

KENNEL CLUB GUIDANCE FOR JUDGES FOR NSC IN BULLDOGS

“Judges are required to judge dogs against all elements of the breed standard, it is a balanced view.

Judges cannot ask for a dog to be withdrawn due to colour – the term withdrawn relates to temperament and canine health and welfare issues (*Regulation F(1)21o refers*).

Similarly a judge cannot exclude a dog from competition due to it having a non-standard colour (*Regulation F(1)21n refers*).

Colour is only one part of the breed standard and judges must judge dogs against all elements of the breed standard and then weigh up the merits of each dog and place accordingly.

Of course awards can be withheld if there is a lack of sufficient merit in an exhibit and/or class and it is possible that reference to non-standard colour could be considered within this general term.”