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Irish Wolfhound Club of Gauteng

Affiliated to the Kennel Union of Southern Africa

IRISH WOLFHOUND OF THE YEAR RULES AND REGULATIONS HEREUNDER:

Points shall be accrued as follows:

1. Entry to this competition is free and automatic. The competition shall run during the championship show season, ie. From January to December of each calendar year.
2. All KUSA-Registered dogs are eligible.
3. Points will be earned at all KUSA-affiliated All-Breeds and Group Championship Shows; including the KUSA Nationals, KUSA Championship Show, and KUSA Winners Show, as well as FCI International CACIB Shows.
4. Points will be gathered by the Irish Wolfhound Club of Gauteng from marked catalogues submitted by show-holding clubs.
5. The competition is open to all Irish Wolfhound owners but trophies will only be handed out to paid up club members.
6. Minor Puppies (6-9mths) and Puppies (9-12mths) do qualify for entry into this competition.
7. Baby Puppies (4-6mths) do not qualify for entry into this competition.
8. In the event that 2 or more exhibits finish the competition year with an equal number of points, the top-scoring dogs will share the accolade.
9. Points to be calculated as per the Point 17 below.
10. Exhibitors are requested to regularly check the marked catalogues on the KUSA website to verify the accuracy of the results and to immediately report any discrepancies.
Click on: <https://www.kusa.co.za/index.php/events>
 - Year CataloguesE.g. 2025 Catalogues
11. Twice a year the Committee shall post the Summary Results for Irish Wolfhound of the Year and Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year on the club website <http://irishwolfhoundclub.co.za/> and email the breakdown of the detailed results to the Exhibitors.
12. A Draft copy of the Final Points shall be published by the end of February of the year following the competition. This shall provide time for verification before the awards are presented at the club Championship Show in April.
13. Any queries on the Draft Final Points must be submitted to the committee without delay and in writing, substantiated by copies of the relevant KUSA certificates, copy of Judges Sheets and/or any other documentation as proof of claims. It shall otherwise be deemed that the competitor accepts the results as per the draft copy published.
14. Within the breed judging results the BOB (Best of Breed), RBOB (Reserve Best of Breed) points shall be included in the calculation.



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15. All CC dog or bitch points from throughout the year shall be used in the calculation for the Most CC's award. 2 point CC's shall count as 2 CC's for the Most CC's award. No RCC dog or bitch points shall contribute towards the Most CC's awarded.
16. All BOB awarded throughout the year shall be used in the calculation for the most BOB's award.
17. For all qualifying shows, ONE point each will be awarded for the BOB/RBOB plus ONE point for each dog beaten, based on dogs PRESENT.

BEST OF BREED	1 point plus 1 additional point for each dog beaten/present
RESERVE BEST OF BREED	1 point plus 1 additional point for each dog beaten/present
18. No additional points shall be gained from Group placings upwards for the Irish Wolfhound of the Year competition.- Group placings and above will however count towards the Irish Wolfhound Showdog of the Year. (See below)
19. If at the end of the competition year, there are dogs with equal points for 1st position, the title of Irish Wolfhound of the Year shall be shared.
20. There shall be a RUNNER-UP Irish Wolfhound of the Year, which shall be the second highest scoring dog in points, regardless of sex.
21. There shall be a BEST OPPOSITE SEX Irish Wolfhound of the Year, which shall be the dog or bitch of the opposite sex who stands first behind the Irish Wolfhound of the Year.
22. If a dog and a bitch are jointly awarded Irish Wolfhound of the Year, there shall be no BEST OPPOSITE SEX awarded.
23. The Top Ten dogs in the country shall be invited to attend a prize giving to be held at the Championship Show or similar event, the year following the competition.

IRISH WOLFHOUND PUPPY OF THE YEAR

The same rules shall apply as for Irish Wolfhound of the Year unless stated to the contrary below.

1. The competition shall run from January to December of each calendar year.
2. Points will be earned at all KUSA-affiliated All-Breeds and Group Championship Shows; including the KUSA Nationals, KUSA Championship Show, and KUSA Winners Show , as well as FCI International CACIB Shows.
3. This competition shall be held and calculated separately from the Irish Wolfhound of the Year.
4. Minor Puppy class (6-9 months) and Puppy class (9-12 months) are eligible for the Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year competition.
5. Baby Puppy class (4-6 months) is not eligible for the Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year competition.
6. The Points shall be weighted by the number of puppies PRESENT.
7. The Committee shall administer the computation of points from show marked catalogues on the KUSA website and where necessary copies of KUSA award certificates.



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8. Exhibitors are requested to regularly check the marked catalogues on the KUSA website to verify the accuracy of the results and to immediately report any discrepancies.
Click on: <https://www.kusa.co.za/index.php/events>
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9. Twice a year the Committee shall post the Summary Results for Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year on the club website <http://irishwolfhoundclub.co.za/> and email the breakdown of the detailed results to the Exhibitors.
10. No additional points shall be gained from Group placings upwards for the Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year competition
11. Points shall be calculated as per the table below.
12. Only one place shall be awarded. There will be no Reserve position. One point will be awarded for Best Puppy and one point for each puppy beaten, based on puppies PRESENT.

Best Puppy (Breed)	1 point plus	1 additional point for each puppy beaten/present.
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13. If at the end of the competition year, there are puppies with equal points for 1st position, there shall be a joint placing of the puppies with equal points and the title of Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year shall be shared.
14. A Draft copy of the Final Irish Wolfhound of the Year Puppy points shall be published by the end of February of the year following the competition. This shall provide time for verification before the awards are presented at the club Championship Show in April.
15. Any queries on the Draft Final Points must be submitted to the committee without delay and in writing, substantiated by the relevant catalogues and/or documentation as proof of claims. It shall otherwise be deemed that the competitor accepts the results as per the draft copy published.
16. The winner of Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year shall be invited to attend a prize giving to be held at the Championship Show or similar event, the year following the competition.

BREEDER OF THE YEAR

The same rules shall apply as for Irish Wolfhound of the Year unless stated to the contrary below.

1. The competition shall run from January to December of each calendar year.
2. The breeder shall accrue the points awarded to all dogs and bitches bred by their kennel in the Irish Wolfhound of the Year and Irish Wolfhound Puppy of the Year competitions.
3. Only South African breeders qualify for this award.
4. If at the end of the competition year, there are Breeders with equal points for 1st position, there shall be a joint placing of the Breeders with equal points and the title of Breeder of the Year shall be shared.
5. A Draft copy of the Final Breeder points shall be published by the end of February of the year following the competition. This shall provide time for verification before the awards are presented at the club Championship Show in April.



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- Any queries on the Draft Final Points must be submitted to the committee without delay and in writing, substantiated by the relevant KUSA certificates and/or documentation as proof of claims. It shall otherwise be deemed that the Breeder accepts the results as per the draft copy published.
- The winner of the Breeder of the Year shall be invited to attend a prize giving to be held at the Championship Show or similar event, the year following the competition.

IRISH WOLFHOUND SHOWDOG OF THE YEAR

- The competition shall run from January to December of each calendar year.
- Points towards this competition shall be awarded for Group and higher placings per the table below:

	KUSA Winners, KUSA Nationals & KUSA All Breeds Champ Shows	FCI Shows
Best in Show	10	10
Reserve Best in Show	6	6
Group 1st	4	3
Group 2nd	3	2
Group 3rd	2	0
Group 4th	1	0

- For each three Best in Shows placings 5 extra points shall be awarded to the dog's score.
- If at the end of the competition year, there are dogs with equal points for 1st position, there shall be a joint placing and the title Irish Wolfhound Showdog of the Year shall be shared.
- A Draft copy of the final showdog points shall be published by the end of February of the year following the competition. This shall provide time for verification before the awards are presented at the club Championship Show in April.
- Any queries on the Draft Final Points must be submitted to the committee without delay and in writing, substantiated by the relevant KUSA certificates and/or documentation as proof of claims. It shall otherwise be deemed that the owner accepts the results as per the draft copy published.
- The winner of the Irish Wolfhound Showdog of the Year shall be invited to attend a prize giving to be held at the Championship Show or similar event, the year following the competition.

GENERAL

- The above points system shall apply to the 2025 and 2026 calendar years after which the Committee will entertain any proposals to further modify it.