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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 list starting with Spain 2022 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") or a previous ATIBOX World Show.
3. The judge must have judged a minimum of 300 boxers.
4. The judge must have been associated in boxer breed as a breeder, owner or exhibitor.

Procedure for applications 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. By making an application the applicant agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the ATIBOX World Show.
4. Application is made by the individual on completion of the application form available from the ATIBOX web-site.

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5. The completed application should then be forwarded by the individual to the ATIBOX Judges Committee by e-mail at the address as stated on the application form.
judgecommittee@atibox.dog
6. On receipt of the completed and signed judge's application form and if necessary, the further information requested the ATIBOX Judges Committee will ascertain if the applicant fulfils the criteria.
7. The applicant will be notified by e-mail of the ATIBOX Judge's Committee decision.
8. The judges list will be published on the ATIBOX website and updated as and when new successful applications are received.

Procedures for Invitation to judge 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 proposed list of judges will be sent directly by email to the ATIBOX Judges Committee who have sole responsibility for approval of the proposed judges.
The email address is judgecommittee@atibox.dog
3. The proposed judges list will state what classes / gender that person will judge and if they will judge best in show, groups etc.
4. On receipt of the nominated judges the ATIBOX Judges Committee will in writing either approve or not approve an individual's nomination.
5. On receipt of written approval, the proposed judge availability will be sought.
6. 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 ATIBOX Judges Committee.
7. 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.



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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 & 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 should not smoke, consume alcoholic drinks, or use mobile phones whilst judging in the ring.



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10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The Judge is not allowed to travel to the show where they are judging with any exhibitors who are exhibiting under them.
13. Under no circumstance should a judge socialize closely or stay with any exhibitors who are exhibiting under the judge before or during the show.
14. A judge has an obligation to notify ATIBOX Judges Committee in writing of any change in his personal circumstances which will affect his ability to judge.

Complaints.

Any breach of the expected standards of behaviour 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 judges committee who will consider the complaint initially.
2. Receipt of the complaint will be acknowledged in writing.
3. The judges committee will inform the judge concerned and request in writing their response to the complaint.
4. Necessary enquiries will be made, and the judges committee will request any documentation or supporting evidence to establish the facts from the complainant, judge, or any witness.
5. The judges committee will then present to the ATIBOX presidium the complaint, who will consider the evidence and make a decision.
6. Sanctions if necessary, will be decided by and the responsibility of the ATIBOX presidium.
7. The complainant and judge will be informed of the ATIBOX presidium decision in writing.
8. Any sanctions if necessary, will be implemented.



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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.

Implementation / Transition Period

- i. From ratification until the completed list of judges that are qualified to judge ATIBOX World Show is published, must all nominated ATIBOX Judges must fulfil the new criteria to judge an ATIBOX World Show, starting with Spain 2022.**
- ii. Any nominated judge who has not completed an application form will be requested to complete a judge's questionnaire to ascertain if they fulfil the criteria.
- iii. All member countries will be contacted to request they inform all the judges currently on the ATIBOX judges list from their country of the new procedures and regulations. Also, to request those judges complete a questionnaire and forward it to the ATIBOX Judge Committee if they wish to be included on the new ATIBOX World show judges list.
- iv. Publicise the new procedure and regulations on the ATIBOX web page

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