Judging Selection for WCA Bench Events

Glossary

Judges Liaison: shall be a member of the National Show Committee. The Judges Liaison should 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.

Voting

- 1. A two tier voting system will be used. All eligible judges will be listed on the ballot mailed with the November magazine. The deadline for the ballot to be received by the teller will be January 15th. The top 25 vote-getters including ties will be listed on the ballot mailed with the January magazine. The deadline for the teller to receive this ballot will be March 15th.
- 2. Any member of the WCA in good standing may vote in the selection of the National Specialty, Futurity and Maturity judges.
- 3. The voter may vote for four judges.
- 4. Votes will be tabulated by a teller service selected by the Board of Directors.
- 5. Ballots must be mailed to members at least one month prior to the voting deadline. The results of the drawing will be published in the next available issue of *The Weimaraner Magazine*.

Judges Eligibility

- 1. All approved AKC and Canadian judges shall be listed on the ballot.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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

- 1. A list of the top five vote-getting judges will be sent to the National Show Committee.
- 2. At the National Specialty Banquet the WCA President or a WCA Board Member will preside over re-drawing the names of the top five vote-getting judges.
- 3. The National Show Committee will select from the drawn list by ranking beginning at the top of the list.
- 4. The Judge's Liaison will be responsible for contacting the judges and securing contracts.
- 5. The judge's contract will specify that they may not judge Weimaraners six months prior to judging a National Specialty assignment.

Selection of Futurity & Maturity Judges

- 1. The National Show Committee will select the judge for the Futurity and Maturity to be held in conjunction with the National Specialty from the re-drawn list, preferably in order from the top, but with consideration to the cost. The names of three judges will be sent to the Judges Liaison.
- 2. The National Show Committee must notify the Judges Liaison of their choices within thirty days of receiving the list.
- 3. The Judges Liaison will immediately contact the judges in the order given by the NSC to determine their availability and fees and immediately contact the National Show Committee for their authorization to hire the judge. The Judges Liaison will be responsible for contacting the judge and securing the contract. The judge's contract will specify that the judge who is judging the Futurity/Maturity held in conjunction with the National Specialty may not judge Weimaraners six months prior to the event.
- 4. Once the judge is chosen for the Futurity and Maturity to be held in conjunction with the National Specialty the host clubs for the remaining Futurities and Maturities will be sent the list of the available judges.
- 5. The host clubs will notify the Judges Liaison within thirty days of receiving the list of their choice, giving preference to ranking order with consideration to the cost for the host club.
- 6. The Judges Liaison will contact the judges. The host clubs' selections will be on a first come first served basis.
- 7. Should additional judges be needed to choose from, 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.
- 8. Should a judge become unable to fulfill an assignment, the host club should contact the

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- Judges Liaison.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The Judges Liaison will send a list of selected judges to the National Show Committee Chairman

Effective for Judges for 2019 Events
