



## 2019-2020 GROOM TEAM Canada Sanctioning Information

Dear Show Promoter:

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of Groom Team Canada.

GT has made some changes in sanctioning guidelines affecting the 2019/2020 contest circuit. These rule changes are an ongoing effort to comply with accepted international rules. This ensures the best team members represent Canada in the class they excel in. Keep in mind the rule changes for classes ***do not take effect until January 1, 2019***. Applications for sanctioning must be received at the latest **5 months** prior to contests on a yearly basis. (This allows competitors to prepare their years of competitions and gives sufficient amount of time to advertise). We would encourage you to send GT the show info at the earliest possible date. **If applications are late or not approved in writing by the board the show will not be eligible for sanctioning. Sanctioning applications MUST be sent to the board each year a show is planned. The board needs to make sure the show is complying with the sanctioning guidelines on a yearly basis.**

GT would like to help make this transition as uncomplicated as possible. We will not tell you how, when or where to run your show. What we are doing is creating a simplified, uniform and cohesive contest class structure that GT recognizes for point calculation. We want to make sure we are allowing all groomers a viable goal to work towards through a structured system while ensuring we are producing the best candidates possible to represent Canada at the Worlds.

GT will be awarding points only to Open Division competitors in the four sanctioned classes:

1. Wire Coats Class (Hand Strip)
2. Sporting Class (Spaniels and Setters)
3. Poodles
4. Other Purebreds (Scissoring)

### **Show Structure**

Structure of the show, such as three tiers, two tiers or single tier, as well as any special awards such as Group awards, Best in Show and Best All Around Groomer awards remain the show promoter's decision. All class rules not specifically designated as Groom Team Canada Sanctioned remain the show promoter's decision.

### **Procedures, Policies and Protocol**

All show policies regarding awards, check in times, pre-judging, entry fees, coat growth requirements, disqualification criteria, withholding awards, specific tool use, ring policies, entry closing dates, judging system, dog qualification, etc. all remain the show promoter's decision.

## **Sanctioning**

- To qualify for sanctioning, the show promoter must offer the contestant the opportunity to enter each of the following classes; Hand Strip, Sporting, Poodle and Other Purebred.
- Sanctioned classes must be judged by an experienced Judge in the Competitive Grooming Industry.
- Judges for the Open division may not be active competitors in the industry. If judges change from the time of sending in your application please make the board aware of changes.
- Potential judges must be listed on the sanctioning application.
- Show promoter must provide the four classes independent of one another. Only non-sanctioned classes may run simultaneously with sanctioned classes.
- Exception: If Poodles are split into two classes (large and small), one of the Poodle classes may run simultaneously with one of the other three classes.
  1. When Poodles are split, three finalists from each Open Division Poodle class will be selected to compete simultaneously in order to establish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Poodle Class points.
  2. Shows that offer Group Awards must designate that only the final Poodle class point winners will be eligible to represent Open division in the Poodle Group.

## **Application and Acceptance Criteria**

- Show must offer the four GT sanctioned classes using the GT sanctioned rules and parameters for these classes.
- Show promoter must submit a signed GT application form to the board 5 months prior to date of show. This application needs to be submitted on a yearly basis.
- Show Management must provide the official GT sanctioned grievance form with the rules.
- Show Management must agree to enforce the GT rules as provided.
- Once GT Board of Directors has issued written approval, show promoter may advertise their show as a Groom Team Canada Sanctioned Show.
- Show Management must record GT sanctioned class placements on the official results form, with authorized signature of show representative and submit to the GT Coordinator within 7 days following the last day of the show. Forms can be filled out digitally on the website and emailed in or printed, scanned and emailed to [info@groomteamcanada.ca](mailto:info@groomteamcanada.ca)
- It is strongly suggested the show must host a competitors meeting and have the code of ethics read at the beginning of each meeting (this will help competitors to be aware of the code of ethics). Code of ethics can be found under the Show Promoters tab on the website.
- Show must offer booth space to GTC for fundraising purposes.
- Failure to abide by GT criteria could result in loss of future GT Sanctioning.

All applications should be returned no later than 5 months prior to show date to the GT Canada Board  
[info@groomteamcanada.ca/](mailto:info@groomteamcanada.ca)

Sincerely,  
Groom Team Canada Board of Directors

I have read and agree to abide by the sanctioning guidelines put forth in this document.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_