

## Title Programs (Effective January 1, 2010):

### **Conformation Championship Guidelines**

These Guidelines explain the procedure for a dog to become a Champion in the International Longhaired Whippet Club (ILWC). If the dog is a Longhaired Whippet, either intact or altered, or if the dog is a Smooth Whippet of Longhaired Whippet Descent, or a Percentage Longhaired Whippet, then it is eligible to obtain an ILWC Championship, if said dog has been registered with ILWC.

**Regular** conformation Championships are offered for intact Longhaired Whippets, and intact Smooth Whippets of Longhaired Whippet Descent.

**Non-Regular** Championships are offered for altered Longhaired Whippets; altered Smooth Whippets of Longhaired Whippet Descent; and % Longhaired Whippets, both intact and altered.

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There are two types of conformation championships offered by ILWC. The first is a **Junior Championship** (JCh), for dogs under the age of one year. The second is an **Adult Championship** (Ch), for dogs one year of age or older.

Championships are based on the quality of the individual dog itself, whether or not there is any other breed competition present in a given class, group or show.

**Junior Championship:** A dog one year of age and under must accumulate 7 points to achieve its ILWC Junior Championship. These points are based on the rating of each Championship Certificate (CC) awarded. A rating of 70-79.99 receives 1 point. A rating of 80-89.99 receives 2 points. A rating of 90-100 receives 3 points. One rating must come from the 90-100 range. One rating must be awarded when the dog is 8 months of age or older. One rating must be awarded by a judge, in a regular class (Puppy 3 - <6 mo., 6 - <9 mo., 9 < 12 mo.), in a show. The remainder of the ratings can be awarded by ILWC approved evaluators in a non-show setting. CC ratings must be done by 3 different judges or evaluators.

**Adult Championship:** A dog older than one year of age must accumulate 12 points to receive its ILWC Adult Championship. These points are based on the rating of each Championship Certificate (CC) received. A rating of 70-79.99 receives 1 point. A rating of 80-89.99 receives 2 points. A rating of 90-100 receives 3 points. Two of the ratings must be 90-100 and one of these two ratings needs to be awarded by a judge, in a regular class (12 to <18 month, Open, Bred by Exhibitor and other classes as defined by the ILWC in the future), and the non-regular class Veteran (if the dog is not yet a champion) in a show. Two of the ratings must be awarded by two different judges, in regular classes (12 to <18 month, Open, Bred by Exhibitor and other classes as defined by the ILWC in the future), and the non-regular class Veteran (if the dog is not yet a champion) in two different shows.

The remainder of the ratings can be awarded by ILWC approved evaluators in a non-show setting. If a dog is awarded a Junior Championship, this will count as one point toward its Adult Championship, in which case only eleven more points based on the CC ratings are needed. CC ratings must be done by 4 different judges or evaluators.

The awarding of a CC rating is determined through a numeric evaluation using a preprinted Championship Certificate (CC) form, which is supplied by ILWC. This is an evaluation form and is divided up into sections based on typical breed standards, i.e., head, neck, shoulders, back, movement, etc. Blank CC forms may be obtained from ILWC (contact information below) by either the club sponsoring the show, or by an exhibitor, who should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ILWC, at the time they request approval for sanctioning of a particular show that is not specifically ILWC sponsored. Sanctioning

for a non-ILWC show can be obtained by contacting ILWC at least three weeks in advance of the show date, to allow for enough time for ILWC to mail CC forms to the exhibitor, or to the show-giving club. Blank CC forms may be photocopied.

It is not the judge's, or the evaluator's, responsibility to have blank CC forms available. At a show, the judge is to be given the CC form, which has the dog's information on the front page already filled out by the ring steward before the exhibitor comes into the ring. For non-ILWC shows, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure the judge understands the use of the CC forms, and has a Standard for the breed the exhibitor is showing. The exhibitor should always bring a copy, or two, of the breed Standard along with him/her to all rare breed shows.

The CC is completed for each dog by the individual judge or evaluator. When a dog is entered in an ILWC sponsored, sanctioned or approved show, the judge will do an evaluation of the dog on a copy of the CC. The evaluation sections of the CC are to be filled out by the judge, or the evaluator, based on his/her opinion of how well the dog fulfills the Breed ideal, as set forth in a particular Breed's Standard. The CC is laid out in a Point Rating box format, with a space for an additional written evaluation, where the judge or evaluator may add additional comments, if he/she so desires. The additional written evaluation may be as brief or as lengthy as the judge or evaluator desires. If the breed has a Point Scale in its Breed Standard, that may be used by the judge or evaluator as an aid in filling out the Championship Certificate form.

At the bottom of the CC there are three (3) Final Ratings; Superior (90-100), Average (80-89), and Fair (70-79). Referring to the CC Point Rating section, the judge, or evaluator, then adds up the Total Points to determine which Final Rating is to be circled. The judge, or evaluator, will then circle the appropriate Final Rating based on the Total Points. For a show, at the end of the class, after the judging is completed, the Show Secretary, or the Exhibitor, fills out the name of the exhibitor and the dog's name on the CC form, records the CC rating on the judging sheet, and gives the CC form to the dog's owner. When the dog is evaluated in a non-show setting, the Exhibitor fills out the dog's name on the CC form, after the dog is evaluated by the ILWC-approved evaluator. It is the responsibility of the evaluator to report the rating to the ILWC for its record-keeping. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to retain the completed CC forms.

When the exhibitor has accumulated 7 points for a Junior Championship or 12 points for an Adult Championship, the ILWC will then award the appropriate Championship Title, either a JCh or a Ch, based on the dog's age at the time of being awarded the CC forms. The Championship Title will be mailed to the exhibitor in as timely a manner as is possible.

Current list of evaluators: Michele Henninger, Sidney Hoblit, Jean McKenzie, Sue Nichols

These changes were approved by the Board on June 12, 2014.