

## **MASTIFF CLUB OF AMERICA BREEDER'S CUP**

### **RESULTS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE AWARDS BANQUET.**

Purpose: In the Breeder's Cup Competition, the breeder or co-breeder is making a statement about his/her breeding program based on a group of three dogs.

- How consistent is the trio in the areas of overall impression, head, structure, movement, presence and consistency in breed type.
- How closely does the trio adhere to the Mastiff Standard?

The Breeder's Cup will be held before the actual judging of the Specialty classes. In this competition, each entry consists of a trio of dogs bred by the same breeder or co-breeder. Each trio is to be judged by a three-judge panel of experts on the breed, using a point system.

Entry in the MCOA Breeder's Cup Competition is open to MCOA members and Associate members in good standing only.\*

**\*In Good Standing – members and associate members that are not in a suspended status with AKC or MCOA.**

### **ETHICS -**

While the Breeder's Cup is a non-regular event, this function will be held under the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Code of Ethics as is any AKC sponsored event. Examples include but are not limited to:

1) Judges should advise potential exhibitors not to enter under you when their presence or the presence of their dogs might give the impression of unfair advantage. Examples include but are not limited to:

- ...your employer or an employee.
- ...a relative.
- ...a person with whom you co-own dogs.
- ...a person with whom you co-breed dogs.
- ...a person with whom you travel to dog shows.

2) Exhibitors should not to enter under a judge when their presence or the presence of their dogs might give the impression of unfair advantage. Examples include but are not limited to:

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

## PROCEDURE

1. The total Breeder's Cup entry will not be brought into the ring together.
2. In numerical order, the first three trios of mastiffs will enter the ring. (Nine dogs at a time).
3. Each judge will take a trio for the hands on exam.
4. The scoring is based on the presentation of the trio as a whole.
5. The judges will work through the first three sets until each judge has completed the hands on examination of each dog.
6. Each dog in the trio will be gaited and restacked. Then each trio will move to the end of the line. Judges will complete the scoring (using one score sheet for each trio) and turn in those score sheets.
7. Judging will continue in this manner until all groups are judged.
8. Score sheets will be tallied and the top five (5) groups (15 dogs total) will re-enter the ring for final judging.
9. Score sheets will be returned to the judges and the judges will review their scores, making any changes in their scoring by drawing a line through previous score(s) and writing new score to the right of the old score.
10. The time allotted for final review will be kept to a maximum of 15 minutes. Judges will **NOT** re-examine any dog at this point.
11. Score sheets are then turned over to the designated Statistician for final tabulation.
12. The Statistician will provide the results in a sealed envelope directly to the MCOA President who will announce the winners and deliver awards to those winners at the Awards Banquet.
13. The Top Five award winners grand Totals of the three judging sheet results will be posted in the MCOA Journal National edition. Copies of the individual results for all entrants will be available in a sealed envelope for each Breeder/Co-Breeder at the conclusion of the National, after which time, if not retrieved, they will be destroyed.

Effective Date: 11/1/2012

**BREEDER'S CUP**

**Entry Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Points** **Entry's Score**

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**Overall Impression-** Size, Color, Balance 1 – 20

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**Head-** Size, Bite, Mask, Expression 1 – 20

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**Structure-** Chest, Topline, Rear, Feet 1 – 20

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**Movement-** Down & Back, Side Gait 1 – 20

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**Presence & Temperament** 1 – 20

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**Consistency in Type** 1 – 30

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**Example of Judges Selection Letter.**

MASTIFF CLUB OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL SPECIALTY

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

You have been selected to judge one of the special classes at the MCOA National Specialty, the Breeder's Cup event. This is an honor not to be taken lightly. You are recognized as a person able to judge a good Mastiff, no matter who is on the other end of the lead. While this event is a non-regular class, MCOA requires that all events be held in accordance with the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and Code of Ethics. You, as a judge of this event, have the right to excuse any handler where there may be a conflict of interest based on those codes.

As you know, these classes can be quite lengthy and sometimes boring for the spectators and exhibitors. With this in mind, we have streamlined the score sheets and set up new ring procedures. Hopefully, this will speed up these classes and hold everyone's interest.

I am sending you a copy of these guidelines and score sheets so that you can familiarize yourself with the procedure, in advance of show time. Please review the Standard to reinforce your knowledge of the correct Mastiff. Be positive, make your decision, and score appropriately. The Top Five award winners grand totals of the three judging sheet results will be posted in the MCOA Journal National edition. Copies of the individual results for all entrants will be available in a sealed envelope for each Breeder/Co-Breeder at the conclusion of the National, after which time, if not retrieved, they will be destroyed.

On behalf of the MCOA National Specialty Committee and the MCOA Board Directors, thank you for accepting this judging assignment. If you have any questions, please call me at 319-643-5315 or you may email me at [nyalmast@Lcom.net](mailto:nyalmast@Lcom.net)

Julia Kriebs  
MCOA Breeder's Cup Chairman

## **GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL BREEDER'S CUP COMPETITION**

### **PRE-BREEDER'S CUP**

Addressing the overall problem of lack of communication and confusion over procedure, a few preparatory steps should be taken:

- The Breeder's Cup Procedure and Scoring Sheet will be sent to the appointed judges ahead of time for their review and preparation. Additionally, a copy of the Mastiff standard should be available for review.
- Plan to meet with the three Breeder's Cup judges before judging time to answer any questions. Instruct them to work as a team to keep ring procedure and judging time reasonable. Pick a LEAD person within the judges to keep the pace.
- Remember this can be a boring event for the audience, as many do not understand the judging process. May want to have a handout and example score sheets available for anyone with questions.
- Pay attention to where the photographer/videographer is placed in relation to the dogs. Consider the video and plan appropriately.
- The selected Statisticians will:
  - Not be allowed to be exhibitors in the Breeder's Cup competition
  - Must be an MCOA member
  - Be at ringside in a private area.
  - Tally up the score sheets as they are turned in.
  - Upon completion of judging, the Statistician will total the second set of scores.
  - Enclose the final results in a sealed envelope, and deliver the envelope directly to the MCOA President.
  - Ensure that all scores and score sheets are not left out after judging is complete.
- **The results will be held in the strictest confidence until the Awards Banquet.**
- The MCOA President will announce with winners and deliver awards to those winners at the Awards Banquet.
- The results of the score sheets will be posted after the Awards Banquet and a copy of the score sheets will be provided to each Breeder/Co-Breeder.
- Winner Breakdown is:
  - 3rd runner-up
  - 2nd runner-up
  - 1st runner-up
  - Breeder's Cup Winner