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## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### Regarding opening dates:

**At the October 2021 meeting the AKC voted to:** “The Board also approved two permanent modifications to current regulations/Board policy, both effective for shows occurring after December 29, 2021:

1. **Limited All-Breed Event Opening of Entries**

In order to provide fair opportunity for all exhibitors to enter All-Breed conformation events with an entry limit, premium lists containing these events are required to be published at least 72 hours prior to the acceptance of entries. All-Breed events with an entry limit must have a defined date and time for the opening of entries, which is to be prominently displayed in the premium list.

*All other conformation event types: All-Breed without limits, Group/Limited-Breed (with or without limits), **Specialty (with or without limits), and Parent Specialty (with or without limits), are not required to identify an opening date and time for entries.***

### Regarding the number of shows a specialty club can hold:

From the AKC rules/policies.

- Local specialty clubs have the option to hold shows on two days per year or two shows per year, at their option. Local specialty clubs have the option to hold one additional show in conjunction with their breed's national specialty. Local specialty clubs may hold up to four designated specialty events in addition to the shows allotted in this section. There is no limit on national clubs.

### Regarding Move-ups:

**FROM THE AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Amended to Jan 2019  
Chapter 11 Section 6:**

“dogs which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship after the closing of entries for a show but whose championships are unconfirmed, may be transferred from one of the regular classes to the Best of Breed or Variety competition, provided this transfer is made by the Superintendent or Show Secretary at **least one half-hour prior to the scheduled start of any regular conformation judging at the show.**”

**FROM THE AKC RULE BOOK Chapter 3 Section 5:**

“In a single show with multiple days of judging, the first day of a show is considered to be the first day on which there is regular conformation judging in accordance with Section 3 of this chapter. (Sweepstakes and Futurities are not considered regular conformation classes.)”

### Having a runner in the ring with you:

Yes it is possible. You need a letter of approval from the AKC and the judge has the final word. This is possible, in all classes, with two minor stipulations. The AOH class and the BBE class both have specific requirements to enter. Those requirements also carry to whomever you are having move your dog for you. IF you are in either of those classes and have to have someone move your dog and don't have anyone present who is eligible to show in that class, then your only option is to move the dog to the open class.

### National Owner Handler Series:

To be eligible to compete for NOHBOB you must first check the box on the entry form indicating your eligibility.

Second, only dogs in the Best of Breed Ring remain eligible. So if you're entered in any one of the regular classes, and don't go Winners, you are no longer eligible. WD, WB, Special Class Winners (Veterans, etc) who are eligible to compete for BOB and have declared eligibility, and any specials in the ring, who have declared eligibility are the ones being considered.

### Who can enter a dog:

**FROM THE AKC RULE BOOK Chapter 11 Section 3:**

Every dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed. Yes anyone can enter the dog, Co-Owners, Handlers ..... but please use your own contact information so you get the confirmations. Or use both your's and the primary owner's information.

## **Entering a dog in multiple classes:**

Dogs can, of course, be entered in more than one class..... However, and the key word in all this is "UNDEFEATED".

### **From the AKC Rule Book Chapter 3 Section 13:**

The Winners Class shall be divided by sex and each division shall be open only to undefeated dogs of the same sex which have won first prizes in either the Puppy, Twelve-to-Fifteen Month, Fifteen-to-Eighteen Month, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Amateur-Owner-Handler, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American Bred or Open Classes.

In addition, the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch together with any undefeated dogs that have competed at the show only in additional non-regular classes shall compete for Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed.

And once you start showing you have to continue. You can choose to be absent in the first class you entered but not the second.

In a nutshell this means that IF you enter your dog in two regular classes, a second place in either makes you ineligible to compete for Winners. Same with Best of Breed. IF you enter Veterans or another special class offered AND Best of Breed, if you don't win the non-regular class you are not eligible to show in BOB, even though you entered it as a separate class.