

PROCEDURE FOR COMPILING A BIENNIAL LIST OF NATIONAL JUDGES

Goal: To produce a list of member nominated judges, eligible to judge the German Pinscher at the GPCA National Specialty.

Purpose: Compile a list of 15 judges with the largest number of nominations received from members in good standing from which the club will hire the National Specialty Judge.

For nominations to be considered valid they must meet the **three** requirements listed below. The nomination process will occur in odd numbered years beginning in 2015 and the resulting list will be used to hire judges for the Nationals occurring two and three years from the year in which the list was created.

The requirements for Judges to be placed on the nomination ballots from which the membership may nominate are as follows:

1. All judges must be regular status for the German Pinscher (no provisional judges may be selected)
2. Any individual who has judged the GPCA Specialty in the previous 5 years may not be nominated.
3. All judges nominated must be approved for at least two groups.

PROCEDURE:

1. Distribute instructions below, with a nominee form allowing for each member in good standing to Nominate up to five different judges. The completed nomination forms will be sent, by the GPCA members, to an independent professional firm as is designated by the Board at the address given on the return envelope, who will then tally the nominations in ranked order per number of nominations from GPCA members. The results will be sent to the Board of Directors.

2) The names of the top fifteen Judges based on the number of nominations they receive will be placed in a lottery and drawn randomly at the Annual meeting on odd years to establish the order in which they will be contacted to judge either/both years. **All judges tied for the 15th position will be included in the random drawing list, provided they have three or more votes.**

3) In the event of a Designated Specialty at an all-breed show, the list of judges in the drawing order will be provided to the show chair of the host club along with a request that they **hire a judge/s for their show on the list considering the rank order provided.**

In the event of an Independent specialty, the cluster should be furnished with the names of the top fifteen judges as early as possible, so that the cluster might hire any for their cluster, **giving preference to rank order if possible.** Then judges will be contacted in rank order by the GPCA SCC chair until an acceptance is received.

Exception: In the event a judge who appears on our judges selection list

has already been hired by the cluster, that judge will be asked to judge our specialty even if out of ranked order, in order to enable the GPCA to share expenses with the cluster. Should no judge accept from the list created through the random drawing process, the SCC Chair shall provide the board with the available choices as hired by the host club or cluster, to fill the assignment.

Fiscal responsibility and member input must be considered when contracting for this position.

4. AKC has made provisions that a club member breeder or foreign judge can be used to judge a National Specialty. While following all AKC requirements, the GPCA can choose a non AKC licensed judge providing :

At least one year in advance of the show the board should vote on the nomination of the person in question. Then the nomination is placed on the agenda for the Annual membership meeting for a Membership Meeting vote. Once the Board approves the nomination, and the members attending the annual meeting vote to approve the nomination, and all AKC requirements are fulfilled, the person nominated can be approached to judge our specialty.

NOMINATION FORMS:

The complete list of all eligible judges will be posted in on the GPCA discussion list and on the GPCA website for easy access. A ballot and return envelope will be sent to members in good standing and should include the following instructions to consider when making National Judge Nominations:

- 1) Nominate judges, with a strong working dog background and avoid judges that judge only a few breeds when the national is to be held at an all-breed show. Judges with few breeds are difficult for host clubs to justify paying if they cannot be used to judge other breeds/groups during the show weekend.
- 2) A Working Group judge is preferred, and a Best in Show judge is also preferred.
- 3) Judges nominated must be approved to judge at least two groups.
- 4) Refrain from suggesting a judge just because he or she awarded your dog and do not dismiss a judge just because he or she didn't award your dog.

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