

FBDCA Guidelines for Supported Entries and Sweepstakes

Any FBDCA member in good standing can request that the club support the French Bulldog entry at an all breed show. Further, that member can request a French Bulldog Sweepstakes at that show. These two types of events have very different requirements, which are outlined below.

It is important to understand that the AKC is not involved with a supported entry. That is an agreement between the FBDCA and the all breed club giving the show where the FBDCA would support the French Bulldog entry. A Sweepstakes on the other hand requires both an invitation from the all breed club and an Event Application submitted to the AKC by the FBDCA and approved by the AKC.

SUPPORTED ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The FBDCA supports the French Bulldog entry at all breed shows to showcase our breed and to encourage exhibitors to enter.

I. The Requester

- A. Any request must be from an FBDCA member in good standing, either making the request as an individual or on behalf of a **developing** French Bulldog regional club.
- B. A club may apply for one (1) supported entry per year, requesting medallions and financial support of \$100.00.
- C. Individuals with NO local club assistance may apply for one (1) supported entry per year, requesting medallions and financial support of \$200.00.
- D. A club or individual may be approved to hold more than one (1) supported entry, however no financial support or medallions will be available from the FBDCA.
- E. The member requesting the supported entry agrees to serve as a Chair for the event, carrying out any needed duties related to the host all-breed club, trophies, venue, publicity, etc.
- F. The member requesting must agree to keep the FBDCA board advised of plans so that the information may be included in our communications with members.

II. How to Request A Supported Entry

- A. A request for approval to hold a supported entry at an all-breed show will consist of the following:
 - 1. A completed *Application for FBDCA Supported Entry*
 - 2. Invitation or letter of agreement from host all-breed club. If a

sweepstakes is being requested in addition to the supported entry, the letter of invitation / agreement must include that information.

3. To request a Sweepstakes in addition to the supported entry, see below (Section on Sweepstakes Requirements)

B. The request, consisting of the information above, should be sent to the club secretary via snail mail or email. (Susan Simon, 13668 S. 36th St., Vicksburg, MI 49097 or epicfrogs@gmail.com)

C. The secretary will inform the rest of the FBDCA Board and the Board will vote on the request. The secretary will notify the requester of the results (usually positive). Requester will convey results to the host all breed club.

III. When to Request a Supported Entry

A. Your request to the FBDCA must be received **at least six months (24 weeks)** before the closing date of the show.

B. Do NOT submit any materials separately. The Supported Entry Application and the invitation from the host all breed club must be submitted together.

IV. Medallions/Trophies

A. The FBDCA will provide club medallions as trophies for BOB, BOS, WD, WB, select dog, select bitch, High in Trial for Obedience, High Combined for rally, and High-Scoring for agility (If these classes are offered). The Supported Entry Chair may choose to provide additional trophies for the supported entry.

B. Consider requesting that the host club provide rosettes for major placements (BOB, BOS, WD, WB), and high scoring French Bulldog in performance/companion events.

C. Also consider:

- a. A Meet the Breed type table at the Supported Entry
- b. Ringside hospitality for exhibitors (if permitted)

V. Finances

A. If the host club refunds portions of entry fees, the money goes to the FBDCA Show Fund.

B. If the event chair chooses to raise funds for additional trophies, or for other purposes, that person will be responsible for accurate accounting.

C. The FBDCA will, on request of the club member requesting the supported entry, provide up to \$100 (\$200.00 for individuals) for amenities,

hospitality, etc. (as stated in I, B & C)

D. The FBDCA will have a cap of \$2000.00 spent per calendar year on Supported Entries.

VI. Geographic and/or Numeric Limitations

A. No limits are set on the number of supported entries at a cluster, the number per year, or geographic location.

VII. Post-Event Requirements

A. Following the show, the results of the French Bulldog competition must be submitted to the FBDCA Secretary within ten (10) days following the event. These results may be in the form of a marked catalog, tear sheet, or digital file.

B. Any unused medallions will be returned to the FBDCA Secretary within 10 calendar days of the supported entry.

SWEEPSTAKES REQUIREMENTS

A Sweepstakes may be held in addition to the supported entry, if the following requirements are met.

I. What You Need To Know

A. If you decide to offer Puppy and/or Veteran Sweepstakes you will need to fill out the AKC Application for a Show/Trial. This is available on the AKC website at www.akc.org/pdfs/AEDAT1.pdf. This must be done in conjunction with the FBDCA Secretary as the AKC application must be signed by an officer of the FBDCA.

B. No Sweepstakes will be approved that conflict with the dates of the FBDCA National Specialty.

II. The Requester

A. Any request must be from an FBDCA member in good standing, either making the request as an individual or on behalf of a **developing** French Bulldog regional club.

B. The member requesting the sweepstakes agrees to serve as a Chair for the event, carrying out any needed duties related to the host all-breed

club, trophies, venue, publicity, etc.

C. The member requesting must agree to keep the FBDCA board advised of plans so that the information may be included in our communications with members.

III. Information Needed

A. The person requesting the sweepstakes must submit a completed *Application for FBDCA Sweepstakes* along with a letter of invitation from the host club. This may be included in the letter of invitation for holding a supported entry.

B. The requesting member/club representative acting as Chair must secure a Sweepstakes Judge and inform the FBDCA Secretary of that persons name and address. The club secretary will then send a letter contract to the judge and notify the Chair upon receiving a signed acceptance. The sweepstakes judge will not receive any fee or compensation for expenses. (Note: judges name must be on the AKC Event Application form.)

C. The member/regional club representative acting as the event Chair must also inform the Sweepstakes Judge of the *AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 13 on who can exhibit to a Judge (including Sweepstakes) and AKC rules on a Sweepstakes judge showing during the weekend of an assignment.

D. **Well in advance of the event** the Chair must supply the club secretary with the completed Sweepstakes application to sign.

FBDCA MUST RECEIVE THE APPLICATION NO LATER THAN 24 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED SHOW.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AKC NO LATER THAN 18 WEEKS BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF THE EVENT.

E. The person requesting the sweepstakes must specify the planned classes for sweeps, division of prize money, and any conditions and requirements for entry in sweeps and veteran sweeps. This information must be conveyed to the host club and/or show superintendent / secretary as well as to the FBDCA.

IV. Information for Premium Lists and Show Catalogs

The following are the Guidelines for all sweepstakes at French Bull Dog Club of America specialty events and must be adhered to by local show committees hosting FBDCA specialties and printed in all premium lists and catalogues. Entry fees and prize money distribution are left to the discretion of the Show Chair / Show Committee to be published in accordance with AKC Rules.

Sweepstakes:

Sweepstakes is open to all French Bulldogs at least 6 months of age but under 18 months of age, which are NOT Champions of Record and which have not completed the requirements for championship prior to the closing of entries for this Sweepstakes. Dogs shown in Sweepstakes must also be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee.

Classes: 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18, divided by sex.

Veteran Sweepstakes:

The Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all French Bulldogs that are 7 years of age or older on the day of the show. Veteran Sweepstakes may be Champions or non-champions. Neutered dogs & spayed bitches are eligible to compete. Winners will not be allowed to go on to any placement in the rest of the show as a result of participating in the Veteran Sweepstakes Classes. Dogs shown in Veteran Sweepstakes need not be entered in one of the regular classes or at the regular entry fee.

Classes: 7-9 years of age, Over 9 years of age, divided by sex.

Dogs that are bred and owned by a professional handler may compete in the FBDCA Sweepstakes. Dogs not bred and owned by a professional handler may not be exhibited by a professional handler at FBDCA Sweepstakes.

Professional Handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

V. Financial Considerations

A. Sweepstakes applications are not eligible for financial or medallion support from the FBDCA.

B. The requesting member/club is responsible for raising money for trophies and Sweepstakes winnings. Confirm with your secretary/superintendent that prize money will be ringside on show day.

VI. Post-Event Requirements

A. Following the show, a marked catalog, tear sheet, or digital file of the results of the French Bulldog competition must be submitted to the FBDCA Secretary within ten (10) days following the event.

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