

GENERAL RULES: 2017-2018

GROOM TEAM SANCTIONED CLASSES

Show structure, divisions and awards

CONTEST DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURE:

Three-Tier, Multi-Division Competition

Open Division, Intermediate Division and Entry Division compete separately for the titles of first, second and third in their respective division classes. The class winners will then compete against each other for the Group placements. Group placements will compete for Best All Around Groomer, and the Group first in each class will compete for Best in Show.

COMPETITION LEVEL DIVISIONS

GroomTeam Sanctioned Class rules will apply to all levels, with the following exception:

ONLY Entry division, may use clippers, scissors and thinning shears when the bodywork is typically hand stripped and/or carded for the show ring in the sporting class and the wire coat class.

OPEN: Open to all competitors. Recommended for groomers with advanced styling skills, previous successful competition experience and professional conformation show exhibitors and/or certifiers with expert styling skills. Only OPEN division class winners are eligible to earn GroomTeam USA points.

INTERMEDIATE: Restricted to competitors who have not won two Best in Show or two Best All Around groomer titles, OR three first placements from the intermediate division at any show, OR three group placements from any tiered show. Recommended for groomers with intermediate styling skills or conformation show ring exhibitors and/or certifiers with intermediate styling skills.

ENTRY: Restricted to novice competitors who have not won a Best in Show or Best All Around groomer title from any division at any show, OR three first placements from the entry division at any show, OR one group placement from any tiered show. Recommended for groomers who have never competed and/or possess novice-grooming skills. Handlers, conformation show exhibitors, certifiers and grooming instructors are not permitted to compete in the Entry Division.

AWARDS:

All divisions are judged simultaneously. Three placements are awarded in each division.

Immediately following the Class awards presentation, the Open division, the Intermediate division and the Entry division are then judged against each other to establish the Group placements and Best in Show contenders.

GROUP LINEUP

The first place winners from the three divisions compete head to head for group 1st. The 2nd place winner from the winning division will then compete with the remaining contestant for the group 2nd. The division which wins the group 2nd will then send forth the next winner to compete for the Group 3rd.

BEST IN SHOW

Best in Show will be chosen from the First Place winners from each of the Groups: Wire Coat Class, Salon Freestyle, Sporting, All Other Purebred and Poodles. The finalists will be determined immediately following each class awards presentation.

The Group 1st place winners should remain in the arena with their dog for evaluation by the Best in Show judge or judging team and then return with their entry to the Best in Show Awards Presentation at designated time and place.

BEST ALL AROUND GROOMER

Best All Around Groomer will be chosen from all three divisions as established by the five Group placements as follows:

Group First Place = 3 points

Group Second Place = 2 points

Group Third Place = 1 point

1st tie breaker = highest number of placements

2nd tie breaker = highest number of entries defeated

If the exact tie still exists, the prize will be divided equally

These points are only for Best All Around Groomer awards, (if applicable) and are not related to GroomTeam USA.

BEST ALL AROUND GROOMER ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for Best All Around Groomer award, the contestant must enter

a minimum of three of the following GroomTeam USA sanctioned classes: Wire Coated Breeds, Sporting Breeds, Poodles, and All Other Pure Breeds.