

The American Rottweiler Club Sieger Show Procedure

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An American Rottweiler Club Sieger Show is held under the auspices of the American Rottweiler Club. The purpose of a Sieger Show is twofold: to highlight the performance aspect of the Rottweiler; to have a venue where both docked and natural tailed Rottweilers may compete.

The Sieger Show is a special event using a different judging style where all exhibitors receive a written critique describing breed type, structure, and description of temperament and gait. The show will use the AKC Rottweiler standard; however, no AKC championship points are awarded nor will the AKC recognize any awards or titles.

Please note that while no awards from this show will be recognized by AKC, the event itself has been approved by AKC as a Parent Club Educational Event and as such, the American Rottweiler Club requires that Host Club/Group, Sieger Show Committee, and exhibitors be familiar with AKC Rules and Regulations. All American Kennel Club Dog Show Regulations, the ARC Sieger Show Procedure and the Constitution and By-laws of the American Rottweiler Club shall apply to all persons and dogs, except as this Sieger Show Procedure directs otherwise. A copy of each of these shall be at the site of the Sieger Show and available to the judges, Sieger Show personnel and exhibitors. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with these materials prior to the Sieger Show. Be aware that any dog that attacks or attempts to attack any person during a Sieger Show must be excused and a notation will be made to that effect. Particular attention must also be paid to the following AKC rule adopted in October, 2004.

Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or a dog at an AKC event, resulting in an injury, and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified. When the dog is disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

Information on Entering The Show

1. With the exception of the Kennel, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, or Junior Handler classes, no dog may be entered in more than one class.
2. If a dog is eligible for more than one class, the owner may determine which class the dog may be entered.
3. Once a dog is eligible for the Champion or Gebrauchshunde class, the dog may not enter any other class except those stated in #1 above and Veterans, age permitting.
4. Original documentation is required on the day of the show for the Champion, Working, Gebrauchshunde and NA Independent Sieger/Siegerin classes; copies must accompany the entry form.
5. Entries which do not have the required documentation at check-in will be moved to the open class and may receive a critique but will not be eligible for class placement.
6. If a dog achieves a title after the close of entries that makes him/her eligible for a class other than the one that they were originally entered, proof must be presented to the show secretary.
7. If a dog is being entered in more than one class, a separate entry form must be completed for each class.
8. In case of an error in regards to age on the entry form, those in the puppy classes or youth classes will be moved to the appropriate age class; however, the show secretary must be notified at least ½ hour prior to the start of that day's judging.
9. Any individual who is currently suspended from participating in AKC or FCI events will not be eligible to enter or show any dogs including those owned or co-owned by that individual in an ARC Sieger Show.

Ring Procedure & Guidelines

1. The ring steward will call all entries to the class. Two ring stewards are recommended. Absentees are marked in the catalog. The ring stewards and show secretary will keep a marked catalog or Judges Check-In Sheet.
2. All exhibits are presented in a natural stance; no hand stacking is permissible in any class.
3. "Free stacking" may be used to present the dog using a small toy or ball.
4. Food may not be used for baiting the dog and is not allowed either inside or outside the ring.
5. After the initial examination for dentition and disqualifying faults, a verbal critique is conducted on each class entry and recorded verbatim on the critique form. Positive aspects as well as any faults or deviations from the standard are noted on the critique, such as, missing tooth, pink gums, light eyes, etc.
6. For Rottweilers born in countries where docking is forbidden by law or where a breeder has chosen not to dock, the tail may be left in its natural condition.
7. The tail on natural-tailed dogs will be critiqued using the FCI Standard for the Rottweiler.
8. There will be no judging preference between docked and natural tailed dogs.
9. Once all exhibits are critiqued, the judge will gait each class for ratings and placements.
10. Dogs will be run long enough to allow the judge to completely evaluate gait and structure.
11. Changing runners and double handling from outside of the ring is encouraged.
12. During the gaiting process, the judge at his/her discretion may rate an exhibit and declare, "No further judging is required".

Ring Procedure & Guidelines (continued)

13. All remaining exhibits in each class are evaluated for final rating and placement. Placements are 1-4 with corresponding rating.
14. The ring steward will mark all placements and ratings in the show catalog or Judges Check-In Sheet before dismissing the class. The judge, when time permits, will sign the critiques after the ratings and placements. The club will retain a copy of all critiques.
15. Judge's decision on the critique and placement is final.
16. Sport casual attire and comfortable running shoes are recommended.

Classes & Definition

For all classes the age of a dog shall be calculated based on the birth date and the day of the class. For example, a dog born on January 1st is eligible to compete in the 4 – 6 Months class on May 1st; 6 – 9 Months class on July 1st, etc.

Puppy Classes, Dog/Bitch:

4 - 6 Months (optional)	Rottweilers between the ages of 4-6 months.
6 - 9 Months	Rottweilers between the ages of 6-9 months.
9 - 12 Months	Rottweilers between the ages of 9-12 months.

Youth Classes, Dog/Bitch:

12 - 18 Months	Rottweilers between the ages of 12-18 months.
18 - 24 Months	Rottweilers between the ages of 18-24 months.

Adult Classes, Dog/Bitch (must be 24 Months or older): Regardless of titles, if he is not yet 24 months he must enter the appropriate Puppy or Youth Class.

Open	Rottweilers that have not yet earned a Championship or Gebrauchshunde Title. A dog eligible to enter the Working Class and/or the North American Independent Sieger Class may choose to enter the Open Class; however, a dog with a Championship or Gebrauchshunde Title may not.
Champion *	Rottweilers who have earned a Championship title. This includes American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, and FCI International Champions of record, as well as any champion of record from a country whose Championship was awarded by an FCI recognized kennel club. Select or Sieger awards are not titles. Once a dog has a Championship title, he may not enter the Open Class. However, he may choose to enter any other class that his age, titles and eligibility allows and if he is not yet 24 months he must enter the appropriate Puppy or Youth Class.
Working *	Rottweilers who have earned a minimum of one of the following American Kennel Club or Canadian Kennel Club titles: Companion Dog (CD); Herding Started (HS); Novice Agility (NA); Rally Novice (RN); Tracking Dog (TD). An ARC Carting Started Title (CS) would also meet eligibility requirement. A dog is also eligible if he has earned a Traffic Sure Companion Dog (BH) from DVG, WD, SV, USA, USRC, other recognized Schutzhund organization. CGC, TT (ATTS), TDI type certifications are not eligible for entry. Dogs who are eligible for this class may choose to enter another class that his age, titles and eligibility allows instead.
Gebrauchshunde *	Rottweilers who have earned a SchH I, IPO I, VPG I, or foreign country equivalent. Dogs who are eligible for this class may not enter the Working class, but may choose to enter any other class that his age, titles and eligibility allows instead.
North American Independent Sieger *	Rottweilers with a National or Regional Sieger title from an ARC, USRC, ARV, AIRK, NIRK, Canadian Independent or another Independent Rottweiler Club show in North America. Dogs who are eligible for the Championship class or have a Youth Sieger Title are not eligible for this class. Dogs with a Sieger title may choose to enter any other class that his age, titles and eligibility allows instead.
Veteran (Junior)	Rottweilers between the ages of 7 – 9 years. A dog is eligible to enter this class regardless of what titles he has earned or what other classes he may be eligible for.
Veteran (Senior)	Rottweilers 9 years & older. A dog is eligible to enter this class regardless of what titles he has earned or what other classes he may be eligible for.

* Documentation must be included with entry.

Optional Classes & Definition

Kennel Group **	An entry of at least three (3) with the same kennel name. Only placements 1-4 will be awarded. A critique is issued for the kennel group for consistency of breed type, temperament and gait. All entries must be entered in the regular show. Each entry must be entered on a separate entry form.
Stud Dog **	The class consists of the stud dog and at least two (up to five) of his get. The stud dog is examined for disqualifying faults and his get are examined for breed type, structure, and gait. The stud dog is judged on his ability to produce consistency of breed type, temperament, structure and gait in his get. Only placements 1-4 are awarded. A critique is issued for the stud dog on the consistency of breed type, temperament and gait of his get. All offspring must be entered in the regular show. The stud dog, along with each of his get must be entered on a separate entry form.
Brood Bitch **	The class consists of the brood bitch and at least two (up to five) of her progeny. The brood bitch is examined for disqualifying faults and her progeny are examined for breed type, structure, and gait. The brood bitch is judged on her ability to produce consistency of breed type, temperament, structure and gait in her progeny. Only placements 1-4 are awarded. A critique is issued for the brood bitch on the consistency of breed type, temperament and gait of her offspring. All offspring must be entered in the regular show. The brood bitch, along with each of her progeny must be entered on a separate entry form.

**The Kennel Group, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch winners are not eligible to compete for Sieger/Siegerin.

Junior Handlers (JH) (optional)

The purpose of these classes is to educate and give the young people of our sport a chance to learn more about their dogs and to practice and see their handling skills in a new and exciting venue and point of view. Judging is on the presentation and basic age appropriate knowledge of the breed, the quality of the dog is not decisive.

- JH will compete in two age categories and must compete in the class category based on the junior's age on the day of the show.
 - Young Junior Handler Class: 10 to 14 years.
 - Youth Junior Handler Class: 14 to 17 years.
- The dog of the JH need not be entered to exhibit in the show however it must be registered by the AKC or FCI recognized country kennel club and not younger than 12 months old.
- There will be one first place winner awarded in each age division. The two winners will not compete against each other.
- Juniors in the class will receive a critique on their handling ability and award of participation.
- Points the JH Judge will consider:
 - Good contact and relationship with the dog.
 - Attention to Judge's directions.
 - Showing the dog's teeth.
 - Use of ring and good tempo and control when moving dog.
 - Offering a comprehensive view of the dog to the Judge (don't stand between dog and Judge).
 - Ability to handle possible problems with the dog in a show ring environment.
 - Sportsmanship toward the other exhibitors and spectators.

Definition of Ratings

The Rating is how the dog compares to the breed standard.

The Placement (1-4) is how the dog compares to the others in his particular class.

Puppy Classes Dog/Bitch, Ages 4 - 12 Months

VP	Very promising
P	Promising
S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory

Youth Classes Dog/Bitch, Ages 12-24 Months

V	Excellent (possible at judge's discretion)
SG	Very good
G	Good
S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory

Definition of Ratings (continued)

All Adult Classes, Age 24 Months and Older

V	Excellent
SG	Very good
G	Good
S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory

Awards & Eligibility

1st to 4th place will be awarded in each class.

Best Puppy Dog/Bitch	First place entries from each of the Puppy Classes.
Youth Sieger/Siegerin	First place entries in the Youth Classes.
Sieger/Siegerin	First place entries in all Adult Classes.
Most Beautiful Dog/Bitch (optional)	Selected from the Best Puppy, Youth Sieger/Siegerin and Sieger/Siegerin.

At a National Sieger Show the winners of the above awards will be known as the “20__ National _____”.

At a Regional it will be “20__ Region (# of Region) _____”.

ARC Standing Committee

ARC will maintain an ARC Sieger Committee consisting of a Chairperson and 2 others, all of whom must be ARC members in good standing. This Committee will periodically review this procedure and make recommendations to the ARC Board if any changes are warranted. They will also serve in an advisory capacity to the hosts of any National or Regional Show. Members of this Committee may also serve on an individual Sieger Show Committee.

Hosting The Show

1. The show may be hosted by one of the following:
 - a. the American Rottweiler Club.
 - b. an ARC affiliate club.
 - c. a group of ARC members in good standing.
2. The Sieger Show may be deemed either the ARC National Sieger Show or an ARC Region (# of region) Sieger Show. There may be one National Show each year and each Region may be allowed to host one Regional each year. The Regions are as follows:

REGION I: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

REGION II: Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania.

REGION III: Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

REGION IV: Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

REGION V: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont.

REGION VI: Alaska, California, Hawaii.

REGION VII: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

REGION VIII: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi.
3. A Club or group of ARC members would need to ‘apply’ to the ARC Board for approval of all ARC Sieger Shows and events. There is no formal application, but when asking for approval all particulars (names of Sieger Show Committee members, date, location, judges, optional events/classes, etc.) must be provided. This information must be submitted to the ARC Secretary no later than 9 months before closing of the event. The ARC Board reserves the right to ask for additional information before voting on a request to host a Sieger Show.
4. The American Rottweiler Club must apply to AKC to hold each show under their AKC license as a Parent Club Educational Event. Approval must be received from AKC before show is allowed to be advertised. If a Host Club is an AKC licensed club, they may also use this as an Educational Event for credit with AKC.
5. The show may be either a one or two day event.
6. A maximum of 80 dogs per day adjudicated by one judge. The following apply:

One day show: A total entry for one judge is 80; if two judges are used the total is 160.

Two day show: One judge total entry is 160; if two judges the total is 320.

An exception to the number of dogs judged can be made if agreed to by the judge(s).
7. The American Rottweiler Club Measurement Survey and/or Evaluation Seminar may be held at this event.
8. The Host Club/Group will appoint a minimum of three individuals to act together as the Sieger Show Committee. At least two of these individuals must be ARC members. The Committee in turn will appoint the Sieger Show Chairperson. If ARC is hosting the Show, the ARC Board will appoint both the Sieger Show Committee and Chairperson.

9. Other Committees may be appointed by the Sieger Show Committee to support with the planning and running of the show. Committee Chairs and members of these committees need not be ARC members.

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10. The entry fee for the show will be set by the ARC Board if it is an ARC-hosted show; if hosted by another club or group of ARC members, then the Hosts will set the entry fee.
11. If hosted by the American Rottweiler Club, ARC will assume all expenses and retain all profits.
12. If hosted by an ARC affiliate or group of ARC members, they will sign either an ARC National or Regional Sieger Show Agreement within 30 days of receiving ARC Board approval for the event. The Hosts will assume all expenses and retain all profits; however, a \$3 ARC Recording Fee per dog is to be paid to the ARC. This fee will be sent to the ARC Treasurer, along with a marked catalog, within 30 days of the last day of the show.

Judges

The following procedure is to be followed for selecting the Judge(s) for ARC Sieger Shows:

1. All judges must be recognized by the AKC, FCI or ADRK.
2. Judges will be selected by the Sieger Show Committee and approved by the ARC Board.
3. Each year shall be treated individually and there shall be no carry over from year to year.
4. Once a judge has judged an ARC National Sieger Show, three years must pass before that individual is again eligible to judge a National show. For example, if he/she judges in 2010, he/she would not be eligible to judge again until 2014.
5. A judge is only eligible once every 3 years in each Region as per above example. However, a person may judge in 2 or more different regions 1 year and a different region the next, etc. A judge who is judging at a National Sieger Show would not be allowed to judge a Regional Sieger Show during the same year.

Show Logistics

1. This is an outdoor event. A tent (minimum size 12 ft x 12 ft) must be provided to shelter the typist, judge, show committee, etc. from the elements.
2. A club/group who wishes to host this event indoors will require ARC board approval. Arena should be approximately 100 ft x150 ft.
3. A public address system is required so that all may hear the verbal critiques.
4. A typist is required to record the judge's critique verbatim. Two typists are strongly recommended. Critiques are transcribed in English.
5. If another language is used by the judge, a translator is required. The translator must be fluent in dog terminology.
6. Only American Rottweiler Club standard critiques may be used. Critique forms from non ARC clubs cannot be used. The ARC provides a CD to the hosting club with the program to create the critique form.
7. Adequate parking, toilet facilities and food for purchase must be available for a show of this size.
9. A show photographer will be available for winners and placements.
10. Easily readable signs are to be posted giving directions along the path to the show.

Show Promotion

1. A one page flyer will be posted in the ARK newsletter, 6 months prior to the event listing all pertinent information, provided approval has been received by AKC.
2. Once AKC approval is received and the Premium is available, it will be posted on our website in a downloadable format. The premium will also be available in printed form to any that request from the Sieger Show Secretary; however, there will be no "mass" postal mailing unless paid for by the Hosts.

Premium List & Entry Form

The Premium list shall include the following:

1. Date & time of show.
2. If a 2-day event, schedule of classes to be judged each day.
3. Location of show.
4. Entry closing date.
5. Show Secretary's address, telephone and email address.
6. The names of the ARC Officers (Secretary's address) & Directors and AKC Delegate; Sieger Show Committee and Officers/Directors of the Host Club.
7. Name and Bio of Judge(s).
8. Name, address and phone of Veterinarian and whether on-call or on-site. (If on-call, directions must be available at the show.)
9. Entry fees.
10. A list of classes with definitions.
11. Additional information on entering the show.
11. Listing of rosettes/ribbons and/or trophies being offered. (Optional)

12. Entry form with spaces for following information to be filled in:
a. Class being entered. (For classes requiring a title, a copy of the Title Certificate or Scorebook must be included.)

Premium List & Entry Form (continued)

- b. Name of dog, including all recognized titles. (Show Ratings, Best In Shows, High In Trials, etc. are not titles and will not be listed.)
c. Sex.
d. Date of birth.
e. AKC or Foreign registration number (include name of registry & country).
f. Sire - include titles.
g. Dam - include titles.
h. Name of breeder(s).
i. Name, address, telephone number and email address of owner(s).
j. Junior Handler Information. (See Exhibit #1)
k. Exhibitor agreements. (See Exhibit #1)
13. Directions to the show.
14. Notice to Exhibitors i.e. Express, Fed Ex entries; Checks in U.S. Funds, Cancellations & Changes, etc.
15. Information on other events associated with Show, i.e. Judge's Dinner (if held); Hotel information, etc.

Show Catalog

A Show Catalog will be produced:

1. The size of the catalog will be no smaller than 5.5 x 8.5 or no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches.
 2. The first pages in the catalog will include the names of the ARC Officers (Secretary's address) & Directors and AKC Delegate; Sieger Show Committee and Officers/Directors of the Host Club.
 3. Name, address and Bio of Judge(s).
 4. The current AKC Standard for the Rottweiler.
 5. Show Procedures & Guidelines.
 6. A list of classes with definitions.
 7. Definitions of ratings.
 8. Show schedule.
 9. List of rosettes/ribbons and trophies, if any, along with donors.
10. A list of entries for each class must include the following:
- a. Catalog (armband) number.
 - b. Name of dog, including all recognized titles. (Show Ratings, Best In Shows, High In Trials, etc. are not titles and will not be listed.)
 - c. AKC or Foreign registration number (include name of registry & country).
 - d. Date of birth.
 - e. Sex.
 - f. Name of Breeder(s).
 - g. Sire - include titles. (See above.)
 - h. Dam - include titles. (See above.)
 - i. Name of owner(s).
 - j. Address of Owner(s). The address of the owner shall follow the owner's name, or shall be included in a separate alphabetical list of all exhibitors contained elsewhere in the catalog.
 - k. For Junior Handler entries, name of Junior and Date of Birth. Address of Junior shall not be included unless the same as owner of the dog.
11. Advertising (optional). All advertising must conform to the ARC Mandatory Practices.

Trophies & Rosettes/Ribbons

Trophies and/or Rosettes/Ribbons are optional. If offering either or both, Host Club may choose to cover all placements & awards, or just main and awards, etc. However, if Rosettes/Ribbons are presented the following colors shall be used:

1 st place:	Blue
2 nd place:	Red
3 rd place:	Yellow
4 th place:	White
Best Puppy Dog/Bitch:	Purple & White
Youth Sieger/Siegerin:	Green & White
Sieger/Siegerin:	Red, White & Blue

Most Beautiful Dog/Bitch: Yellow & Black

V-Rated Maroon

Show Results

The results of the National Sieger Show will be posted on the ARC website and posted in the ARK. The ARK will print the pictures of the top 8 awards listed above. If the Sieger Show is held as part of the ARC National Specialty or at about the same time, the results and pictures will be included in the ARC National Specialty Supplement; otherwise, they will be included in another issue of the ARK.

Hosts of Regional Sieger Shows are welcome to submit results and pictures to the ARK Editor, who will publish at her discretion, space permitting.

Exhibit 1

Front side of entry form, before signature:

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club® and American Rottweiler Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance to the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

Reverse side of entry form:

The American Rottweiler Club Sieger Show Procedure is available on the ARC Website: www.amrottclub.org. AKC® Rules, Regulations, Policies & Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club® Website: www.akc.org.

AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the ARC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any ARC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefore, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

Junior Handler Class Information:

If entry is for the Junior Handler Class, please give the following information:

Junior's Name: _____ Junior's Date of Birth: _____

Junior's Address *: _____

* If Junior's Address is not the same as the owner of the dog it will not be included in the Show Catalog.