



ATIBOX

Regulations for ATIBOX World Show Judges



Introduction

It was decided in 2020 and set out in the ATIBOX strategy document that a new judge's criteria would be implemented to judge at the ATIBOX World Show.

Only judges included on the approved list of judges will be eligible to judge at the ATIBOX World Show.

This document sets out the criteria, procedures of how inclusion will be achieved and the expectations of the judges who qualify for inclusion on the ATIBOX World Show judges list.

CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION.

The following is the **minimum** criteria for a judge to be included and therefore eligible to judge at an ATIBOX World Show.

1. **A minimum time of five years from first time judging boxers** in a National / International or Boxer Club Show.
2. **To have judged at least five Boxer Club Shows in three different countries outside of his / her home country.** One of the five shows must be an International Annual Boxer Club Show (type "Jahressieger").
3. A judge who has previously judged at an ATIBOX World Show will on application be automatically approved without the need to fulfil any other criteria.
4. The judge must have been involved in the boxer breed as a breeder, owner or exhibitor.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION AND APPROVAL.

1. Inclusion on the ATIBOX World Show judges list is open to **ALL** authorised judges.
2. Application is on an individual basis from any person licenced or authorised to judge boxers from an FCI country or a country with a reciprocal agreement for approval of judges in FCI countries.
3. Application is made by the individual on completion of the application form available from the ATIBOX web-site. www.atibox.dog
4. By making an application the applicant agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the ATIBOX World Show and Judge Regulations
5. The completed application should be forwarded by the individual to the ATIBOX General Secretary by e-mail at secretary@atibox.dog
6. On receipt of the completed and signed judge's application form and where necessary, if further information requested the ATIBOX Show/Judges Committee will ascertain if the applicant fulfils the criteria.
7. The applicant will be notified by e-mail of the decision by the ATIBOX General Secretary
8. The judges list of approved judges will be published on the ATIBOX website and updated as and when new successful applications are received.

PROCEDURE FOR INVITATION OF THE JUDGES AT THE ATIBOX WORLD SHOW.

1. The organizer of the ATIBOX World Boxer Show can only propose judges from the approved ATIBOX World Show judges list.
2. The organizer has the right but is not obligated to invite;
 - I. a maximum of 25% of the judges from their own country.
 - II. a maximum 25% is permitted from a non ATIBOX country.
 - III. therefore 75% of the invited judges will be from ATIBOX member countries.

3. The proposed nomination list of judges will be sent directly by email to the ATIBOX General Secretary and the ATIBOX Presidium has sole responsibility for approval of the proposed judges. The email address is secretary@atibox.dog
4. **A judge cannot be approved until at least five years have elapsed since the last ATIBOX Show judgment.**
5. The proposed judges nominations list will state what classes / gender that person will judge and if they will judge best in show, groups etc.
6. On receipt of the nominated judges the ATIBOX Show and Judges Committee will either approve or not approve an individual's nomination and advise the Presidium. The General Secretary will in writing inform the host country of the Presidium's decision.
7. On receipt of written approval, the proposed judge availability will be sought.
8. Once a proposed judge confirms their availability, a written contract will be signed between the organising country and the proposed judge and copy of this contract forwarded to the General Secretary.
9. Approval of a nominated judge shall be sought by the organizer from their national Kennel Club in the country the judge holds his / her licence by the host nation.

WELFARE OF THE BOXER.

Judging must always be in accordance with the intentions in the 'FCI Code of Commitment to the welfare of pure- bred dogs.

"A judge is expected to make a proactive and valuable contribution to dog health and welfare as well to responsible dog breeding".

Any evident health, exaggeration of type or temperament issue which is detrimental to the wellbeing or soundness of the boxer must be penalised and an appropriate grading given and stated in the critique.

GENERAL RULES AND EXPECTATIONS.

1. Honesty, integrity, experience, and competence must be key words for a judge on the ATIBOX World show judges list. The behaviour of an authorised judge must always reflect these principles.
2. The judge will judge in accordance with the boxer standard, rules, and regulations of the FCI and that of the host nations national kennel club.
3. Judging will be performed in a consistent and established way with good manners. Giving to all exhibitor's equal time and consideration.
4. The grading given to each exhibit should be carefully considered according to the standard. Under no circumstances should the 'default' grading be 'excellent'
5. The Judge will not read the show catalogue until the final completion of judging.
6. The Judge will be appropriately dressed for their appointment. It is not allowed to wear clothes advertising a kennel or dog products in the ring.
7. Written critiques will be written in the national language of the judge or in English and signed by the judge. The language of the critique will be agreed in the judge's contract.
8. Due regard should be given to hygiene whilst judging. Appropriate use of disinfecting hands after checking teeth etc. should be 'the normal'
9. A judge must not under any circumstances judge the same sex / colour at any shows for a period of six months before their assignment to judge at the ATIBOX World Show.
10. The judge is not allowed to judge any boxer that he/she has either owned, co-owned, handled or the breeder of for a period of 12 months prior to the date of the ATIBOX World Show at which he / she is invited to judge.
11. The Judge is not allowed to travel to the show where they are judging with any exhibitors who are exhibiting under them.
12. Under no circumstance should a judge socialize closely or stay with any exhibitors who are exhibiting under the judge before or during the show.

13. A judge has an obligation to notify ATIBOX General Secretary in writing of any change in his personal circumstances which will affect his ability to judge.

COMPLAINTS.

Any breach of the expected standards of behavior or a breach of the regulations by a judge on the ATIBOX show judges list will on receipt of a written complaint invoke the following procedure.

1. Any complaint must be made in writing to the ATIBOX General Secretary within 7 days from the end of the show.
2. Receipt of the complaint will be acknowledged in writing.
3. The ATIBOX General Secretary will inform the judge concerned and request in writing their response to the complaint.
4. Necessary enquiries will be made, Presidium will request any documentation or supporting evidence to establish the facts from the complainant, judge, or any witness. Presidium will consider the evidence and make a decision.
5. Sanctions if necessary, will be decided by and the responsibility of the ATIBOX Presidium.
6. The complainant and judge will be informed of the ATIBOX Presidium's decision in writing.
7. Any sanctions if necessary, will be implemented.

If a judge is suspended by a National Kennel or Boxer club who is on the ATIBOX World show judges list this suspension will also apply to the ATIBOX World show judges list.

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