

HYPONIC IGC REGULATION

[Part1. Category & Class Definitions]

Pet Fusion	Korean Fusion	Entry / Intermediate / Open
	Full Scissoring	Entry / Intermediate / Open
	Other Dog Breeds	Entry / Intermediate / Open
Model Dog Challenge	Creative Grooming Arts	Entry / Intermediate / Open
	Breed Creative	Entry / Intermediate / Open
	Salon Style	Entry / Intermediate / Open
Show Trimming	Poodle	Entry / Intermediate / Open / Champion
	Pure Breeds	Entry / Intermediate / Open / Champion
	Spaniel & Stripping	Entry / Intermediate / Open / Champion

1. Pet Fusion

Pet Fusion at HYPONIC IGC consists of 3 competitions.

[**Korean Fusion**], [**Full-Scissoring**], and [**Other Dog Breeds**]

- For more details, please read [Part2. Category Explanation] carefully.

Pet Fusion

- ① **Korean Fusion**
- ② **Full Scissoring**
- ③ **Other Dog Breeds**

2. Model Dog Challenge

Model Dog Challenge at HYPONIC IGC consists of 3 competitions.

[**Creative Grooming Arts**], [**Breed Creative (All Pure Breeds)**] and [**Salon Style**]

- For more details, please read [Part2. Category Explanation] carefully.

Model Dog Challenge

- ① **Creative Grooming Arts**
- ② **Breed Creative (All Pure Breeds)**
- ③ **Salon Style**

[Classes Definitions for Pet Fusion & Model Dog Challenge]

- Candidates can select the following classes according to their career and experience.

① Entry Class

- Groomers who have less than 1 year of experience (or less than 2 years of experience if they learned in academies).
- Groomers who participated in previous "HYPONIC IGC Entry classes" cannot participate in the same class following years. (*Please participate in the "Intermediate" class.*)

② Intermediate Class

- Groomers who have more than 1 year but less than 5 years of experience.

③ Open Class

- Groomers who have more than 5 years of experience.

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3. SHOW Trimming

SHOW Trimming of HYPONIC IGC is divided into three events.

[Poodles], [Pure Breeds] and [Spaniel & Stripping]

- Breeds and Grooming Styles now recognized by the Dog Show are allowed.
- Grooming time is allocated differentially according to category and breed characteristics.
- For more details, please read [Part2. Category Explanation] carefully.

SHOW Trimming

- ① **Poodles**
- ② **Pure Breeds**
- ③ **Spaniel & Stripping (Terrier/Spaniel)**

[Classes Definitions for Show Trimming]

- Candidates can select the following classes according to their career and experience.

① **Entry Class**

- Groomers who have less than 1 year of experience (or less than 2 years of experience if they learned in academies).
- Groomers who participated in previous "HYPONIC IGC Entry classes" cannot participate in the same class following years. (**Please participate in the "Intermediate" class.*)

② **Intermediate Class**

- Groomers who can show the skills of Breeds and Grooming Styles recognized by the Dog Show.
- Groomers who are joining "Dog shows" or have more than 1(one) year and less than 5(five) years of field experience.
- Groomers who did not win in previous "Intermediates of HYPONIC IGC" may re-enter the event the following year without class change. After winning the prize, they must register for "Open Class."

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③ **Open Class**

(Available if you meet at least one of the three standards below.)

- Groomers who have more than 5 years of experience.
- Groomers who have certification of work experience or recommendation from the head of a credible institution or academy.
- Winners in “HYPONIC IGC 2024 Intermediate Class”.

④ **Champion Class**

(Available if you meet at least one of the three standards below.)

- 1st place winners of HYPONIC IGC or other Open Class competitions are eligible to apply for the Champion Class.
- Individuals who have won awards in the Open Class more than twice are eligible to apply for the Champion Class only.
- Individuals who have won at least one award in the Open Class and have participated in international Open Class competitions at least three times may apply for the Champion Class at their own discretion.

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[Part2. Category Explanation]

1. [Pet Fusion] - Korean Fusion

1-1 | What is Korean Fusion?

'**Korean Fusion**' is one of Korea's signature grooming trends and styles. It stands out from other Asian grooming styles by using clippers for body trimming, scissors for shaping the legs, and emphasizing creative expression on the face. The ideal breeds for showcasing this unique style are the Poodle and Bichon Frise, the most popular choices in Korea. We offer two specific events in this category: "Poodle" and "Bichon Frise".

At HYPONIC, we encourage groomers to showcase their creativity, allowing complete freedom in facial styling. For participants wishing to add additional design elements, an extra 15 minutes will be provided.

Examples of Korean-Fusion



1-2 | Technical Aspects

- ① **Applicable Breeds** | Poodle & Bichon Frise
- ② **Coat Length** | Coats must have at least 6 (six) weeks of growth from the last haircut, with a minimum length of 2 cm on the day of the competition.
- ③ **Body Clipping** | Clipper blades 7F, 5F, and 4F are permitted.
- ④ **Leg Scissoring** | Legs must be fully scissored into either column or trumpet shapes. (*Pantalone style is not permitted.)
- ⑤ **Feet** | Both feet may be either shaved or covered.
- ⑥ **Face Styling** | Allowed styles include Big Round Head, Big Teddy Bear, Broccoli, Teddy Bear, Bedlington, Mustache, Mohawk, Unbalanced, Candy, Ear-popped, and more.
(*Examples of these face styles can be found at the end of this document.)

- ⑦ **Time Limit |**
 - 1 hour 45 minutes for all breeds, regardless of face styling.
 - 2 hours for Standard Poodles.
 - Additional 15 minutes is allowed if extra body design elements are added.
- ⑧ **Additional Body Design:**
 - Artistic cuts (e.g., Twisted, Spiral-shaped, Baby Diaper, Heart, Ribbon), are allowed. An extra 15 minutes will be provided for these enhancements.
- ⑨ **Tools:**
 - **Allowed Tools and Supplies |** All grooming tools are permitted, provided they do not pose a health risk or cause stress to the dog. Pre-dyeing is allowed but must not cover more than 1/3 (one-third) of the dog's total body.
 - **Prohibited Tools and Supplies |** Glitter pearls, dyeing powders and products (on-site dyeing is strictly prohibited), and hairspray.

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2. [Pet-Fusion] - Full Scissoring

2-1 | What is Full-Scissoring?

'**Full-Scissoring**' is one of Korea's signature grooming styles, where groomers exclusively use scissors.

At HYPONIC, we encourage groomers to showcase their creativity, allowing complete freedom in facial styling. For those wishing to add additional body design elements, partial use of clippers is permitted, and an extra 15 minutes will be provided.

Examples of Full-Scissoring



2-2 | Technical Aspects

- ① **Applicable Breeds** | Poodle & Bichon Frise
- ② **Coat Length** |
 - The coats must grow for at least six weeks since the last haircut, **AND**
 - The coat length must be longer than 3cm for the **Entry & Intermediate Class**
 - The coat length must be longer than 5cm for **Open Class**
- ③ **Body & Leg Scissoring** | Only column or trumpet-shaped cuts are allowed.
- ④ **Feet** | Both feet may be either shaved or covered.
- ⑤ **Face Styling** | Styles include big round head, big teddy bear, broccoli, teddy bear, Bedlington, mustache, mohawk, unbalanced, candy, ear-popped, etc.
*[You can refer to the face styling examples at the end of this document.](#) You may use scissors to highlight the characteristics of each facial style.)
- ⑥ **Time Limit** |
 - 2 hours for all styles
 - 2 hours 15 minutes for standard poodles
 - If you want to add an additional design on the body, you will receive an extra 15 minutes.

⑦ **Additional Body Design (Styling):**

- You should use scissors only. However, if you want to add additional shapes such as artistic grooming (e.g., twisted cuts, spiral-shaped cuts, baby diaper cuts, hearts, ribbons), you may use clippers partially for these designs. You will also receive an extra 15 minutes.

⑧ **Tools:**

- **Acceptable Tools and Supplies:** All grooming tools are allowed except those that could threaten the dog's health or induce stress. Pre-dyeing is allowed (should not exceed 1/3 of the total body).
- **Unacceptable Tools and Supplies:** Glitter pearls, dyeing powders, and dyeing products (dyeing during the competition is strictly prohibited), as well as hairspray.

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3. [Pet-Fusion] Other Dog Breeds (Multi Style or Salon Fusion)

3-1 | What is Other Dog Breeds?

'Other Dog Breeds' aims to inspire and showcase the creativity of groomers who wish to create a variety of styles (such as multi-salon or salon fusion) using different dog breeds.

Examples of Other Dog Breeds



3-2 | Technical Aspects

- ① **Applicable Breeds** | Coton de Tulear, Pomeranian, Maltese, Shih Tzu, Yorkshire Terrier, Cocker Spaniel, Schnauzer, Hybrid breeds (Maltipoo, Cockapoo, Doodle), etc.
- ② **Styling Version** | Spotring, Full-scissoring, Pantalone, Schnauzer-Fusion, Cocka-Fusion, Styles including dyeing, Styles including patterns
- ③ **Tools** |
 - **Acceptable Tools and Supplies** | Light accessories such as scarves that can be worn around the neck, rubber bands, or ribbons for hair-ups are permitted. Pre-dyeing is allowed (should not exceed 1/3 of the total body).
 - **Unacceptable Tools and Supplies** | Glitter pearls, Dye powder, Hair color products or dyeing, Hairspray (not allowed for Pet Fusion)
- ④ **Time Limit** |
 - 2 hours for all breeds under medium size (regardless of facial style and additional body designs)
 - 2 hours 15 minutes for large Hybrid Sporting breeds (regardless of facial style and additional designs)

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4. Model Dog Challenge

4-1 | What is Model Dog Challenge?

In [Model Dog Challenge], you can showcase your grooming creativeness with a mannequin dog and wig. Model Dog Challenge consists of 3 competitions as below: [Creative Grooming Arts], [Breed Creative], and [Salon Style]

- ※ **Mannequin** | Any mannequin from any brands is allowed.
- ※ **Coat (wig) length** | The coat length must be longer than 7 cm.

4-2 | Technical Aspects

① Creative Grooming Arts

'Creative Grooming Arts' is an artistic grooming competition where each contender can express their unique theme. Dyeing and accessories are allowed. However, it is important that your design is based on the dog's natural bone structure.



- **Pre-work Allowed** | Basic section-divided coloring (dyeing) or establishing the basic framework.
- **Tools**
 - **Acceptable Tools and Supplies** | Glitter pearls, dye powder, hair color spray, hairspray, and all necessary accessories
 - **Unacceptable Tools and Supplies** | Any tools or supplies that may threaten the dog's health, or those that are visually unpleasant or excessively heavy.
- **Time Limit** | 2hours (with no break time)

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② Breed Creative (All Pure Breeds)

'Breed Creative' is for purebred dogs that follow the official breed standards. All dogs can be dyed according to the breed standard, and the participants can use scissors and clippers. Natural coat color of the wig is allowed.



- **Pre-work Allowed** | Basic section-divided coloring (dyeing) or establishing the basic framework.
- **Tools** |
 - **Acceptable Tools and Supplies** | Dye powder, Hair color spray, Hair spray, and all wearable furs for model dogs
 - **Unacceptable Tools and Supplies** | Glitter Pearl, Accessories
- **Time Limit** | 2hours (with no break time)

③ Salon Style

During 'Salon Style' competition, participants can only use scissors and clippers. All techniques are allowed.



- **Pre-work allowed** | Dyeing (less than 1/3 of whole body, ex: ears, tail, heart shape, bubble shape, etc.). Participants CANNOT dye during the competition.
- **Tools** |
 - **Acceptable Toos and supplies** | Hair spray (partial use only), Light accessories, Scarves, Glitter pearls, Wearable furs for model dogs.
 - **Unacceptable Tools and supplies** | Heavy accessories, Dye powder, Hair color spray
- **Time Limit** | 2hours (with no break time)

※ Model Dog Challenge Mark Sheet ※

	Creative Ability	Technical Skills	Last Presentation	etc (Before grooming condition of model dog, Groomer's attitude, Tool)
Creative Grooming Arts	30	25	25	20
Breed Creative (All Pure Breeds)	20	20	40	20
Salon Style	15	45	20	20

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5. SHOW Trimming

5-1 | General Aspects

- ✘ All Breeds of SHOW Trimming comply with FCI and AKC standard breeds.
- ✘ Coat Length
 - **Coat growth** | The coat **must** grow for at least six weeks since the last haircut.
 - **Entry & Intermediate Class**
 - Coat length must be longer than 3cm from the top line of the hip.
 - The Continental clip's clipping line must be longer than 1.5cm
 - **Open & Champion Class**
 - Coat length must be longer than 5cm from the top line of the hip. The Continental clip's clipping line must be longer than 1.5cm

5-2 | Technical Aspects

- ① **Poodles, Pure Breeds**
 - The face and paws must be clipped before the competition.
 - **Clipping is allowed for the following breeds** | Bedlington Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier
 - **Acceptable Tools and supplies** | Tools required to express the dog breeds
- ② **Terrier/ Spaniel**
 - **Acceptable Tools and supplies** | Knife, stripping stone, color powder, chalk, spray, cream, etc.
 - **Allowable Clipping Areas** |
 - Scottish Terrier: belly, head, ears, neckline
 - West Highland Terrier: belly, ears
 - Spaniel: belly, ears, neckline
 - Schnauzer: belly, head, ears, neckline

5-3 | Time Limits for Show Trimming

- ① **Entry Class**
 - All entry class participants will receive 2 hours for all dog breeds.
- ② **Poodles [Intermediate / Open / Champion Class]**
 - **Toy Poodle (Over 24cm to 28cm)** | 1 hour 30 minutes (Setting breeds have an extra 15 minutes.)
 - **Miniature Poodle (Over 28cm up to 35cm)** | 1 hour 45 minutes (Setting breeds have an extra 15 minutes.)
 - **Medium Poodle (Over 35cm up to 45cm)** | 2 hours (Setting breeds have an extra 15 minutes.)
 - **Standard Poodle (Over 45cm)** | 2 hours and 15 minutes (Setting breeds have an extra 15 minutes.)

③ Pure Breeds [Intermediate / Open / Champion Class]

- **Bichon Frise** | 2 hours
- **Bedlington Terrier** | 2 hours
- **Kerry Blue Terrier** | 2 hours and 15 minutes

④ Spaniel & Stripping [Intermediate / Open / Champion Class]

- **Terrier** | 2 hours // Large size 2hours 15minutes
- **Spaniel** | 2 hours

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[Part3. General Aspects]

I. Competition Etiquettes

- All dogs must be bathed and dried (including ear cleaning and nail clipping).
- The belly, anus, and paw pads of all dogs must be clipped and groomed.
- Please ensure that your dog has no scratches, ticks, skin troubles, or tangled fur.
- Since HYPONIC IGC is not a qualification-based competition, we focus on the difficulty of the styling and grooming techniques.

II. Important Notes

For all breeds that place in the [Pet Fusion] and [Model Dog Challenge], light accessories (e.g., scarves, capes) are allowed during the final highlight awards ceremony. However, accessories are not allowed before the highlight awards ceremony.

III. General Event Information

- ① **Grooming Gown** | Free choice
- ② **Apron** | HYPONIC grooming apron will be provided as the standard apron. It must be worn during the competition.
- ③ **Tablecloth** | Tablecloths can only be used after grooming. The choice of tablecloth is up to the individual participant.
- ④ **Basic Equipment** | Grooming table, Table arm, Chair, Mini tray.
- ⑤ **Personal Item Storage Lockers** | Depending on the size of the venue, personal lockers or storage space will be provided.
- ⑥ **Break Time** | After 1 hour from the start of each competition, a 10-minute break will be provided, which does not count toward the grooming time. However, the Model Dog Challenge (wig competition) will proceed without a break.
 - During the break, you must always accompany your dog and do not leave the dog alone on the table. Penalties will be applied if the dog is left unattended.
- ⑦ **Bathing Facilities** | A bathing room will be available at the venue.
 - As there may be high demand at certain times, please make a reservation using the waiting list provided at the entrance.
 - Personal grooming tables and dryers are allowed.

IV. Other Information

- For the convenience of overseas participants, a list of nearby hotels will be provided, but we do not assist with hotel reservations or inquiries.
- HYPONIC does not assist with the regulations or procedures for bringing dogs into China, so please refer to the relevant regulations.

- You may need documents (e.g., visas) for entry and stay, so please check carefully and prepare them in advance.
- For the convenience of participants, all grooming tables will be set up with new grooming tables. After the competition, these tables will be offered for sale at a discounted price.

***Example) Face Styling Examples for [Korean Fusion] & [Full Scissoring]**

Mushroom Style		
		
Candy Style		
		
Helmet Style		
		
Ear Popped / Ear Separation		
		