



THE SINGAPORE KENNEL CLUB

RULES GOVERNING GROOMING EXAMINATIONS (CERTIFICATION) AND GROOMING COMPETITIONS

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CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

Article 1: The Singapore Kennel Club (SKC) is the only authority in Singapore that can organise a recognised Grooming Examination (Certification).

Grooming establishments such as schools, training centres and other such organizations may seek to be Appointed by the Singapore Kennel Club (SKC) in accordance with its Appointment Rules.

The Singapore Kennel Club's Grooming Certificate will only be presented upon passing both the Practical and Theory examinations.

CHAPTER 2 GROOMING EXAMINATION (CERTIFICATION)

Article 2: Category, Organiser And Frequency Of Grooming Examinations (Certification)

- (i) The Singapore Kennel Club shall organise at least one (1) Grooming Examination (Certification) annually.
- (ii) Appointed grooming establishments may organise Grooming Competitions only. Each Appointed grooming establishment is entitled to conduct one (1) Grooming Competition each, during the year. Such Competitions will be regarded as non-examinable Competitions and will be deemed as preliminary competitions. Only certificates of participation will be issued by the Singapore Kennel Club.

Article 3: Application For Organising A Grooming Competition By A Grooming Appointed Establishment

Chairpersons/Presidents of Appointed grooming establishments must submit their application to The Singapore Kennel Club (SKC), at least three (3) months prior to the competition date. The application should also include the Judge's name and the country of residence.

Article 4: Approval For Organising A Grooming Competition Organised By An Appointed Grooming Establishment

The Governing Council of The Singapore Kennel is the only body that can grant approval for the organisation of a Grooming Competition of an Appointed grooming establishment.

Article 5: Notice Of Organising A Grooming Examination (Certification) or Competition

At least 2 working months' notice must be given to candidates by The Singapore Kennel Club for the Grooming Examination (Certification). Appointed Grooming establishments are also required to give at least 2 working months' notice for any Competition organised. The notice details should include the Grooming Examination (Certification) or name of the Competition, date, time, venue, registration details and registration deadline.

Article 6: Cancellation Of Grooming Examination (Certification) or Competition

The Singapore Kennel Club's Grooming Examination (Certification) or the Appointed grooming establishments' Competition shall be cancelled if the registered number of candidates are less than five (5).

CHAPTER 3 JUDGES

Article 7: Appointment Of Judges

Judges / Examiners for each Singapore Kennel's Club's Grooming Examination (Certification) or the Appointed grooming establishments' Competition shall be approved by the Governing Council upon recommendation by the Grooming Committee of The Singapore Kennel Club.

Article 8: Qualification Of Judges / Examiners

Judges / Examiners must be qualified as licensed /accredited Grooming Judges or Grooming Examiners

Article 9: Expenses Incurred By Judges / Examiners

The Singapore Kennel Club or the inviting Appointed grooming establishment must be responsible for the expenses as stipulated in the Judge's / Examiner's contract.

CHAPTER 4 CLASSES AND ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Article 10: Grooming Examination (Certification) And Competition Classes

All Classes offered at the Grooming Examination (Certification) and Competitions, whether organised by The Singapore Kennel Club or Appointed grooming establishments, must be clearly tabulated.

Appointed grooming establishments will not be approved to conduct Class A and Master Class competitions.

The Classes are:

- Master Class – Instructor level. Only The Singapore Kennel Club is authorised to conduct the Master Class at its Grooming Examinations (Certification).
- Class A - Advanced Class. For candidates who have passed Class B. Only The Singapore Kennel Club is authorised to conduct Class A at its Grooming Examinations (Certification)
- Class B – Intermediate Class. For all candidates / participants who have passed Class C.
- Open Class – For groomers who have some years of experience but have not been yet Certified.
- Class C – Beginners Class. All trainee candidates / participants from the Singapore Kennel Club and Appointed grooming establishments.

Article 11: Split Of Competition Classes

If the registered candidates / participants in the same Class reaches 20 or more, the Class shall be split, as deemed fit.

Article 12: Eligibility

- Candidates / Participants must be at least 17 years of age on the date of the Grooming Examination (Certification) or a competition of the Appointed grooming establishments.
- All candidates / participants must be members of The Singapore Kennel Club.
- Except for Open and Class C, candidates should have passed the preceding Class at a SKC Grooming Examination (Certification).

CHAPTER 5 DETAILS OF GROOMING EXAMINATION (CERTIFICATION) & COMPETITION

Article 13: Details Of The Grooming Examination (Certification) & A Competition Organised By An Appointed Grooming Establishment.

In a Grooming Examination (Certification) or competition organised by an Appointed grooming establishment, for each Class, the candidates /participants are to compete in an all-round grooming procedure on a model dog, excluding bathing, within 2 hours.

Except, for the Standard Poodle, Airedale Terrier and Giant Schnauzer, the all-round grooming procedure, excluding bathing, will be 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Article 14: Model Dog (for all Classes except for Master Class (effective 1 Jan. 2015))

- Except for the Open Class, the model dog must be from the list of breeds below, not be less than 9 months and 1 day old on day of the Grooming Examination (Certification) or a competition organized by an Appointed grooming establishment.
- **Model Dog for Master Class, refer to Article 14. A**
- **The dog must be Pedigree registered or has been verified for the breed by The Singapore Kennel Club.**
- The breed of dog must be from the list below.
- Model dogs for the Grooming Examination (Certification) and a competition organised by an Appointed grooming establishment, must not be trimmed for 2 months or more, prior to the Grooming Examination Certification or competition.

Article 14. A: Model Dog for Master Class (effective 1 Jan. 2015)

- **Master Class participants may select a model dog from the Scissoring, Stripping or Thinning categories. In the event that he/she had only used one of the categories for all C, B & A Classes, he/she must select a different category for Master Class.**

For example, participant X trimmed a Poodle for Class C, B & A. He/She must trim either a Stripping or Thinning breed for Master Class.

- **The model dog should not be less than 9 months and 1 day old on day of the Grooming Examination (Certification) or a competition organized by an Appointed grooming establishment.**
- **The dog must be Pedigree registered or has been verified for the breed by The Singapore Kennel Club.**
- **The breed of dog must be from the list below. Poodles of all sizes will be regarded as one (1) breed.**

Scissoring Breeds:

- Poodle – 4 sizes: Standard, Medium, Miniature and Toy.

Standard size: Over 45cm up to 60cm

Medium size: Over 35cm up to 45cm.

Miniature Size: Over 28cm up to 35cm

Toy size: Over 24cm up to 28cm

- Bichon Frise
- Bedlington Terrier
- Kerry Blue Terrier
- Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.

Thinning Breeds:

- American Cocker Spaniel
- English Cocker Spaniel
- English Springer Spaniel

Stripping Breeds

- Airedale Terrier
- Cairn Terrier
- Dandie Dinmont Terrier
- Irish Terrier
- Lakeland Terrier
- Schnauzer (Miniature, Standard and Giant)
- Norwich Terrier
- Norfolk Terrier
- Sealyham Terrier
- Scottish Terrier
- Welsh Terrier
- West Highland White Terrier
- Wire Fox Terrier

If the Poodle is the model dog, for a Grooming Examination (Certification) or for a competition organised by an Appointed grooming establishment, the following types of clips are allowed in each Class:

- Master Class: Show clip. (Only permitted for the SKC Grooming Examination (Certification))
- Class A: Show clip. (Only permitted for the SKC Grooming Examination (Certification))
- Class B: Pet clip or Show clip. (Official 6 poodle pet clips and show clips Allowed)
- Class C: Pet clip or Show Clip , (Official 6 poodle pet clips and show clips Allowed)
- Open Class: Pet clip ONLY , (Official 6 poodle pet clips and show clips are **NOT allowed**)

The following breeds allow to use for the Open class will be as follow:

- Poodle (non-official pet clip or Asian Fusion / Modern Clip)
- Miniature Schnauzer (Asian fusion / Modern Clip)
- Shih Tzu
- Maltese
- Pomeranian
- Japanese Spitz
- The above mention cross breeds (**upon approval from SKC photos need to be submitted**)

Notes to Candidates regarding permitted scissors and recommended scissoring skills:

- 1. Open Class candidates are recommended to demonstrate full scissoring skills.**
- 2. Fish bone shears (chunkers), thinning shears and curved shears are only allowed to be in the OPEN CLASS CATEGORY and should only be used at a minimum.**
- 3. Straight & Curved shears are allowed in all classes .**

Options for Show clip as stated in the previous paragraph shall be as follows:

- English Saddle clip
- Puppy clip
- Continental clip
- Scandinavian clip / Second Puppy Clip

Options for 6 official poodle Pet clip as stated in the above paragraph shall be as follows:

- Kennel and Lamb clip
- Pajama Dutch clip
- Royal Dutch clip
- Bolero Manhattan clip
- Miami clip
- Fast continental clip

CHAPTER 6 THEORY EXAMS

Article 15: Theory Exam:

Effective 2012, the Theory exams will include First Aid for dogs and the animal welfare component. Presentations and notes will be done and provided by qualified personnel. Candidates must Pass the Theory paper.

The Grooming Committee reserves the right to consider candidates, who are unable to attend, provided, they write in at least 10 days before the date of the Theory Briefing stating their reasons and providing proof thereof (e.g. travel booking etc), for not being able to attend. Appropriate arrangements will be made by the Grooming Committee, such as tape recordings may be made available so as to prepare the candidates for the Theory Examination. Non-attendance at 2 consecutive Theory Briefings will not be permitted.

The papers must be marked by the Examiner /Judge of the Grooming Examination (Certification) or by the Grooming Committees in the presence of the President of the Singapore Kennel Club.

Candidates who had Passed their Theory (**e.g. in 2018**) but Failed their Practical (**e.g. in 2018**), may retake their Practical the following year (**i.e. in 2019**), without having to retake their Theory. Effectively, their Theory is valid for 1 year and only 2 attempts at Practical are allowed. When candidates do not pass their Practical after 2 (**i.e. in 2018 and 2019**) attempts, they are required to retake the Theory and Practical, the following year.

For candidates who are not literate in English, Oral examinations will be conducted by the Grooming Committee.

CHAPTER 7 AWARDS

Article 16: Awards

In principle, the following awards shall be given to winners of each Grooming Examination (Certification) or competition organised by an Appointed grooming establishment. The number of winners of each Class shall be determined according to the scores and the number of candidates.

Out of a maximum of 100 points, the passing mark for Classes C, B, Open and A is 70. Out of a maximum of 100 points the passing mark for Master Class is 80.

However, regardless of a split in Classes, according to the Article 11, the Best Technical Award shall be awarded to 1 winner, while the rest of the awards shall be awarded according to the percentage of the winners. And, no award shall be given if no candidate is qualified for any award.

If the number of winners is 3 in each class, the technical award shall be changed to 1.

- Best Technical Award 1 winner
- Technical Award 2 winners
- Award of Merit several

The number of winners for the Grooming Examination (Certification) or a competition organized by the Singapore Kennel Club or an Appointed grooming establishment, will be based on the number of candidates / participants and shall be as follows.

- 1-3 candidates / participants 1 winner
- 4-5 candidates / participants 2 winners
- 6-7 candidates / participants 3 winners
- 8-10 candidates / participants 4 winners
- 11-15 candidates / participants 5 winners
- 16-20 candidates / participants 6 winners
- 21-25 candidates / participants 7 winners
- 26-30 candidates / participants 8 winners

CHAPTER 8 RESTRICTED ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION (CERTIFICATION), COMPETITION VENUE

Article 17 The Singapore Kennel Club, the Grooming Committee or an Appointed grooming establishment (i.e. the organiser), reserve the right to prohibit anyone from entering the Grooming Examination (Certification) or Competition venue, regardless of being a member or non-member, who might violate the order and peace of the Grooming Examination (Certification) or Competition.

CHAPTER 9 MISCELLANEOUS

Article 18 Amendments or the nullification of these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the Singapore Kennel Club's Governing Council after consulting the Grooming Committee as and when deemed necessary.