrier	1:45	2:00

Sporting Class (Spaniels & Setters):

Acceptable Breeds: See list below.

Standard: Trimmed to acceptable breed standard and profile. Pet trims are not permitted. It is permissible for Entry level, to use clippers, scissors and thinning shears when the bodywork is typically hand stripped and/or carded for the show ring. Hand stripping/carding is encouraged as customary and adhering to breed profile mandatory.

Time:

Breeds Sporting	Time "A" Clip	Time "B" Strip/card
Clumber Spaniel	1:45	2:00
American Cocker Spaniel	1:45	2:00
English Cocker Spaniel	1:45	2:00
English Setter	1:45	2:00
English Springer Spaniel	1:45	2:00
Field Spaniel	1:45	2:00
Gordon Setter	1:45	2:00
Irish Red and White Setter	1:45	2:00
Irish Setter	1:45	2:00
Sussex Spaniel	1:45	2:00
Welsh Springer Spaniel	1:45	2:00

Other Purebreds (Scissoring):

Acceptable Breeds: See List below

Standard: Trimmed to acceptable breed standard and profile. Pet trims are not permitted.

It is permissible however, to use clippers, scissors and thinning shears. Adhering to breed profile on all breeds is mandatory.

Other Purebreds (Scissoring)	Time
Bedlington Terrier	2:00
Bichon Frise	1:45
Black Russian Terrier	2:15
Bouvier des Flandres	2:15
Irish Water Spaniel	2:00
Kerry Blue Terrier	2:00
Portuguese Water Dog	2:00
Soft Coated Wheaton	2:00

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Show management will determine clarification of any issues that may arise that are not covered by the rules.

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General Rules

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Contest Entry will close 5:00PM PST, 2 weeks prior to contest start date for the Atlanta Pet Fair and SuperZoo event. Only entries submitted online will be accepted. Registration is not complete until payment is made in full. If you have **not paid in full by the time the class is full** your contest registration for the full class **WILL BE DROPPED**. There are no refunds after contest close date.

For all Classes: Ring opens at least 15 minutes prior to prejudge, contestants must be present for prejudging or they will not be permitted to compete. Check show schedule for times.

Coat Growth: Six weeks or more coat growth is recommended; however, as some dogs grow coat more quickly than others, adequate coat growth is defined as enough coat to make a distinct change in the dog's appearance. Rolled or rotated coats are permitted in the hand stripped breeds, but must be adequate to make a distinct change in the dog's appearance.

Contest Dog Preparation: Prior to competition start, the dog should be clean, dry and free of mats. Nails should be clipped and/or filed and ears clean. Sanitary area and foot pads may be trimmed. Coloring, other than to enhance the natural color of the coat is prohibited, only non-toxic color and products may be used.

Products and Product Application: Chalk may be applied prior to or during the completion time period to aid in hand stripping or enhance coat color. It should be used sparingly and should not rub off on the judge's hands. It is prohibited to apply after time is called. Hair sprays, finishing sprays and gels may be applied during the competition time period. Once time is called, sprays are limited to minor application. Re-shaping, such as the marcelled Kerry Blue coat or spray-up of the show Poodle headpiece is prohibited.

Decorative Objects and Wigs: Hair extensions of the same coat color of the dog may be applied before the time period of the competition. Decorative objects such as bows and scarves are prohibited.

Contest Dog Qualifications: The competition dog must be: Current on vaccinations as required by law, age appropriate for competition, (recommendation is between the ages of 1 and 10 years), appear healthy, free of disease, open wounds, injuries and parasites, must not show obvious signs of pregnancy or nursing, must not show signs of aggression or viciousness, must be leashed when not crated or not being groomed, must never be left unattended.

Pre-Judging: Judges will evaluate the dogs at pre-judging, prior to the contest start, to confirm the following: dog is entered in the correct class, the allotted time for the breed, groomer is entered in the correct division, and there is sufficient coat growth, preparation, and suitability of dog for competition. Judge will make notation of specific information supplied by the contestant such as missing coat, scars, warts, healing injuries, etc.

Contest End: Contestants should clear table of hair, tools and equipment and place a comb on the table and then stack and present their dog to the judge.

Final Judging: judge will evaluate the following: Balance, symmetry, uniformity and style of the trim. Purebred dogs must adhere to breed profile and standard. For scissored dogs, the plush overall appearance is to be without scissor marks, unevenness or unintended protruding coat. For Hand stripped and/or carded dogs, the proper technique is to achieve a smooth and natural appearance. Clipper work should be smooth and free of irritation. Edges such as the feet of the Cocker or Poodle should show tidy bevels. Judging applies to the difficulty with regard to the amount of coat removed, whether a pattern is created or followed, difficulty of the coat type, texture, quality and quantity, as well as the difficulty with regard to correcting conformation faults and accentuating profile attributes.

Competitor Protocol: Appropriate grooming attire and shoes should be worn at all times, (low cut shirts or pants, tight shorts or very short skirts and flip flops are considered inappropriate). Contestants that show management determines to be inappropriately dressed will not be permitted to compete. Consider the dog's color when choosing competitor's attire. Professional manner, attitude and good sportsmanship must be practiced at all times. These attributes are displayed when a competitor respects fellow competitors, judges, and the contest dogs. Professional conduct is also carried into the care of the contest dogs, and respect for hotel, grounds, rooms and property.

Application of Professional Skills: Contestants must maintain a safe styling station at all times, (open scissors left on the table for the dog to step on is an example of an unsafe styling station,) practice safe handling techniques at all times, apply technical skills with safety. Nicks, cuts and clipper burns are considered unsafe technical skill application.

Strictly Prohibited in Contest Ring: Cell phones, radios and headsets, hair dryers, flame devices or smoking, beverages not in spill proof containers, visual or written instructions, very large tack boxes, kennel crates, standing on tables or chairs, coaching by anyone at any time during the competition.

Equipment: WPA will provide grooming tables and grooming arms. Contestants must provide grooming equipment such as but not limited to: scissors, clippers, blades, brushes, grooming loops, bath towels, products, etc.

Warnings and Disqualifications: Judges and Show Management will monitor the contestants during the competition to ensure a professional atmosphere is maintained. Warnings may be given to include: unprofessional image, unprofessional conduct, unsafe skill application, unsafe grooming station, unsafe handling, etc. A second warning may result in dismissal from the class. A third warning may result in dismissal from the show.

Grievance: Immediately notify contest coordinator of grievance and then provide written notice. A grievance form can be found at the contest table or ask the ring steward for a copy. Grievance(s) will not be accepted after the close of the class, with the exception of sportsmanship issues, which must be submitted prior to the close of the show and while all involved parties are on site.

Entry Fees: will not be refunded in the event that a contestant is late, absent, disqualified, or excused by the Judge or show management. No entry fees will be refunded if the Show cannot open or be completed by

reason of Force majeure.

Show Entrance: Competitors will receive a free trade show pass. Assistants and dog suppliers must be registered to attend the show. If they are not registered they will not be allowed entrance.

All Winners: must complete a W-9 form or International tax forms before payment will be made. United States and Canada winner's checks will be mailed within 30 days of close of show. All checks must be cashed within 90 days of issue or they will be voided. All other winners will be paid on site on last day of contest. At the contest table after 10am. Anyone not turning in tax papers before the end of the show will forfeit their win money. For international winners WPA is required to withhold 30% of win.

Access to Spa: area will be available on a first come, first served basis. Bring a towel for drying your dogs in the spa area.

Dogs: may only be on convention center property if they are being utilized for competition, in-booth demos, or by speakers for specific lectures. Otherwise, no personal pets are allowed. Dogs are to be kept in one of the holding areas, near the stage (available during show hours), or in the Dog Holding Mobile Unit (available 24 hours). No soft sided holding crates are allowed.

Show photographer will be taking before and after pictures of you and your dog. You may have pictures in the studio taken any time after awards are completed. You may purchase these pictures from the photographer. <http://animalphotography.pixieset.com/> WPA requires the "**Best in Show,**" "**Best All Around,**" "**Creative Champion,**" and the **winner s of All Special Contests** to have Studio pictures taken.

As a competitor, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the competition rules and regulations and agree to abide by them. I hereby acknowledge that the organizer of the competition has the sole right of use of any images, (photos or videos) data (names of the competitors) for the purposes of promoting future events.

Show management will determine clarification of any issues that may arise that are not covered by the rules.

GroomTeam Sanctioned

SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF ETHICS

TRUE SPORTSMEN:

1. Conduct themselves with integrity, courtesy and commitment to the sport and the competitive spirit.
2. Abide by the rules, guidelines, policies and procedures set forth by the individuals and organizations that govern our sport.
3. Are always considerate of the well-being of the pets entrusted to their care.
4. Are respectful and considerate of fellow Competitors, Colleagues, Judges, Show Managers and their Representatives.
5. Are respectful of show facilities and grounds.
6. Conduct themselves with a high level of civility, decorum, poise and humility, regardless of the outcome of an event or contest.
7. Do not disparage, defame or slander any Competitor(s), Judge(s), or Show Manager(s) or their Representatives.

POOR SPORTSMANSHIP MAY BE DEFINED AS, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

1. Disparaging or derogatory language or conduct toward any Competitor(s), Judge(s) or Show Manager(s) or their Representatives.
2. Cruelty, abuse or neglect of animals.
3. Leaving the contest ring without permission or refusal to follow instructions or protocol set forth by Show Management, their Representatives or their Judges.
4. Belligerent, rude and/or discourteous conduct toward any Competitor(s), Judge(s) or Show Manager(s) or their Representatives, or any other industry official or individual.
5. Intent to sabotage any Competitor(s), Judge(s), Show Manager(s), or other individual(s) by gossip, rumor, hearsay, disparagement, defamation or slander.
6. Premeditated or malicious damage to any equipment of a Competitor or to show property.
7. Attempting to influence Judges or their decisions.
8. Public rejection, disposal or destruction of awards.

Failure To Abide

by the aforementioned principles of sportsmanship could result in denial of entry at future shows, forfeiture of any titles, monies, awards, and eligibility for any points attained from the competition, and GroomTeam USA will be informed of all proceedings.

Formal Grievance

must be submitted in writing to respective Show Manager, and must stipulate concerned parties and issues for consideration in accordance with show rules and guidelines. Grievance(s) will not be accepted after the close of the class, with the exception of sportsmanship issues, which must be submitted prior to the close of the show and while all involved parties are on site.

My signature below acknowledges that I have read and understand the Sportsmanship Code of Ethics and agree to abide by it

SHOW NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____