

Judging Selection for WCA Bench Events

GLOSSARY

Judges Liaison: shall be a member of the National Show Committee. The Judges Liaison shall be someone who does not own or co-own dogs that are being shown at WCA Bench Events.

As Judges Liaison their responsibilities would be:

1. Provide a list of judges eligible and ineligible to the Executive Secretary.
2. Receive the selections from the host clubs.
3. Contact judges about their availability and fees.
4. Contact the clubs for their authorization to hire the Judge.
5. Send contracts to and verbally notify selected Judges.

WCA Bench Events: Include the National Specialty Show and all show Futurities and Maturities.

Sponsor Club: Local Weimaraner club holding an event in conjunction with the National Specialty Show.

Host Club: Local Weimaraner club holding an event for the WCA, i.e. Futurity/Maturity, and is responsible for all costs of the event.

NOMINATING JUDGES

1. Any WCA member in good standing may nominate up to four (4) Conformation Judges for a given year. Nominations consist of the judge's name and may include a brief, 150 words or less, statement addressing why the Judge should be considered.
 - a. Nominated Judges must be approved AKC or Canadian Judges (not provisional).
 - b. Nominations will be sent to the WCA Executive Secretary.
 - c. The nominating period is October 1-October 31. After October 31, no further nominations would be accepted for that year.
2. A list of all eligible Judges will be made available for members to consult.
3. A list of all Judges ineligible for that year will also be available to members.
4. A list of Qualified Judges will be compiled giving the Judge's name and all comments received.
 - a. Qualified Judges are those who have been nominated and have not been contracted to judge the Futurities/Maturities or National Specialty within the specified periods.
 - b. Each Judge will be listed with all comments.
 - c. Names of members nominating judges will not be included on the list.
 - d. The information will be emailed to the membership and may be posted on the WCA website's Members Only Section.

VOTING

1. A ballot listing Qualified Judges (names only) will be published in the February issue of The Weimaraner Magazine for a vote from the membership.
 - a. Deadline for ballots to be received by the teller will be April 1st.
2. Or voting may be done electronically.
3. Any member of the WCA in good standing may vote in the selection of the National Specialty, Futurity and Maturity Judges.
 - a. The voter may vote for up to four judges.
4. Ballots must be mailed to members at least one month prior to the voting deadline.
5. Votes will be tabulated by an Auditor selected by the Board of Directors.
6. Results will be published in the next available issue of The Weimaraner Magazine.

JUDGES ELIGIBILITY

1. Any Judge who has judged at a National Specialty will not be eligible to judge another WCA event for five consecutive years. As an example, the 2015 Judge will not be eligible to judge the National Specialty or Futurity/ Maturity until 2021. These judges will be removed from the ballot once they have accepted an assignment.
2. Any Judge who has judged at a Futurity/Maturity event will not be eligible to judge another WCA bench event for two consecutive years. As an example, the 2015 Judge will not be eligible to judge the National Specialty or Futurity/Maturity until 2018. These Judges will be removed from the ballot once they have accepted an assignment.

SELECTION OF THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE & NATIONAL FUTURITY/MATURITY JUDGE

1. The Judge receiving the most votes will be asked to judge the National Specialty, #2 will be asked to judge the Futurity/Maturity held with National Specialty. If #1 is unavailable, #2 will be asked to judge the National Specialty, etc.
2. The Judge's Liaison will be responsible for contacting the judges and securing contracts.
3. The Judges Liaison will immediately contact the judges, determine their availability and fees and immediately contact the National Show Committee for their authorization to hire the Judge.

4. The Judge's contract will specify that the Judge who is judging the National Specialty or the Futurity/Maturity held in conjunction with the National Specialty may not judge Weimaraners six months prior to the event.

SELECTION OF REGIONAL FUTURITY & MATURITY JUDGES

1. Once the two National Judges are under contract, the remaining Judges list will be given to Futurity/Maturity Host Clubs for their choice of Judges.

2. The Host Clubs' selections will be on a first come first serve basis.

a. The Host Club will notify the Judges Liaison within thirty days of receiving the list of their choices, giving preference to ranking order with consideration to the cost for the host club.

b. Futurity/Maturity Host Clubs will give two choices to the Judges' Liaison who will contact Judges for availability and fees.

c. The Judge's Liaison will be responsible for contacting the Judges and securing contract information.

d. The contract information will be given to the Host Club for their choice.

3. Should additional Judges be needed, the balance of the top ten vote-getters may be considered, or if necessary, the balance of the top twenty-five vote-getters may be considered.

4. Copies of the Judge's contracts will be sent to the Futurity and Maturity Show Chairman, the Host Club Secretary and the WCA Executive Secretary.

5. The Judges Liaison will also send a list of selected judges to the National Show Committee Chairman

If a Judge Becomes Unavailable:

1. Should a Judge become unable to fulfill an assignment the Host Club shall contact the Judges Liaison.