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**SAINT BERNARD CLUB OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE SELECTION PROCEDURE**

This document sets forth the qualifications required of judges to be eligible to judge the SBCA National Specialty Show and the corresponding compensation for the judges of each event.

**A. REGULAR CONFORMATION CLASSES**

**1. Eligibility Requirements to Judge Regular Conformation Classes**

Eligibility to judge the regular conformation classes at the SBCA National Specialty Show shall be restricted to judges who provide written certification to the SBCA Recording Secretary prior to the publication of the first ballot for judges that they meet the following minimum requirements and that they understand and agree with the SBCA compensation policy. Minimum requirements are:

- a. Must have been an owner, breeder and exhibitor of Saint Bernards and must have been the registered breeder of at least 4 St. Bernard litters and at least two (2) Saint Bernard champions.
- b. Must have judged Saint Bernards at two (2) or more AKC licensed shows after having achieved regular status as an AKC-approved judge (completed provisional status and placed on regular status by AKC).
- c. Must not have judged any of the regular conformation classes at an SBCA National Specialty Show for the three (3) such events preceding the assignment being voted on.
- d. Must have attended at least one (1) SBCA Breed Education Seminar held in conjunction with one of the last five (5) National Specialties, a SBCA-approved seminar or a workshop sponsored by the AKC, a recognized Judges' organization, or a local Saint Bernard Specialty show.
- e. Must have attended one (1) of the last three SBCA National Specialty Shows.
- f. Must be currently approved by the American Kennel Club for judging Saint Bernard conformation classes.
- g. Must be a member in good standing of the Saint Bernard Club of America.
- h. Must agree to not judge Saint Bernard's at shows in the US or Canada for a period of six (6) months prior to the dates of the National Specialty Show for which s/he has been elected to judge.
- i. Candidates for Conformation or Sweeps Judge at the National can have their name on ONE of those two venues.

**2. Election Procedure for Conformation Judges for Regular Classes**

- a. The Recording Secretary shall tabulate the names of all AKC licensed judges eligible to judge the SBCA National Specialty Show in accordance with Paragraph 1 above, including all foreign licensed judges who have been brought to the Secretary's attention as being potentially eligible to judge at the SBCA National Specialty. The Recording Secretary shall send to each individual on the two tabulations a letter of inquiry regarding their desire to be placed on the first ballot. This letter shall be mailed on or before September 1st of each year and must be returned to and received by the Recording Secretary within thirty (30) days of the date of the letter.
- b. If no response is received, a second letter will be sent allowing an additional ten (10) days from the date of the second letter to respond. If at that time, no response has been received to the two notices sent, it will be assumed that the individual does not wish to be nominated to judge the SBCA National Specialty Show.

- c. The current AKC Judges Directory and the list of AKC approved judges of Saint Bernard's which appears on the AKC Internet Web Page as of August 15 shall be used to tabulate the names of the judges for the first ballot.
- d. Judges who have been elected to judge an SBCA National Specialty will have their names withheld from any and all balloting to select judges for the next three (3) National Specialty Shows immediately following their election to judge the next National.
- e. The letter will also include a request for the information described in paragraph 1 (a) thru and including (g) of this procedure.
- f. Those names will be placed in alphabetical order on the first ballot and sent to all members in good standing, along with the Nominating Committee's report and mailed on or before November 1st of each year.
- g. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to two votes on the first ballot but shall not vote for any single candidate more than once.
- h. The first ballot shall be marked and received back by the Notary Public, Certified Public Accountant or Registered Parliamentarian, selected by the Recording Secretary to conduct the election, within 30 days of the date of the ballot.
- i. The first ballot shall include the following information by way of a simple chart indicating:
  - City and State (or Country) of residence
  - Year initially licensed to judge Saint Bernards
  - Number of the last five (5) SBCA National Specialties attended
  - Number of SBCA sponsored educational events attended
- j. The Education Committee shall provide the Recording Secretary with: a listing of the SBCA-approved educational events held in conjunction with the last five (5) SBCA National Specialties; SBCA approved seminars or workshops sponsored by the AKC; a recognized Judges' organization; or local Saint Bernard Specialty shows. This list shall be sent with the first mailing to the prospective judges. The judges shall be requested to respond concerning their attendance at the qualifying events.
- k. All of the first ballots shall be tabulated by the person/organization chosen to conduct the election and he/they shall compile a list of the top five (5) candidates.
- l. In the case of a tie on the first ballot, all names included in the tie(s) with the top five (5) names will be accepted as valid nominations.
- m. The names of these five (5) conformation judges shall be listed alphabetically, on a second ballot, and that ballot shall be mailed to all members in good standing along with the SBCA Officers and Governors Ballot, on or before January 15 of each year.
- n. Each member in good standing is entitled to two votes on the second ballot but shall not vote for any single candidate more than once.
- o. The second ballot shall be received and marked by the person/organization chosen to conduct the election, per the Recording Secretary's guidelines for election of Officers, within thirty (30) days of the date of the ballot.
- p. The second ballot shall be tabulated by the person/organization chosen to conduct the election, and the results of the voting shall be made available to all members of the SBCA on or before March 1st of each year.
- q. The individual receiving the largest number of votes shall judge Best of Breed, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor and Best Puppy, Intersex competition PLUS his/her choice of all regular dog classes or all regular bitch classes.
- r. The individual receiving the second highest number of votes shall judge the remaining sex depending upon the selection made by the first place judge. In addition, this individual shall judge Stud Dog, Brood Bitch and Brace Classes.
- s. In case of any and all ties on the second ballot, the tie(s) shall be broken by a vote of the Board of Governors. This vote may be conducted by telephone, mail or e-mail at the discretion of the Recording Secretary.

- t. If, for any reason, an elected judge must resign from the assignment, the current Board of Governors shall immediately determine who the next available judge was, in order of the highest number of votes received on the second ballot. The President shall contact eligible judges on the ballot in the order of descending number of votes received to learn if the judge is available and willing to take the assignment. (NOTE: No judge who has accepted an assignment at a pre-show or trailer show may be considered to be available.) If none of the judges on the second ballot are available, the remaining judges on the first ballot will be considered in the order of the votes received. Upon the judge's acceptance of the assignment, the Recording Secretary shall issue a contract to the judge, the Show Chairman shall be notified, and the judge's name shall be submitted to the American Kennel Club for approval.

### **3. Judging Compensation Policy – Conformation Judges – Regular Classes (Effective 2017 SBCA National)**

- a. Regular conformation class judges shall be compensated for economy travel to and from the national. No judging fees will be paid by the SBCA.
- b. Lodging - The SBCA shall provide one room for each conformation judge of regular classes (or each judge and one guest occupying the same room) from the night immediately before each and after the day of judging. The room provided by the SBCA will be only at the host hotel designated by the Show Committee. Judges may stay elsewhere, but any increases in cost over comparable lodging at the host hotel shall be borne by the judge.
- c. Meals - Each judge shall be provided up to three meals on the day of judging by the SBCA. Judges shall be responsible for their own meals on all non-judging days
- d. Regular conformation judges and one guest shall be furnished complimentary admission to and meals at the SBCA Annual Dinner.

## **B. SWEEPSTAKES CLASS JUDGE**

### **1. Eligibility Requirements to Judge Regular Conformation Classes**

Eligibility of an individual to judge the SBCA Sweepstakes at the National Specialty Show shall be as follows:

- a. Nominee must be a SBCA member of five (5) years or more, in good standing, have bred a minimum of three (3) Saint Bernard litters, have judged a minimum of three (3) Sweepstakes, Futurities, or Matches (one of which must have been a Saint Bernard assignment) and must have attended at least one (1) of Educational events at one (1) of the last five (5) National Specialty Shows.
- b. Nominee must not have judged Sweepstakes classes at the three (3) preceding National Specialty Shows

### **2. Election Procedure for Sweepstakes Judge**

Members of the SBCA who are eligible in accordance with paragraph 1 above may be nominated in writing by three (3) members in good standing. The nominee must certify that s/he meets the requirements of eligibility, fully understand the SBCA compensation agreement and accepts the nomination.

- a. Nominations must be received by the Recording Secretary not later than September 15th of each year.
- b. By September 20, the Recording Secretary will request from all nominees the information described in 1 (a) and (b) above, to be received by the Recording Secretary on or before October 15.
- c. The Education Committee shall provide the Recording Secretary with a listing of the SBCA-approved educational events held in conjunction with the last five (5) SBCA National

Specialties. The nominee shall be requested to respond concerning his/her attendance at the qualifying events.

- d. The first ballot shall also include the following information indicating:
  - Year obtained first Saint Bernard
  - Number of Saint Bernard litters bred
  - Number of last five (5) National Specialty Shows attended
  - Number of SBCA educational events attended
  - Have you bred two of more Saint Bernard champions?
- e. If ten (10) or more nominations are received by the Recording Secretary, they shall be listed in alphabetical order and included with the first ballot of the National Specialty Judges and the Nominating Committee Report to be mailed to all SBCA members in good standing on or before November 1 of each year.
- f. Each member in good standing will be entitled to one vote on the first ballot.
- g. If fewer than ten (10) nominees should be received by the Recording Secretary, the alphabetized list and information requested in (c) and (d) above and provided by the nominees will be held for the second ballot and will not be part of the first balloting procedure.
- h. In the unlikely that event no nominations are received, the Board of Governors shall each nominate one candidate, with the consent of the nominee, who meets the eligibility requirements of paragraph B.1 above.
- i. If a first ballot was necessary, the Recording Secretary shall contact in order the top five (5) Sweepstakes nominees to ascertain their availability and acceptance. These names will be taken from the list provided by the person/organization selected to conduct the election.
- j. The names of the top five candidates (except in the case of a tie/s) will be listed alphabetically on the second ballot which shall be mailed to all members in good standing, with the second ballot of the National Specialty Judges and Election of Officers and Governors Ballot on or before January 15 of each year.
- k. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on the second ballot.
- l. Timetable and ballot counting procedure shall be the same as for the National Specialty Judges.

### **3. Compensation Policy – Sweepstakes Judge**

Sweepstakes judges shall be compensated as follows:

- a. Sweepstakes judges will receive a compensation of \$100.00
- b. Sweepstakes judges and one guest shall be furnished complimentary admission to and meals at the SBCA Annual Dinner.

## **C. OBEDIENCE TRIAL / RALLY TRIAL JUDGES**

### **1. Obedience Trial/Rally Trial Judges Selection Procedure**

The Obedience Trial/Rally Trial judge selection will be the responsibility of the National Specialty Show Committee. The procedure for the selection of a judge for the SBCA Obedience Trial and Rally Trial shall be as follows:

- a. The Show Committee should obtain a copy of the current Guidelines for Obedience Trial/Rally Trials previously approved by the SBCA Board of Governors.
- b. The Show Committee will heed the advice of the local Saint Bernard Obedience Fanciers as part of the Obedience Trial/Rally Trial judge selection process.
- c. The person chosen should be qualified to judge both Obedience and Rally.

### **2. Compensation Policy – Obedience Trial / Rally Trial Judges**

Obedience Trial/Rally Trial Judges shall be compensated as follows:

- a. The Show Committee with the Assistance of the SBCA Performance Chair shall determine the fee for the National Specialty Obedience/Rally judge.

- b. The Obedience/Rally judge and one guest shall be furnished complimentary admission to and meals at the SBCA Annual Dinner.

#### **D. JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE**

##### **1. Junior Showmanship Judge Selection Procedure**

Junior Showmanship judge selection will be the responsibility of the National Show Committee. The procedure for selection of the judge for the SBCA Junior Showmanship is as follows:

- a. The non-Intersex Judge of the National Specialty could be requested to do this assignment provided s/he is approved to judge Junior Showmanship by the AKC.
- b. Holding Junior Showmanship is not mandatory. The Show Committee shall determine if there is enough interest in the event in the area in which the show is held.

##### **2. Compensation Policy – Junior Showmanship Judge**

Junior Showmanship judges shall be compensated as follows:

- a. No financial compensation shall be paid to Junior Showmanship judges.
- b. The Junior Showmanship judge and one guest shall be furnished complimentary admission to and meals at the SBCA Annual Dinner.

#### **E. WORKING EVENTS JUDGE**

##### **1. Working Dog Events judge Selection Procedure**

The procedure for selection of the judges for the Working Dog Trials and Events, Draft or Carting Events and Weight Pulling Events are as follows:

- a. The selection of the judge or judges for the Working Trials and Events, Carting Events, or Weight-Pull Events is the responsibility of the National Show Committee.
- b. Eligibility to judge at the Working Trials and Events, Carting Events, or Weight-Pull Events shall be restriction to the people who are approved by the Working Dog Committee of the SBCA to officiate at such events.

##### **2. Compensation Policy - Working Dog Event Judges**

All expenses and compensation shall be managed by the Working Dog Committee and paid for from their own fund except as listed below:

- a. Working Dog Event judges and one guest shall be furnished with three meals on the day/s they judge.
- b. Working Dog Event judges and one guest shall be furnished complimentary admission to and meals at the SBCA Annual Dinner.