

CKC One-Page Visiting Judge Guide

In the Ring

- **Mark your own Judge's Book** – Awards and absentees must be recorded by you not your ring steward
- **Check all armband numbers** and note any absentees.
- **Late arrivals** may be accepted at your discretion *until you've examined all dogs and marked placements.*
- **Class Placements:** Mark placements (1st–4th) before awarding ribbons. **Order matters: 1, 2, 3, 4 – not reversed.**
- **Final Awards Order:**
 - 🏆 Best of Breed → Best of Opposite → Best of Winners → Select Dog → Select Bitch
(*SELECT awards are optional and at your discretion.*)
- Dogs must be placed in front of the award markers **before** ribbons are handed out.

Timing & Efficiency

- Expected pace: **20–25 dogs/hour**
- Respect published schedule times.

Group & Best in Show

- **Group Level:** Gait *all* dogs. Examine any dog not previously judged.
- **Best in Show:** All dogs must be examined **and** gaited.

Prohibited Actions

- **Do NOT kneel** in front of or beside a dog.
- **Do NOT** engage in unnecessary conversations with exhibitors while in the ring or on a break.
- **Do NOT use** personal measuring tape or callipers.
- The CKC official measure is for disqualifications only.

Class Protocols

- A class is considered judged **once placements are marked** in the book.
- **No rejudging** is allowed after this point.
- **No discussion** of dog merits with stewards, exhibitors, or spectators.

Breed-Specific Handling

- Examine each dog **individually** (including teeth and testicles) using a **table or ramp** as required.
- **Gait dogs** both individually and in groups.
- **Re-examinations** of table/ramp breeds must also be done **on the table or ramp.**
- Exhibitors **may show the bite**, but you may examine the mouth if unclear.

Excusals & Disqualifications

- Certain conditions require **mandatory excusal/disqualification/permanent disqualification.**
- A form must be **completed before the dog leaves the ring** (ask the steward or show secretary).
- **Baby Puppy Class** entries are exempt from DQ/excusal for: teeth, testicles, or minimum size requirements.