

ASIA, AFRICA & OCEANIA CHAMPION TITLE (A2O CH)

At the FCI APAC Board meeting in Taiwan in 2015, the FCI APAC Board amended the rules with regards to the APAC Champion title which was created in 2014. With the official change of name to our Section, the former APAC Champion Title will now be known as the A2O Champion Title. The rules for the title remain unchanged and APAC CAC's won previously will still count towards the newly named title. Please let your members know that this new title name comes into effect on 17th June 2019.

FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Board of Directors 15th June 2019

Many FCI countries have been awarding "Regional Titles" to dogs which have which have met the requirements for them to achieve the specific title. In The FCI Americas Section for example, they have a few regional titles such as Pan American Champion, Latin American Champion and the likes. These titles are awarded at shows held specifically for these titles in countries within the FCI Americas Section and have attracted many exhibitors to consider attending these shows, to the point that even dogs from other continents travel transcontinental just to enter these shows and to attain the title.

With the diminishing number of entries worldwide, many countries and Sections have found ways and means to attract more exhibitors to enter their shows and "titles at stake" play a major part in enticing more entries to join the shows.

Presently, the Asia, Africa & Oceania Section does not have any regional titles. These titles are not "illegal" as far as FCI is concerned and they have no jurisdiction over such regional titles.

Therefore, the creation of the Asia, Africa & Oceania (A2O) Champion would be a good way to promote our dog shows and entice dogs from overseas to attend our shows.

Organization of AAO Shows:

 Each NCO may organize FOUR Asia, Africa & Oceania Championship Shows/ FCI A2O Championship Shows (A2OCS) in a calendar year and must be shows organized by the NCO and not affiliate clubs, unless NCO approval is given to affiliate clubs.

Any NCO that wishes to organise more than four A2OCS in a calendar year, may apply for TWO more A2OCS provided they furnish proof of the

nominated additional show getting a historical entry of more than 300 dogs. In the event that the additional A2OCS is sanctioned but the number of exhibits at the show falls short of 300 exhibits, then the organizing NCO will still be liable to pay the A2OCS levy for a minimum of 300 dogs.

- 2. Countries that are geographically large, are encouraged to have the shows in distinct geographic locations to give all exhibitors a chance to participate for this title.
- 3. The date, place of the A2OCS will be at the discretion of the NCO, but no two NCO may organize A2OCS on the same weekend.
- 4. It is recommended that the judge(s) of the A2OCS MUST be from the an FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania member country, or at least the BIS <u>MUST</u> be judged by a judge from an FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania member country.
- 5. The NCO must apply in writing for the A2OCS at least 3 months before with the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Secretariat.

How to apply for AAOCS show

All the NCOs within the Asia, Africa & Oceania Section that are interested in organizing the Asia, Africa & Oceania Championship Show must have the A2OCS CAC Certificates available at the show. A common design will be supplied by the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat, but can be printed locally in each home NCO.

Larger NCOs with diverse geographical regions may allow individual clubs within their countries or states to organize A2OCS shows. All requests to organize A2OCS shows must be made to the A2O Section by the NCO. The NCO will be responsible for ensuring that the A2O rules be adhered to at these shows and similarly responsible for the corresponding payments also.

Cost of title

- 1. The NCO will pay a fee of USD\$2 (two) per dog entered to the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Secretariat for the A2OCS.
- 2. Each home NCO should include this levy/surcharge in their entries at A2OCS CAC shows.
- 3. Within two (2) months of the A2OCS, once the final report is supplied by the organizing home NCO of the A2OCS, together with the catalog for the show, the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat will then issue a bill to the home NCO. A2OCS Champion Title certificates will only be issued if all levies have been duly paid to the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat. The FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat will issue the ASIA, AFRICA & OCEANIA CHAMPION certificates at no cost.
- 4. A failure to pay the fee within 6 (six) months of the Invoice date will result in the A2OCS CAC's awarded at the show being revoked.

Awarding of A2OCS CAC

The A2OCS CAC is to be awarded to the Best Dog & Best Bitch **OR** Dog CAC & Bitch CAC at a Championship Show organized according to the rules of the NCO. The show does not have to be a CACIB/International Show and the awarding of the A2OCS CAC will follow the rules of the NCO with regards to the awarding of the Best Dog & Best Bitch **OR** Dog CAC & Bitch CAC. NCO are also encouraged to award Reserve A2OCS CAC.

Requirements to attain the ASIA, AFRICA & OCEANIA CHAMPION titles:

- To obtain the title of Asia, Africa & Oceania Champion: A dog/bitch who is already a Champion of an FCI member country, must win FOUR A2OCS CAC dog/bitch with at any A2OCS anywhere within the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Section. A dog/bitch may obtain the A2OCS CACs in the same country to attain this title.
- 2. To obtain the title of Asia, Africa & Oceania Grand Champion: A dog/bitch who is already a Champion of an FCI member country, must win EIGHT A2OCS CAC dog/bitch at any A2OCS anywhere within the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Section. At least <u>TWO</u> of the Eight A2OCS CAC MUST be won in two different FCI Asia-Pacific Section countries for the dog to qualify for this title.
- 3. To obtain the title of Asia, Africa & Oceania Supreme Champion: A dog/bitch who is already a Champion of an FCI member country, must win TWELVE A2OCS CAC dog/bitch at any A2OCS anywhere within the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Section PLUS win a BIS1 (Best in Show 1) at an A2OCS. At least THREE of the Twelve A2OCS CAC MUST be won in three different FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Section countries for the dog to qualify for this title.

In the case of countries with strict quarantine restrictions that do not allow travel easily, written applications may be made to the A2O Section for special dispensation of the necessary requirements for multiple country conditions for the Grand and Supreme Champion titles to be amended to allow exhibitors within those countries to still qualify for those titles.

General Notes for NCO's

- The organizing NCO will award the CAC won by the dog/bitch at the A2OCS that they organize. A report of the A2OCS CACs awarded to all dogs/bitches, including all relevant details in the format supplied by the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat must be submitted to the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat for their records. A catalog for the show must also be forwarded to the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat.
- 2. Once a dog/bitch has attained the required A2OCS CAC awards, they must submit the A2OCS CACs to their home NCO wherein the dog is registered. The home NCO will then forward the application for the ASIA, AFRICA & OCEANIA CHAMPION title to the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat, who will then verify and check that the dog qualifies and then issue the ASIA,

- AFRICA & OCEANIA CHAMPION Certificate at no cost to the NCO or applying exhibitor/owner.
- **3.** The FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat will inform the home NCO of titles awarded officially so these can be recognized on the pedigree certificates. The proposed short form for this title is FCI A2O Champion (FCI A2O CH).

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