



## NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE SELECTION PROCEDURE

Breed (regular and non-regular classes) and Junior Showmanship:

In September, two years prior to the National Specialty, the PPPA secretary shall send by email to each PPPA member a request for nominations. The instructions shall indicate that each member may nominate up to five judges approved to judge the PPP by either the AKC or a foreign registry to be the judge for that year's National Specialty regular and non-regular classes & Jr Showmanship, if applicable. Nominations shall be returned to the Secretary by email received no later than fifteen days after the original email was sent out by the Secretary.

The judges contracted to judge the five previous nationals are ineligible to be nominated.

The Secretary and Vice President shall independently count the nominations received from the membership. The Secretary shall send a complete audit of the nominees to the entire membership via email. The five (+/-) judges receiving the highest number of nominations shall appear on the ballot as a judge for that year's National specialty.

The Secretary shall contact, in the name of the Club, each person so nominated and provide him or her with the date and the location of the Specialty. The Secretary shall also request that the nominee reply with whether he is available on the specified date, at the specified location and what the requested fee for judging would be. The Secretary will advise each candidate of the voting process and when they can expect to hear back to confirm the election by the end of November.

After receiving replies from the nominees, the Secretary shall set up and distribute the ballots via mail or through an independent electronic voting system. The instructions accompanying the ballot shall direct the member vote for one nominee as judge of the coming year's National Specialty by marking that individual's name on the ballot and mailing/submitting the ballot. The instructions shall also include a date by which all ballots must be received to be considered.

The judge receiving the most votes from the membership shall be hired as the National Judge.

## Sweepstakes:

In addition, the membership will also nominate a Sweepstakes judge, one year prior to the national assignment. The nomination must include a written confirmation of the judge's willingness to accept the assignment with the understanding that the judge will be responsible for covering their own travel expenses but will receive reimbursement for one night's hotel stay equal to the amount charged by the host hotel at the group rate and dinner at the year's Annual Awards Banquet. The written confirmation may be in a letter or email form sent to the club's Secretary.

The judges contracted to judge the five previous nationals are ineligible to be nominated.

All nominees will appear on the ballot.

The judge receiving the most votes from the membership shall be hired as the National Sweepstakes Judge.

The official ballot results will be emailed to the membership within 7 days of certification by the voting body used.

If the selected judge is now unable to fulfil the assignment the Secretary shall contact the next highest nominated judge for availability. This procedure shall continue until the list is exhausted.

In the event none are available, it shall be the responsibility of the Board to select an available judge.