

**International Silken Windhound Society, Inc.**



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## **INTERNATIONAL SILKEN WINDHOUND SOCIETY CONFORMATION SHOW RULES AND AWARDS**

*Note: The words "dog" and "he" used in these rules include both sexes.*

ISWS has adopted bylaws, rules and regulations to govern conformation events, the clubs wishing to hold these events and the individuals who exhibit, compete or take part in these events.

### **CHAPTER 1 — MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD AN ISWS SHOW**

Any individual member of the ISWS, association or group with an ISWS member, or any ISWS-recognized club wishing to host an ISWS show shall submit a completed ISWS Show Application to the ISWS Board of Directors for approval not less than 90 days prior to the show date requested. A fee of \$25.00 per ISWS show must accompany the application. If payment is made by check, separate checks are required for each show requested. Fees will be returned for any show not approved. The Board shall respond to all such requests within 15 days after receipt of the application. Announcement of said show should be made to the general membership upon approval but not less than 60 days prior to the actual show date. It is highly recommended that the show premium be released early. At no time shall the publication of the show premium be less than 45 days before the date of the show. All points and majors earned at any ISWS-approved National Specialty, Regional Specialty, or stand-alone ISWS show, including ISWS-approved UKC (United Kennel Club), ICKC (International Canine Kennel Club – formerly NAKC/Rarities), NCA (National Canine Association) and ARBA (American Rare Breed Association) shows, will count towards the ISWS championship. A championship requires a total of 15 points and 2 major wins under 2 different judges. *Note: Refer to CHAPTER 3, SECTION 1, ISWS Champion for complete requirements.*

The Board of Directors, or a committee appointed specifically for this purpose, may track annually the number of five-point majors available in a geographic area. If more than 3 five-point majors have been earned in any geographic area during the previous year, the Board may adjust the entry numbers required for major wins upwards for the following year. If the number of five-point majors drops within a geographic area, the entry number required for major wins may be adjusted downwards. SilkenFest will be the National Specialty and will use the point schedule from the geographic region requiring the highest entry for a five-point major. Regional Specialties and stand-alone shows, as well as ISWS-approved UKC, ICKC, NCA and ARBA shows, will use the point schedule for their geographic area.

Any individual member of the ISWS, association or group with an ISWS member, or any ISWS-recognized club wishing to have an ISWS-approved show at an all-breed show hosted by a separate show-host organization (UKC, ICKC, NCA, or ARBA) shall submit a completed ISWS Show Application to the ISWS Board of Directors for approval, not less than 60 days prior to the actual show date. The Board shall respond to such requests within 10 days after receipt of the application. Announcement of said show must be made to the general membership not less than 45 days prior to the actual show date.

## **CHAPTER 2 — DOG SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS**

*Note: Refer also to Chapter 6, Section 3, Conditions Affecting Eligibility of Dogs*

**SECTION 1 — Regular Class List.** These classes **must** be offered at all approved and sanctioned ISWS shows. Numbers 1 through 3 are divided by sex.

1. American-Bred Class — This class is for all dogs (except champions) 6 months of age or over that have been both bred and whelped in the United States of America.
2. Open Class — This class is for any dog (except champions) 6 months of age or over.
3. Winners Class — *NOTE: This is not a class you enter. Dogs with a first-place win from a regular class move into this class and compete for the available points.* This class is for those undefeated dogs of the same sex that have won first-place from any of the regular classes listed above. After the Winners prize has been awarded in one of the sex divisions, the dog that won second-place to Winners in its regular class, if undefeated except by the dog awarded Winners, shall compete with other eligible dogs for Reserve Winners. No eligible dog may be withheld from competition.
4. Best of Breed — The following categories of dogs are eligible to participate in this competition:
  - a) Dogs that are ISWS champions;
  - b) Winners Dog and Winners Bitch of the event;
  - c) Veterans Dog and Veterans Bitch class winners (see Non-Regular Classes).
5. Best of Winners — If Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is awarded Best of Breed, it shall automatically be awarded Best of Winners following the judging of Best of Breed. The dog awarded Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater. In the event that Winners is awarded in only one sex, there shall be no Best of Winners award.
6. Best of Opposite Sex — After Best of Breed and Best of Winners have been awarded, the judge shall select Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Dogs eligible for this award are:
  - a) Dogs of the opposite sex to Best of Breed that were entered in the Best of Breed competition;
  - b) The dog awarded Winners of the opposite sex to the Best of Breed;
  - c) Dogs of the opposite sex to Best of Breed that won their Veterans Class (see Non-Regular Classes).

**Section 2 — Optional Regular Class List.** The following classes are regular classes that may be offered at any ISWS show by decision of the show management. All classes are divided by sex and the winners of all classes proceed to Winners Dog or Winners Bitch to compete for available points.

1. Puppy Class(es) — This class is for dogs (except champions) 6 months of age and over, but under 12 months. The Puppy Class may be further divided into 2 age groups: 6 months of age, but under 9 months; 9 months of age, but under 12 months. A dog's age shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a show. A dog is ineligible if it has turned the limiting age on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show.
2. 12 to 18 Month Class — This class is for dogs (except champions) 12 months of age and over, but under 18 months. A dog's age shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a show. A dog is ineligible if it has turned 18 months of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show.
3. Novice Class — This class is for dogs 6 months of age or older that have not yet won 3 first-place prizes in the Novice Class or a first-place prize in the Bred-By-Exhibitor Class, the American Bred Class, the Field Performance Champion Class or the Open Class, or 3 or more points towards their ISWS championship prior to the date of the closing of entries.
4. Bred-By-Exhibitor Class — This class is for dogs (except champions) that are:
  - (a) 6 months of age or over on the date of the show,
  - (b) owned or co-owned by any of the breeders of record on the date of the show and

(c) handled by a breeder/owner or breeder/co-owner of record on the date of the show. There are no handler restrictions in any subsequent classes for which the dog becomes eligible at the show.

5. Field Performance Champion Class — This class is open to all dogs (except ISWS conformation champions) that have earned a performance championship. Proof of a championship title for straight racing (ISWS or LGRA), oval racing (ISWS or NOTRA), lure coursing (ISWS or ASFA) or open field coursing (NOFCA or other recognized open field coursing association) must be submitted with the show entry. A copy of the championship certificate or a print out from the website of the appropriate organization showing that the dog has earned a championship will suffice as proof of championship title.

**Section 3 — Optional Non-Regular Altered Class List.** These optional classes are divided by sex. *See Pages 13 and 14 Section 7 for Altered Class requirements regarding sterilization.*

1. Altered Novice Class — This class is for all companion dogs (except ISWS or Altered ISWS champions) 6 months of age or over that have not yet won 3 first-place prizes in the Altered Novice Class or 3 or more points towards their Altered ISWS championship prior to the date of the closing of entries.
2. Altered Open Class — This class is for all companion dogs (except ISWS or Altered ISWS champions) 6 months of age or over.
3. Altered Winners Class — *NOTE: This is not a class you enter. Dogs with a first-place win from an altered non-regular class move into this class and compete for the available points.* This class is for those undefeated dogs of the same sex that have won first-place from either of the non-regular classes listed above. Altered Winners Dog and Altered Winners Bitch are both eligible for points toward an ISWS Altered Championship.
4. Best Altered — The dog awarded Best Altered shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Altered Winners Dog or Altered Winners Bitch, whichever is greater.
5. An Altered Championship requires a total of 15 points and two majors, one of which must be won at an ISWS Specialty Show. The majors must be won under 2 different judges. 1 or more of the balance of the points shall have been won under a judge or judges other than the 2 judges that awarded majors. The Point Schedule for UKC shows will be used for counting points and will be reviewed on an annual basis.
6. No more than 5 points can be earned in any single show. Points from UKC and ICKC shows will count towards an ISWS Altered Championship and any major win will count as the second required major.
7. Entries in the Non-Regular Altered classes are not eligible to compete in any Regular Class or in any class that competes for Best of Breed.

**Section 4 — Optional Non-Regular Class List.** The following classes are additional classes that may be offered at any ISWS show by the decision of the show management. Numbers 1 through 3 are divided by sex.

1. 3 - 6 Month Puppy Class — This class is open to dogs that are 3 months of age or over, but under 6 months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show. A puppy is ineligible for this class if it has turned 6 months of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show. Winners of this class are eligible to compete in Best Puppy and Best Opposite Sex Puppy, but are not allowed to compete for championship points nor are they to be counted towards defeated dogs regarding championship points. This class is not eligible for Best of Breed competition.
2. Veterans Class — This class is open to all dogs 7 years of age or over. This class may also be divided into the following three age groups: 7 years to under 10 years; 10 years to under 13

- years ; 13 years and older. Neutered or spayed dogs are allowed in this class. This class is eligible for Best of Breed competition.
3. Stud Dog Class — Each entry shall consist of a stud dog with 2 or more of his progeny. If the show-host club permits more than 2 progeny to be shown, the upper limit must be stated in the premium list. The stud dog must be shown in the ring with his progeny. The stud dog may be neutered, but the progeny must be intact. The stud dog's owner is not required to own the progeny. All progeny shown in this class must be entered in 1 of the regular classes. The winner of this class is not eligible for Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed competition.
  4. Brood Bitch Class — Each entry shall consist of a brood bitch with 2 or more of her progeny. If the show-host club permits more than 2 progeny to be shown, the upper limit must be stated in the premium list. The brood bitch must be shown in the ring with her progeny. The brood bitch may be spayed, but the progeny must be intact. The brood bitch's owner is not required to own the progeny. All progeny shown in this class must be entered in 1 of the regular classes. The winner of this class is not eligible for Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed competition.
  5. Brace Class — A brace is defined as two dogs of the same breed that are similar in appearance, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of one handler. This class shall be judged 40% on conformation, 40% on matching looks, and 20% on difficulty of the match. Entries in this class are **not required to be intact**, to be the same sex, or to be entered in any regular class. **Both dogs must have one common owner.**
  6. Junior Handler and Junior Showmanship Classes — These classes may be offered at the discretion of the show management. There shall be 2 distinct age ranges for Junior Handler classes and 2 distinct age ranges for Junior Showmanship classes.
    - a) Junior Handler I class is for handlers aged 2 years to under 4 years (parent or other adult must be in the ring and may assist the Junior Handler);
    - b) Junior Handler II class is for handlers aged 4 years to under 8 years (parent or other adult must be in the ring and may assist the Junior Handler);
    - c) Junior Handler I and Junior Handler II may show any dog entered in any Regular or Non-Regular class, including any spayed or neutered dog;
    - d) Junior Handler I and Junior Handler II classes may be entered up to and including the day of the show. These classes should be offered at no cost;
    - e) Junior Showmanship I class is for handlers aged 8 years to under 12 years;
    - f) Junior Showmanship II class is for handlers aged 12 to under 18 years;
    - g) Junior Showmanship I and Junior Showmanship II may show any dog entered in any Regular or Non-Regular class, including any spayed or neutered dog;
    - h) Junior Showmanship I and Junior Showmanship II classes may be entered up to and including the day of the show. Entry fee for these classes is at the option of the show management.

**SECTION 5 — Sweepstakes Class List.** The following classes are optional and may be offered as a separate event at any ISWS show by the decision of the show management. All classes are divided by sex.

#### **PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES**

1. 3 – 6 Month Puppy Class — This class is open to dogs that are 3 months of age or over, but under 6 months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show.
2. 6 to 12 Month Class — This class is open to dogs that are 6 months of age or over, but under 12 months. The class may be further divided into 2 age groups: 6 months of age

but under 9 months; and 9 months of age but under 12 months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show. A dog is ineligible for this class if it has turned the limiting age on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show.

3. 12 - 24 Month Class — This class is open to dogs 12 months of age or over, but under 24 months. This class may be further divided into 3 age groups: 12 months of age but under 15 months; 15 months of age but under 18 months; 18 months of age but under 24 months. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show. A dog is ineligible for this class if it has turned the limiting age on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show.
4. Best Puppy In Sweepstakes Class (BPSS) — This class is open only to undefeated dogs of both sexes that have won first-place from any of the sweepstakes classes listed above.
5. Best Of Opposite Sex To Best Puppy in Sweepstakes (BOPSS) — After Best Puppy in Sweepstakes has been awarded, the judge shall select Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes. Dogs of the opposite sex to BPSS that have been qualified to enter the BPSS competition are eligible for this award.

#### **VETERANS SWEEPSTAKES**

1. Veterans Class — This class is open to dogs that are 7 years of age and over. The Veterans Class may be further divided into 2 other age groups: (1) 7 years and under 10 years; and 10 years or over or (2) 7 years but under 9 years; over 9 years but under 13 years; over 13 years. The age of an eligible dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the show.
2. Best Veteran In Sweepstakes Class (BVSS) — This class is open to undefeated dogs of both sexes that have won first-place from any of the veterans sweepstakes classes listed above.
3. Best Of Opposite Sex To Best Veteran In Sweepstakes (BOVSS) — After Best Veteran in Sweepstakes has been awarded, the judge shall select Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes. Dogs of the opposite sex to BVSS that have been qualified to enter the BVSS competition are eligible for this award.

#### **DIVISION OF PUPPY AND VETERAN ENTRY MONEY AS PRIZES**

35% of the total entry fees will be retained by the Club for expenses. The remaining 65% of the entry fees will be divided as follows:

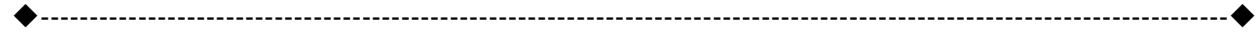
Four or more entries	First—50%	Second—25%	Third—15%	Fourth—10%
Three Entries	First—60%	Second—30%	Third—10%	
Two Entries	First—75%	Second—25%		
One Entry	First—100%			

#### **SECTION 6 — Optional Awards.**

1. Best Veteran — If Veterans Dog or Veterans Bitch is awarded Best of Breed, it shall automatically be awarded Best of Veterans; otherwise, the Best Veteran Dog and Best Veteran Bitch shall be judged together for Best of Veterans following Best of Winners and/or Best of Breed.
2. Best of Opposite Sex Veteran — Best Opposite Sex Veteran is automatically awarded to the dog or bitch not selected as Best Veteran.
3. Best Bred-By-Exhibitor — Open to the winners of the Bred-By-Exhibitor classes. If a dog or bitch entered in the Bred-By-Exhibitor class is awarded Winners and goes on to win Best of Breed, it shall automatically be awarded Best Bred-By-Exhibitor. In the event that both the

Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are from the Bred-By-Exhibitor classes, the one awarded Best of Winners shall be declared the Best Bred-By-Exhibitor.

4. Best Puppy — Open to the winners of the Puppy classes (dogs under the age of 12 months). Class winners from the 3 to 6 Month Puppy class may compete for this award as well as Best Opposite Sex Puppy. These awards should be judged separately after the completion of Best of Breed judging.
5. Awards of Merit (AOM) — Awards of Merit may be offered and awarded, at the judge’s discretion, immediately after the selection of Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex. The 3 dogs singled out for Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex are not eligible for an AOM. All other dogs remaining in the champion ring are eligible. The number of Awards of Merit eligible for presentation at any ISWS show should be approximately 5% percent of the total entry in the regular classes. The number of Awards of Merit offered at a show must be printed in the catalog. Other awards are left to the discretion of the show-host club, but must be listed on the premium list and in the catalog.



**CHAPTER 3 — CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SECTION 1 — ISWS Champion.** Any Silken Windhound that has won 15 points shall become an ISWS Champion of Record if the following conditions have been met:

1. 2 or more majors of at least 3 points each have been won. A “major” win is worth 3, 4 or 5 points, depending on the class entry;
2. The majors have been won under 2 different judges;
3. 1 or more of the balance of the points shall have been won under a judge or judges other than the 2 judges that awarded majors. Championship points must be won under at least 3 different judges;
4. At least 1 of the majors must come from an ISWS approved **specialty** show;
5. The remainder of the points may come from UKC, ICKC, NCA, ARBA or any ISWS-approved show;
6. The dog must be individually registered with ISWS.

**SECTION 2 — ISWS Dual Champion.**

Any Silken Windhound that has been awarded the title of ISWS Champion may be designated a “Dual Champion” if it has also been awarded the title of Lure Coursing Champion (ISWS or ASFA), Straight Racing Champion (ISWS or LGRA), Oval Track Racing Champion (ISWS or NOTRA) or has earned either a CC or a CM from the National Open Field Coursing Association (NOFCA). The title of Dual Champion is to recognize those dogs that have shown their superiority in adhering both to the Breed Standard and in their ability to perform in the field.

**SECTION 3 — Rules Governing Points at ISWS Shows**

Winners Dog and Winners Bitch earn points according to the schedule below.

**POINT SCHEDULE FOR ISWS SHOWS**

<b>Number of dogs in sex</b>	1	2	4	6	8	10+
<b>Number of points awarded</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5

1. The number of dogs required for points is the same for both dogs and bitches. The exhibitor counts all dogs of the same sex entered in the regular classes.

2. At SilkenFest, the National Specialty, if the regular class entry is at least double the number of entries required for a 5 point major, then Reserve Winners will earn a 3 point major. If one sex does not have double the number of regular class entries required for a 5 point major, but the other sex does, then only the sex that has double the number of regular class entries required for a 5 point major will be awarded a 3 point major for the Reserve Winner.
3. The dog awarded Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater.
4. If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, the dogs of its own sex that have been entered for Best of Breed competition and have been defeated in such competition shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points **to a maximum of 5 points.**
5. If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed competition shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points **to a maximum of 5 points.**
6. In counting eligible dogs in competition, a dog shall not be included that is disqualified, dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld.
7. At an ISWS Specialty show hosted by UKC, ICKC, NCA, ARBA, or other ISWS-approved organization, the point schedule of those organizations applies only towards their respective championships.

The ISWS Point Schedule shown above governs the number of entries required for ISWS championship points. For example, while the ICKC point schedule requires 5 dogs for a four-point major, the ISWS Point Schedule requires 6 dogs for a three-point major. Therefore, if there are 5 class males entered, the dog awarded Winners will have won a four-point major towards his ICKC championship, but it would not count as a major towards an ISWS championship as the entry was too small. If the entry were 6 class males, however, the dog would have earned a five-point ICKC major which would count as a three-point major towards an ISWS Championship.

#### **SECTION 4 — Rules Governing Points at Other Recognized Show Venues.**

The ISWS recognizes the following organizations and points earned at their shows will count towards an ISWS Championship:

- ❖ United Kennel Club (UKC)
- ❖ International Canine Kennel Club (ICKC) formerly North American Kennel Club [NAKC/Rarities]
- ❖ National Canine Association (NCA)
- ❖ American Rare Breed Association (ARBA)

#### **POINT SCHEDULE FOR UKC SHOWS**

<b>Number of dogs in sex</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6+
<b>Number of points awarded</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5

1. Points will be awarded to the Best Male and Best Female. The number of dogs required for points is the same for both dogs and bitches. The exhibitor counts all dogs of the same sex entered in the regular classes.
2. The Best of Winners is credited with the highest number of points awarded to either of the two winners (Best Male or Best Female).



3. The winner of the UKC Champion class (applies to non-ISWS Champions only) counts all dogs in this class in calculating points **to a maximum of 5 points.**
4. The winner of the UKC Grand Champion class (applies to non-ISWS Champions only) counts all dogs in this class in calculating points **to a maximum of 5 points.**
5. The winner of the Best of Breed class (applies to non-ISWS Champions only) counts the dogs of both sexes that have been entered in the Champion, Grand Champion, & regular class competitions and have been defeated in such competitions in calculating points **to a maximum of 5 points.**
6. No more than 5 points can be earned in any single show. UKC show points will count towards the ISWS championship, and any major win will count as the second required major. **1 major must be earned at an ISWS Specialty Show using the ISWS show points schedule.**
7. In counting eligible dogs in competition, a dog shall not be included that is disqualified, dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld.
8. The dog must be individually registered with the ISWS in order to be eligible for an ISWS championship.

**POINT SCHEDULE FOR NCA SHOWS**

<b>Number of dogs in sex</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6+
<b>Number of points awarded</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5

1. The number of dogs required for points is the same for both dogs and bitches. The exhibitor counts all dogs of the same sex entered in the regular classes.
2. Points will be awarded to 1 dog and 1 bitch per NCA show, whether from the Professional or Non-Professional Class. Those winning dogs are categorized by the NCA as the “Ultimate Winners”.
3. The Best of Ultimate Winners is credited with the highest number of points awarded to either of the 2 winners (Ultimate Winners Dog or Ultimate Winners Bitch).
4. No more than 5 points can be earned in any single show. NCA show points will count towards the ISWS championship, and any major win will count as the 2<sup>nd</sup> required major. **1 major must be earned at an ISWS Specialty Show using the ISWS show points schedule.**
5. In counting eligible dogs in competition, a dog shall not be included that is disqualified, dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld.

**POINT SCHEDULE FOR ICKC & ARBA SHOWS**

<b>Number of dogs in sex</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6+
<b>Number of points awarded</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5

1. The number of dogs required for points is the same for both dogs and bitches. The exhibitor counts all dogs of the same sex entered in the regular classes.
2. Points will be awarded to 1 dog and 1 bitch per ICKC or ARBA show. Those winning dogs are categorized as “Winners Dog” and “Winners Bitch”.
3. The Best of Winners is credited with the highest number of points awarded to either of the two winners (Winners Dog or Winners Bitch).
4. No more than 5 points can be earned in any single show. ICKC and ARBA show points will count towards the ISWS championship and any major win will count as the second required major. **1 major must be earned at an ISWS Specialty Show using the ISWS show points schedule.**

- In counting eligible dogs in competition, a dog shall not be included that is disqualified, dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld.

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**CHAPTER 4 — COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES**

Those countries outside of the United States should follow the rules as set forth by their respective Kennel Clubs or other show-governing bodies as closely as possible.

ISWS points will be awarded to the highest placing non-ISWS Champion dog and bitch following the point schedule below. All Regular Classes will be included in counting points for each sex. The non-regular classes which do not compete for Best of Breed are not included when counting points. The dog or bitch awarded Best in Show counts all dogs defeated of both sexes. Those individuals, associations, or ISWS-recognized clubs outside of the United States shall be required to follow both *CHAPTER 1 — MAKING APPLICATION TO HOLD AN ISWS SHOW* and *CHAPTER 9 — SUBMISSION OF SHOW RECORDS TO ISWS*.

- ❖ FCI points count towards an ISWS championship.
- ❖ German DRC and IHV points count towards an ISWS championship.
- ❖ These points will be counted retroactively to January 1, 2004.

**POINT SCHEDULE FOR NON-USA SHOWS**

<b>Number of dogs in sex</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6+
<b>Number of points awarded</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5

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**CHAPTER 5 — RIBBONS**

*Shows held in countries other than the US may use the colors appropriate to their country.*

In the Regular and the Optional Regular Classes, all independent ISWS shows shall use the following colors for ribbon/rosette/medallion sash awards:

First Prize — Blue	Winners — Purple	Best of Breed — Purple & Gold
Second Prize — Red	Reserve Winners — Purple & White	Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed — Red & White
Third Prize — Yellow	Best of Winners — Blue & White	
Fourth Prize — White	Special Prize — Dark Green	

These requirements do not apply to those ISWS shows held in conjunction with other show-host organization events.

In the Optional Non-Regular Altered Classes and the Optional Non-Regular Classes (see CH 2, Sections 3 and 4), the following colors shall be used for ribbon awards:

First Prize — Rose	Third Prize — Light Green
Second Prize — Brown	Fourth Prize — Gray

Ribbon colors and other awards for the following Optional Non-Regular Awards are left to the discretion of the show-host/committee.

Best Veteran Best of Opposite Sex Veteran Best Bred-by-Exhibitor	Best Puppy Best of Opposite Sex Puppy Best Altered	Stud Dog Brood Bitch Brace Junior Handler I & II Junior Showmanship I & II
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## **CHAPTER 6 — DOG SHOW ENTRIES**

### **SECTION 1 — Close of Entries**

Close of entries shall be a minimum of 14 days before the date of show. An earlier closing date may be specified at the discretion of the Show Committee or Show Secretary. The premium must include the date and hour that entries will close. Late entries shall not be accepted and there will be no entries on the day of the show except that Junior Handler I and II may enter up to and including the date of the show.

### **SECTION 2 — Eligibility To Change Classes**

No entry may be changed or cancelled unless notice of the change or cancellation is received in writing (email, regular post, or delivery service) by the Show Secretary named in the premium list **prior** to the closing date and hour for entries. However, a correction may be made in the sex of a dog, or a dog may be transferred from one age division of a Puppy Class to another, or between the Puppy and 12 to 18 Month Class at a show prior to the start of any regular conformation judging at the show. A dog more than 18 months of age on the first day of a show and entered incorrectly in the 12 to 18 Month Class shall be moved to the Open Class, provided the transfer is made **prior** to the start of any regular conformation judging at the show.

Dogs who, according to their owner's records, have completed the requirements for a championship after the closing of ISWS show entries, but whose championships are unconfirmed, may be transferred from the regular classes to the Best of Breed competition provided this change is made **prior** to the start of any regular conformation judging at the show. Likewise, dogs entered in the Best of Breed competition at an ISWS show may be transferred to the Open Class if their owners find they have entered the Best of Breed competition in error, provided this change is made **prior** to the start of any regular conformation judging at the show. Otherwise, no dog may be transferred to another class. A dog entered incorrectly in any other class may be moved to another class only by written (email, regular post, or delivery service) notice of such change sent to and received by the Show Secretary named in the premium list **prior** to the closing date and hour for entries.

A dog shown in a class for which it is ineligible will forfeit all wins and prizes associated with such win, but will be considered as having competed for the purpose of counting points available.

The show secretary and show committee have the sole discretion to make an informed decision regarding any class changes. In no case shall the judge's opinion be solicited. **Owners bear full responsibility for errors in the entry form**, regardless of who made such errors. No entry fee will be refunded for such error.

**SECTION 3 — Conditions Affecting Eligibility Of Dogs**

No entry may be made and no entry shall be accepted by a Show Secretary which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

1. Any Silken Windhound shall be eligible to be entered in an ISWS show if it meets one of the following conditions:
  - a) the dog is individually registered and entered into the ISWS Stud Book; or
  - b) the dog is part of an ISWS-registered litter that has been assigned a Litter Number.
2. Any Silken Windhound that is part of an ISWS-registered litter with a previously assigned Litter Number may be entered in an ISWS show. Such a dog will remain eligible to enter additional ISWS shows for 30 days after the date of the first show in which the dog was entered. The dog must be individually registered with the ISWS during that 30 day period.
3. If the dog is not individually registered with the ISWS during that 30 day period, any points, majors, or championships earned may be lost unless the owner of the dog can clearly demonstrate (in writing to the ISWS Show Recorder and the ISWS Registrar) that the delay in registration is due to circumstances beyond the control of the owner.

**SECTION 4 — Recording Entry Fee.** The ISWS Board of Directors may determine whether a recording fee, not to exceed 50 cents, may be required from every dog entered. The purpose of a recording fee is to help defray expenses involved in keeping the show records.

**SECTION 5 — Valid Entry Prerequisite.** Every dog must be entered in the name of the person(s) who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed. The right to exhibit a dog cannot be transferred. An ISWS registered dog that has been acquired by a person other than the owner of record must be entered in the name of its new owner at any show for which entries close after the date the dog was acquired. Application for transfer of ownership must be sent to the ISWS Registrar by the new owner within 7 days after the last day of the show. The new owner must state on the entry form that the transfer application has been mailed, or will be mailed shortly, to the ISWS. A reasonable extension of time may be granted by the ISWS if there is any unavoidable delay in obtaining the completed application required to record the transfer, provided the new owner notifies the ISWS Show Recorder and the ISWS Registrar by mail or email within 7 days after the show and gives the reason for the delay. If entry is made by a duly authorized agent of the owner, the name of the actual owner must be shown on the entry form.

**SECTION 6 — Acceptable Entry Prerequisite**

No entry may be accepted unless the Show Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries, receives such entry prior to the closing date/hour as published in the premium list. Entries must

1. Be submitted with the required entry fee;
2. Be signed by the owner, duly authorized agent or acceptable electronic signature;
3. Be on an Official ISWS entry form;
4. Include all of the following information:

Name of Show Host Club	Date & Country of Birth
Date of Show	Name of Breeder(s)
Registered Name of Silken Windhound & Titles	Name of Sire
Call Name	Name of Dam
Class(es) Entered	Name of Owner(s)/Co-Owner(s)
Sex	Address of Owner

All requirements of the foregoing paragraph of **SECTION 6** and all other specific requirements printed in the premium list must be met before an entry can be considered acceptable. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the loss of all awards earned at the event.

### **SECTION 7 — Other Conditions Affecting Eligibility of Dogs**

A dog that is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or that has been changed in appearance by artificial means, except as specified in the Silken Windhound Standard, or a male that does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete in any regular Specialty show classes, and will be disqualified, except that a spayed female and a neutered male (by castration or other forms of neutering such as vasectomy which result in the sterilization of the dog) may be entered in the Veteran Classes, Stud Dog Class as a stud dog or Brood Bitch Class as a brood bitch. A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure that has the effect of obscuring, disguising, or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic, or if anything is done to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait. Dewclaw removal does not affect eligibility.

*In the Altered Classes, because of health concerns regarding early neutering, dogs and bitches are not required to be altered until 24 months of age. A male dog having had a vasectomy or other form of neutering that renders a dog sterile, but leaves testis/testes intact, must carry proof of sterilization (a veterinarian's letter/certificate stating that the dog has been sterilized) when showing in the Altered Classes.*

### **SECTION 8 — Dog Behavior and Temperament**

1. In the opinion of the judge, a dog shall be excused from the ring if it exhibits any menacing or threatening signs that it may not be approached safely by the judge or examined by the judge in the normal manner. When the judge excuses the dog, he shall mark the dog "Excused", stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed. A dog recorded as "Excused for threatening or menacing" by a judge on 3 occasions will be administratively disqualified by the ISWS.
2. In the opinion of the judge, a dog that is disruptive, behaving badly and is insufficiently controlled by the handler shall be excused from the ring. When the judge excuses the dog, he shall mark the dog "Excused", stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed.
3. At the discretion of the judge, a dog that attacks any person or other dog in the ring shall be either excused or disqualified, depending on the severity of the offense. If a dog is excused twice for aggression in the ring, the dog will be administratively disqualified by the ISWS. If a dog is disqualified once for a serious incident of aggression, it will be administratively disqualified by the ISWS. When the judge excuses or disqualifies a dog for aggression in the ring, he shall mark the dog either "Excused" or "Disqualified", stating the reason in the judge's book. A dog excused or disqualified for aggression in the ring shall not be counted as having competed.
4. When a dog is disqualified under this Section, any awards at that show shall be canceled by the ISWS. The dog may not compete again unless the owner applies to the ISWS and the ISWS has sent the owner official notification that the dog's show eligibility has been reinstated.
5. In the opinion of the Event Committee, any dog that attacks a person or dog at an ISWS event, and is believed to present a hazard to people or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this Section. A report of such disqualification shall be filed with the ISWS. The disqualified dog may not compete again at any ISWS event, nor be on the grounds of an ISWS event unless the owner applies to the ISWS and the ISWS has sent the owner official notification that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

6. A dog that is lame in any class may not compete in that class. It is the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame. In situations where the judge determines a dog to be lame, the judge shall excuse the dog from the ring and withhold the awards from the dog for that class or competition. The judge shall mark the judge's book "Excused — lame". Any dog so excused will not count as having competed in the class from which it was excused. If the dog has completed previous classes at the event without being excused, it shall count as the dog having competed for those classes and it shall keep any awards received from those classes.

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## **CHAPTER 7 — THE CATALOG**

*Note: The ISWS Board of Directors may set additional requirements for format and content of the catalog.*

*Note: The club or individuals that put on a show are the sponsoring body. The ISWS is the sanctioning body for the ISWS specialty show, just as LGRA is the sanctioning body for a straight race meet.*

**SECTION 1.** Every Show Committee shall provide a printed catalog which shall contain:

1. Exact location of the show;
2. Date/dates on which the show will be held;
3. A complete specialty schedule, including starting time and estimated ending time for all shows, performance events, meals and seminars;
4. List of all officers and members of the event committee (not ISWS officers);
5. Names of all judges. Indicate the show at which each judge will officiate;
6. Name of show secretary;
7. Name of veterinarian or veterinary clinic and list as on-call or attending at the event;
8. Names of all exhibitors;
9. Information on all dogs entered in the event as described in SECTION 3 of THE CATALOG;
10. Information on all entries in Junior Handlers and Junior Showmanship;
11. Judging program.

**SECTION 2.** Every catalog must include the following on its cover or title page:

1. Name of show-giving club (this is the sponsoring body);
2. Date of show;
3. The statement, "This show is held under International Silken Windhound Society rules";
4. The International Silken Windhound Society logo (ISWS is the sanctioning body).

**SECTION 3.** The catalog shall be in book form. It shall be from 5 ½ x 8 ½ inches to 8 ½ x 11 inches. It shall contain the following information for all dogs entered, arranged in the order below:

1. Catalog number (armband number) – dogs are assigned odd numbers and bitches are assigned even numbers;
2. Registered name of dog and call name;
3. ISWS registration number or ISWS litter registration number;
4. Date and country of birth;
5. Name of breeder(s);
6. Name of sire;

- 7. Name of dam;
- 8. Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s);
- 9. Name of owner’s agent (if any);  
In Best of Breed, list if entry is a dog or a bitch.

**SECTION 4 — Catalog Order and Judging Order of Classes**

Information on dogs entered in single entry, non-regular classes that are ineligible for Best of Breed judging are catalogued in the following order:

- 1. Junior Handler 1 and Junior Handler II;
- 2. Junior Showmanship I and Junior Showmanship II;
- 3. Altered;
- 4. 3 – 6 Month Puppy.

Following the single entry, non-regular classes, regular class entries shall be catalogued in the following order. Dogs will be assigned odd-numbers and bitches will be assigned even numbers:

**Dog Entries:**

- 1. Puppy — 6 to 9 Months; 9 to 12 Months or Combined 6 to 12 Months (optional class);
- 2. 12 to 18 Months (optional class);
- 3. Novice (optional class);
- 4. Bred-by-Exhibitor (optional class);
- 5. American-Bred (mandatory class);
- 6. Field Performance Champion (optional class);
- 7. Open (mandatory class).

Winners Dog competition is held after the dog entries are judged. The first place dog in each class advances to this competition. The dog that was second to Winners Dog, if any, will return to the ring for judging of Reserve Winners Dog.

The classes shown above should be listed under the last regular dog class entry and space should be provided for owners to note the armband numbers of the class winners that will be called back to compete for Winners Dog. For example,

6 to 9 Months	#	9 to 12 Months	#
12 to 18 Months	#	Novice	#
Bred-by-Exhibitor	#	Field Performance Ch	#
American-Bred	#	Open	#
Winners Dog	#	Reserve Winners Dog	#
Number of Dogs		Points	

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Veteran Dog entries are catalogued either together in one class or can be divided into the following age divisions: a) 7 to 10 years and 10 years and over; or 7 to 9 years, 9 to 13 years and 13 years and older.

Veteran Bitch entries follow and are catalogued the same as the Veteran Dog entries. The winners of both Veteran classes are eligible to compete for Best of Breed judging and Best

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Veteran. If the class is divided into two or more age classes, the winners from both/all classes shall be judged together to determine the winner of the Veteran Dog and Veteran Bitch classes. **Both the Best Veteran Dog and the Best Veteran Bitch will advance to the Best of Breed competition.**

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**Bitch Entries** are catalogued next in the following order:

1. Puppy — 6 to 9 Months; 9 to 12 Months or Combined 6 to 12 Months (optional class);
2. 12 to 18 Months (optional class);
3. Novice (optional class);
4. Bred-by-Exhibitor (optional class);
5. American-Bred (mandatory class);
6. Field Performance Champion (optional class);
7. Open (mandatory class).

Winners Bitch competition is held after the bitch entries are judged. First place in each class advances to this competition. The bitch that was second to Winners Bitch, if any, will return to the ring for judging of Reserve Winners Bitch.

The classes shown above should be listed under the last regular bitch class entry and space should be provided for owners to note the armband numbers of the class winners that will be called back to compete for Winners Bitch. For example,

6 to 9 Months	#	9 to 12 Months	#
12 to 18 Months	#	Novice	#
Bred-by-Exhibitor	#	Field Performance Ch	#
American-Bred	#	Open	#
Winners Bitch	#	Reserve Winners Bitch	#
Number of Bitches		Points	

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After judging of bitches is completed, the Best of Breed competition is judged. Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Veteran Dog and Veteran Bitch are eligible for this competition.

**SECTION 5.** The dogs entered in the Best of Breed competition are catalogued next. Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Winners are selected from this competition as well as any Awards of Merit.

In order to record show winners in the catalog, the following should be provided with space for the names and armband numbers of the winners:

Best in Specialty (BISS)	#	Best of Opposite Sex in Specialty (BOSS)	#
Best Puppy in Regular Classes	#	Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Regular Classes	#
Best Veteran	#	Best Opposite Sex Veteran	#



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Best Bred-by-Exhibitor	#	Best Stud Dog	#
Best Brood Bitch	#	Best Brace	#

**SECTION 6.** Information on dogs entered in the following Non-Regular/Optional classes, where a judge's decision is based on the merits of more than one dog, shall be listed after the Best of Breed class. These classes include:

1) Stud Dog 2) Brood Bitch and 3) Brace and they are catalogued accordingly.

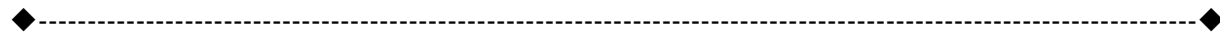
If the show-giving club permits more than 2 progeny to be shown in the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Classes, the upper limit must be stated in the premium list.

**SECTION 7.** A current schedule of championship points shall be published in the catalog at the end of bitch entries and again at the end of dog entries.

**SECTION 8.** All ribbon and medallion awards offered in a show's premium list shall be printed in the catalog. No change may be made in these published awards.

**SECTION 9.** The ISWS approved Breed Standard shall be published in the catalog at every ISWS show.

**SECTION 10.** The catalog is not to be distributed until the first day of the show.



**CHAPTER 8 — IDENTIFICATION OF ENTERED DOGS & CANCELLATION OF AWARDS**

**SECTION 1.** Every dog present in the ring for a class in which it is eligible, must continue to compete in all competition for which it is entered or becomes eligible, unless it has been excused, dismissed, disqualified or found to be ineligible under the rules.

**SECTION 2.** Any club or association hosting an ISWS show shall provide numbered armbands for every exhibitor to wear in the ring. The armband must have the catalog number of the dog being exhibited. No badges, coats with kennel names, ribbon prizes, or other visible means of identification shall be worn or displayed by an individual when exhibiting a dog in the ring.

**SECTION 3.** The following reasons are cause for cancellation of awards by the ISWS:

1. An ineligible dog was entered in an ISWS show;
2. The person named on the entry form as the owner is not the person(s) who actually owned the dog at the close of entries;
3. The dog was shown in the wrong class;
4. Per ISWS Show Rules, a dog's entry form was deemed invalid or unacceptable by the ISWS.

In computing championship points, ineligible dogs shall be counted as having competed, whether or not they have received awards.

**SECTION 4.** If the catalog and/or the judge's book of any show inadvertently includes any information contrary to the proper information on the dog's entry form, at the request of the dog's owner or handler, the Show Committee shall correct the entry in the judge's book and in the

marked catalog to be sent to the ISWS prior to the judging. After corrections are made, the dog may compete in all classes and for all prizes.

**SECTION 5.** If an award in any of the regular classes is canceled, the dog judged next in order of merit shall be moved up, and the award to the dog moved up shall be counted as if this dog received the original award. If there is no dog of record to move up, the award shall be void.

**SECTION 6.** If the ISWS cancels a dog's win, the owner of the dog shall return all prizes to the show-host club within 10 days notice of receipt of cancellation from the ISWS.

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**CHAPTER 9 — SUBMISSION OF SHOW RECORDS TO ISWS**

**SECTION 1 — Submission of ISWS Show Records.**

After each ISWS show, a catalog marked with all awards and absentee dogs certified by the Show Secretary, together with the judge's books and a report of the show, must be sent to both the ISWS Show Recorder and the ISWS Corresponding Secretary and postmarked within 14 days after the close of the show. All original entry forms must be maintained by the Show Secretary for a minimum period of 12 months after the show, and during this period these original entry forms must be available to the ISWS upon request. All recording and event service fees, if any, shall be paid to the ISWS within 14 days after the conclusion of the show.

**SECTION 2 — Submission of UKC, ICKC, NCA and ARBA Show Records.**

If no marked catalog is available, as may be the case with UKC, ICKC, NCA and ARBA shows, the name and corresponding armband number of each entry shall be compiled in the Armband Report to be sent to the ISWS along with the Show Report Form. The individual who requests the show, or another individual selected before the show, shall be responsible for compiling the Armband Report, recording the placements and wins and submitting the results on the Show Report Form. These show records must be emailed or mailed to the ISWS Show Recorder and the ISWS Corresponding Secretary and postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the show.

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**CHAPTER 10 — JUDGES' CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES**

Judges are the subject of scrutiny, both for the job they do in the ring judging dogs and how they conduct themselves in other roles. Integrity is part of the persona of the judge, and there should never be an instance where a judge's integrity is in question. For these reasons, the ISWS has adopted the following rules with regard to its conformation judges and exhibiting. These rules also apply to judges of sweepstakes or futurities held in conjunction with ISWS shows.

**SECTION 1.** A judge shall not exhibit his dogs or take any dog belonging to another person into the ring at any show at which he is officiating; nor shall a judge pass judgment in his official capacity upon any dog which he or any member of his immediate household/family has handled in the ring more than twice during the preceding twelve months.

For the purpose of **SECTIONS 1 and 7**, the members of an immediate family are: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law.

**SECTION 2.** A judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to the judge to withhold any or all prizes for want of merit. After a class has been judged in accordance with these rules and regulations, it shall not be re-judged. A class is considered judged after the judge has marked the judge's book which must be done before the following class is examined. If any errors have been made by the judge in marking the awards, he may correct the same but must initial any corrections.

**SECTION 3.** A judge may order any person or dog from the ring for the purpose of facilitating the judging. Judges are required to exclude all persons from the rings in which they are judging, except the steward(s) and the show attendants assigned to the ring and those actually engaged in exhibiting.

When a judge finds it necessary to excuse a person or dog from the ring under the provisions of this section, that judge shall mark the judge's book "excused" and briefly describe the reason for this action.

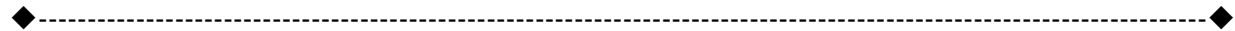
When a judge finds it necessary to order an exhibitor from the ring for cause, that judge shall mark the judge's book "ordered from the ring" and briefly describe the reason for this action. This exhibitor's dog is to be considered "excused".

**SECTION 4.** A judge's decision, as marked in the judge's book, cannot be changed by him after filing, but an error appearing in the judge's book may be corrected by the ISWS after consultation with the judge.

**SECTION 5.** If a judge disqualifies a dog at any show, he shall make a note in the judge's book, briefly describing the reasons for such disqualification. In computing championship points, said dog shall not be considered as having been present at the show

**SECTION 6.** No judge, or any person residing in the same household with a judge, shall exhibit or act as agent or handler at a show at which he is officiating as judge; dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of his household shall be ineligible to be entered at such show.

**SECTION 7.** No entry shall be made at any show under a judge for any dog which said judge or any member of the judge's immediate household/family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, or held under lease, or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show.



#### **CHAPTER 11 — PRINCIPLES OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**

The ISWS expects its members to practice and uphold the following principles of good sportsmanship in all sectors of our sport, including conformation and performance events. As such, ISWS members, exhibitors and judges should:

1. Respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs;
2. Commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace;
3. Refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior;
4. Judge only on the merits of the dogs and consider no other factors;

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5. Accept constructive criticism;
6. Decline to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dog(s);
7. Refuse to compromise the impartiality of the judge;
8. Respect the ISWS Bylaws, Rules, Regulations & Policies;
9. Find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors;
10. Welcome, encourage, and support newcomers to the sport;
11. Share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock;
12. Spurn any occasion to take personal advantage of positions offered/bestowed upon them;
13. Always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog;
14. Refuse to embarrass the sport, the International Silken Windhound Society, or themselves while taking part in the sport.