

## SPECIALTY CONFORMATION CLASSIFICATIONS

The following classes are offered for both specialties unless otherwise specified.

### Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs, 6 mos & under 9 mos	Puppy Bitches, 6 mos & under 9 mos
Puppy Dogs, 9 mos & under 12 mos	Puppy Bitches, 9 mos & under 12 mos
Dogs, 12 mos & under 15 mos	Bitches, 12 mos & under 15 mos
Dogs, 15 mos & under 18 mos	Bitches, 15 mos & under 18 mos
Amateur Owner Handled Dogs	Amateur Owner Handled Bitches
<b>Bred by Exhibitor, Puppy Dogs</b>	<b>Bred by Exhibitor, Puppy Bitches</b>
Bred by Exhibitor, Adult Dogs	Bred by Exhibitor, Adult Bitches
American Bred Dogs	American Bred Bitches
Open Dogs	Open Bitches
Winners Dog	Winners Bitch
Best of Breed	

### Non-Regular Classes (Single Dog Entries)

Veteran Dogs, 8 yrs & under 10 yrs	Veteran Bitches, 8 yrs & under 10 yrs
Veteran Dogs, 10 yrs & under 12 yrs	Veteran Bitches, 10 yrs & under 12 yrs
Veteran Dogs, 12 yrs & older	Veteran Bitches, 12 yrs & older
Working Dogs	Working Bitches

**Veteran Dog/Bitch Classes** – In accordance with AKC’s Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 8: Castrated dogs and spayed bitches may be entered in the Veteran Classes.

**Working Dog/Bitch Classes** – Open to any dog or bitch holding a Working Dog Certificate issued by AMCA

### Awards of Merit (Both Specialties)

Awards of Merit may be awarded to those dogs or bitches NOT winning Best of Breed, Best of Opposite to Best of Breed, Select Dog or Select Bitch, but of such outstanding quality as to deserve honorable mention. Recipients are to be selected at the Judge’s discretion and awards given immediately following the awarding of Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. The total number of such awards shall be limited to not more than 25% of the total entry of Specials or to 10 awards, whichever is less.

### Best Puppy, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, Best Veteran and Best Working (National Specialty Only)

First place in each 6-9 and 9-12 class will compete for Best Puppy. If a puppy is Best of Breed or Best of Winners, that puppy will automatically win Best Puppy. Best Bred-by, Best Veteran in each class (8-10, 10-12 & 12+) and Best Working will be chosen in the same manner, from the first-place exhibits in each Bred-by, Veterans and Working Classes.

**Points for Reserve Available:** At each Regional and National Specialty, the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner’s Sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the events are held.

### Non-Regular Classes (Multiple Dog Entries, National Specialty Only)

Stud Dogs	Brood Bitches
Brace	

As the judge’s decision in the Non-Regular Classes involving Multiple Dog entries is based on the merits of more than one dog or bitch, no one of the dogs or bitches making up the entry judged first in these classes will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed by virtue of having won these classes.

**Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Class** – Dogs/Bitches (may be altered) and are shown with *two* of their offspring. Owner of Stud Dog/Brood Bitch need not necessarily be owner of offspring. Class is judged on the merits of the offspring, but the parent will be examined for DQs/excuses. Offspring must be entered in a regular conformation class.

Entry is made for the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch - offspring are not entered on the entry form.

**Brace Class** – For two Alaskan Malamutes with at least one owner in common. *Both dogs must be entered in another class to qualify for the additional class entry fee.* The two dogs comprising the Brace shall be considered a unit and they must be named at time of entry. If a dog, which is to be part of a brace, is not entered in a regular class, or Best of Breed Competition, the dog must be entered for “Brace Class Only.” In making entries for Brace Class Only, full particulars must be given for each dog on individual regular entry forms. An entry form for a dog entered in another class and entered as a part of a brace, MUST be marked accordingly in the space provided for ADDITIONAL CLASSES - “Brace Class.” If more than one Brace is entered by the identical owner, the dogs comprising EACH brace must be designated “Brace No. 1”, “Brace No. 2”, etc. **Please submit Brace entries together.**

## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

**Novice Class** – For Boys and Girls at least 9 and under 18 years of age on the day of the show who, at the time entries close, have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Junior Showmanship Class at a licensed or member show.

**Open Class** – For Boys and Girls at least 9 and under 18 years of age on the day of the show who, at the time entries close, have won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Junior Showmanship Class at a licensed or member show.

**Master Class** – For Boys and Girls at least 9 and under 18 years of age on the day of the show and who have won ten (10) first place wins in an Open Class, with competition, to be eligible to enter the Limited Class Competition. The calendar for this class will be November 1-October 31 of the following year. All juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed, all participants return to the Open Class to compete for the following year.

**NOTICE: Junior Handlers must include their AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER on each entry.**

You may obtain your junior identification number by calling the AKC, (919) 233-9767 or E-mail: [juniors@akc.org](mailto:juniors@akc.org).

**BE SURE ALL INFORMATION for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on both sides of the entry form.**

**NOTICE:** Juniors with a dog also entered in another class offered at this show who substitute a dog not entered in this show must remit the difference between Junior Only and Junior as an Additional Class entry fee. Juniors who have entered Junior Showmanship only who then substitute another dog will not be charged a further fee.

## OBEDIENCE TRIAL

(Both Specialties)

*Dogs will run in ascending jump height order.*

Regular Classes		Optional Titling Classes		Alternative Titling Classes
Novice A	Novice B	Beginner Novice A	Beginner Novice B	Preferred Novice
Open A	Open B	Graduate Novice	Graduate Open	Preferred Open
Utility A	Utility B	<b>Non-Regular Class</b>		Preferred Utility
		Veteran (7yrs & older)		

*If entering a class with jumps, please list the dog’s jump height on the entry form.*

Transfers will be allowed as per AKC rules if presented in writing to trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to start of the trial. No Bitches in season may compete in the Obedience Trials.

## RALLY TRIAL

(Tuesday and Wednesday Only)

*Dogs will run in ascending jump height order.*

Regular Classes				
Novice A	Advanced A	Excellent A	Intermediate	
Novice B	Advanced B	Excellent B	Master	Choice

*Dogs entered in classes other than Novice must have the jump height listed on the entry form.*

Transfers will be allowed as per AKC rules if presented in writing to trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to start of the trial. No Bitches in season may compete in the Rally Trials.