

GroomTeam USA Sanctioned Class Rules

Acceptable Coat Growth for All GroomTeam USA, Inc. Sanctioned Classes

It is the responsibility of the show promoter and/or their designated judges to determine adequate coat growth. Minimum of 6 weeks of hair growth or noticeable change.

Acceptable Styling for All GroomTeam USA, Inc. Sanctioned Classes

- ★ All styling must take place during the time frame of the competition except where noted below.
- ★ All dogs must be groomed according to breed standard with the exception of poodles as noted below.
- ★ All dogs may have sanitary areas and pads shaved prior to class start.
- ★ All dogs may have nails trimmed and ears cleaned prior to class start.
- ★ Finishing sprays are permissible in order to tidy up after the competition time frame ends. However, re-shaping with water or product application is prohibited.
- ★ Chalk products are permissible prior to and during the competition time frame but are prohibited after time is called.
- ★ Wire coats must be hand stripped. Clippers are only permissible as presented in the conformation show ring.
- ★ Sporting coats must be carded and/or handstripped. Clippers are only permissible as presented in the conformation show ring.
- ★ Other purebreds must be styled as presented in the conformation show ring.
- ★ Poodles can be styled as presented in the conformation show ring or pet trims, provided they respect the breed profile as set forth by the standard.

Poodles:

Acceptable Breeds: All sizes, natural colors of purebred Poodles.

This class may be split into two separate classes as follows: 17" and under, over 17".

11" and under: **1:30** (one hour and thirty minutes)

Over 11" and up to and including 17": **1:45** (one hour and forty-five minutes)

Over 17" and up to and including 23": **2:00** (two hours)

Over 23": **2:15** (two hours and fifteen minutes)

When splitting the Poodle class, the following stipulations apply:

A competition must take place between the three (3) finalists from each of the two Open Division Poodle classes to determine the placements of the combined Poodle class, for a final 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for all Open Division Poodles. Only the Final place winners may be awarded GroomTeam USA, Inc. points.

Poodle Styling: All pet and show Poodle styles are acceptable provided they respect the breed profile of the poodle.

- ★ Feet must be shaved.
- ★ Feet may be shaved prior to competition start time. No extra time will be permitted if not completed prior to class start.
- ★ Face must be shaved during the competition time frame.
- ★ Small mustaches or goatees are permitted.
- ★ Scissored face styles such as Bichon or scissored typefaces are prohibited.
- ★ Show topknots may be pre-banded, including hair extensions prior to the start of the class, spray up products are prohibited prior to the start of the class.

Sporting:

Acceptable Breeds Open Division: Spaniels and Setters ([see specific breed list](#))

Styling: Must be groomed to breed profile as presented in the conformation show ring.

Time Frame: 2 hours

All Wire Coated Pure Breeds:

Acceptable Breeds Open Division: Pure breeds with wire coat types that are hand stripped ([see specific breed list](#))

Styling: Must be groomed to breed profile as presented in the conformation show ring.

Time Frames: ([see specific breed list](#))

All Other Pure Breeds:

Acceptable Breeds Open Division: ([see specific breed list](#))

Styling: Must be groomed to breed profile as presented in the conformation show ring.

Time Frames: ([see specific breed list](#))

Awards:

Open (GroomTeamUSA Sanctioned): 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all above 4 categories with BIS

Novice: 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all above 4 categories with BIS

1st Timers: 1st in all above 4 categories with BIS