



RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ABKC SANCTIONED SHOWS

To be considered to host an ABKC sanctioned show, you must agree and comply with the Rules & Regulations of the ABKC Sanctioning body. Please sign and print your name at the bottom to acknowledge that you have read and understand these rules/regulations.

The ABKC reserves the right to grant, deny or revoke sanctioned show licenses at their own discretion. The ABKC reserves the right to limit the number of sanctioned shows a host/club may hold.

The ABKC reserves the right to change rules, policies, and fees at any time without notice. The show host shall be responsible for their own refund and/or cancellation entry policy.

The ABKC reserves the right to deny or revoke any registration at any time if dog is deemed unable to meet the ABKC standard for the breed.

The show host must refer all registration questions, including but not limited to single dog registration, puppy applications, show points and show flow to the hired lead rep for show or ABKC office as deemed necessary.

All dogs entering the ABKC show must be ABKC registered prior to show and provide ABKC documentation at the show, unless written approval is obtained by the ABKC office.

The show host must agree to have an apprentice (judge/rep) at the sanctioned show if the ABKC deems it necessary. All first-time show hosts are limited to two sanctioned shows their first-time hosting.

Returning hosts, co-hosts, and others profiting from hosting sanctioned shows are limited to 10 sanctioned shows per year, unless otherwise approved by the ABKC.

Priority dates for annual sanctioned shows will be given to seasoned hosts, who have been hosting an annual sanctioned show at the same location, around the same date for 2 consecutive years.

Returning hosts may be approved to have 4 sanctioned shows, 5 or 6 sanctioned shows **must** be two days.

No sanctioned shows will be booked within a 350-mile radius the weekend before or weekend after an ABKC sanctioned show, as well as the same weekend of a sanctioned show.

Sanctioned shows may not be hosted in the same city within a 21-day

period. Show host applicant must check mileage of sanctioned show they are requesting to the ones already booked on the ABKC website. This can be done using Google Maps or similar website.

Sanctioned shows MUST start on time or there will be a fine issued. The ABKC Representative is responsible for ending registration for the first sanctioned show 30 minutes prior to that sanctioned show start time to transfer the paperwork to the judges' books. The show host is given a half an hour buffer to start their sanctioned show. For example, the show host must give patrons and the ABKC an approximate time of when the sanctioned show will start. If the show host states the first sanctioned show will start at noon, the show host has until 12:30 pm to start their sanctioned show or they will be fined \$50.00 for every half an hour after that buffer.

It is also the ABKC Representative's responsibility to let the show host know what time they will have to stop registration for each sanctioned show in order to transfer the entries into the judges books, if the show host disagrees with that time and does not allow enough time for this transfer to occur (in order to start the sanctioned show on time) this fee will also be applied to them.

This fee will be retrieved from the show host before the rep leaves the sanctioned show and the fee will be sent to the ABKC office immediately after the sanctioned show. This also will also be noted on the evaluation sanctioned show form that will be sent back to the ABKC.(if required) (* The only time that a fine will not apply is if there was "an act of god" that caused the delay of sanctioned show)

All ABKC hosts are prohibited from hosting shows sanctioned by any other registry that recognizes the American Bully Breed. This is to help protect a show host's sanctioned show from possibly being overlapped by another sanctioned show. The ABKC originated and certifies the American Bully Breed and does not recognize the validity nor supports any other organization registering the American Bully Breed. The ABKC reserves the right to revoke sanctioned show licenses and/or withhold license for any future sanctioned show to any ABKC host/club who is found hosting, co-hosting or profiting from hosting any dog show(s) sanctioned by any other American Bully Breed Registry. ABKC host/club sanction and this contract will be terminated immediately. All host/club sanctioned show fees will be forfeited at this time.

If you are allowed more than two sanctioned shows and are a returning show host, you **must** have two ABKC Representatives at your sanctioned show and pre-registration for the first sanctioned show is suggested. Also, if there are more than two sanctioned shows in one day, there must be two separate rings.

The sanctioned show ring must be constructed of proper material or a clean professional barrier. Caution tape, string or similar material may **NOT** be used as ring barrier.

All indoor sanctioned shows must have carpet or full set of runners around the ring for the dogs in the ring if the floor is of a slippery material. (i.e.: concrete, gym floor, etc.) A diagonal runner must be used, if only using runners.

Sanctioned show rings should be a minimum of 50'x50' or 2500 sq ft to allow space for the dogs entering the sanctioned show and proper evaluation by the judges.

Outdoor sanctioned shows or arena sanctioned shows may not have a dirt floor for the ring. It must be level grass or concrete. Outdoor sanctioned shows must have a 30 x 10-foot ring tent for shade and an additional 10 x 10-foot tent for ABKC staff to use as shade. Outdoor sanctioned shows must provide ample water sources for the dogs.

Weather should be a determining factor when choosing an indoor or outdoor venue. Extreme heat should be considered. Indoor venues must have air conditioning, outdoor venues should consider with extreme heat conditions rescheduling or moving to an indoor venue.

Show host **MUST** supply a "WICKET" to measure dogs, "SCALE" to weigh dogs prior to and/or during the sanctioned show as needed. Also, host must provide a "TABLE" at the sanctioned shows for small breeds.

Show hosts must display one (1) 5' x 10' ABKC banner and two (2) 8 x 2 1/2' ring banners at sanctioned show. Size may vary by no more than one (1) foot.

Host is responsible for providing all materials needed to run registration at the sanctioned show, including but not limited to armbands (numbers for sanctioned show exhibitors), pens, copies of sanctioned show entry forms and rubber bands. The ABKC representative will provide the judges' books needed to record winners at the sanctioned show.

****The fees must be agreed upon and documented on the host/judge/rep agreement that is returned to ABKC show operations with the application to host a sanctioned show. There are set fees on the agreement that are non-negotiable. Any changes made to this agreement must be in writing and agreed upon by both parties and sent to ABKC show operations 30 days prior to the sanctioned show date.**

Sanctioned show entry registration fees:

- Show host may charge up to a max of \$20.00 per dog per sanctioned show. Show hosts may not charge more than this amount set by the ABKC.

Dogs ineligible for show entry the day of the sanctioned show: (this includes all sanctioned shows during the hosts event)

-A dog that is owned or co-owned by hosting or profiting kennel club, a member of said show hosts immediate family (Immediate family includes: Spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, sibling, grandchild, in-laws are also considered immediate family) or a person living in the same household as said sanctioned show host.

-A dog that has been owned, entered into a breeding contract, trained or handled by said show host/kennel club, a member of the said show host/kennel club immediate family or person that lives with said show host/kennel clubs household within three months of the date of sanctioned show.

No person may serve as a judge for a sanctioned show the same weekend that they are scheduled to serve as a rep, nor may they judge a sanctioned show that they are hosting. (Conflict of interest: The judges will know who the dogs are ahead of time if they serve as a rep or show host and they should be impartial at the sanctioned show that they are judging.)

If a rep or judge cancels a sanctioned show less than 30 days out and you have a signed agreement with said judge/rep, that judge or rep is responsible to refund the host if airplane tickets were purchased. Also, if said host cancels a sanctioned show less than 30 days out and the judge/rep has a signed agreement, the host will be fined \$100.00 by the ABKC, which will then be reimbursed to the judge/rep for their inconvenience. (These fees can be waived if there was a true unavoidable emergency, but you must provide proof)

Sanctioned show Banner/Flyer – Dogs must be ABKC registered to be on an ABKC sanctioned show banner/flyer. Non-Sanctioned shows may not be advertised on the ABKC sanctioned show banner/flyer. Pictures of ABKC judges should also not be added to ABKC sanctioned show banner/flyer.

Complete the application and send it ABKC show Operations at abkcevents@gmail.com.

Applicable Application Fees (due at time of application submission):

- \$100.00- fee to host a single ABKC sanctioned show
- \$150.00 – fee to host a double ABKC sanctioned show
- \$200 – fee to host a triple ABKC sanctioned show
- \$250.00 – fee to host a quadruple ABKC sanctioned show
 - If hosting 5 or 6 sanctioned shows in a two-day period fees are as follows:

- 5 sanctioned shows - \$300.00
- 6 sanctioned shows - \$350.00

Applications must be received 60 days prior to the sanctioned show no later than 30 days.

- If received in less, then 60 days but before 30 days a \$100.00 late fee will be assessed and included in sanctioned show fee.
- All sanctioned show applications turned in under 30 days will not be accepted.

Sanctioned shows will not be posted until fees are paid and a completed show application has been received.

- Within 60 days of the sanctioned show you must provide a copy of the venue contract
- 30 days from sanctioned show date we must have
 - Valid certificate of insurance
 - All judge and rep agreements completed and signed by both parties
- If these are not received the sanctioned show will be taken off the website and will deemed a non-sanctioned show by the ABKC.

ABKC representatives must have ALL official sanctioned show results submitted to the ABKC within 5 days.

Non sanctioned shows will not be allowed at any sanctioned ABKC sanctioned show (i.e. Fun sanctioned show, stack off, etc.) unless approved in writing by ABKC show operations.

You will receive an email confirmation if your application was approved or denied. We will post your sanctioned show on our website once we have verified mileage and received completed application and entire show fee.

Once approved you will need to email the sanctioned show banner/flyer to abkcevents@gmail.com

Refunds for sanctioned show fees will not be given if your show is canceled, we will give you credit to use for the next sanctioned show that you book. **NO PROMOTING OF OTHER REGISTRIES AT ABKC SANCTIONED SHOWS** unless approved by the ABKC.

I, said show host, acknowledge and agree to comply and adhere to all set rules and rules set forth by the ABKC.

Print Name

Signature

Date