



THE JUDGING PROCEDURE

The judge will examine each dog by hand during the final judging and will take the following into consideration .

POODLES

- The suitability of the trim to the dog's conformation and breed profile.
- The quality of the clipper work whether the feet, face and tail are clipped with the appropriate blade. The clipped lines on the face should be straight and the clipper work should be smooth with no tufts of hair around the lips and the corners of the eyes. The feet should be clipped clean between the toes and the pads.
- The quality, uniformity and smoothness of the scissoring.
- The degree of difficulty of the clip. This does not mean that fancy patterns should take precedence. Overall scissors trim can be as difficult with certain coat textures.
- The dog's overall finished appearance, with emphasis on balance, symmetry and smoothness of finish. Hair spray can be used on show trim topknot. If scissors or thinning shears are used to trim the furnishings, the quality of the work

HAND STRIPPING

- The suitability of the trim to the accepted breed standard profile. Whether the body coat has been neatly stripped with the appropriate tool or finger and thumb.
- There should be no visible pink of bald patches afterwards. The hair must be removed with the lay of the coat and without pain. In certain cases, removing the undercoat by a carding tool is permissible. Rotated coats are acceptable; however the work done in the ring must be sufficient to allow the groomer to make a distinct change in the dog's appearance.
- If clippers are used to trim the soft coat on the head or ears, the front of the neck, or on the insides of the back legs, these areas must be trimmed neatly and smoothly with the appropriate blade, and the clipper work must be smooth
- The dog's overall finished appearance with emphasis on balance, symmetry, smoothness of finish, and the preservation of the distinctive features that characterize the breed. The dog must have a smart, definite outline with furnishing blending in to look natural rather than jutting out.



PUREBRED SCISSORING - SPANIELS & SETTERS.

- The suitability of the trim and how it conforms to the accepted breed standard and profile
 - If clippers are used, the quality of the work, whether the clipped areas have been clipped with the appropriate blade whether they are neat and smooth and any clipped lines are straight.
 - The quality, uniformity and smoothness of scissoring and/or thinning on scissored breeds: the finish should be plush and free of scissor marks. The legs should be scissored evenly and be a sufficient fullness to balance the dog. The head should be properly trimmed and balanced. If thinning shears are used: the areas that are thinned should blend smoothly and create a natural appearance.
 - On breeds with eyebrows or falls and beards: the trimming should be correct and emphasize the distinctive features which characterize the breed.
 - On breeds with furnishing or feathering: the furnishing or feathering should blend smoothly rather than stick out.
 - On Spaniels, Setters, Other Gundogs and Hunting Breeds preference should be given to backs that are carded and thinned rather than clipped.
 - The dog overall finished appearance with emphasis on balance, symmetry and smoothness of finish.
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- Judges may give a warning to any competitor who is seen handling a dog in a rough manner. A second warning will constitute disqualification.
 - Clipper burns, nicks or cuts will be severely penalized.
 - Any indecorous or aggressive language used towards the judges may lead to disqualification
 - The judges will be permitted to confer during the competition, as well as at the end of the time limit during the deliberation.
 - In case of tie judges will consider the highest degree of difficulty
 - The ranking will be established counting the points each judge give to each contestant. Depending on the number of competing teams, the higher score given to the best contestant in each class will be fixed.
(ex: 15 teams = 15 points to the first classed, 14 to the second, 13 to the third and so on till 1 point to the last one)
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- The judges' decision will be final and binding.