

IPDCA Championship Class Definitions

The five main classes are

1. Scissored Dogs trimmed with scissored technique
2. Handstripped Dogs trimmed with handstripped technique
3. Clipped - Dogs trimmed with clipped technique
4. Novice The Novice Class is open to competitors who have not been placed in other competitions {with the exception of Career Start/ New to Grooming}. It is a Class aimed at newcomers to grooming. It is intended for those grooming less than 3 years. {eligibility must be submitted for verification with entry }
5. Heinegar New to Grooming – Entrants must be grooming no more than 1 year and have not competed before. . {eligibility must be submitted for verification with entry }

Prizes are awarded 1st to 3rd in each of the above classes.

🐾 Creative styling class is open to all groomers.

Section A - Anything goes {example ~ colours / shaping/ props etc } as long as the dogs welfare is not affected or compromised. Full transformation should enter this class rather than the “Salon Creative Class”

Section B - Salon Creative Class - This class is for those who want to start off in the creative field. Stencils, bows etc can be used. If your entry involves major transformation please enter section A of the creative.

Our other trophies have certain criteria regarding their particular eligibility

- To be eligible for the **International Trophy** will must live & work outside “ the island of Ireland” Our International competitors are to be awarded separate 1st - 3rd placings within the Clipped, Scissored and Handstrip classes. A “Best International” will then be decided.
- “Best in Show” is usually decided between “Best International” and “Irish Groomer of the Year”
- Irish Groomer Of The Year- To be eligible for this award you must compete with 2 dogs in classes 1-3 and be working as a groomer on the island of Ireland.
- The “Individual Dog Trophy” is open to competitors who just compete in one of the classes 1-3. Competing with one dog means they are not eligible to go forward for the Groomer of the Year but they are eligible for this Trophy
- “Scissor Technique” Trophy is awarded to the competitor deemed to have the best approach, technique and/or finish achieved when scissoring. All competitors in classes 1-5 Open and Champion sections are considered for this award.