



PPPA National Specialty Show Guidelines:

Specialty Show Date:

- Each year between August 1st and October 31st somewhere in the USA.
- Should be held as an Independent Specialty so that there is no limit to the number of entries. A two-day event may be held before or after an all-breed kennel club show weekend.

Pre-show Planning:

- National Specialty application and show proposal/bids to host the National are presented to the board for approval by June 1st, two years prior to the specialty date.
- If no bids are received the PPPA Board becomes the show committee and chooses the location, etc.
- The PPPA Secretary or Treasurer shall complete and file AKC Forms before the deadline. Per AKC Rules.

Judges Selection: (see separate rules for additional details on each category)

- Judges' selection: The membership shall select the conformation breed and sweepstakes judges 2 years in advance per the Judges Selection Guidelines. Ideally the conformation breed judge also be approved to judge junior showmanship. However, not required. The sweepstakes judge need not be AKC licensed and may be a PPPA member in good standing.
- Futurity/Maturity judge is selected by the members that nominated litters for the event.
- Top Twenty judges are selected by the Top Twenty Chairman. (see separate rules)

Show Committee – consists of the following:

- Show Chair –
 1. Selects and works with show secretary/superintendent to make sure all items in on time for premium list and catalog.
 2. Secure ring steward from membership or outside assistance for the going rate.
 3. Secure professional photographer for the entire event.
 4. Provides sweepstakes class breakdown to the club Treasurer, who in turn calculates and separates the monies for class and breed prizes. (See breakdown under premium list section)
 5. Coordinates and selects menu for the annual banquet dinner with host hotel.

6. Coordinates the development of the Specialty “logo” to be used on merchandise offered for sale.
 7. Communicates regularly with the board and membership on show status.
 8. Develops order form and distributes to membership. The order form includes catalog sales, banquet dinner, memorabilia (t-shirts, etc.), top twenty program and awards banquet program.
 9. Tracks orders as received and forwards payment to the Treasurer.
- Trophy chair – 2 ppl
 1. Selects and purchases trophies (w/ Show Chair) to be awarded at the specialty.
 2. Selects Rosette/Ribbon vendor and orders for the specialty. \$500 – \$800.00
 3. The trophy budget for conformation and sweepstakes = \$800 – \$1,000.00
 4. Submits invoices to the club treasurer for reimbursement.
 5. Solicits membership and non-members for trophy sponsorship and cash donations.
 6. Tracks donations received and forwards payment to the Treasurer.
 - Hospitality chair – 2 ppl
 1. Coordinates judges’ hospitality.
 2. Coordinates club potluck lunch. If applicable.
 3. Coordinates member gift/participation bags/packets.
 - Raffle/Auction chair – 2 ppl
 1. Solicits vendors and membership for raffle donations.
 2. Brings items to show.
 3. Sets up raffle at the show. (with help of membership present)
 4. Sells 50/50 raffle tickets throughout event.
 - Advertising chair – 1 ppl
 1. Solicits advertisements for the show catalog.
 2. Collects funds and forwards payment to Treasurer.
 - Judges Liaison – *(when possible, this individual would not be showing)*
 1. Communicates directly with the judge(s) to confirm arrival and departure.
 2. Communicates directly with the Show Chair to confirm dinner, transportation and hotel reservations for the selected judges.

All show committee members agree to provide updates to the Show Chair and Treasurer.

All final information to be sent to the Show chair by set deadline to be included in the premium list.
(date will vary depending on actual show date)

Show Proposal/Bid – should include: (see RFP for additional details)

- Location of host hotel and show site if different
- Date(s)
- Cost of Facility (if applicable)

- Ballroom space for show large enough for 40x50 ring with seating around and tables for raffle etc. Ballroom space for Annual Awards Banquet. 40-50 ppl.
- Meeting space and AV equipment (members ed, annual meeting and judges ed)
- Cost of rooms per night – single and double occupancy
 - Cost of pet deposit and if it is refundable
 - Number of dogs allowed per room
 - Reservation deadlines
- Transportation needed
- All Breed Shows information
- Room Requirements
 - Board Meeting (if applicable)
 - Annual/General Meeting
 - Member Education
 - Judges Education
 - Banquet Room
- Show Committee – Names of minimum 5 - PPPA members
- Show Secretary/Superintendent
- Veterinarian name and contact info (required for premium list)
- Emergency plan (required for premium list)
- RV Parking Contact – Hotel or All Breed show
- Tentative schedule of events
- A draft and/or written description of the logo design.
 - The logo is to represent the location of the National Specialty.
 - The logo is to include both a smooth and a wire dog to represent the breed.
 - The logo is to be simple in design and with minimal color changes to accommodate embroidery or silk screen printing.
 - The logo is to be cosmetically pleasing to the eye as it intended to generate income from logo merchandise offered for sale at the National Specialty.
 - The logo cannot use any portion of the PPPA official club logo.

Show Schedule – (National is to be held Independent of the All-Breed dog show)

- **Day 1 – Arrival Day -**
- **Day 2 – Arrival/Show Day -**
 - Futurity/Maturity Judging – tentative start time 12:00 PM (This judge to be chosen by the PPPA breeders that nominated litters and puppies throughout the year)
 - Member Education – 1:00 PM (if time allows)
 - Top 10/20 Event – Evening tentative start time 6:00 PM with cash bar for attendees. Seat around the ring. (Judges to be selected by the Top Ten Event committee and will consist of one handler, one judge and one breeder) Winners to be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet.

➤ **Day 3 – Show Day**

- Judges Education (Part 1) – 8:00 – 9:30 AM (Small meeting space for 10-15 ppl classroom set up with AV microphone, projector, and screen)
- Sweepstakes Puppy/Veteran – 10:00 AM (with ringside mentoring for Judges Ed attendees. In sectioned off seating with clear view of judging)
- Junior Showmanship
- 4-6 Beginner Puppy
- Conformation
- Judges Education Hands On workshop (Part 2 – to go over breed conformation winners)
- Annual Membership meeting (one hour following the completion of judging)

➤ **Day 4 – All breed show day (preferably a Saturday)**

- Coordinate with all-breed club and superintendent an early show time to end by noon (12PM)
- Annual Awards Banquet – 6:30 PM (banquet room with tables to seat 8-10 ppl per table. AV Microphone and small table to hold awards)

➤ **Day 5 – All breed shows and Departure (depending on show schedule)**

National Specialty Logo –

- Once the board has given its approval, the show chair will start collecting bids for logo development.
- The show chair is to contact the previous show chair or treasurer for recommendations or may find a new artist.
- The Club's budget is \$150-\$200 to pay the artist. (half paid at agreement and the balance paid upon delivery)
- The logo design:
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 - The logo cannot use any portion of the PPPA official club logo.
- The first draft of the logo is to be sent to the board by April 1st or 4 months before the current year's event.
- The final draft of the logo is to be sent to the board by June 1st or 2 months before the current year's event.
- Only the board can give approval for the final design.
- Artist is to provide a color copy of the logo in a high-resolution JPG, GIF and ?? files.

National Specialty Logo –

- The National Specialty flyer will include the logo and the tentative schedule.
- The National Specialty flyer will be printed in color and handed out at the previous year's National Specialty General Membership Meeting.

The Premium List – Current

The current show schedule is as follows –

Day 1 –

- Futurity/Maturity
- Member Education
- Top 20

Day 2 –

- Judges Education
Sweepstakes
- Junior Showmanship
- Specialty (including 4-6 Beginner puppy) Conformation

The list of regular awards and rosettes offered:

- Best of Breed
- Best of Opposite Sex
- Best of Winners
- Select Dog/Bitch
- Awards of Merit
- Best Owner-Handled
- Winners Dog/Bitch
- Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch (majors if numbers permit)
- All regular class placements 1-4

List of non-regular awards and rosettes offered:

- Best Brace
- Best Stud Dog
- Best Brood Bitch
- Best Bred-By Exhibitor
- Best Puppy
- Best Veteran

List of Sweepstakes rosettes offered:

- BOB in Puppy Sweepstakes
- BOS in Puppy Sweepstakes

- BOB Veteran Sweepstakes
- BOS Veteran Sweepstakes

List of 4-6 Beginner Puppy awards and rosettes offered:

- 4-6 Best of Breed
- 4-6 Best of Opposite sex

REGULAR CONFORMATION CLASSES

Puppy Dogs (6 mos to 9 mos) Puppy Bitches (6 mos to 9 mos)
 Puppy Dogs (9 mos to 12 mos) Puppy Bitches (9 mos to 12 mos)
 Dogs (12 mos to 18 mos) Bitches (12 mos to 18 mos)
 Novice Dogs Novice Bitches
 Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs..... Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy DogBred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches
 Bred By Exhibitor Dogs Bred By Exhibitor Bitches
 American Bred Dogs American Bred Bitches
 Open Dogs Open Bitches

Classes Divided as Follows:

Puppy (6-9 and 9-12) and Open Classes Divided by Smooth and Wire

Winners Dog Winners Bitch
 Reserve Winners Dog Reserve Winners Bitch

NON-REGULAR CONFORMATION CLASSES

Veteran Dog (7-9 years) Veteran Bitch (7-9 years)
 Veteran Dog (10 and older) Veteran Bitch (10 and older)

(For Dogs/Bitches that are 7 years old and older) (Note: Chapter 11, Section 8 of the Dog Show Rules states that neutered dogs and spayed bitches may compete in the Veteran Classes only at independent specialties and/or those all-breed shows which do not offer any competition beyond Best of Breed)

BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

Award of Merit After awarding Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex, the Judge may select, at his/her discretion, up to 10% of the entries in the Best of Breed Competition as Awards of Merit

The following lines shall be placed in the catalog after the Best of Breed listing:

Select Dog _____ Select Bitch _____
 Award of Merit _____ Award of Merit _____ Award of Merit _____

The following line shall be placed in the catalog after the Award of Merit listing.

Best Puppy from the Regular Classes _____
Best Bred-By Exhibitor from the Regular Class _____
Best Veteran from the Regular Class _____

Ribbons (each event)

REGULAR CLASSES

First PlaceBlue Ribbon
Second Place..... Red Ribbon
Third Place Yellow Ribbon
Fourth Place White Ribbon
Winners Purple Rosette
Reserve Winners Purple & White Rosette
Best of Winners Blue & White Rosette
BEST OF BREED Purple & Gold Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed Red & White Rosette
Select Dog/Select Bitch Lt. Blue/White Rosette
Award of Merit Dark Green Rosette
Best Owner-Handled Maroon Rosette
Best Puppy in Regular Classes Dark Green Rosette
Best Bred-by in Regular Classes..... Dark Green Rosette
Best Veteran in Regular Classes Dark Green Rosette
Best Stud Dog Dark Green Rosette
Best Brood Bitch Dark Green Rosette
Best Brace Dark Green Rosette

NON-REGULAR & SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES

First Place Rose Ribbon
Second Place Brown Ribbon
Third Place Lt Green Ribbon
Fourth Place Gray Ribbon
Best in Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes..... Pink & Green Rosette
Best Opposite Sex Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes...Lavender Rosette

4-6 Beginner Puppy

Best of Breed Puppy Orange Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed Lavender Rosette

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Best Junior Rosette
Reserve Best Junior Rosette

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

All entries in the Puppy Sweepstakes must be entered in at least one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee. All entries in the Puppy Sweepstakes must be made at the same time that the regular class entries are made, and on the same entry form. Champions of Record are eligible for the sweepstakes. The Puppy Sweepstakes is open to all dogs and bitches under 18 months of age.

Class Division for Puppy Sweepstakes

Puppy Dogs 6 mo. and under 9 mo.	Puppy Bitches 6 mo. and under 9 mo.
Puppy Dogs 9 mo. and under 12 mo.	Puppy Bitches 9 mo. and under 12 mo.
Puppy Dogs 12 mo. and under 18 mo.	Puppy Bitches 12 mo. and under 18 mo.

All Sweepstakes Classes Divided as Follows: Smooth and Wire

Puppy Sweepstakes prize money will be divided as follows:

The prize money shall consist of the sweepstakes entry fee less thirty-five percent (35%) to help defray expenses. The sweepstakes entry fee shall be distributed in the following manner:

Best in Puppy in Sweepstakes 10%
Best Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes 5%

The remaining 50% will be divided as follows:
1st place in each class 20% of that class
2nd place in each class 15% of that class
3rd place in each class 10% of that class
4th place in each class 5% of that class

All sweepstakes prize money to be paid in cash.

Any unused sweepstakes entry fee money will be returned to the club.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

All entries in the Veteran Sweepstakes must be entered in one or more of the regular classes or nonregular Veteran classes at the regular entry or not-regular Veteran entry fee. All entries in the Veteran Sweepstakes must be made at the same time that the regular class entries are made, and on the same entry form. Champions of Record are eligible for the sweepstakes. The Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all dogs and bitches 7 years and older. Entry fee for the Veteran Sweepstakes is *entry fee*.

Class Division for Veteran Sweepstakes

Veteran Dogs 7 years and under 10 years	Veteran Bitches 7 years and under 10 years
Veteran Dogs 10 years and over	Veteran Bitches 10 years and over

Veteran Sweepstakes prize money will be divided as follows:

The prize money shall consist of the sweepstakes entry fee less thirty-five percent (35%) to help defray expenses. The sweepstakes entry fee shall be distributed in the following manner:

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes 10%
Best Opposite Sex to Best Veteran 5%

1st place in each class 20% of that class

2nd place in each class 15% of that class

3rd place in each class 10% of that class

4th place in each class 5% of that class

All sweepstakes prize money to be paid in cash.

Any unused Sweepstakes entry fee money will be returned to the club.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP –

Best Junior

Reserve Best Junior

Novice Junior Class

Novice Intermediate Class

Novice Senior Class

Open Junior Class

Open Intermediate Class

Open Senior Class

Master Class

Brace Class –

For two dogs, regardless of sex, performing in unison and presented by one handler. Both dogs in each Brace must have at least one common owner. Entrants need not be entered in any other class, but each must be on a separate entry form. Champions of record and altered dogs may be entered.

(Attached sample of premium list.)

(Attached sample order form)

Post Show –

The Show Secretary/superintendent provides a full report of show results to AKC and the club show chair along with catalogs for records. These are given to the club Secretary for storage with club archives, etc.

The Show Secretary/superintendent provides a check (less expenses) to the club Treasurer.

Treasurer provides full report to board to be published in the board meeting minutes.