



USA-BOX

REGULATIONS FOR BREED SHOWS

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# Regulations for USA-BOX Conformation Shows

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**Refer to the National Sieger Show section for additional information that pertains specifically to USA-BOX Sieger events.**

## Chapter 1. BASICS

All Boxer Conformation Events shall be organized according to these regulations, the current ATIBOX World Boxer Show Regulations, and the Regulations for FCI Dog Shows, but they do not include USA-BOX events that have separate regulations such as USA-BOX Working Championship, USA-BOX Sieger Show, and other USA-BOX Working Trials.

For these events, a fee is charged by the USA-BOX for every dog appearing in the catalog, the amount of which is to be determined by USA-BOX Board of Directors. This fee is due upon receipt of the catalogs and the CACIB/Res-CACIB lists of the show in question. This fee must be paid even if no CACIB-awards are granted.

Current Fees: \$5.00 per dog entered by a current member of USA-BOX. An additional fee of \$25.00 per dog entered shall be charged to all non-members of USA-BOX.

All Conformation shows must be organized by clubs affiliated with USA-BOX (host club/member club). Entry fees for shows must be same for all exhibitors. A reduced fee may be offered for the entries in baby, puppy, veteran and honor classes.

Each member club of USA-BOX may apply for the organization of a show and be granted approval by decision USA-BOX President.

The host club will develop and publish a schedule of events of the show available to all exhibitors.

## **Chapter 2. APPLICATIONS**

Applications for a conformation show must be sent to the USA-BOX General Secretary.

A separate USA-BOX Event Authorization Request and USA-BOX Judge Request must be filled out and submitted for each event day, and must be made at least six (6) months in advance of the proposed event date. Event Authorization/Judge Request Forms submitted after the six month window has expired will be considered for approval on a case by case basis. USA-BOX will make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests.

The USA-BOX President shall return the approved or disapproved trial/judge request forms to the host club as soon as possible. A copy of all requests will also be maintained in the USA-BOX club files. USA-BOX has the final authority to approve or disapprove all requests.

A club may only contact a recognized judge to determine the judge's tentative availability for the proposed event dates. Clubs, on their own, may NOT formally request any judge for any event.

*Note: Clubs may submit a request to USA-BOX for a specific judge to be assigned to their event; however, due to the restrictions in the scheduling/assignment protocols imposed upon USA-BOX by other organizations, that request may not always be able to be accommodated. Judges are assigned and/or scheduled by USA-BOX but also by the agency under which the judge is licensed. Also, judges may not judge any USA-BOX event without prior authorization from both the USA-BOX President and the judge's own organization.*

## **Chapter 3. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS / ADMISSION OF DOGS**

The welfare of the Boxer must be of utmost priority at all USA-BOX Events.

The Boxers in the catalog must be divided by gender and color in accordance to the below mentioned classes (see Chapter 4). Data on each Boxer must contain name of the Boxer, pedigree/registration number, date of birth, Sire, Dam, Owner, and breeder. For Additional catalog requirements for the Seiger show, see the *National Seiger Show Section*.

It is allowed to enter in the catalog only the confirmed titles of International and National champion, as well as official titles won at previous world dog shows of the ATIBOX and FCI (ATIBOX World Winner, ATIBOX Junior World Winner, FCI World Winner, FCI Junior World Winner, USA-BOX Champions, etc.) and Boxer Club shows of national importance (national annual Seiger shows and Working Championships). Working Titles recognized by USA-BOX may also be listed in the catalog. Proof of all titles listed *must* accompany the show entry.

Ill boxers, blind or deaf boxers, Boxers with contagious illness, crippled Boxers or with testicular atrophy, bitches during lactation and with accompanied puppies are not allowed to compete. Bitches on heat may be allowed to participate to the show. If this rule is not obeyed, and judge discovers that a Boxer does not comply the health conditions mentioned above, he has to send the Boxer out of the ring.

It is forbidden to prepare a Boxer with any substance or technological method that will alter the structure, color or form of the coat, skin, nose, muzzle, or any other part of the body.

Micro-chips (ISO-standard) and tattoos are accepted equally as identification. Host Club is obligated to ensure the possibility of immediate reading, if requested, per FCI guidelines.

The host club reserves the right not to accept the participation of an exhibitor at the show for any reason, but the USA-BOX President must be informed on the reason in written form in a due time.

#### **Chapter 4. CLASSES**

Shows are divided in the following classes, additionally divided by gender and color (fawn, brindle, white):

- Baby class (correctly inoculated puppies up to 6 Months)
- Puppy class (age 6 to 9 months)
- Junior class (age 9 to 12 months)
- Young dogs class (age 12 to 18 months)
- Intermediate class (age from 15 to 24 months)
- Open Class (age above 15 months)
- Working class (age over 15 months, with a working class certificate of IPO-VO, IPO1, IPO2, IPO3.)
- Champion Class (age over 15 months for dogs with titles of international champion or national canine organization recognized by USA-BOX).
- Veteran class (dogs and bitches over 8 years of age)

#### **Requirements for Working class**

To apply a dog in working class, the entry form must be accompanied by proof of a working title: IPO-VO, IPO1, IPO2, IPO3, only.

#### **Requirements for Champion Class**

To enter a dog in Champion Class, one of the following titles must have been confirmed by the day of the official closing date of entries:

- International Beauty Champion of the FCI
- National Beauty Champion (issued by FCI national canine societies)

It is possible to accept the National Champion of a non-FCI country. Junior champions may not enter this class.

A photocopy of both championship and working class certificate (if applicable) must be attached to the dog entry form and the originals of official national canine society/FCI championship certificate and working class certificate (if applicable) must be presented on the request of any USA-BOX delegate.

#### **Chapter 5. QUALIFICATIONS AND CLASSIFICATION**

The qualifications given by the judges in the **Baby Class** and **Puppy Class** must correspond to the following definitions:

- **(VP) VERY PROMISING** may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must, however, have the typical features of its gender.

- **PROMISING** may only be awarded to a dog that possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

- **SUFFICIENT** is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed. The good points should outweigh the faults so that the dog can be considered a good representative of its breed.

- **NOT PROMISING** should be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves a lot to be desired.

The qualifications given by the judges in the **Junior Class, Young Dog Class, Intermediate Class, Open Class, Working Class, Champion Class** and **Veteran Class** must correspond to the following definitions:

- **EXCELLENT** may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical features of its gender.

- **VERY GOOD** may only be awarded to a dog that possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

- **GOOD** is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed. The good points should outweigh the faults so that the dog can be considered a good representative of its breed.

- **SUFFICIENT** should be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves a lot to be desired.

- **DISQUALIFIED** must be awarded to a dog which does not correspond to the type required by the breed standard; which shows a behavior clearly not in line with its standard or which behaves aggressively; which has testicular abnormalities; which has a jaw anomaly; which shows a color or coat structure that is not according to the breed standard or clearly shows signs of albinism. This qualification shall also be awarded to dogs that correspond so little to a single feature of the breed that their health is threatened. It should furthermore be awarded to dogs that show disqualifying faults in regard to the breed standard. The reason why the dog was rated DISQUALIFIED has to be stated in the judge's report.

Dogs that cannot be awarded one of the above qualifications shall be released from the ring with the rating:

- **CANNOT BE JUDGED.** This rating is to be given to any dog which does not move, which is lame, which constantly jumps up and down on its handler or tries to get out of the ring, which makes it impossible to assess the gait and the movement or avoids constantly to be examined by the judge and makes it impossible to inspect teeth, anatomy and structure, tail or testicles. This rating is also to be given if traces of operations or treatment can be observed which seem to indicate that the exhibitor wanted to deceive the judge. The same applies if the judge has ample reason to suspect operations that were intended to correct the original condition or feature (e.g.: eyelid, ear or tail). The reason why the dog was rated CANNOT BE JUDGED has to be stated in the judge's report.

The four best dogs in each class are to be placed 1-4, if they have been awarded with at least the qualification "VERY GOOD" (or "PROMISING" in baby and puppy class) and will be nominated for the honor ring.

## **Chapter 6. TITLES, AWARDS AND MAIN RING COMPETITIONS**

Honor rings (when offered) are granted for the four best Boxers in each class (fawn and brindle). This selection is made by the same judge who judged the home ring. In order to take part in breeding and progeny competition, the Boxer must enter and be presented in the one of the competition classes, appearing both in the catalog and on the show.

The following awards are granted from the Junior and Young Dog Classes:

**Best Youth Male:** Selected from the 1st place Junior Fawn Male, Junior Brindle Male, Young Fawn Male, and Young Brindle Male. White dogs of either sex are not selected for this award.

**Best Youth Female:** Selected from the 1st place Junior Fawn Female, Junior Brindle Female, Young Fawn Female, and Young Brindle Female. White dogs of either sex are not selected for this award.

The following awards are granted from Intermediate, Open, Working & Champion Classes:

**Best Male –** Selected from the 1st place Fawn and 1st Place Brindle Males from each Class.

**Best Female -** Selected from the 1st place Fawn and 1st Place Brindle Females from each Class.

**Best in Show:** the single title is awarded in the competition of the winners of the following titles: Best Junior, Best Veteran, Best Male and Best Female.

## **OPTIONAL CLASSES**

- The Best Couple Title - in this competition one male and one female of the same color representing a single property owner may enter. A single title is awarded.

- The Best Breeding Group - in this competition a minimum of three and maximum of five individuals of the same color, regardless of gender, bred by the same person (with the same kennel name), even if the person is not the beneficial owner of at least two different progeny may enter. A single title is awarded.

- The Best Progeny Group - male or female with at least five and no more than seven progeny (first generation, sons/daughters), with at least 2 progeny may enter. A single title is awarded.

The CAC (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat) is a national grading. It is up to the national kennel clubs of the organizing countries to decide in which classes and to which Boxers this certificate can be awarded. The CAC counts towards a national champion title and does not refer to any title. Provision of all certificates and applications within each gender, may be made only by a judge, which select and indicate in advance.

After printing the catalog the changes from class to class are prohibited. Only the printing error, or adjusting permissions (working class and champion class) authorized by USA-BOX Board of Directors or USA-BOX delegate (or other show controllers, appointed by USA-BOX Board of Directors). The entry form documents necessary to enter into specific class are under sole responsibility of the Boxer owner.

Any deliberate misapplication will be penalized by USA-BOX Board of Directors.

## **Chapter 7. USA-BOX CHAMPIONS AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONS**

### *Regulations for awarding the USA-BOX champion and Junior Champion*

1. At all USA-BOX shows, the entitlements (Anwartschaften) for champion and youth champion can be awarded.
2. To select the youth champion entitlement all SG1 rated Boxers will be shown separately by gender and color (fawn and brindle). The judge has the right not to award the entitlement.
3. To select the champion entitlement all V1 rated dogs starting with intermediate class will compete against each other separated by gender and color (fawn and brindle). The judge has the right not to award the entitlement.
4. The Junior Champion title must be won three times by at least 2 different conformation judges in the junior class.
5. The Champion title must be won four times by at least three different conformation judges. There must be 365 days between the first and fourth entitlement (Anwartschaften), from the Intermediate, Open, Working & Champion Classes. The title USA-BOX Champion is tied to a working title (IPO1 , IPO2, IPO3). At least two of the four titles must therefore be won in the Working or Champion class.
6. If a Boxer has already the title USA-BOX Junior Champion or USA-BOX Champion he will no longer be eligible for these titles. In this case, the judge will take the next Boxer with a V2 rating into consideration. The judge has the right not to award the entitlement.
7. Has a Boxer met the above conditions to achieve Junior Champion or Champion, the owner has to send proof of entitlements (Anwartschaften) which include where, when, which class and judges names to USA-BOX so it can be officially documented in the records (score book) and official certificate awarded.

## **Chapter 8. KLUB SIEGER TITLE**

- 1) in order to award Klub Sieger Titles and Anwartschaften there have to be at least a entry of 25 Boxers. Exception are National Sieger shows. There is no limitation of how many Boxers can attend.
- 2) there is 1 Anwartschaft for color meaning shades of brindle or fawn.

3) To award Anwartschaft just Boxers with V1 (vorzüglich) rating are eligible. If the first place of a category (Working or Champion) is taken by a Klub Sieger, the next Boxer with a V rating will take that place.

4) The award is canceled at the discretion of the judge if there is no boxer of sufficient quality.

5) if an award (Anwartschaft) is granted the owner will get a certificate.

6) the Anwartschaft of Klub-Sieger is not a title and can't be used as such.

7) Boxers that have already earned a Klub-Sieger title cannot participate for Klub-Sieger Anwartschaft.

8) The title ***Klub Sieger*** will be handed out to Boxers that have passed the Korung test (Angekört) Boxers that have at least 4 Klub Sieger Anwartschaften under 3 different special Boxer Judges and if between the first and last Anwartschaft at least 12 month have passed. The same honor prices apply as for national Jahressieger.

9) Has a Boxer met the above conditions to achieve Klub Sieger, the owner has to send proof of entitlements (Anwartschaften) which include where, when, which class and judges names to USA-BOX so it can be officially documented in the records (score book) and official certificate awarded.

## **Chapter 9. OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZERS AND JUDGES**

Only a qualified judge is authorized to make decisions regarding the awarding of qualifications, classification and titles. In this respect, he is obliged to do so without outside help and/or interference by anybody else. Judging of dogs may be made only by the judges, who in their national canine organizations have acquired the ability to judge the Boxer and were placed on the list of ATIBOX/USA-BOX judges (international judges). While on assignment, they are obligated to judge strictly and exclusively in accordance with the FCI breed standard (German) that is currently valid. Judges from countries who are not members of the World Organization ATIBOX, but are members of the FCI and can judge for USA-BOX shows, can judge only in the case when the national kennel organization to which they belong, is linked with contractual agreements with FCI or with other arrangements.

Judges from countries which are not members of the ATIBOX should carefully read the "Regulations of FCI Shows", " ATIBOX World Boxer Show Regulations" and "ATIBOX Regulations for Show Judges" as well as other relevant legal and procedural issues. USA-BOX is to provide the judges with any additional material in a timely manner, if necessary.

### ***Inviting Judges***

For the all USA-BOX events, judges should be carefully selected in accordance with Chapter 2 of these regulations.

A judge should not be expected to judge more than approximately 20 dogs per hour and up to 60 dogs per day.

### ***Rights of the Judges and obligations of the Host Club***

The host club must look after the judge, according to previous agreement, from the time of his arrival in the country where he is judging until the time of his departure; this normally includes the day before and the day after the show where he is officiating as a judge.

A judge has to be provided with reasonable accommodation during his appointment, which may also include the night before and the night after the show, according to the judge's travel arrangements. All judges should be accommodated at the same place.

Judges are free to make private arrangements with the host club, which may differ from those stated in the "Appendix to the Dog Shows and Show Judges Regulations of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale". However, when such personal arrangements have not been made, judges must be provided with the benefits mentioned in the appendix.

It is advisable that financial arrangements be laid out in advance in the form of a written contract or agreement between the judge and the host club it has to be honored by both parties.

### ***Restrictions for judges at show***

It is recommended that the judge not socialize with exhibitors prior to the show.

For this reason, the host club may not delegate any of the persons showing dogs to take care for a judge prior to the judging of dogs, or organize his residence in the house of the exhibitor.

A judge is not permitted to consult the catalog of the show before or during his judging. For this reason, the host club cannot share the catalog with judge before the end of the show.

### ***Duties of the Host Club***

The host club should have knowledge of the contents of these regulations and should respect these regulations. USA-BOX cannot be held responsible for any incident happening in the frame. Liability insurance must be provided by the show organization.

The host club shall have available a microchip scanner capable of reading ISO standard microchips. In the event a dog has been chipped with a non-ISO microchip, it is the responsibility of the owner of the dog to bring a scanner.

### ***Dog show area and rings***

USA-BOX events must be organized in areas appropriate to carry out this type of event. Each ring must be large enough that the Boxers can be judged either in a standing position and movement, without any limitation, according to the size and the number of dogs exhibited, including an honor ring, if offered. Suggested size is 82' x 82'.

The host club should provide exhibitors an easy access to the main ring. If, during the show additional events are held, they may not in any way impede the show.

In the case of show taking place in the open-air area the host club should provide adequate protection to protect against the weather conditions.

### ***Ring personnel***

For the organizational support, one ring steward and one scribe should be made available to the judge. They should be provided by the host club. The above assistants and the chief ring steward have to speak at least one of the ATIBOX working languages, as requested by the judge.

The ring stewards must have a good knowledge of these Regulations, especially in case the CAC is awarded.

The steward and the scribe should provide the following service to the judge:

- call out the dogs applied to each class;
- check the absentees in each class;
- notify the judge of any change of handler or any irregular entry;
- write the judge's critique, when required, in the language chosen by judge;
- organize all the necessary paperwork and distribution of awards;
- follow all the judge's instructions.

If necessary, the host club should also provide an interpreter.

## **Chapter 10. COMPLAINTS**

Any decision made by a judge regarding the qualifications, awards and placing is final and indisputable. However, complaints about the organization of the show and about the procedure followed to give the qualifications, awards and placements are admissible and have to be made immediately in writing to USA-BOX Board of Directors, followed by the immediate deposit of \$50.00. If the complaint is found to be unjustified USA-BOX retains the fee.

## **Chapter 11. PENALTIES**

Infringements against the regulations can be punished with disciplinary measures. The USA-BOX Board of Directors may refuse to give the host club right to host events from one to several years. Decisions shall be made by the USA-BOX Board of Directors after oral or written information is received from the representative of the host club. USA-BOX Board of Directors also has the right and responsibility to immediately inform the host club in case that the organization of future events may appear impossible or inappropriate.

Appeals against penalties imposed by the USA-BOX Board of Directors may be attributed to the USA-BOX General Assembly as the final instance.

## **Chapter 12. BAN ON SHOWING**

Since every FCI/ATOBOX/AWDF member country and other partners are obliged, in accordance with its National legislation, to publish a list of all dogs, exhibitors and/or handlers who are banned from shows, all USA-BOX clubs are bound by this ban.

USA-BOX has the right to refuse the entry an exhibitor, the owner of a dog, or handler for the show, for any reason, but the USA-BOX President must be informed on the reason in written in a due time.

## **Chapter 13. FINAL STATEMENTS**

Each Host Club has to follow these regulations, but also the regulations and laws of their local municipality.

Under specific complaints, the USA-BOX President can interfere and take final decisions in case these regulations are not observed by the exhibitors, by judges and/or the host club.

Issues not covered by these regulations shall be resolved according of regulations of the FCI dog shows procedure.

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BABY	MALE	FAWN	MOST PROMISING MALE PUPPY 1st Place Male Baby/Puppy Classes Fawn & Brindle Only	MOST PROMISING FEMALE PUPPY 1st Place Female Baby/Puppy Classes Fawn & Brindle Only	FAWN	FEMALE	BABY		
	MALE	BRINDLE			BRINDLE	FEMALE			
	MALE	WHITE			WHITE	FEMALE			
PUPPY	MALE	FAWN			BEST YOUTH MALE 1st Place Male Junior/Young Classes Fawn & Brindle Only	BEST YOUTH FEMALE 1st Place Female Junior/Young Classes Fawn & Brindle Only	FAWN	FEMALE	PUPPY
	MALE	BRINDLE					BRINDLE	FEMALE	
	MALE	WHITE					WHITE	FEMALE	
JUNIOR	MALE	FAWN	BEST MALE All 8 1st place  Males Fawn/Brindle Only	BEST FEMALE All 8 1st place  Females Fawn & Brindle Only			FAWN	FEMALE	JUNIOR
	MALE	BRINDLE					BRINDLE	FEMALE	
	MALE	WHITE					WHITE	FEMALE	
YOUNG	MALE	FAWN			BEST MALE All 8 1st place  Males Fawn/Brindle Only	BEST FEMALE All 8 1st place  Females Fawn & Brindle Only	FAWN	FEMALE	YOUNG
	MALE	BRINDLE					BRINDLE	FEMALE	
	MALE	WHITE					WHITE	FEMALE	
INTERMEDIATE	MALE	FAWN	BEST MALE All 8 1st place  Males Fawn/Brindle Only	BEST FEMALE All 8 1st place  Females Fawn & Brindle Only			FAWN	FEMALE	INTERMEDIATE
	MALE	BRINDLE					BRINDLE	FEMALE	
	MALE	WHITE					WHITE	FEMALE	
OPEN	MALE	FAWN			BEST MALE All 8 1st place  Males Fawn/Brindle Only	BEST FEMALE All 8 1st place  Females Fawn & Brindle Only	FAWN	FEMALE	OPEN
	MALE	BRINDLE					BRINDLE	FEMALE	
	MALE	WHITE					WHITE	FEMALE	
WORKING	MALE	FAWN	BEST MALE All 8 1st place  Males Fawn/Brindle Only	BEST FEMALE All 8 1st place  Females Fawn & Brindle Only			FAWN	FEMALE	WORKING
	MALE	BRINDLE					BRINDLE	FEMALE	
	MALE	WHITE					WHITE	FEMALE	
CHAMPION	MALE	FAWN			BEST MALE All 8 1st place  Males Fawn/Brindle Only	BEST FEMALE All 8 1st place  Females Fawn & Brindle Only	FAWN	FEMALE	CHAMPION
	MALE	BRINDLE					BRINDLE	FEMALE	
	MALE	WHITE					WHITE	FEMALE	
BEST IN SHOW: BEST MALE VS. BEST FEMALE + BEST YOUTH MALE + BEST YOUTH FEMALE + BEST VETERAN									
BEST OF OPPOSITE: The dog that displays the best conformation to the breed standard and is of the opposite sex of the Best of Breed winner.									

VETERAN				
MALE	FAWN	BEST VETERAN	FAWN	FEMALE
MALE	BRINDLE		BRINDLE	FEMALE
MALE	WHITE		WHITE	FEMALE