

Dog Showing Amendments for 2027 (F Regs)

Eligibility for Special Beginner

Amendment to the definition of Special Beginner, as champions from abroad were currently still eligible for the class despite being against the spirit of the competition.

For owner, handler or exhibit not having won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate, **or equivalent.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Closing Date Extension

Amendment to allow societies to extend the closing date without prior approval from the Royal Kennel Club, for online entries only.

Regulation F(1)7.d

No modifications may be made to the Schedule except by permission of the Board of the Royal Kennel Club, **except in relation to the extension of the online closing date which does not require permission.** ~~and which must~~ **Any amendment must be followed by advertisement in the canine press if possible.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Proof of Posting

Amendment to reinforce that responsibility remained with the exhibitor to ensure their entry had been received by the show secretary.

Regulation F(1)8.e.

If accepting postal entries; **it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that their entry has been received by the show secretary. Exhibitors who require acknowledgement of receipt are advised to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their entry.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Regulation F(1)8.h

The Committee agreed that regulation F(1)8.h required clarification, to ensure both the regulations and the schedule requirements were adhered to.

F(1)8.h

A separate application for entry must be made by each exhibitor and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon - whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration **and agreement to comply with the requirements of the schedule.**

(Insertion in bold)
(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Baby Puppy

Amendment to ensure Baby Puppies should only enter Baby Puppy classes.

Regulation F(1)26.f.

A Baby Puppy is a dog of four and less than six calendar months of age on the first day of the show.

(a) Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show.

(b) Any Variety Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show.

(c) Best Baby Puppy in Breed may be declared in each breed from the dogs entered in the Baby Puppy breed classes. There must be no progression to further competition **and Baby Puppies must not be entered in any other classes at a show.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Best Veteran in Show Regulations

Amendment to Best Veteran in Show regulation, to standardise all General and Group Championship shows.

F(1)27. Best Veteran in Show

A Veteran is a dog of 7 years or more on the first day of the show.

General and Group Championship Shows and all levels of breed club shows

Best Veteran in Breed: A Best Veteran is declared from any Veterans entered in any breed classes

Best Veteran in Group: Best Veteran in Group and subsequent Veteran Group placings must be selected from: -

1. **Those Veterans declared Best Veteran in Breed**
2. **The Veterans declared Best Veteran from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes in each group**
3. **The Veterans declared Best Veteran from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified breed classes (if scheduled)**
4. **The Veteran declared Best Veteran from the Any Variety Imported Breed Register classes in each group**

Best Veteran in Show: Best Veteran in Show must be selected from the Best Veteran in Group winners.

General Open and General Limited Shows

At those shows where a Best Veteran in Show competition is scheduled the Best Veteran in Show is the exhibit which has been declared Best from the Any Variety Veteran classes scheduled.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)
(Subsequent regulations to be renumbered)

Removal of Objection Fee Regulation

Remove the objection fee as part of the complaints process on a 24 month trial basis.

Regulation F(1)28.b. Objection fee

~~Objections must be accompanied by a fee of £35.00, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the Board. In the case of objections lodged against exhibits such fees must be made for each exhibit to which objection is made except in the case of an objection to a pack, couple or team when one fee only is required. The fee may be returned at the Board's discretion once the objection has been considered.~~

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(Effective from 1 January 2027)

(Subsequent regulations to be renumbered)

Regulation F(1)28.d.(2) Breaches of Royal Kennel Club Regulations

An objection to a breach of Royal Kennel Club Regulation(s) may be made direct to the secretary of the show before the end of the show. As an alternative, an objection may be lodged directly with the Royal Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the show and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the show secretary. When an objection is lodged the following information must be given: A statement detailing the objection quoting the relevant regulation(s).

~~The objection fee.~~

The name and address of the objector.

The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).

All relevant evidence.

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(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Eligibility Criteria for Submitting Objections

The Committee considered whether the current eligibility criteria for submitting objections under Regulation F(1)28.c.(2) remained appropriate. Consideration was requested as to whether objections relating to acts or operations that altered the natural conformation of a dog should only be submitted by an individual handling or owning a dog competing in the same breed or class as the dog to which the objection related.

Regulation F(1)28.c.(2)

Acts or operations altering the natural conformation of a dog. An objection to an exhibit on the grounds that an act or operation has been performed which alters the natural conformation of the dog (as outlined in F(B)3) may be made ~~only~~ by **any**

person except by one who is under a term of suspension by the Royal Kennel Club. ~~an individual handling or owning a dog competing in the same breed or class as the dog to which the objection is being made.~~

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(Effective from 1 January 2027)

AVNSC Regulation Amendment

The amendment aims to provide clarity to the AVNSC regulations.

New regulation F(A)6.(d)

General, Limited or Open Shows must schedule Any Variety Not Separately Classified group classes and may schedule Any Variety Not Separately Classified Breed variety classes. Dogs eligible for Any Variety Not Separately Classified Breed variety classes are listed in Regulation B(A). Dogs eligible for Any Variety Not Separately Classified Breed variety classes are not permitted to enter the Any Variety Not Separately Classified group classes.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

(Subsequent regulations to be renumbered)

Best Puppy in Show F(1)26.c.(2).(b) *Championship, open shows and limited shows judged on the group system*

The puppy declared Best Puppy from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes in each group **and any puppies declared Best Puppy in any relevant Any Variety Not Separately Classified Breed variety classes (vide Regulation B(A)).**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Best Puppy in Show F(1)26.d.(2).(b) *Shows not judged on the group system*

The puppy declared Best Puppy from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes in each group **and any puppies declared Best Puppy in any relevant Any Variety Not Separately Classified Breed variety classes (vide Regulation B(A)).**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

Best in Show F(1)28.b.(1).(b)

The best dog from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes in each group **and the dog declared best dog in any relevant Any Variety Not Separately Classified Breed variety classes (vide Regulation B(A)).**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 1 January 2027)

New Regulation F(1)6.e

Best Any Variety Not Separately

Classified **Breed Variety** classes (vide Regulation B(A)).

Where Any Variety Not Separately Classified **Breed Variety** class(es) is (are) scheduled the Best Any Variety Not Separately

Classified **Breed Variety** must be selected from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified **Breed Variety** classes (vide Regulation B(A)).

Where separate Any Variety Not Separately

Classified **Breed variety** classes (vide Regulation B(A)) are provided for each sex, the Best Any Variety Not Separately

Classified **Breed Variety** must be selected from those dogs declared Best of each Sex.

(Insertion in bold)

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New Regulation F(1)6.f

Best Any Variety Not Separately Classified **Breed Variety** (vide Regulation B(A)) Puppy.

The Best Any Variety Not Separately

Classified **Breed Variety** puppy must be selected from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified **Breed Variety** classes (vide Regulation B(A)).

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