

Proceedings and Code of Conduct

Registration

1. See [2011 SABBA Show Programme](#) for information on the respective regional shows. In order to maintain programme schedules, it is important that participants register in good time - in particular the sub-junior and junior classes.
2. Participants must report to the Registration Table.
 - Register and pay the entry fee (cash or bank guaranteed cheque), provide proof of birth date / Registration or ID numbers of Boerboels; and collect the participant numbers for display by all handlers.
 - Entrants in Classes 1 and 2: Submit proof of inoculations.

Opening

1. The organiser opens the Show.
2. The SABBA Chairman addresses the audience.
3. The announcer gives an overview of the proceedings, venue layout, facilities, and adjudication criteria, and introduces the judges.

Assembly Ring

1. Participants report to the Assembly Ring in the order of the classes to be judged as per the published programme, or as announced at the start of the Show.
2. Participants must take note of the order of classes to be adjudicated, and follow the progress of proceedings.
3. The Assembly Ring Official calls the relevant participants to report to the Assembly Ring.
4. Where there is an exceptional number of entrants in a specific class, the class will be subject to pre-selection by the judges. In such cases, dogs will be selected for the final class adjudication.

Adjudication Ring

1. The Assembly Ring Official admits a class to the Adjudication Ring on confirmation that all participants are present.
2. Only judges and handlers with their dogs may be present in the Adjudication Ring.
3. Handlers walk anti-clockwise with their dogs to their left.
4. Handlers communicate with judges, only if approached by them.
5. Handlers do not communicate with any person outside the Adjudication Ring.
6. Handlers remain in their allocated positions. Any handler who moves with his/her dog from this position will receive one warning, and be disqualified on the second transgression.
7. Handlers respect one another's distance, and act courteously towards one another.
8. Handlers do not distract the judges while they are busy adjudicating another dog.
9. The judges will disqualify overly aggressive and uncontrolled Boerboels.

Adjudication

1. Where there is more than one judge, the judges do their assessments independently in accordance with the Adjudication criteria, which are based primarily on general appearance, temperament, poise, angulation and movement. Note that the focus of show criteria differs from that of appraisal criteria. The SABBA's Breed Standard remains the point of departure, but *showmanship* is also taken into account.
2. Where there is more than one judge, judges do not consult with one another during adjudication.
3. Judges independently submit record of their selection of the eight positions for either the class adjudication, or for the final round of adjudication - if there are more than eight entries in a class.
4. The Ring steward does the calculations of the final placings. Only six positions are allocated.
5. The announcer reads out the results, and calls the class winners to the Show Ring for the presentation of trophies and prizes.
6. Handlers must make the Champions and Reserve Champions in each class available for the taking of official photos.

Boerboels

1. All Boerboels (participating and accompanying) at SABBA shows must be on a leash, and be accustomed to walking on a leash.
2. Entrants are responsible for cages, water and shelter for their dogs.

References:

1. [Show categories and classes](#)
2. [Show rules](#)

SABBA does not accept responsibility for injuries sustained at any Boerboel Show