

Breeding Regulations for United States Boxer Association Registered Kennels

All United States Boxer Association Registered Kennels shall strictly adhere to the following breeding practices.

I. Registration and Breed Standard

A. Boxers shall be registered with an FCI recognized entity and shall conform to the FCI standard as written by the Boxer Klub in Munich (BK).

1. No dog may be bred that does not conform to the FCI standard.
2. No dog may be bred to another dog that is not registered or that does not conform to the FCI standard.
3. All breeding stock must be free of the disqualifying faults listed in the FCI Boxer Standard: undescended testicles; aggressive or overly shy; naturally stumpy tail; any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities.

II. Minimum/Maximum Breeding Age*

A. Females shall be at least 18 months old and not older than 7 years old at the time of breeding.

B. Male dogs must be 18 months old at the time of breeding and not older than 9 years old at the time of breeding.

III. Health Testing Requirements

A. Breeding stock must be certified free of hip dysplasia and congenital heart disease and must have a USA-BOX recognized hip and heart rating.

1. Hips:

a.) The minimum acceptable hip ratings are listed below.

- BK or an FCI recognized grading organization: HD-C (must be a final rating issued at or after 12 months of age)

-OFA: Fair (must be an OFA Final rating issued at or after 24 months of age)

b.). Dogs with a BK or FCI hip rating of HD-C (or OFA equivalent*) may only be bred to dogs with a hip rating of HD-A or HD-B (or OFA equivalent*).

**See attachment 1 for BK, FCI and OFFA equivalent ratings comparison chart.*

2. The United States Boxer Association will strictly adhere to the current published BK classifications for cardiac grading*.

a.) Beginning on 1/1/2013, all dogs that have not already been screened and cleared by auscultation will require a cardiac ultrasound (ie. echo-doppler) test performed by a Board Certified Veterinary Cardiologist.

1.) Test result documentation must include the aortic and pulmonic flow rates clearly indicated on the test result form.

b.) The maximum allowable cardiac classification for breeding is a 2.

c.) Dogs with a cardiac classification of 2 may only be bred to dogs with a rating of 0-1.

**See attachment 2 for BK Cardiac Flow Rate Classifications.*

IV. Temperament

A. After the minimum age and health testing requirement have been met, all breeders shall place primary importance on the temperament of the selected breeding stock.

*The FCI standard states-

“The Boxer should be fearless self-confident, calm and equable. Temperament is of the utmost importance and requires careful attention. Devotion and loyalty towards his master and his entire household, his watchfulness and self-assured courage as a defender are famous. He is harmless with his family but distrustful of strangers. Happy and friendly in play, yet fearless in a serious situation. Easy to train on account of his willingness to obey, his pluck and courage, natural keenness and scent capability. Undemanding and clean, he is just as agreeable and appreciated in the family circle as he is as a guard, companion and working dog. His character is trustworthy, with no guile or cunning, even in old age.”

1. Overly shy or aggressive dogs shall be rejected as breeding prospects.
2. All members are strongly encouraged to use at least one dog in a breeding that has a ZTP/Korung (BK equivalent testing method) or FCI IPO working title. Other working or temperament tests which demonstrate the correct and stable temperament of the Boxer are also encouraged.
3. Dogs deemed unsuitable for breeding by any breeding suitability evaluation or temperament test shall not be bred.

V. Reporting and Violations

A. Registered Kennels shall immediately report all breedings, including all accidental breedings, to the club's Executive Board.

B. Any breeding in violation of, or suspected to be in violation of, the aforementioned regulations shall be immediately reported to the club's Executive Board.

C. The United States Boxer Association will not advertise or endorse any dogs available for service or any litters produced that do not meet the minimum acceptable Registered Kennel Breeding Regulations.

D. Any exceptions to the aforementioned regulations shall only be granted through the written consent of the club's Executive Board.

E. Registered Kennel members that engage in any breeding practices outside of the current Registered Kennel Breeding Regulations will be subject to progressive disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or revocation of club membership and all affiliated privileges.

Statement of Acceptance:

I have read and understand the Breeding Regulations for Registered Kennels and accompanying attachment(s). By joining the Registered Kennel Program, I voluntarily agree to abide by all of the aforementioned regulations. Furthermore, I understand that my continued participation in this program is subject to the scrutiny of the club's Executive Board and contingent upon my continuing compliance with all Registered Kennel Breeding Regulations in effect at the time of my participation in the program.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Printed name: _____ Kennel Name _____

Witness Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

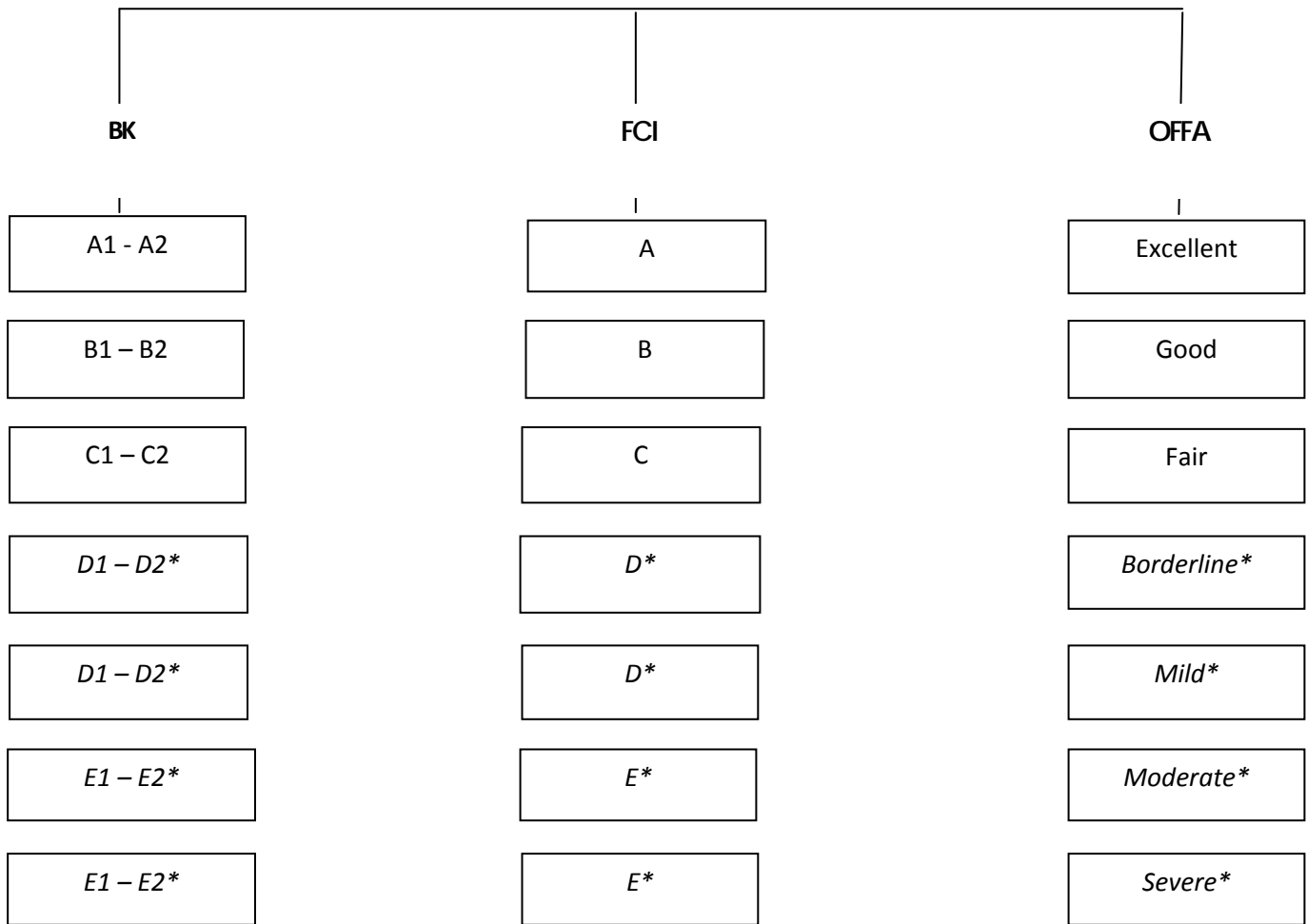
Signed application forms must be returned to the United States Boxer Association Secretary at the address listed below. Please allow approximately 30 days for review and approval of your application by the Registered Kennel Program Director.

Mail all forms to Renee Fulcer, USA BOX Secretary, 10170 Dickenson Rd. Winnebago, IL 61088-8942

For internal use only: Received ____ / ____ / ____ Approved on ____ / ____ / ____ by _____

Hip Evaluation Comparison Chart for BK, FCI and OFFA Final Results

Note: The following comparison chart is only a rough equivalent of what one could likely expect if a dog is evaluated by all organizations. The comparison chart in no way guarantees that the test results for a specific dog will fall into the listed equivalent rating category.



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BK Cardiac Grading Scale (accepted and published by the BK in August 2011)

Grade	Aortic Flow Rate	Pulmonic Flow Rate
0	0 - 1.99 m/sec	0 - 1.99 m/sec
1	2.00 - 2.39 m/sec	2.00 - 2.39 m/sec
2	2.40 - 3.49 m/sec	2.40 - 3.49 m/sec
3*	3.50 - 4.49 m/sec	3.50 - 4.49 m/sec
4*	4.49 + m/sec	4.49 + m/sec

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