

## GENERAL RULES

- **Validity of rules and regulations:** please note: payment of the entry fee for any show whatsoever organized, either directly or indirectly, by KCSM, automatically implies unconditional acceptance by the exhibitor of the terms and conditions of the present rules and regulations of the Kennel Club San Marino, as the contract is drawn up between the parties (the organizer and the exhibitor).

- **Entry fee:** the fixed entry fee for every single show should reach KCSM no later than the entry closing date. In particular, in the case of payment by the exhibitor by means of bank transfer, the sum should be deposited by value date on the account of the organizer no later than the entry closing date (first or second closing date). In the case of late depositing for the first closing date, it will fall on the exhibitor to settle any difference compared to the rate established for the second closing date either by means of a bank transfer or directly on the day of the show, penalty the loss of whatever has already been paid, without however having the opportunity to take part in the show. In the case of late depositing for the second closing date, the sum will be refunded to the exhibitor net of any bank costs and commission and registration will not be considered valid due to late payment. In the case of a deposit in favour of the organizer by the closing date of a sum lower than that the amount due, the exhibitor will have to settle the balance no later than the day of the show and in any case, before picking up the envelope from the administration office. Otherwise the subject will not be allowed to take part in the show.

- **Failure of the subject to show:** entry fees will not be refunded to any subjects that were entered, but were not shown or subject that after having been shown were not qualified by the judges. In turn, any dogs not presented to the jury will lose the right to be judged.

- **Dogs on heat:** If a dog is on heat, the exhibitor has the right to not show the dog in question, handing the KCSM administration office an original copy of the vet's

certificate prior to distribution of the envelopes with numbers. In this case, the exhibitor has the right to a refund of € 30.00 for failing to present a dog already registered on the catalogue. In any case, if a dog is on heat the exhibitor can present the dog, although care must be taken to ensure the subject is kept “clean”. The exhibitor also has the possibility to obtain a full refund of the entry fee, net of any bank costs, in the event of the death of the dog entered, by presenting a medical-veterinary certificate to that effect.

- **Change of class:** a change of class, communicated by the second closing date, either by means of email or fax, is possible and free of charge.

- **Replacement of a subject:** a change of dog entered for a show is possible, providing it is communicated by the second closing date, by means of email or fax. However, payment of any difference in rates must be made by the second closing date or agreed in writing by email with the KCSM administration office. Entry of a new subject on the second closing date, to replace another subject entered on the first closing date, will imply the payment (if applicable) of the difference between the price established for the new subject on the second closing date, net of whatever has already been paid for the first dog being replaced, as well as any bank costs and commission.

- **Waiving show participation:** in the event of waiving participation in the show, communicated by means of email or fax to the KCSM administration office by the second closing date, a 50% refund of the fee paid is provided for, net of any bank costs and commission.

- **Sending the pedigree:** entry will be valid and the dog will be judged only if at the time of payment the exhibitor has arranged to send a copy of the pedigree of the dog entered, with the exception of subjects entered in the baby puppy (4-6 months) and junior puppy (6-9 months) classes.

- **Validity of entry:** entry is only considered completed on payment of the fee established by the organizer and not on filling in the entry form alone. Entries made

on the first closing date without relevant payment will imply settling of the fees established for the second closing date by the exhibitor in order to complete entry itself.

- **Qualifications booklet:** the qualifications booklet must be handed in before the start of judging in the ring. Handing over is compulsory only for subjects owned by residents of San Marino, whilst for all other foreign subjects (Italians included) it is optional. The request to fill in the booklet after judgement is at the discretion of the ring commissioners and the judge.

- **Dogs leaving and entering show areas:** throughout the entire show, dogs are free to enter and leave the show areas, both before and after judging in the ring. Leaving and returning are however subject to the dog's microchip being checked by one of the vets responsible for carrying out such checks. No guarantee deposit is required for the dog to leave.

- **Rights of the organizer:**

1) In the absence of a judge or an excessive turnout of competitors or in the event of any delay during judging in the rings, the organizer reserves the right to appoint other judges and/or make all the modifications deemed necessary by the circumstances;

2) The organizer reserves the right to refuse any entry it should deem, at its own unquestionable judgement, not appropriate to accept without having to justify this choice. In this case, if it has already been paid, the entry fee will be refunded in total to the exhibitor.

3) In the event of an excessive turnout in the number of dogs entered, the organizer reserves the right, at its own discretion, to close registration in advance;

4) The organizer does not assume any responsibility for any printing errors in the catalogue, on entry sheets to the rings, on the notebook sheets on the blackboards and on any other form used to print or publish information inherent to the show.

- **Judgement sheet:** dogs can leave once judgement has been completed and after the owner has collected, at the judge's discretion, the judgement sheet and/or the qualifications booklet. The organizers do not assume any responsibility in this respect.

- **Prizes not collected:** prizes awarded and not collected before the show closes will be acquired by KCSM.

- **Dogs' supplies:** every subject must have a solid collar and lead and if a biting dog, a muzzle too. In compliance with existing laws applicable in the Republic of San Marino (law no. 101 dated 30/07/2012), leads longer than 200 centimetres (Art. 4) cannot be used and a rigid or soft muzzle must be kept handy and put on the dog whenever there is a safety risk to people or animals or if requested to do so by the competent authorities, regardless of the breed of dog. Furthermore, collars with rivets cannot be used.

- **Cleaning up mess:** owners (by this read exhibitors, presenters or handlers) of dogs who during shows should dirty the ground in the show area (either internally or externally, including car parks and all areas made available by the organizer) must, because solely responsible in this respect, immediately pick up any excrement. Failure to comply with the present regulations authorizes the organizer, even through subjects responsible for security and/or safety, to inflict a penalty of € 100.00 on the dog handler. Failure to promptly pay will lead to the exclusion of the subject from the event, even if not yet judged and the impossibility for the dog handler to enter shows in the Republic of San Marino for the next 12 months.

- **Limitations:** only dogs registered on the Books of Origin of countries that are members of the FCI or of a non-member country, but whose Book of Origin is recognized by the FCI are admitted; the entry form (or online web form) must clearly specify the acronym and the pedigree number. Dogs entered with the words "Book of Origin being Processed" will not be accepted unless a copy of a certificate by the canine body it belongs to is also presented. Simultaneous entry of the same dog in several classes is forbidden. Pairs and Groups are not considered classes. Only dogs duly entered for the show can enter the show areas. From 30/07/2014 onward dogs with cropped ears or docked tails, regardless of the country of origin of the subject and the date of cutting, will not be admitted to shows.

- **Show classes:**

a) Champions class: entry to this class is compulsory for San Marino Champions and optional for international and overseas champions. At the time of entry, a copy of a champion's title awarded by a country recognized by the FCI must be sent otherwise the dog will automatically be entered in the open class.

b) Open class: for dogs that are at least 15 months of age.

c) Working class: for dogs that are at least 15 months old and have the titles requested by international regulations. At the time of entry a copy of an FCI work certificate must be sent, otherwise the dog will automatically be entered in the open class.

d) Intermediary class: for dogs of between 15 and 24 months of age.

e) Veterans class: for dogs of at least 8 years of age. By obtaining a 1<sup>st</sup> excellent dogs can compete for the best in breed and on obtaining at least two 1<sup>st</sup> excellent dogs can obtain the title of San Marino veteran champion.

f) Young class: for dogs aged no less than 9 months and no more than 18 months.

g) Junior class: for puppies aged 6 to 9 months.

h) Baby class: for puppies aged 4 to 6 months.

Pairs: for two subjects, male and female, of the same breed and variety, belonging to the same owner. Both subjects must be at least 9 months old and be registered on the Individual classes catalogue.

Group: for groups consisting of 3 - 5 subjects of the same breed and variety, produced by the same breeder or owned by the same owner and be registered on the Individual classes catalogue.

- **Awarding of CAC:** the Certificate of Aptitude to the San Marino Beauty Contest is awarded to each of the following classes: intermediary, open, working and champions. The reserve CAC is awarded to the second placed in the following classes: intermediary, open, working and champions.

- **Colours:** the CAC are awarded in all classes and colours, in compliance with the provisions of the FCI international regulations for matching colours within the same breeds.

- **Awarding of CACIB:** (exclusively in international shows on the FCI calendar) CACIB are awarded due to a draw in the CAC obtained by subjects of the same sex. CACIB will thus be awarded to the best male (if there is a draw between the intermediary, open, champions and working classes) and a CACIB to the best female (if there is a draw between the intermediary, open, champions and working classes). Subjects entered in the baby puppy, junior puppy, young dog and veterans classes do not take part in the draw for awarding of CABIB. The reserve CACIB is awarded to the second placed subject (both male and female) in the draw between subjects that have been awarded a CAC, as well as subjects who were awarded a reserve CAC in the class of the subject who was awarded a CACIB.

- **Awarding of BOB:** a BOB is awarded to the best subject after a draw between the two best young dogs (male and female) that were awarded the result of 1<sup>st</sup> excellent, the two subjects that have received a CACIB (or the best male in the adult class and the best female in the adult class in national or special shows) and the two best veterans (best male veteran and best female veteran). For breeds that are divided by colour, CAC are awarded to ALL colours with the exception of international shows, in compliance with the provisions of the FCI international regulations.

- **Awarding of BOJ:** BOJ are awarded to the best subject following a draw between the two best young dogs (male and female) who have obtained the result of 1<sup>st</sup> excellent.

- **Title of Young Champion of San Marino:** from 1 March 2014, in order to obtain the title of Young Champion of San Marino a subject has to obtain two 1<sup>st</sup> excellent results in the Young class, without any time limit between the first and second result. A request to issue the title addressed to the KCSM administration office may be sent either during the show or by mail or even made directly at the offices of KCSM by handing over or sending copies of the results obtained (judge's judgement sheet), the date of the shows, the catalogue numbers of the dog and the copy of the pedigree. The request must be accompanied by the sum of € 40.00 plus postal costs. The diploma will be issued on parchment paper. The request must necessarily reach the KCSM administration office within a maximum of 4 months of obtaining the requisites for proclaiming the title.

After this period, the results obtained will no longer be considered valid and proclamation of the subjects that obtained the second excellent will be made as a matter of course.

- **Champion of San Marino:** from 1 March 2014, in order to obtain the title of Champion of San Marino a subject must obtain 3 CAC in the adult classes (intermediary, open, working, champions) with a minimum interval of time of 6 months between the first and the third CAC and from 3 different judges. If the subject has obtained 2 CAC, both of them in international shows, these will be considered equivalent to the 3 CAC mentioned above, still complying however with the minimum time interval of 6 months between the first and second CAC with 2 different judges. Any CAC obtained prior to 01/03/2014 are in any case valid for calculation of the CAC necessary, under the above terms and conditions.

A request to issue the title addressed to the KCSM administration office can be made during shows, by mail or directly to the KCSM offices, by handing over or sending copies of the results obtained (CAC tags and judge's judgement sheet), the show dates, the dog's catalogue numbers and a copy of the pedigree. The request must be accompanied by the sum of € 40.00 plus postal costs. The diploma will be issued on parchment paper. Note that the above title gives the subject who has obtained it the right to enter the Champions class in any show organized by an FCI member country. The request to issue the title must necessarily reach the KCSM administration office a maximum of 4 months after obtaining the requisites for proclamation of the title. After this period, the other results obtained will no longer be considered valid and as a matter of course, reserve CAC will be converted into CAC with the subsequent proclamation of the subjects that have matured the necessary requisites.

- **Grand Champion of San Marino:** a subject will be proclaimed as such if, having already obtained the title of San Marino Champion, it receives 3 CAC obtained in the Champions class, without time limit, of which:

- a) at least 1 CAC should be obtained in an international show.
- b) at least 1 CAC should be obtained along with a BOB in an international show.
- c) at least 2 CAC should be obtained from 2 different judges.



After obtaining the necessary requisites, a request should be forwarded to the Kennel Club administration office. The request should be accompanied by the sum of € 40.00 for secretarial duties.

- TOP DOG SAN MARINO: Scores will be calculated based on the results obtained in San Marino Special, National and International shows from

1 January to 31 December each year. Special shows are worth double, whether they are international or national. The minimum participation (or entries) required is at least 4 shows and it is necessary to obtain a point score in at least 2 shows. Should the first placed dog not be in possession of these requisites in the breed in question, the title of Top Dog will not be awarded.

#### POINT SCORE:

- CAC : 1 point

- CACIB: 3 points

- BOB:

with 1 dog entered	1 point
from 2 to 5	3 points
from 6 to 10	5 points
from 11 to 20	7 points
from 21 to 30	9 points
from 31 to 40	11 points
from 41 to 50	13 points
from 51 to 100	15 points
over 100	20 points

NB: at the end of the competition, should more than one subject of the same breed have the same highest score, the following assessment criteria will apply:

1) the Top Dog will be the subject that has participated in fewer shows (the requisites provided for by the rules and regulations being understood); 2) should there be another draw, the title will be awarded to joint winners.

- **YOUNG TOP DOG SAN MARINO:** reserved for subjects entered in the Young dog class based on the results obtained in San Marino shows alone.

POINT SCORE:

M.B. 1<sup>st</sup> = 1 point

1<sup>st</sup> EXC. = 3 points

(only 1 entered in the class)

1<sup>st</sup> EXC. = 5 points

(2 to 5 entered in the class)

1<sup>st</sup> EXC. = 6 points

(6 to 10 entered in the class)

1<sup>st</sup> EXC. = 7 points

(11 to 15 entered in the class)

1<sup>st</sup> EXC. = 8 points

(16 to 20 entered in the class)

1<sup>st</sup> EXC. = 9 points

(over 21 entered in the class)

To these scores, 3 points may be added if the subject also obtains a BOB (minimum 5 entered in the breed). The number of subjects entered in the young class is not combined between males and females for calculating the point score.

NB: at the end of the competition, if there are several subjects in the same breed with the same highest score, the TOP YOUNG DOG will be the subject taking part in fewer shows. In the event of a further draw, the title will be awarded to joint winners.

In both classifications (partial, final and definitive) only the first placed dog will be published.

CAUTION: all scores will be calculated 15 days after the date of every show directly by the administration office of the Kennel Club San Marino. Any objection made after publication of the results should be sent within the next 10 days. After this deadline, no further communication will be accepted and the final results will be announced.

- **BEST DOG and BEST YOUNG DOG:** of all the TOP DOGS and TOP YOUNG DOGS the subject that has obtained the highest point score compared to all other TOP DOG and TOP YOUNG DOG winners will be awarded a prize holiday for two to a destination to be confirmed.

- **Details and information sent for entry:** all entries are made "BONA FIDE" by the exhibitor and under his/her direct responsibility. All inexact information referring to a subject entered in a class it should not be entered in will determine cancellation of the results obtained, obligation of the returning of any prizes unduly won and the possibility that a penalty may be inflicted.

- **Responsibility:** the organizer declines any responsibility for damages, theft, illness or death of any dogs shown, bites inflicted by the same, etc. and this applies in any case or for any reason. Aggressive dogs must be kept in iron cages and when out of them, must be muzzled. Exhibitors have sole responsibility for bites or any other harm caused by their dogs to third parties as part of the event on the entire show area (both external and internal). By completing entry by paying the fee established, exhibitors expressly agree, unconditionally and without reserve, to comply with the present regulations, assuming all responsibility that may result from failure to do so.

- **Postponements and/or cancellations:** the organizer reserves the right to postpone or cancel the event. Registration fees paid by exhibitors will be refunded, following deduction of the costs sustained for organizing the event.

- **Complaints:** any complaints must be made and presented in writing to the Kennel Club San Marino administration office, bindingly by the end of the event, clearly indicating the date and time, the subject of the complaint and the name of anyone involved and giving a detailed description of the facts that are the subject of the complaint.

At the same time as handing in the complaint, an € 80.00 tax must be paid that will be kept by KCSM should the complaint be deemed unfounded.