



World Pet Association and GROOM'D Grooming Contest Division Rules 2025

Competition Level Divisions

GroomTeam Sanctioned Class rules will apply to all levels with the following exception:

ONLY Entry Division may use clippers, scissors and thinning shears when the bodywork is typically hand stripped and/or carded for the show ring in the sporting class and the wire coat class. The contest time will be reduced by 15 minutes.

WPA shows are GroomTeam sanctioned. Please refer to the full GroomTeam Rules.

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Divisions:

Open: (GroomTeam Points) Open to all Competitors/Stylists/Professional groomers. A contestant placing and defeating someone in open division at any show is prohibited from competing in intermediate or entry division.

Intermediate: Restricted to competitors who have not won:

- Two Best in Show or two Best All Around groomer titles from the intermediate division at any
- OR three 1st placements from the intermediate division at any A minimum of two contestants must be entered and judged for class first to be considered in level advancement protocols.
- OR three Group placements from a tiered show.

Entry: Restricted to competitors who have never competed, or who have not won:

- A Best in Show or Best All Around Groomer Title from any division at any Grooming show.
- Or three 1st placements from the Entry Division at any Grooming A minimum of two contestants must be entered and judged for class first to be considered in level advancement protocols.
- Or one Group placement from a Grooming show.
- Owners, handlers, or breeders who have “finished a Champion,” instructors, pet styling contest judges, and certifiers must compete in either the Intermediate or Open Division.
- A contestant placing and defeating someone in intermediate division at any show is prohibited from competing in entry division.