

Hello,

As per your request, here is the information to begin the process of having a sanctioned club with the American Dog Breeders Association. We are very excited to have a club in your area!

To have your club sanctioned, there are certain steps that are required. These steps are outlined in the ***How to Begin/Requirements to Form an A.D.B.A. Sanctioned Club*** sheet. It's important for your club to follow these steps and upon completion submit the information to the ADDBA office for review. Once the information is received, we will determine if your club is eligible for sanctioning. If your club is approved, you'll be able to start planning for your upcoming events!

If you have further questions, feel free to contact me directly at 801-936-7513 (option #3). Email: heather@adbadoq.com

I look forward to working with you in the future; thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather DeVito". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather DeVito
ADDBA Show Manager

HOW TO BEGIN/REQUIREMENTS TO FORM AN A.D.B.A. SANCTIONED CLUB

Establish Club Membership:

Before you can become an ADBA Sanctioned Club, you will need to have approximately 20 - 30 paying members. The club's name as well as the yearly membership fee is to be the decision of the committee in charge of the formation of the club. (*e.g. \$25.00 for a single person and \$35.00 for a married couple/family.*) **A list of club's membership is required and must be included when applying for ADBA Sanctioned club approval.**

Club Officers:

After you have established your membership, the club officer positions will need to be filled. This can be accomplished by selection, appointment or election for a club's 1st year officer positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Optional officers are Public Relations and Local Legislative Agent (LLA). **A complete list of all officers of the club as outlined in clubs By-Laws must be submitted when applying for ADBA Sanctioned status.**

Establish Clubs Constitution and By-Laws.

The club will need to establish their individual Constitution & By Laws (sample copy is available in the Club Kit for club's review). This describes duties of the officers, clubs mission statement, procedures of operation, etc. **A copy of the club's Constitution & By-Laws is required when applying for ADBA Sanction status.**

Establish a Checking Account for The Club:

Start a checking account in the club's name with the membership fees. (Signatures of two officers **who do not reside in the same household** are required on account). *Keep in mind that all fees collected are that of the club and not one individual person. All monies collected will go toward club functions, shows, etc. Detailed information should be kept by the club treasurer regarding club funds. Club books to be open to membership as outlined in clubs By-Laws on file with ADBA.*

Establish relationships of good will to sister clubs within their area.

Acceptance letters from any/all existing ADBA sanctioned clubs within your area (300 miles) will greatly affect the outcome when applying for ADBA sanctioning. Therefore, we strongly advise that all new forming clubs acquire an official **letter of "welcome/good will" from all existing ADBA sanctioned clubs within your area to accompany your request to be recognized as an ADBA Sanctioned Club.**

Once your club has completed the steps listed above, submit the following: a complete list of club members and club officers (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses); club's Constitution & By-Laws; letters of acceptance from clubs within a 300 mile radius.

Please mail completed information to

ADBA
(Attn: Heather)
P.O. Box 1771
Salt Lake City, UT 84110

You may also email all documents to heather@adbadoq.com

SAMPLE OF ADBA CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: The name of the club will be: _____

SECTION 2: The objectives of the club shall be:

- A: To promote the positive image of the breed and do all in its power to protect, educate and advance the interests of the breed.
- B: To promote the positive image of the owners and breeders through public education and responsible ownership.
- C: Not to condone the use of the breed for any illegal activity, by club members or nonmembers
- D: To encourage and uphold selective and responsible breeding of purebred American Pit Bull Terriers; accenting their finest qualities of loyalty character, courage, heart, adaptability, agility, intelligence, spirited and affectionate disposition.
- E: To do all in our power to promote fair conduct toward all at breed shows
- F: To sponsor ADBA breed shows and other club activities for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of the American Dog Breeders Association Inc. that are in the best interest and welfare of the breed.

SECTION 3:

The club is considered a separate entity, therefore club dues, donations and/or moneys shall not be used to the benefit of any one member or individuals. All dues, donations, or moneys shall go to the club treasury and shall be accessible to authorized member of club only for purposes designated by popular vote of members.

SECTION 4:

The club will not tolerate the use of alcoholic beverages, profane or obscene language, or unlawful drugs at meetings or club-sponsored affairs by members or attending guests.

SECTION 5: Membership Eligibility:

Membership shall be open to persons only by sponsorship of one or more existing members of the club. Perspective members will be required to read a copy of the club's constitution and by-laws and agree to comply with it. All minors will need written parental consent before the club will consider membership application. All minors must also have parents consent to join if the parents are non- members.

SECTION 6: Membership Dues:

Dues shall be \$____. 00 per year for one person, \$____. 00 family membership per year. Dues shall be payable to the 1st day of January each year. No member shall vote on any club business whose dues are not paid for the current year. Dues are not refundable. A family membership allows two votes on any club business.

SECTION 7: Offices of club leadership:

PRESIDENT: The duty of the President is to head all meetings and shall have the duties and powers that are normally pertain to the office to the president in addition to those particularly specified in these constitutions and by-laws.

VICE PRESIDENT: The duties of the Vice President are the duties of the president in the event the president is absent due to the incapacity or death. The Vice president will also assist the president in any club business when his help is needed.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep roll of all members' attendance at club meetings and club activities. Secretary will be responsible for recording all minutes of meetings of the officers, all matters of which the membership casts a vote and all club matters of importance. The Secretary shall have an accurate record of all members names and contact information. The Secretary shall be responsible for contacting and submitting to ADBA all changes of officers each December, and/or when contact information of officer(s) changes.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all money and dues belonging to the club. He/She shall deposit the amount in a bank approved by the officers in the name of the club. The treasurers books shall be always open to the inspection of the club officers and a full report of the financial standing of the club at all regular meeting or when called on to do so. Treasure shall use the bookkeeping method of:

_____ (Indicate here name of bookkeeping method for Treasure to use – Quick Books, etc) to record all clubs financial activities. Annual treasurers report will be submitted for publication in the club's annual newsletter. Two signatures are required for withdrawal of funds, not residing in the same household.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR: The duties of the publicity director are to keep the club's membership informed of the clubs status and activities via clubs newsletter(s), and to promote the club and its activities through advertising media. Information concerning all up coming club activities and events are to be distributed to the club membership by the publicity director. (No less than one newsletter per year is to be submitted to the membership and sanctioning body.)

LOCAL LEGISLATIVE LIAISON (s): The duty of the Local Legislative liaison is to obtain and be knowledgeable of ordinances and laws existing in the surrounding area, and to keep abreast of all new and/or purposed ordinances as they happen pertaining to animal ordinances, BSL, etc. The legislative liaison will provide a full report of area ordinances and laws as well as activities of it at no less than one club meeting, or when called on to do so. A copy of report(s) is to be given to the clubs Publicity Director for publication in clubs newsletter, the office of the ADBA as often as necessary to keep all parties informed the legislative liaison(s) must notify the sanctioning body (ADBA) as well as the clubs Secretary of any/all change(s) of email address and/or phone number in a prompt and timely manner.

SECTION 8:

Membership will be beginning on January 1 each year and end on December 31.

SECTION 9:

The election of officers upon term expiration shall occur at the December meeting of the club. Nominations shall be taken at the November meeting before the December meeting. Term of Office for President _____, Vice President _____, Secretary _____ Treasurer: _____ Publicity Director _____ Legislative liaison(s) _____. (Term of office is to be no less than 1 year, and no more than 3 years) Terms will be decided by membership and listed here in clubs' constitution and bylaws and filed with the ADBA.

SECTION 10:

The majority of the members present shall make voting. The newly elected officers shall take over their duties on the first day of January.

SECTION 11:

The president and other officers can make the appointment of Special Committee as the need arises in the club. One (1) or more person(s) may be appointed by the club president to assist the club officer(s) in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 12: Termination of Membership:

- A: By resignation: any member may resign from the club by submitting a written notice to the president. No member can resign when in debt to the club.
- B: By lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed automatically terminated if such member(s) dues remain unpaid 30 days after January 1.
- C: By expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion. The expulsion process is as follows.
 - 1) Charges: Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the club and/or breed.
 - 2) Hearing: The member charged with alleged misconduct shall be allowed to state his defense at the next regular club meeting. Members may vote to drop the charges, suspend the member for a period up to three months, or expulsions, if the charges warrant. Majority of members present must vote for this action.

SECTION 13: Dissolution:

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of dissolution of the club whether voluntary or involuntary, or by notice of the American Dog Breeders Association Inc. none of the property of the club, any proceeds thereof or any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club. All payments of the debts of the club will be paid and any proceeds thereafter shall be donated to the American Dog Breeders Association for the further benefit of the American Pit Bull Terrier.

SECTION 14: Exclusivity:

The club pledges that upon achieving ADBA sanctioned status, club property, assets, equipment, promotions, functions, information (membership lists etc.) are to be used exclusively for the promotion of ADBA events and/or ADBA club(s) advancement. Exclusivity violation will result in the immediate dissolution of club by the American Dog Breeders Association Inc. All club debts will be paid, and any proceeds thereafter shall be donated to the American Dog Breeders Association Inc. Legislative fund for the further benefit of the American Pit Bull Terrier.

SECTION 15: Amendments:

No amendment to the Constitution and By-laws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been submitted and approved by the American Dog Breeders Association Inc.

THIS IS A SAMPLE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. IF YOUR CLUBS VERSION OF THIS VARIES IN ANY WAY, BE SURE IT CONTAINS THE REQUIRED ITEMS AS LISTED BELOW, BEFORE YOU MAIL IT TO ADBSI FOR YOUR CLUBS SANCTIONING REQUEST.

**SECTION 2: A, C & F
SECTION 3:
SECTION 4:
SECTION 7**

**SECTION 9: IN ITS ENTIRETY
SECTION 13: IN ITS ENTIRETY
SECTION 14: IN ITS ENTIRETY
SECTION 15: IN ITS ENTIRETY**

A.D.B.A. Sanctioned Event Requirements and Guidelines

DOG SHOW DEFINED:

- An American Dog Breeders Association Sanctioned Point Show is an event in which the American Pit Bull Terrier will be judged by a reputable American Dog Breeders Association Sanctioned Judge according to the Conformation Standard of the American Dog Breeders Association Inc. to indicate a degree of breed excellence. This event is held according to the ADBA show rules and points are awarded for dogs placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class as well as 3 overall trophy awards. These points are accumulative toward an American Dog Breeders Assoc. Conformation Championship.

HOLDING ADBA SANCTIONED EVENTS

Upon achieving ADBA Sanctioning, club must host their first sanctioned event (which may consist of two conformation shows, two weight pulls, and/or two Top Dog Athletic Events within twelve (12) months of the date of sanction. Prior to requesting any sanctioned event, all clubs must have no less than 2 fun conformation & wt. pull events. (All fun show results are to be sent into the ADBA office for review prior to requesting club's 1st ADBA sanctioned event.)

Entry Fees and Distribution Breakdown

The entry fee for entering a dog in any ADBA sanctioned event is \$25.00 per class.

Breakdown is as follows:

- \$2.00 per dog entered in conformation/weight pull/top dog. (This amount is to be given to judge directly after show is judged.)
- \$15.50 per dog retained by hosting club. (Within this amount, \$1.00 per dog can be retained by the hosting club or donated to an organization of their choice to help fight Breed Specific Legislation)
- \$6.50 per dog payable to the ADBA for show receipts (to be submitted with judges' books and receipts payable to ADBA)
- \$1.00 per dog payable to the ADBA Legislative Fund (to be submitted with judges' books and receipts payable to ADBA Legislative Fund)

SHOW COORDINATOR/SUPERINTENDANT:

- The club officer appointed by the club to chair the show. The duties include: setting the show date; procuring the site; acquiring information so president can petition the ADBA; seeing to the erection of judging ring; procuring the ring stewards; seeing that the grounds are cleaned after the dog show; being responsible for supervising registration of all entries into all classes (or appoint someone to do same); maintaining order; furnishing the stewards with names of entries in all classes; furnishing the judge with the Judges book; being in charge of show committee and performing other such duties as to make the dog show successful. The ADBA will only work with one show coordinator per club when deciding the club's show date and making arrangements for the event.

APPLYING TO HOLD A SANCTIONED SHOW:

- All clubs' sanctioned events are coordinated to avoid conflict when possible. Clubs are required to request show dates at least 6 months in advance and have more than one date available when contacting the show department (801) 936-7513 option #3 or email heather@adbadoq.com to reserve a show date. (Show dates are reserved on a first come, first served basis, and may only be reserved up to one year in advance. It is the club's responsibility to contact the show department to reserve show dates in a timely manner.) All show dates reserved are considered temporary and may be released if Release Waiver & Indemnity Agreement is not received by this office within 30 days of show date request. Upon receipt of the release waiver (the contract for hosting the event), the ADBA will consider the show confirmed on our show calendar. **Once the release waiver is submitted and the show is confirmed it cannot be canceled.** The ADBA

will work with each club individually and take all judges requests under consideration, but the final decision is that of the ADBA.

- For a show to be considered as an official sanctioned event, all shows must be featured in the ADBA Show Calendar in the issue of the GAZETTE published *prior* to the show date. Shows are also listed on the ADBA Web-site under the show calendar section.

Shows held in the months of April, May & June must be featured in the “Spring” issue of the GAZETTE. ***Release waiver must be received by January 1st***

Shows held in the months of July, August & September must be featured in the “Summer” issue of the GAZETTE. Release waiver must be received by ***April 1st***

Shows held in the months of October, November & December must be featured in the “Fall” issue of the GAZETTE. Release waiver must be received by ***July 1st***

Shows held in the months of January, February & March must be featured in the “Winter” issue of the GAZETTE. Release waiver must be received by ***October 1st***

- Point shows may consist of 2 conformation shows, 2 weight pulls, and 2 Top Dog Athletic Events to be held on a Friday night, Saturday, and/or Sunday. Clubs may submit an official request to host additional events, but it must be approved by the ADBA board of Directors and must be held in conjunction with the other events on the reserved show weekend.

JUDGES:

- Any reputable person who is in good standing with the ADBA and is qualified through training and/or experience to judge the breed using the ADBA Conformation Standard may contact the ADBA for a sanction to judge. The ADBA arranges for each judge at all ADBA Sanctioned Point Shows. Clubs can request a judge, but the final appointment is the decision of the ADBA.
- The ADBA will not approve any of the officers of the hosting club to judge the show.
- The judge may not enter a dog to be judged in the show he/she is judging. Dogs also may not be entered by family members in said show.
- The judge may not advertise any kennel, commercial product, or dog club during a show that he is judging. The club holding the show shall not advertise the judge until approval is given by the ADBA.
- In the event the advertised judge cannot fulfill his/her engagement to judge, the club - with the approval of the ADBA, can substitute another ADBA Sanctioned Judge.
- In the event a judge is unable to finish judging an event, the club president or officer may appoint a qualified person to finish the judging.
- Persons registering dogs into the classes should be exacting, as a judge’s decision is final in all classes affecting the merits of the dogs.
- A class is considered judged when the judge has marked his book. The judge’s assistant, or ring steward under the direction of the judge may do this, but the judge must sign all entries. The marking of the judge’s book must be done before the next class is judged. Any mistakes found after the book is turned into the ADBA can only be changed upon verification of the judge.
- A judge may dismiss any person or dog from the ring without a refund as he sees fit for cause.
- The judge will be provided a judge’s book through the hosting club, supplied by the ADBA. Points toward Conformation Championship will be recorded from the book.
- A judge may not begin judging earlier than the advertised time.

CLUBS RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS JUDGES:

- The ADBA requires that the club hosting an ADBA Point Show demonstrate common courtesy and respect to the judge. He is a guest of your club, and most importantly a top-rated dog person.
- The club sponsoring the show is to provide an airline ticket for the judge or make arrangements

for the judge to drive him/herself to the show. (Unless the club and judge have an alternate agreement, we suggest the club pay the equivalent of the cost of an airline ticket to the judge if he/she chooses to drive.) The club will pay lodging for the judge (recommended two nights) for the fact that the ADBA encourages out of area judges for point shows.

- Meals as well as transportation to and from the airport, and motel/hotel to show site is to be provided by the club for judges, if they do not have their own transportation.

DOGS ELIGIBILITY FOR ADBA POINT SHOWS:

- Dogs must be ADBA registered.
- Dogs must be at least four months of age (to the date of its birth) to be entered in an ADBA Sanctioned Point Show. This is an effort to protect the temperament of the young dogs and to lead to more fair and accurate judging.
- All entries must be on a 4' leash with adequate collars and a proper fit so a dog cannot back out of its collar. Only belt buckle collars may be used. (No choke chains or pinch collars allowed.)
- No spayed or neutered dogs will be shown.
- No bitches in heat will be shown.
- **No dog that is aggressive toward humans will be shown. If a man aggressive dog is entered, it will be dismissed with no refund given.**
- All dogs to be in crates at all times, except when being shown. No wire crates allowed.

STEWARDS:

- The club giving the dog show will appoint two Ring Stewards. The Judge can furnish his own Stewards if desired.
- The Stewards should be familiar with the ADBA Standard and all show rules. These duties are spelled out in detail in the article, "The Judges Right Hand Man."

CONFORMATION CLASSES:

- The following classes are to be held.

Puppy classes:

Males	4 to 6 months
Females	4 to 6 months
Males	6 to 9 months
Females	6 to 9 months
Males	9 to 12 months
Females	9 to 12 months

Puppy Classes - Placement Point Breakdown:

1st place ribbon - 5 points
 2nd place ribbon - 3 points
 3rd place ribbon - 2 points

Additional points are awarded to those placing over 10 dogs in their class.

1st place - 8 points
 2nd place - 5 points
 3rd place - 3 points

Best Puppy Trophy - (10 points): This class is held following the puppy classes with the competition consisting of all 1st place puppy class winners.

Adult classes:

Males	12 to 18 months
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Females 12 to 18 months

Males	18 to 24 months
Females	18 to 24 months
Males	2 to 3 years
Females	2 to 3 years
Males	3 to 5 years
Females	3 to 5 years
Males	5 years and older
Females	5 years and older

Adult Class - Placement Point Breakdown:

1st place ribbon - 10 points
 2nd place ribbon - 5 points
 3rd place ribbon - 3 points

Additional points are awarded to those placing over 10 dogs in their class.

1st place ribbon - 15 points
 2nd place ribbon - 8 points
 3rd place ribbon - 5 points

All placement points will accumulate toward achievement of the title of Champion (100 pts)

Best of Show Trophy - (15 points): This class is held following the adult classes with the competition consisting of the 1st place adult class winners and the Best Puppy.

Best of Opposite Sex Trophy - (10 points): This is awarded to the best individual of the opposite sex to the Best of Show Award.

All placement points will accumulate toward achievement of the title of Champion (100 pts).

It is up to the dog's owner to ensure the dog is placed in the proper class (or points will be void), but it is also the job of the registration table at the show to make sure all dogs are eligible to be shown in each of the above classes, and that they are placed in the correct class. The cut off for puppies to be shown is exactly 4 months from the date of birth. All other classes are also from the date of birth.

(i.e.: A dog that was born January 3, 1997 can not be shown in the 6 to 9 month class if the show is on October 3, 1997. That dog is exactly nine months old and must be shown in the 9 to 12 month class. If dogs are shown in the incorrect class and take a placement those points will be void. When this occurs, the dogs that placed lower than the dog in question will be moved up a placement. (i.e.. If the 1st place dog's points are void due to being entered in the incorrect class then the 2nd and 3rd place dogs will move up to 1st and 2nd place.)

CHAMPIONS CLASS:

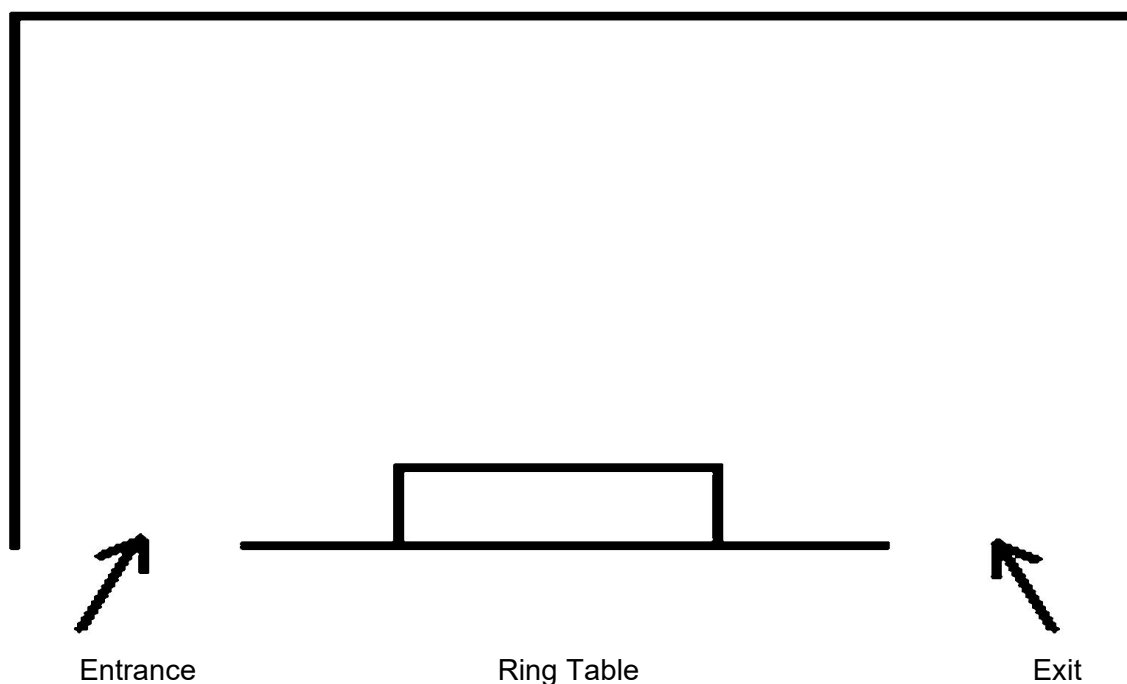
- A total of 100 points earns the title of Champion (*as long as dog has earned no less than one 1st place award in its career*) to be entered in a separate class open to Champions.
- Dog's points earned from that show are NOT to be entered into the Champions class. If your dog has 100 points or more, it MUST be entered in the Champion class. If your dog enters a show and takes a placement, bringing your dog up to 100 points or more, it also MUST move up to the Champion class in ALL future ADBA events - even if the event is later that same day (or show weekend). Failure to move up to the Champion class will result in any additional points awarded in the regular conformation class being void. Placements will be adjusted accordingly.
- A minimum of 5 dogs must be physically entered to hold a Champion class. This class is to be held after the puppy classes and after the Best Puppy Trophy is awarded. It will be held prior to the adult classes. Judge of the day will judge this class.
- There are three awards given in this class. A Champion cup is given for first place and a rosette for second and third place. The points awarded in this class are: 1st place -15 points; 2nd place – 10 points; 3rd place – 5 points.
- Due to the number of Champions competing at ADBA sanctioned events, an Advanced Champions split class will be held in place of a regular Champion class if there are 8 physical males and 8 physical females competing. The class will be split with males showing first. The judge will award a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place rosette in the male class. They will be dismissed, and the females will enter the ring. The judge will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place rosette in the female class. The first-place male and first place female will be brought back into the show ring and the judge will award the overall Champion with the Champion cup. An additional 5 points will be given to the cup winner. (*In the event that one of the females is unable to compete, leaving only 7 or less females, and the male class has already been judged and the three placements have been awarded, the judge will call the 3 male place winners back into the ring along with the females. The ribbons will be collected, and the judge will continue to judge this as a regular Champion class.)
- A Champion can continue to compete in the Champion class. The points will continue to add onto the Champions records with the following titles: 100 pts = Champion; 200 pts = Grand Champion; 300 pts = Gd/Ch I; 400 pts = Gd/Ch II, etc.

SANCTIONED CONFORMATION SHOW FEES AND AWARDS: Three place ribbons will be given in each class. First, second, and third (male & female classes are held separate). Ribbons cost \$3.00 each and are ordered through the ADBA.

- Trophy and rosettes for the Champion of Champions class will be purchased from the office of the ADBA. This consists of a Champion cup, 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place rosettes. Champion cups are \$145 each, rosettes are \$6.00 each and are ordered through the ADBA. (Awards are based on a split Champion of Champions class – 8 physical males/8 physical females in the show ring. If a split class is not held, the club will keep the additional rosettes for the following year's show.)
- Three (3) trophies are awarded at each show. **(Club is responsible to order trophies. Suggested sizes are listed below. If a club chooses to use an alternate award other than a trophy it must be pre-approved by the ADBA prior to ordering.)**
 - 1 Best Puppy Trophy (no less than 18", no more than 24" in height)
 - 1 Best of Opposite Sex Trophy (no less than 23", no more than 29" in height)
 - 1 Best of Show Trophy (no less than 25", no more than 31" in height)
- Ribbon orders should be made no less than 45 days prior to confirmed show date. For new clubs, complete payment is due upfront when ribbons are ordered. After receipt of funds, the ADBA will ship all ribbons for sanctioned conformation point shows through the United Parcel Service (UPS). Shipping fees vary and are not calculated until the time the shipment is processed. Ribbons will be mailed to the club approximately one to two weeks prior to the show. (It is the club's responsibility to provide an accurate shipping address at the time the ribbon order is submitted. Shipping delays may occur if the information is not listed. The club is responsible to check contents and notify ADBA immediately if there is anything missing or damaged so we have time to ship replacements. If the club does not notify the ADBA in a timely manner, they will be responsible for any additional shipping fees.)
- Judges' books and any additional fees due from the event are due within 5 working days of the show. Late fees will apply, and accumulate, if the books are not received within 5 working days.

SHOW RING.

- One ring is all that is required. The dimensions of the ring should be large enough to accommodate the number of dogs entered in each class. Basic guidelines are no less than 50 X 80 feet or more. Judge is to have final approval of show ring.
- **No less than 26 posts arranged at ten-foot intervals will create the ring as illustrated. Show ring MUST have one exit and one entrance. DO NOT use same opening for both exit and entrance.**
- A double roped ring 4 ft. apart will avoid spectators from crowding the ring.



TO HOLD AN ADBA SANCTIONED WEIGHT PULL

Clubs wishing to hold a Weight Pull Event MUST be applied for and verified with the ADBA in the same fashion as a sanctioned conformation event. (See information listed above.)

All breeds recognized by the ADBA are welcome to compete.

All dogs MUST be ADBA registered, this includes LPP (Limited Performance Privilege) registered dogs.

Dogs that are ADBA registered but have been spayed/neutered can participate in wt. pull.

- a) All pulls need to be featured in the Gazette's Show Calendar, in the issue prior to date of show.
- b) Only ADBA Sanctioned Clubs are authorized to host this event.
- c) Only an ADBA certified Weight Pull Judge in good standing is authorized to officiate any sanctioned weight pull event.
- d) Hosting club MUST notify ADBA their assigned judge for each weight pull prior to sanctioned event date. Judge MUST be certified by ADBA and in good standing. If a club uses a judge that's sanctioning is expired, points accumulated during that event may be void.
- e) Each club is allowed up to three sanctioned weight pulls - they need not be held in conjunction with a Conformation Point Show. If held on same day, the weight pull must not interfere with the conformation show. If a club is interested in hosting an additional weight pull they must submit their request in writing and receive permission from the ADBA.

EQUIPMENT

Proper equipment is mandatory in order to hold an ADBA Sanctioned Weight Pull Event.

Hosting club must provide:

- a) Weights - Ranging from 50 lbs and up.
- b) Scale - Check weight for scale MUST be certified (stamped) by state.
- c) Regulation Stopwatch
- d) Rope for pulling area and holding area.
- e) Chalk board/Dry Eraser - for recording weight and time each dog pulls.
- f) Weight pull judges book & scoring sheets provided by ADBA.
- g) Results MUST be on these forms and be returned to the office of the ADBA within 10 days of the date pull was held, along with the fees due.
- h) Current ADBA weight pull rules for handouts and Weight Pull Score sheets.
- i) Registration entry forms for Weight Pull.

Weight Pull Class placement AWARDS

WEIGHT PULL FEES AND AWARDS:

Postage for shipping ribbons will be paid for by the club.

- Three place ribbons will be given in each weight class. First, second, third (male & female classes are held separate). Ribbons cost \$3.00 each and are ordered through the ADBA.
- Three place ribbons will be given in each ACE class (for dogs that have achieved over 100 points competing in sanctioned weight pulls). First, second, third (male & female classes are held together in the Ace class). Rosettes cost \$6.00 each and are ordered through the ADBA. UPS shipping fees are additional (prices vary due to location).
- Three (3) trophies are awarded in each weight pull in the regular and Ace class. Most Weight Pulled Per Pound 45 lbs & under; Most Weight Pulled Per Pound 45 lbs – 75 lbs; Most Weight Pulled Per Pound 75lbs and over. **(Clubs are responsible to order trophies from a local trophy shop. No less than 23" and no more than 29" in height for regular class and less than 25" and no more than 31" in height for the Ace class. These are suggested sizes. If a club chooses to use an alternate award, other than a trophy, it must be pre-approved by the ADBA prior to ordering.)**

- Clubs have the option to “opt out” of the 75 & Over regular and/or Ace weight pull classes. To do this, the club *must* request to opt out on the release waiver & indemnity agreement and the club *must* advertise prior to the event of their intent to not hold this class.
- One Most Weight Pulled trophy will be awarded, regardless of regular or Ace class and regardless if it’s a male/female winner. This trophy should be the same size as the other trophies in the regular and Ace class, not larger.
- Ribbon orders should be made no less than 45 days prior to confirmed show date. For new clubs, complete payment is due upfront when ribbons are ordered. After receipt of funds, the ADBA will ship all ribbons for sanctioned conformation point shows through the United Parcel Service (UPS). Shipping fees vary and are not calculated until the time the shipment is processed. Ribbons will be mailed to the club approximately one to two weeks prior to the show. (It is the club’s responsibility to provide an accurate shipping address at the time the ribbon order is submitted. Shipping delays may occur if the information is not listed. The club is responsible to check contents and notify ADBA immediately if there is anything missing or damaged so we have time to ship replacements. If the club does not notify the ADBA in a timely manner, they will be responsible for any additional shipping fees.)

The ADBA Top Dog Athletic Event

- All dogs must be ADBA registered or LPP certified. (Show & Pull ID card, Registration certificate or LPP card)
- All dogs must be at least 9 months old to the date of birth to compete.
- The ADBA Top Dog Athletic Event consists of three canine athletic competitions; Treadmill Race, Wall Climb, and either the Sprint Drag Weight or Lure Course. (Club will choose to use either Sprint Drag Weight or Lure Course. Club will advertise which three events they will be using.) All dogs competing in the Top Dog Athletic Event must compete in all three competitions advertised.
- All Sanctioned Top Dog events MUST be advertised in the show calendar in the same manner as all ADBA sanctioned events.
- One sanctioned Top Dog Athletic Event per day.
- ***Top Dog Event must start on time and be completed in time as to not interfere or hold up conformation and/or weight pull event.***
- The ADBA Top Dog Athletic Event will be judged by an ADBA sanctioned judge who is currently certified through completion and passing of a written test from the ADBA. *All decisions by the judge(s) are final. Any Top Dog Event that is judged by a non-certified judge, or a judge whose certification has expired, been suspended, or revoked, will have points voided. No refunds given.*
- Dogs achieving the *top three combined overall scores* will be awarded the ADBA Top Dog rosettes: first, second, and third place. Rosettes must be ordered from ADBA at \$6.00 each. Shipping fees are additional.

COMPLETE AND DETAILED RULES FOR ALL EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ADBA

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Responsibility/Rule Regulation Updates and Reminders

1 - All clubs must be represented at the biennial Convention by either an officer or someone representing the club. (It is as important for us to receive information from the club and for the club to receive information from us.) Club's representative is required to provide the club with all information from the Convention: topics that were discussed, any changes in the rules, all paperwork provided to clubs, plans for the future, etc. Make sure notes are taken so all Convention information can be discussed at the next club meeting.

2 - Each December, club secretary must send in the list of the club's officers elected for the upcoming year, (office held, name, address, phone number, email, etc.) This must be submitted each year even if club officers stay the same. Please include the club's official mailing address.

3 - When planning for your sanctioned show, check available weekends with your show site before contacting our office. Have at least 2 or 3 weekends in mind when you call to set a tentative date. Once you have set a tentative date with the ADBA office you must submit a Release Waiver & Indemnity agreement to secure your club's date. Show dates are on a first come, first served basis, and may be scheduled within one year of the date being requested.

4 - Send in your release waiver within 30 days after temporarily setting your show date. Make sure you list three names and numbers of people to contact for the show and any other information we may need (name of the show site, city where it's located, etc.). All sanctioned shows are listed on the ADBA website as well as featured in the issue of the APBT Gazette prior to show date.

5 - Ribbon orders for Conformation, Weight Pull and Top Dog need to be received by our office at least 45 days before your show. Please order all ribbons, Ch of Ch awards and Ace of Ace rosettes at the same time. Ribbon order form is available with Release Waiver.

6 - Clubs should receive all ribbons ordered for their sanctioned event approximately 2 weeks before show date. Clubs are to IMMEDIATELY take inventory and inspect all items received. Club will contact the ADBA office if any item is missing and/or damaged. This will give ADBA enough mailing time to ensure clubs receive everything needed for the show BEFORE the day of show. If clubs neglect to contact the ADBA regarding their shipment in a timely manner, the club will be responsible for any additional UPS fees to send additional items for their sanctioned event.

7 - All judges' books and receipts must be received by the ADBA office in one package and within 5 working days after your show. Late fees apply if books are not received within the 5 days.

8 - It is the club's responsibility to make sure judges receive \$2.00 per dog directly after the show.

10- When there is ANY change in the address or phone numbers of the club, any officer, contact person etc., ADBA must be notified. Updated club information is imperative for accurate updates.

11- NO PUPPY SALES or RAFFLES will be allowed at any event. This includes all show grounds, show grounds parking lot, etc.

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ADBA SANCTIONED EVENT RULES

- ◇ All dogs must be A.D.B.A. registered to enter any ADBA sanctioned event. (Dogs ADBA registration paper(s) or Show & Pull ID card must be presented when registering for event)
- ◇ **Conformation Age Requirement:** Dog must be no less than four months of age (to the date of its birth) to be entered. (This is to protect the temperament & health of the young dogs.)
- ◇ **Weight Pull/Top Dog Athletic Event Age Requirement:** Dog must be no less than nine months of age (to the date of its birth) to be entered.
- ◇ No puppies or dogs allowed on the premises - for sale or otherwise - unless entered in one of the day's sanctioned events.
- ◇ All children on premises must always have adult supervision.
- ◇ All dogs will be secured in dog crates and attended to at all times.
- ◇ All dog crates must be in good condition. No wire crates allowed.
- ◇ Dogs will be held in designated holding area until called for participation.
- ◇ While participating in event(s), leads are to be no longer than 4 feet and attached to a **secure** "belt buckle" collar.
- ◇ No "flex" leads, "quick release" snaps, or "choke chains" allowed.
- ◇ There will be no "facing-off" of dogs, "challenges" or un-sportsman like conduct allowed.
- ◇ **Conformation:** No spayed or neutered dogs.
- ◇ **Weight Pull and Top Dog Athletic Event:** Only ADBA registered dogs, both intact and or spayed/neutered, or LPP (Limited Performance Privilege) dogs are allowed to enter in an ADBA sanctioned weight pull.
- ◇ No bitches in heat allowed.
- ◇ Females that can be determined to be pregnant by visual inspection will be ineligible to compete in ANY/ALL ADBSI Sanctioned event(s).
- ◇ Inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
- ◇ Any vendor's inventory not complying with ADBA guidelines will be removed. Failure to comply will result in removal from show grounds with notification sent to ADBA.
- ◇ Any dog showing aggression to humans, or human showing aggression to dogs, will be excused and barred from participation.

Club designated Security Officers are present to ensure that ALL ADBA, Hosting Club and Show Site rules are enforced. Anyone not abiding by these rules will be asked to leave.

No Refunds Will Be Given

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