

## Official OBBA Breed Standard

### Mini Bullz

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Mini Bull Front View Cropped Ears



Mini Bull with Rose Ears



Mini Bull with Drop Ears

**Weight:** 25 to 40 pounds - Ideal 32 pounds

**Height:** 10 to 15 inches - Ideal 13 inches

**Mini Bullz Breed Description:** The Mini Bull is a compact, yet athletic bully of moderately short stature. Having well defined muscle mass and an unmistakably bulldog head, it still possesses excellent breathing capability. While staying true to the companion status of the bulldog, Mini Bullz also excel at many canine sports, making them a multi-purpose canine. They have lots of character and a need to always be in the spotlight. Size for both males and females is 25 - 40 pounds, with height ranging from 10 - 15 inches being in direct proportion to the weight. No single feature should be in such prominence from excess or lack that the animal appears out of proportion. Bitches should possess equally impressive structure as males, with few allowances for smaller type and stature.

**Head:** Large and round, moderately wrinkled, with eyes that are positioned relatively low in the skull, in front of the head, and wide apart (provided their outer corners are within the outline of the cheeks when viewed from the front). The **skull** should be very large in circumference, measuring a minimum of one and one quarter times the height of the dog at the withers. Viewed from the front, the head should appear high from the corner of the lower jaw to the apex of the skull, and also very broad. Viewed from the side, the head should appear high and moderately short from the point of the nose to occiput. *Head that appears too small is a Major fault.*

**Forehead:** Should be flat, neither too prominent nor overhanging the face.

**Cheeks:** Should be well defined, protruding sideways and outward beyond the eyes when viewed from the front. The **temples and frontal bones** should be very well defined, and brow broad, square and high, causing a hollow or groove between the eyes. This indentation, or stop, should be both broad and moderately deep and extend up the middle of the forehead, dividing the head vertically, being traceable to the top of the skull. *Head that appears narrow is a Major fault.*

**Muzzle:** Length of muzzle should not be shorter than one half inch and should not exceed one and one half inch in length. Should have a distinct rake of approx 10 to 15 degrees as viewed from the side. The nose should be large and broad, its tip set reasonably far from the eyes. The distance from bottom of stop, between the eyes, to the tip of nose should be short but proportionate to the overall head size.

**Bite:** The jaws should be very broad, square and "undershot," the lower jaw projecting in front of the upper jaw with slight upward curvature along its entire length. The flews should be moderately pendulous to outline the bottom of the lower jaw. The teeth should be large and strong, with the canine teeth wide apart and not protruding beyond the flews. The bite should be clean in even rows. *Wry jaw, even or scissor bite is a Disqualification*

**Eyes:** Should be oval in shape, of moderate size, and not bulging. Brown eyes are preferred. *Odd eyes are a fault. Entropion and Ectropion are disqualifying faults.*

**Ears:** Should be set high on the head, placed as wide apart, and as high as possible. Ears can be rose or drop as long as they are small. Ears may be cropped with no fault as this is a cosmetic preference, crops should be close to the head, tall crops are undesirable. *Pricked ears are a disqualifying fault.*

**Nose:** The nostrils should be wide and large. *Stenotic "pinched" nares or elongated soft palate "noisy breathing" are major faults.*

*Nose that is lacking some pigment (butterfly) is a minor fault, missing all pigment (Dudley) is a major fault.*

**Body:** The **neck** should be short, thick, and slightly arched. There should be a slight fall in the back behind the shoulders, a slight rise to the loin, then curving again more suddenly at the croup to the tail, forming a moderate roach back. The body length from withers to croup should be equal to the height from the ground to the withers, with full sides and well sprung ribs. The dog should have a broad, low, short-legged appearance. The chest should be broad, deep and full, extending beyond the elbows in depth. The body should be well ribbed with the belly tucked up and not rotund. The back should be strong, very broad at the shoulders, narrow at the loin, and again thick at the hip. *Long neck and slab side are major faults. Sway Back is a Disqualifying Fault.*

**Tail:** The tail may be screwed, spiked, or docked, and in any case should be short. Pump handles are allowed, *but a full, long tail is a minor fault.*

**Legs and feet:** The shoulders and forelegs should be muscular, moderately heavy boned, and widespread lending to a look of stability and great power. The legs should be straight, short, thick, muscular with good definition, presenting a slightly bowed outline, with the bones of the legs straight not curved or bandy. Feet should be set apart directly below shoulders. The elbows should be held slightly out from the body. The feet should be moderate in size, round, compact, and firmly set with pasterns that are high and strong. Hind legs should be strong and muscular, and in direct proportion to the front legs, not being overly long. The lower leg should be short, straight and strong, with the stifles well angulated and straight forward facing. The rear feet, as well, should be moderate in size, compact and firmly set, well knuckled with short stubby nails. The hind feet should be oriented straight forward. The rump should be the same height as the shoulders. *Pigeon toes, crooked, splayed, or flat toes, bowed elbows, easty/westy feet, and low pasterns will be considered Minor to Major faults depending on the severity. Cowhocks are major fault. Downed pasterns, with dewclaws on or nearly touching the ground, is a disqualifying fault.*

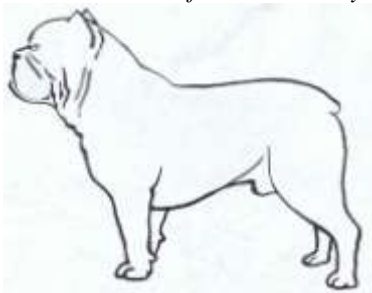
**Coat and Skin:** The coat should be straight, short, flat, dense, of fine texture, smooth and glossy. (No fringe, feather or curl.) The skin should be soft and tight to the body, but looser at the head and neck. The head and face should have moderate wrinkles, and at the throat, from jaw to chest, there should be two slightly pendulous folds, forming the double dewlap. Dogs missing patches of hair will be automatically disqualified.

**Color:** All coat colors are acceptable except merle.

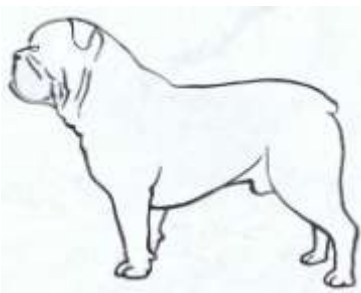
**Temperament:** The Mini Bull should be a very confident, happy, and friendly dog that is at ease with its family and fine with outsiders. They form strong bonds with their family and enjoy the company of children. The more exposure to good training practices, other dogs and people, the more likely the success at being controlled both inside and outside of their normal environment. Mini Bullz should willingly accept other dogs. Only minor signs of dominance are allowed, *excessive aggression is a disqualifying Fault.*

**Movement/Gait:** Movement should exude power, pulling from the front and driving from the rear. The gait should show a confident and outgoing nature. Preferred gait is a narrow double track. *Paddle foot, single tracking, pacing, and crabbing are major faults.*

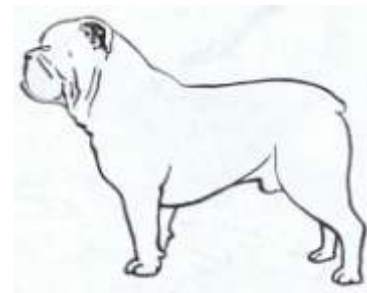
*Dogs that have undergone corrective surgeries i.e. cherry eye tacking or removal, soft palate re-sectioning, entropion repair, tattooing, etc. are excluded from show entry.*



*Mini Bull Side View with Cropped Ears*



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