

Guidelines for judging in Sweden

Please read these short notes about our system

First of all we like to wish you most welcome to the show and Sweden. We hope you will have a nice day together with our Irish setters.

At the show, your ring stewards will inform you about the time schedule. Try to follow it as closely as you can.

The judge is responsible to check that all male dogs have normally developed and positioned testicles. Male dog that does not have two normally placed and developed testicles may participate and is given a critique. However, such a dog cannot be awarded HP or CK and cannot be placed before any dog given HP or CK.

The judging system

We have no quality grading at the ISF shows. Consequential there are two types of classes; the dogs are entered in a "quality class", generally determined by their age, and each class is immediately followed by its respective "competition class". The judge is required to motivate his/her assessment of each exhibit in a written critique; a copy will be given to the exhibitor at the show.

Exhibitors occasionally produce veterinary certificates testifying to surgical or other measures taken in connection with various acquired defects. Judges may take these certificates into account at their discretion.

Should an exhibitor attempt to influence the judge unduly, e.g. by starting a conversation, or trying to volunteer information of previous wins etc. of this exhibit, judging should stop immediately and the exhibitor should be reported to the Show Committee.

Critiques

Please note that size and general impression should include an assessment of the dogs type as well. The detailed description can start from the head, working backward with particular mentions of faults as well as virtues. It is not necessary to scrutinize the dog in every detail. The ideal critique should in a few sentences enable anybody, not present at the show, to visualize the dog described therein.

Before judging start the judge should sign all critiques in advance. When the show is ended the judge will receive a copy of each critique along with a marked catalogue.

Judges may, or are even encouraged to give open oral critiques in addition to the written ones. This could be done to motivate the final placement in each competition class. Language should be a minor problem, as most exhibitors will understand English.

Special prices

We have two prices. HP price of honour and CK Champion quality. We also have the Premie, (CC) note that it is unofficial at our shows.

HP is awarded in the puppy, junior and youngster as well as in senior and veteran classes.

Puppies awarded HP are most promising for their age. HP can be given senior and veterans well persevered - they are not allowed to compete in premie reward class and best dog/bitch.

Finally for best dog/bitch all dogs with CK are allowed. Your ring steward will help you by organising the dogs in the previous placed order within each class.