

# Conformation Standards Handbook

*Bull Breed Coalition Registry (BBCR)*



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## **Chapter 1: BBCR Conformation Standards Overview**

### **BBCR Mission Statement**

The BBCR is proud to offer a venue where dog lovers can join together in the spirit of competition, education, and development of our breeds. For those who are joining the sport, this is a privilege that should be taken with serious commitment, love of the bully breeds, and a desire to lead by example.

### **Competition Code of Ethics**

1. All participants in BBCR-sanctioned events understand the mission statement of the registry, regulations of participation, and standards of breeding and showmanship ethics. Participants commit to accept and exemplify these standards at events and any time they are representing the breeds.
2. Each participant will accept and be open to constructive criticism and advice from others within the organization. Participants should also be willing to share honest guidance and appraisal in both strength and weakness of the stock of others within the breed when solicited.
3. Participants will always uphold a dedication to fair and honest competition.
4. Participants will research, respect, and work toward becoming knowledgeable in the history, development, and tradition of the breeds and the sport of exhibiting.

5. Participants will be open and welcoming with their encouragement, support, and education of newcomers to the BBCR and its represented breeds. They will deal fairly with other competitors and those seeking ownership of the offspring of their kennel.
6. Participants will hold the welfare of their dogs in the highest regard. Quality housing, care, nutrition, and maintenance are crucial to the health and well being of the breeds. This should be paramount in our daily work to become leaders in the breeds we follow.
7. Participants adamantly refuse to act in a way that brings disgrace or shame to the sport of conformation, the breed, or the organization at any time while taking part in the sport or in performance events.
8. Participants should understand that strong competition and high levels of sportsmanship are the norm for this organization, and strive to exemplify this standard at every opportunity.
9. Participants will refuse to compromise the impartial opinion of the judge or evaluator with offers of gifts, money, or public promotion. Furthermore, participants will refuse to compromise their personal commitment to the sport by taking personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior in the judging ring or any venue.
10. Participants decline to enter or exhibit under any judge, whether a personal, club, breeder, or professional, where it might under any circumstance appear that the judge's opinion or award may appear to be based on something other than the merit of the dog offered for evaluation.

11. Judges will commit themselves to making decisions based only on the dogs presented. No other opinion or affiliation should affect the outcome of the event.
12. Judges will commit themselves to a leadership role and offer fair, honest, and impartial advice to anyone who looks to them as leaders and educators. Whether at an event or approached in private, you are a professional and should conduct yourself as such at all times.

## Chapter 2: The Order of a BBCR Show

### What to Expect

All BBCR-sanctioned shows will follow a set order. This will allow exhibitors to know exactly what to expect and when to be ready for their classes. An established order of show will ensure that the show flows well, saves time in instructing participants of “who, what, when, and where,” and enables our exhibitors to have confidence that BBCR shows are organized and run effectively.

Each judge will be expected to evaluate one breed, which will include both sexes, and, where applicable, all varieties within that breed. A BBCR representative will select the Best In Show judge. The judge and host will be notified in a period of time no more than one hour prior to, and no less than twenty minutes before, the calling of the B.I.S class to ring. The determination will be made by:

1. Judges' experience or affiliation with the breeds and dogs present that day
2. BBCR representatives' overall feeling about the judge's performance and interactions in the ring

This should be considered an honor and handled with the utmost respect and consideration to the present event.

## Order of Events

The order of events for BBCR sanctioned shows is as follows:

### **Judging**

#### 1. Females To Completion

##### a. American Bullies by Variety

##### a1. Pocket

##### a2. XL

##### a3. Standard

##### b. American Bulldogs by Variety

##### b1. Bully

##### b2. Standard

#### 2. Males To Completion

#### 3. Best of Winners

##### a. BOW pick will move to Best in Breed against CH and GRCH winners

#### 4. Champion Class (Both sexes compete)

#### 5. Grand Champion Class (Both sexes compete)

### **Order of Breeds**

- Shortybulls
- French Bulldog
- English Bulldog
- American Bully
- Classic Bully
- Olde English Bulldogge
- American Bulldog

### **Non-Certified Breeds**

Both BBCR judges and representatives will be familiar with the height parameters of the breeds and varieties. A BBCR official using a ringside wicket must measure all dogs that are not currently BBCR certified to a class. The representative and judge will serve as witnesses, and the variety certification sheet will be documented, signed by all parties, and submitted to the BBCR following the show, so the determination can be permanently recorded on that dog's records for future reference.



## Chapter 3: BBCR Conformation Points System

Breeds without varieties: Pre-Novice class is not awarded champion title points		Points
Pre-Novice 3-6 Months (No points are awarded)		0
Regular Classes (puppy, junior, adult and senior)		10
Best Female		20
Reserve Best Female		0
Best Male		20
Reserve Best Male		0
Best Overall		20
Best of Breed		1
Judging Order: Females are judged before males		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female Classes: (Pre-Novice, Novice, Puppy, Junior, Adult, Senior)</li> <li>• Best Female</li> <li>• Best Reserve Female</li> <li>• Best Male</li> <li>• Best Reserve Male</li> <li>• Best of Winners</li> <li>• Champion</li> <li>• Grand Champion</li> <li>• Best of Breed</li> </ul>		
Breeds with Varieties: Pre-Novice class is not awarded champion title points		Points
Pre-Novice 3-6 Months (No points are awarded)		0
Regular Classes (puppy, junior, adult and senior)		10
Best Male/Female of Variety (Standard, Pocket, XL, APBT)		20
Best (Standard, Pocket, XL, APBT)		10
Reserve Best Female		0
Reserve Best Male		0
Best of Winners		10
Best of Breed		1

### Judging Order: Females are judged before males

- Female Classes by variety: (Pre-Novice, Novice Puppy, Junior, Adult, Senior)
- Best Female of Variety
- Reserve Best Female of Variety
- Best Female
- Reserve Best Female
- Male Classes by variety: (Pre-Novice, Novice Puppy, Junior, Adult, Senior)
- Best Male of Variety
- Reserve Best Male of Variety
- Best Male
- Reserve Best Male
- Best of Winners
- Champion
- Grand Champion
- Best of Breed

### Achievement of Points:

- First place winners for each class will compete for Best Male and Female for (20) Additional Points
- Dogs can only compete in one class/variety per show
- Competition is 2 or more dogs in a class and variety

### Achievement of Champion Title:

- A minimum of 150 championship points
- Points must be earned under at least (3) different BBCR Judges
- Reserve Male/Fe
- Win (3) Best Male/ Female (or higher) classes at three different shows with competition under three different BBCR Judges.

### Achievement of Grand Champion Title:

- Win (5) Champion classes with competition at (5) different shows.
- Wins must be earned under at least three different BBCR Judges.

1. In order to complete your Championship, you will need 3 competition wins and at least 100 points under at least 3 different judges. You are allowed one competition win per event.
2. If you beat one or more dogs in your breed by going Best Male or Best Female, then you have a competition win.
3. If you take a Best of Breed with no other dogs competing, then you can still get your competition win by going Reserve Best in (Multi Breed) Show or Best In (Multi Breed) Show over other dogs.
4. Dogs can only compete in one class/ variety per show.