



Poodle Class

Celebrating the Poodle!

Traditional poodle trims such as (but not limited to) Lamb, German, Continental and Scandinavian along with retro styling are permitted.

Permitted prior to the competition: Poodle feet and face are permitted to be shaved.

Permitted during to the competition time frame: Clipper guide combs are permitted.

Holding and styling sprays (provided the judge can comb through the coat) gels and chalk is limited to what is usually used in the conformation show ring and they can be used prior and during the time allocated. Once time is called only combing through the coat is permitted.

Moustache and/or goatee beards are acceptable.

Not permitted- Scissored faces, such as teddy bear heads are not permitted. Decorative objects, colour sprays, glitter/bows, decorations, accessories, colouring, other than to enhance the natural colour of the dog's coat.

The Judge is on the lookout for the suitability and quality of the trim to the poodle's conformation and profile. Whether the clipper lines on the face are straight and the clipper work is smooth with no tufts of hair around the lips or eye corners. If the feet are clipped clean between the toes and the pads. The quality, uniformity and smoothness of the scissoring: whether the finish is like that of plush velvet, free from scissor marks.

Whether the legs are scissored evenly and are of sufficient fullness to balance the dog.

Whether the topknot and tail are properly shaped and in balance to each other. The degree of difficulty of the clip. This does not mean that fancy patterns should necessarily take precedence since scissor trims can be just as difficult with certain coat textures. The dog's overall finished appearance with the emphasis on balance, symmetry and smoothness of finish. The trim should hold together when a comb is passed through the coat.

Time Allowance - Measured at withers

Time will be based on judges discretion upon prejudging

Small - under 15"	1.45 for clipped	2.00 for fully scissored
Medium - 15"-22"	2.15 for clipped	2.30 for fully scissored
Large - 22" +	2.30 for clipped	2.45 for fully scissored