



Greyhound Club of America Standing Rules

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GENERAL

A. The Club name and/or logo shall not be used by individuals or club members in any manner other than in the execution of club business and club events. The Club name and/or logo shall not be used in a manner, including on social media, to espouse personal views or opinions that could be misconstrued as representing those of the club. (Revised 2014 B14-024.)

B. No director nor member nor any other person may make any public statement, including on social media, in the name of the Greyhound Club of America without prior Board approval. (Revised 2014 B14-025.)

C. Any GCA member contacted by the GCA Rescue Committee or by another GCA member who does not actively participate in the care, custody, well being and control of their own animals and co-owned animals, animals sired by their animals, animals sold by them, and offspring generated by those animals will be subjected to suspension or expulsion from the GCA.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Board Voting and Reports

1. Board vote reports need only include the motion proposer and the results of the vote. The actual number of votes on each side should be included only when a count has been ordered or the vote is by ballot. (added 6/96, revised 7/03)

2. All Board meetings should be tape-recorded in the interest of accurate record keeping. Tapes may be erased after formal Board minutes have been published and approved.

3. When voting or polling by mail, in order to be valid, ballots from two thirds of the Board must be received and ballots from 20% of the general membership must be received.

4. Business may be conducted by teleconference, through the Recording Secretary, by mail and electronic means. The Recording Secretary shall initiate and report out all balloting by any means. (Amended 1/02)

5. An e-mail ballot shall be sent out from one to five days from the date of the second. No one will mail a ballot back to the secretary before the 5-day discussion period that follows the second is over. Then the ballots must be received within 10 days after the end of the discussion period. Any amendment to the motion will be treated as the start of a new date cycle with a new 5-day discussion and 10 day ballot return period. (Added 5/04)

6. The Recording Secretary must report to the Board the results of votes on motions made and seconded on email, within 5 days from the date the ballots are to be returned to the Recording Secretary. This means that a report of the results will be given to the Board no later than 20 days after a motion is seconded; which includes 5 days for discussion from the date of the second, followed by a ballot and 10 days to return the ballot via postal mail, and a report to the Board of the results within 5 days. (added 5/04)

7. All Recording Secretary Reports of Board motions and Board minutes must be approved by the Board prior to publication, and must be submitted to the Board for approval no less than seven days prior to the deadline for the publication in which they will appear. (added 11/03)

B. Insurance

1. Per the Club insurance policy, individual Board members are not covered in regard to slander or libel. Board members are covered at GCA sponsored events. (added 9/00)

C. Meeting Attendance

1. Any club member who accepts a position as an Officer or Board Member should plan to attend all Board meetings. (added 10/99, amended 3/06)

D. Notification

1. The GCA President shall inform individual Club members of Board decisions which directly affect those individuals.

2. Whenever the Board makes a decision that affects a committee, the Corresponding Secretary will send written notification to the committee chair by traditional mail. (Board, 9/04)

3. When an applicant is approved for membership in GCA the Corresponding Secretary will note where the applicant has indicated an area of interest and send a note to the appropriate Committee Head with the applicant's contact information and desire to be involved in their committee's activities. (B09-022).

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following "Candidate Questionnaire" form is to be sent out by the Recording Secretary to each candidate for office, and their responses limited to one page, returned to the Recording Secretary and mailed out to the membership with the ballot. (Board, 11/03)

1. Specify your qualifications for the office you are seeking. Include activities in other dog clubs or organizations, positions held, and other relevant life experiences.
2. How long have you been a member of the GCA?
3. What type of service have you given the GCA? i.e. committee work, show volunteer, prior offices held, etc.
4. What GCA Specialties have you attended in the past five years? Specify the years and specialty.
5. Provide information on your attendance at GCA Membership or Board meetings for the past five years.
6. Why do you want to hold office?

COMMITTEES

GCA STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE NAME – AKC GAZETTE COLUMNIST

Purpose: 1.To provide the AKC gazette with four articles a year, to be turned in quarterly. These can be original content (by the committee or guest author) or repurposed older material.

Committee Make-up: Chair and no additional members.

Budget: None needed.

COMMITTEE NAME – ARCHIVES

Purpose: To Archive materials relevant to the Club's history, with Archive of anything digitally that can be done that way. Decide what needs to be kept and a way to keep it. Provide the board with an inventory of items.

Committee Make-up: Chair and one member.

Budget: Expenses must be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – BOUTIQUE

Purpose: 1. To decide on what types of things need to be inventoried and sold through specialties or online store.

2. To explore the possibility of print on demand fulfillment and decide on items to be sold that way.

3. Research new products (What do other clubs sell?)

Committee Make-up: Chair and two members.

Budget: Should have a budget, and expenses beyond that should be approved.

COMMITTEE NAME – BREEDER REFERRAL

Purpose: 1. To provide contact between breed inquiries and breeders.

Committee Make-up: Chair and no additional members.

Budget: Expenses must be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Purpose: 1.To develop all educational materials as requested by other committees.

2. To review and correct all present materials.

3. To explore an illustrated standard.

Committee Make-up: Chair and four members.

Budget: Expenses must be submitted for approval.

Other Educational Resources Information

1. Materials Approval - All GCA approved seminar materials must actually have the approval of the Education Committee before being distributed at a seminar.
2. GCA Trifold Brochure - The brochure is available through the Corresponding Secretary in sets of 10 for \$5/set. (Board, 2005)
3. The Study Guide ("The Greyhound, A Study Guide to the AKC Breed Standard") will be sent to new members. Additional copies are available through the Education Committee for \$10 each. (Board, 9/07)

COMMITTEE NAME – JUDGES EDUCATION COORDINATOR

- Purpose:** 1. Contact for AKC and Judge's education providers.
2. Contacting and coordinating speakers.
3. Coordinating materials for seminars.
4. Maintaining judge's mentor lists.
5. Actively contacting judge's education providers.
6. Provide a copy of the study guide to all new Greyhound judge applicants.

Committee Make-up: Chair and one member.

Budget: Expenses must be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR

- Purpose:** 1. Contact for AKC and Breed Clubs providing judge's education.
2. Contacting member participants.
3. Coordinating Materials for events.
4. Actively contacting public education providers.

Committee Make-up: Chair and one member.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – BREED EDUCATION

- Purpose:** 1. Review Basset University and consider its application for the GCA.
2. Coordinate Seminars for specialties.

Committee Make-up: Chair and two members.

Budget: Expenses must be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – HEALTH COMMITTEE

- Purpose:** 1. Makes recommendations for donation of funds for research.
2. Health Committee will review genetic, health, and veterinary medical articles submitted for publication.
3. Develop information for the website. Link to CHIC info, List of CHIC dogs.
4. Maintain survey and results.
5. Arrange blood draws at Specialties for CHIC.

Committee Make-up: Chair and one member.

Budget: Expenses must be submitted for approval.

Other Health Committee Information

1. Privacy - For anything that is sent out as health information from GCA, no information with regard to the name of the dog or breeders can be released without written permission on the relevant form from the owner of that dog.
2. Canine Health Information Center (CHIC NUMBERS). The minimum requirements for a CHIC number are:
 - a. submission of a blood sample to the CHIC DNA repository Form.
 - b. a test for OFA Cardiac Auscultation by a canine cardiologist.
 - c. a CERF Test as an optional test for a CHIC number.

COMMITTEE NAME – COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

- Purpose:** 1. Create and maintain a consistent look through all publications, Stationary, Newsletter, Website, and Social Media

Committee Make-up: Chair.

Budget: Expenses must be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – NEWSLETTER

- Purpose:** 1. Produce a quarterly newsletter to be sent to members and used on the website
Committee Make-up: Editor, member to report titles for publication, reporters and advertising coordinator.

Budget: Goal is to have the year to year income from subscribers and advertising revenue cover all expenses for printing and postage.

COMMITTEE NAME – EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARD

Purpose: 1. Prior to Publication the Editorial Review Board will review those materials submitted to them by the editor for evaluation.

Committee Make-up: Newsletter editor and two members.

Budget: None

COMMITTEE NAME – SOCIAL MEDIA

Purpose: 1. Establish and maintain a social media presence.

2. Monitor and respond to communication through social media channels.

Committee Make-up: Chair and three members.

Budget: None.

COMMITTEE NAME – WEBSITE

Purpose: 1. Maintain Current GCA Website.

2. Keep all website information up to date.

3. Develop a plan for adding to and further development of the site.

Committee Make-up: Chair and two members.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Purpose: 1. To make a donation of \$50 in memory of a GCA member or the immediate family of a GCA member who passes away. Definition of immediate family is spouse, parent, or child of a GCA member. If no charity is mentioned by the family or reported to the Committee Chairperson, the donation will be made to the Canine Health Foundation.

Committee Make-up: Chair and entire membership of GCA.

Budget: Funded continuously as needed.

Members: It is their responsibility to provide the following information to the Chairperson:

- Name of the GCA member
- Name of the deceased and relationship to the GCA member
- Name and address of charity of choice as per the family of the deceased

COMMITTEE NAME – JUDGE SELECTION

Purpose: 1. To select by prescribed form the judges of the Eastern and Western GCA Specialties for three year increments (currently need 2018-2020)

2. To explore the ways other specialty and all breed clubs pick their judges and make suggestions to the board for options other than our current method for accomplishing our judges selections.

Committee Make-up: Chair and one member. Extra members recruited by Chair for Vote counts.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted.

COMMITTEE NAME – JUNIORS

Purpose: 1. To promote junior involvement in Greyhounds and in the GCA.

2. To provide a mentorship program to teach sportsmanship, responsible ownership and stewardship of the Greyhound as a breed. Provide an annual award or acknowledgement of participation.

3. Act as a liaison between juniors who would like to show a greyhound and members who have dogs available.

Committee Make-up: Chair and two members, plus a Junior Member (non-voting).

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Purpose: 1. Alert and inform the membership of impending legislation effecting dogs in general and greyhounds in particular to help the members of the GCA to act as a force in issues of interest to the dog fancy through email, the website and the newsletter.

2. Review the AKC site monthly for important update and forward that information with a suggested action or a sample letter to members in the region affected.

3. Consider dividing the country into six to eight parts to alert members regionally by email for immediate action.
4. To provide a summary of pending legislative action to the website, Facebook page and newsletter.

Committee Make-up: Chair.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – MEMBERSHIP

- Purpose:**
1. To promote new membership applicants to the GCA
 2. To reach out and offer membership information to pet owners and new greyhound owners.
 3. To create a welcome to Greyhounds packet which may include a copy of the newsletter, contact information and a small gift to any new registrants with AKC.

Committee Make-up: Chair and entire membership of the GCA.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – PERFORMANCE

- Purpose:**
1. Promote performance events for greyhounds
 2. Provide education to Greyhound owners on how to get started in and pursue various dog sports.
 3. Create a regional mentorship program to assist newcomers to performance.

Committee Make-up: Chair and two members.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – RESCUE

- Purpose:**
1. To provide rehoming for non-track Greyhounds.
 2. Recommend funding to other rescue groups.
 3. Liaison with regional rescue groups to rehome non track Greyhounds.

Committee Make-up: Chair, regional coordinators, and entire GCA membership.

Budget: Standing rules allow for \$1500 to be kept available for rescue expenses each year and up to \$500 routine veterinary expenses and up to an additional \$1000 emergency veterinary expenses may be reimbursed without prior Board approval. Purina funds may be donated to rescue groups by committee recommendation.

COMMITTEE NAME – STATISTICS AND AWARDS

- Purpose:**
1. To compile new titles and report them to the newsletter, website and Facebook page.
 2. To compile the list of awards to be presented each year as outlined in the standing rules.
 3. To make suggestions for new awards that are needed now and may be needed as new competition categories are added. (Possibly come up with an email survey to create new categories.)

Committee Make-up: Chair.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

COMMITTEE NAME – VERSATILITY

- Purpose:**
1. To recognize outstanding achievement of individual Greyhounds in a variety of venues.
 2. To keep the criteria for the Versatility awards current with the current dog sports.
 3. To suggest ways to get the information about these awards to Greyhound fanciers.

Committee Make-up: Chair.

Budget: \$75 for each titlist, which would cover expenses for a Versatility plaque which is awarded to Versatility titlists.

COMMITTEE NAME – FULFILLMENT

- Purpose:**
1. To store and maintain inventory of the GCA printed materials, books and Boutique stock.

2. To ship materials as needed for use at GCA activities and specialties.
3. To ship Boutique items as ordered from website.

Committee Make-up: Chair.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted.

COMMITTEE NAME – SPECIALTY COORDINATOR

- Purpose:**
1. To solicit members to volunteer for the job of Specialty Show Chair.
 2. To solicit, collect and review Specialty site applications prior to submission to the Board.
 3. To act as a resource to the Specialty Show committees.

Committee Make-up: Chair.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted.

COMMITTEE NAME – LIASON FOR GCA WITH THE CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

- Purpose:**
1. Primary contact between GCA and the Canine Health Foundation
 2. Contact CHF per the directives of the Board of Directors.
 3. Report to the Board and the membership regarding programs of interest to GCA.

Committee Make-up: Chair.

Budget: Expenses to be submitted for approval.

AKC GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD (Board, 8/07)

Procedure: The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award one of its members on a yearly basis.

The Greyhound Club of America believes that the participants in the dog fancy should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship. Fanciers should exhibit fairness, respect and consideration for their competitors, judges, and for the sport as a whole. They should demonstrate graciousness in both winning and losing and should show their respect for the sport by not using their standing in the fancy to gain an unfair advantage over their competitors.

Nominees for this award should be members in good standing with the Greyhound Club of America. A successful nominee will have been active in the club and sport and will have demonstrated a willingness to help newcomers.

Nominations may be sent to the committee by club members or the committee will select a recipient from the membership. A short essay explaining how the nominee represents the ideals of good sportsmanship should be included with the nomination.

The committee will then forward their recommendation to the Greyhound Club of America Board for approval. The award will be presented at the National Specialty every year. If the nominee does not attend this Specialty, a letter from the President will be sent along with the certificate.

ANNUAL GCA COMPETITION AWARDS (Board 2/06)

The purpose of these awards is to bestow recognition on Greyhound Club of America members who are out there putting the best face forward for AKC Greyhounds in public. They do the breed a service in presenting the best the breed has to offer and make new friends for the breed along the way.

Award certificates will be presented to both the Owner and the Breeder of the winning dog in Category a, b, and c. Award certificates will be presented to the Owners of the winning dogs in Category d, e, and f. The award winners in category a, b, and c are determined from the year end statistical standings published by the American Kennel Club Online Report. The award winners in category d and e are determined from statistics published in "Front and Finish" using their First and Foremost rankings. The Agility winner will be selected based on criteria determined by the Board. For each Category, the highest ranked member-owned Greyhound earns the award, providing all other requirements listed herein are met.

- a. **Top Greyhound in Group** (All-breed) competition and **Top Best Opposite Sex (BOS)**
- b. **Top Greyhound in Breed** competition and **Top BOS**
- c. **Top Greyhound in Lure Coursing** competition

- d. **Top Greyhound in Obedience** competition
- e. **Top Greyhound in Rally** competition
- f. **Top Greyhound in Agility** competition.

Recipients:

1. Awards will be presented to the first owner, and where applicable, the first breeder listed on the AKC registration certificate at the time of the achievement. When the first owner is the same as the first breeder, only one award will be presented. Co-owners or co-breeders may ask for a duplicate award and are responsible for all costs of said award.
2. Awards will be presented at the first Specialty Banquet following approval of the achievement. Awards will be mailed to recipients who are not present at the time of presentation.

Minimum eligibility requirements:

1. Only GCA members in good standing are eligible to receive Annual Competition awards. Recipients must be members at the start of the accumulation of the titles, honors, etc., required for any award, and must be members at the time of presentation.
2. The Greyhound must be AKC registered.
3. The only titles eligible for consideration are those awarded by The American Kennel Club or by the Greyhound Club of America. This governs all awards or wins either by the individual Greyhound itself, or it's get or produce.

Annual Award Certificates:

Annual Competition Awards will be certificates which, as a minimum, will include the club logo, the President's signature, and be suitable for framing.

GREYHOUND RACING

"The GCA takes a stand against professional Greyhound Racing." (GM, 7/00, Board amended to add "professional" 2007)

MEMBERSHIP

A. Dues and initiation fees are as follows:

- a. General membership – dues \$40 per person; initiation fee \$35
- b. Foreign membership -- dues \$40 per person; initiation fee \$35
- c. Associate membership -- dues \$40 per person; no initiation fee
- d. Junior membership -- dues \$25 per person with newsletter or \$10 per person without newsletter; no initiation fee

B. All applicants for membership except applicants for Junior Membership will be published in the GCA monthly email and/or the GCA Newsletter prior to being considered by the Board. People having comments pro or con concerning the applicant may reply to the Corresponding Secretary who will provide their comments to the Board. Junior Membership applicants are to be approved automatically at the first Board Meeting following application.

C. The Corresponding Secretary shall send copies of completed new membership applications and sponsors' letters or letters of recommendation to each Board member before or at the same time as those applicants' names are published in the GCA monthly email and/or the GCA Newsletter. They can be sent via USPS, email, or uploaded to the GCA's Dropbox account.

D. Membership applications other than Junior membership applications will not be considered until board members have reviewed all pertinent information and that information is published in the GCA monthly email and/or the GCA Newsletter. Junior membership applications are to be accepted automatically and therefore do not need to be published.

E. There will be a one month waiting period between the time prospective members' names are published in the GCA monthly email and/or the GCA Newsletter and their applications are voted upon by the Board. The date the GCA monthly email and/or the GCA Newsletter is received by the Corresponding Secretary shall be considered the date the prospective members' names are published. (Since junior applications are automatically accepted, their applications are not published and this waiting period does not apply to them.)

F. When an Applicant is approved for membership in the GCA, the Corresponding Secretary will note where the Applicant has indicated an area of interest and send a note to the appropriate Committee Head

with the Applicant's contact information and desire to be involved in their committee's activities. (Board, 8/08)

G. Any member whose application has been accepted on or after September 1st will have dues waived for the following year.

NEWSLETTER

Publication Guidelines (Board, 7/03)

(The following would be published in every issue of the GCA's Newsletter).

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- **The Newsletter Editor** shall not use the position to advocate a personal point of view on GCA issues or candidates in elections. (Board, 8/04)

- **Preferred Positions Policy**

As a general policy, a single person or kennel may not reserve the same preferred position more than two sequential times in a calendar year. However, if the preferred positions have not been reserved within two weeks of an issue's deadline, they shall be available to all advertisers. (Board, 8/04)

- **Newsletter Cover Policy**

A photo of each specialty winner shall be published on a GCA Newsletter cover, following their specialty win, and each shall show a photo, taken by the show photographer if possible, of the winning Greyhound and the judge, and shall include the words Best In Specialty, the name of the dog and the year and location of the specialty. It shall be published in black and white at no cost to the owners. If color is available and the owners wish to have their winning cover photo published in color, they may do so at the added cost of color, however the page will retain the same format as for the black and white cover. (Board, 7/04)

- **Advertising Submission Guidelines** (Board, 2010)

Acceptable: Digital format for "camera ready ads": PDF (Press optimized), jpg, tiff, Photoshop CS3 (or earlier). Artwork submitted in any other format is unacceptable. Files with embedded images are not acceptable.

For ads to be set up by the GCA newsletter, digital photo files are accepted in the following formats: JPEG 300 dpi at 100%, Images in RGB or CMYK are acceptable.

Media accepted: Microsoft PC formatted CD, DVD. Images up to 10mb may be emailed to the Editor. Original photos and larger digital files should be mailed. Contact the Editor for questions or additional information.

PDF ad proofs will be emailed to advertisers prior to publication for all ads designed by the GCA Newsletter staff.

All returned checks will incur a processing fee. No further advertising will be accepted until fees are paid in full. (Board, 6/11)

PURINA FUNDS

A. GCA will set up a separate interest bearing account to support canine health, rescue, or education efforts to positively impact the general well-being of the breed, and funds donated by Purina will be placed in this account. (Board, 2004)

B. For all Purina funds, the disbursement of funds shall be at the discretion of the GCA board, consistent with the Purina guidelines. (Board, 7/05)

C. The committee heads of the Rescue, Education, Education Resources and Health committees should send their recommendations for the use of the Purina funds, along with their proposed funding for each project, to each Board member by email at least 14 days prior to the Eastern Specialty. (Board, 7/04)

SPECIALTIES

(Part A, B, C Board revised 9/04)

A. Specialty "National" Designation

The GCA National Specialty will rotate among the three GCA Specialties – beginning with the Eastern in 2001, the Western in 2002, and the Southern in 2003. (GM 12/00 mail ballot). The Southern Specialty was removed from the rotation of the "National" Specialty designation. (GM, 3/08)

B. GCA Medallions

1. Club medallions will be given as follows at each specialty: Goldtone for BOB, BOS, WD, WB, High In Trial and High Combined Score in Obedience, Best Junior Handler, and Best of Breed at the Lure Trial. Silvertone medallions will be given for RWD, RWB, Select Dog, Select Bitch, 5 Awards of Merit, Best in Puppy Sweepstake, Best Opposite in Puppy Sweepstake, Best in Veteran Sweepstake, Best opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstake, qualifying scores in Obedience, and qualifying scores in Rally Obedience. (Board 9/07, Revised B13-023 to add Select Award.)

2. Two club medallions will be provided annually to the AKC National Lure Coursing Championship to be awarded to the Best of Breed Greyhound each day. (added 2012 - B12-012).

C. Specialty Chairperson Guidelines

1. The Show Committee will consist of the following subcommittee Chairpersons: Trophies, Advertising, Obedience, Grounds, Dinner and Activities, Hospitality, and any other members the Chair deems necessary.

2. Any significant increase in costs should be submitted to the President and Treasurer prior to finalization in contracts.

3. The Trophy Chairperson should begin solicitation based on catalog deadlines to ensure that donor's names appear in the catalog.

4. All specialties will draw their funds directly through the parent club treasury and receipts for all expenditures must be approved in writing by the Show Chairman before payment. (rev. Board, Fall 2007)

5. All GCA Board members present at the specialties will make themselves available to the Show Chairperson for committee work and cleanup.

6. After all the receipts have been tallied, the Show Chairperson and Treasurer will provide the Board members with a complete financial accounting of the Specialty with recommendations for future specialties.

7. The Show Chairperson shall send one marked catalog from each Specialty to the GCA Archivist and one to the Newsletter Editor.

8. The Show Chairperson may exhibit his/her Greyhounds at the specialty that he/she chairs provided there is a Judges Liaison position, who need not be a GCA member, for the specialty. The Judges Liaison for each specialty shall be the sole person in contact with the judges at that specialty. Each Judges Liaison shall be responsible for all pre-show and day of show contact with the judges and shall carry out the duties related to the Judges travel, accommodations, meals and critiques. He/she shall work with the show chair to coordinate these duties. The Judges Liaison may not exhibit any Greyhound at that specialty, nor may any Greyhound owned or co-owned by him/her be exhibited. If there is no Judges Liaison, then these restrictions shall apply to the show chairperson. It shall be stated in the premium for that specialty which position will not be exhibiting Greyhounds. (rev. GM 10/10)

9. The GCA elects to OPT OUT of the arbitration clause in AKC premium lists. (Board, 2004)

10. The Assistant Specialty Showchair may enter and handle his/her own dogs at a specialty whether or not there is a separate Judges Liaison. (GM, 7/10)

11. The Conformation trial chair and obedience trial chair are required to coordinate so that whenever possible obedience and rally ring times do not conflict with Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship or conformation ring times. (B12-026)

D. Coursing Class

Coursing dog and coursing bitch classes may be offered for future Eastern Specialties using the following language from the Western Specialty Catalog. (GM, 9/04)

“Non-regular classes involving single dog entries: Coursing dog and coursing bitch class for dogs and bitches who are AKC registered and are confirmed Field Champions, Coursing Champions, or Coursers of Merit. NOTE: Exhibitors must supply proof of eligibility for this class with the entry. A copy of the certificate awarding the title FCh, CC, CM; or a copy of the ENTIRE PAGE from either the AKC Gazette or FAN Magazine publishing the title will be accepted as proof. First place winners in this class are eligible for Best of Breed competition providing all AKC eligibility requirements have been met.”

E. Veterans Classes

1. At all our specialties, the Veterans Class awards will be First Place, with all other entrants being awarded Second Place with a rosette. (GM, 2003)
2. Each Specialty Show Chair is allowed to decide whether the non-regular veteran classes should be divided according to age groups or not. (GM, 10/05)

F. DNA Testing At Specialties

The GCA will subsidize DNA testing for our members up to \$15 per dog from Purina Funds at our National Specialty or other GCA specialties as the AKC allows. (Board 3/05)

G. Obedience Entry Refunds for Bitches In Season

Obedience entry fees, less AKC recording fee and \$5 for processing, will be refunded for bitches that can't be shown at the obedience trial due to having come in season. (GM, 9/03)

H. Crufts Qualifying Cards

Crufts qualifying cards will be given to the National Specialty Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, and five Awards of Merit. (Board, 2003)

I. National Specialty Judges Balloting Guidelines (GM, 1993, revised Board 1/04 & 8/11)

1. Balloting for judges for the GCA National Specialty will take place every three years, for three National specialties.
2. Any instructions and directives to the Judges Selection Committee from the Board of Directors regarding the judges balloting must be sent in writing to the Committee chairperson.
3. The approximate dates of the mailings of the ballots and their due dates shall be published in advance in the Greyhound Club of America Newsletter or in another Club mailing so that club members know when to expect them.
4. There shall be at least thirty days between the mailing of a judges' ballot and the date of return for these ballots.
5. The judges' selection committee shall solicit lists of judges approved to judge Greyhounds in the United States, Great Britain, Canada, and the Federation Cynologique Internationale. These lists of judges shall appear on the first judges' ballot, with The American Kennel Club list appearing first. Members desiring to have judges from a specific country not included above appear on a judges ballot may submit a list of approved Greyhound judges from that country, and any lists submitted by members for other countries shall also be included on the first ballot.
6. The first judges' ballots must include spots that allow members to write in the names of foreign judges, and it should be explicitly stated on the balloting form that this is allowed.
7. Any judge who has judged a specialty shall be ineligible to judge another specialty for the subsequent five years. This shall be noted on the list sent out to the membership for the first round of balloting and reflected by a line through their name on the judges' lists.
8. A double envelope shall be included for the judges balloting. The outside return envelope shall have the member's return address (from) and that of the Judges Committee Chairperson to whom the

completed ballots are to be sent (to). There shall be a blank sealed inner envelope, which contains the completed ballot. (Added 9/97 General Membership Meeting)

9. Ballots by fax will be accepted up to the due date, but not e-mail. A list of members who voted will be available to anyone interested, to make certain that their votes were received and counted. (Added 10/99)

10. The Judges Selection Chairperson and two tellers who are members of the GCA shall count the votes for the first and second round of specialty judges balloting.

11. After the votes for the nominees in the first round of balloting have been counted, the Judges Selection Chairperson shall list the nominees in order of number of votes received, from highest to lowest, and mark a cutoff point to result in a list of judges for the final ballot. This cut-off point shall be made such that the final ballot includes approximately double the number of judges needed for the three years of specialties. For example, if nine judges are required for the three years of specialties, then the cut-off should produce about eighteen nominees. The cut-off could be all nominees receiving six or more votes, nine or more votes, etc.

12. Prior to sending out the second ballot, the Judges Selection Chairperson shall contact each nominee above the cut-off, explain the GCA's terms for judging a National Specialty, advise him or her of the location and approximate dates of the National Specialties and obtain his or her permission to be on the ballot. Judges will be advised that their names will be considered for the GCA's non-National specialties in the same three years.

13. The three judges with the highest number of votes in the second balloting shall be invited to judge the next three National Specialties. In the event of a tie vote for any of the top three judges (including a tie vote for third place), the tellers shall break the tie or ties by drawing the affected names from a hat. The order of placement for each tie vote shall be determined by whose name is drawn first.

14. The top vote winning judge shall be advised of the approximate dates and locations of the three National Specialties, with the second highest vote winning judge being advised of the remaining available National Specialties and then being offered their choice of the two remaining National Specialties, and so on down the list. Preference shall be given to procuring the highest vote-winning judges for the National Specialties in those three years. In the event that one of the three judges declines to judge a National Specialty, the next highest vote getting judge would be moved up and invited to judge in turn.

15. The list of the remaining balloted judges will be made available to Show Chairmen for the non-National specialties. The Show Chairmen, in consultation with each other, may select judges, in order of preference: from the balloted list, from the local all-breed panels, or from locally available judges, based on estimated cost, availability, and any other factors the show committees may deem relevant. When the selected judge(s) is not on the balloted list, the BOD will be notified for final approval.

16. The National Specialty judge's gratuity shall be \$500; plus two nights lodging, one lunch and one dinner provided. One night's lodging shall be provided for Sweepstakes judge. (Board, 1999, rev. 7/02 and 9/07)

17. Judge's gratuity for non-National specialties will be at a rate negotiated by the Judges Selection Chairperson, in consultation with the Show Chairmen, based on the estimated size of the entry, use by all-breed clubs, and how far the judge travels. Judge's gratuity for non-National specialties shall not exceed \$350 plus one night's lodging and dinner.

18. Specialty judges may not judge Greyhounds at any show within 500 miles of the GCA Specialty they are judging for six months prior to that specialty. (Amended 10/99)

19. The Judges Selection Chairperson shall be responsible for obtaining a signed contract from each judge who accepts a GCA specialty assignment.

J. Securing A Replacement Judge (Board, 3/06 & 8/11)

1. At least sixty days prior to a specialty, the Judges Selection Chairperson will furnish to the Showchair the most recent member balloting list for specialty judges. Judges who have already accepted assignments will be marked.

2. In the event that a specialty judge is unable to fulfill their assignment, the Showchair shall immediately contact the GCA President, who will inform the Board of the judge's unavailability. The Showchair shall attempt to secure a replacement specialty judge from Category One judges before proceeding to Category Two. In addition to the judge's gratuity, the Showchair is authorized without further specific Board approval to expend an additional \$500 for travel, lodging, or per diem expenses, or for judge compensation in an effort to secure a replacement specialty judge able and willing to judge that specialty.

Category One - Any judge listed in the most recent final GCA member balloting who has not accepted a specialty assignment for the years covered by that ballot. Preference shall be given to those judges

receiving the most member votes.

Category Two – A judge who is qualified for greyhounds from among the judging panel for the associated cluster shows, with preference given to those who have judged a greyhound supported entry in the past, or a qualified locally available judge.

3. If the additional cost of securing a replacement specialty judge exceeds \$500, the Showchair shall advise the President, who will convene a meeting of the Board to address the issue. Nothing in this policy is intended to deter the Showchair from requesting additional funding from the Board in order to secure a replacement specialty judge from the highest possible category listed above.

K. Removing A Judge From Eligibility (Board, 11/07)

The Board of Directors may remove a Judge eligibility to judge a specialty for Cause. Such cause includes:

1. Action of the AKC which would make the judge ineligible to adjudicate, with such action documented by the AKC.
2. Sufficient evidence of witnessed actions at prior judging assignments which have demonstrated an inability to complete an assignment without conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the breed or the fancy. Such conduct must be witnessed by the complainant(s) and request for action be presented, in writing, to the Board for its action.

L. Specialty Site Proposal Guidelines: (added Spring 1993, updated 1999)

The proposal should include information on the following:

- Show Grounds: site rental costs, suitable ring area, auto parking for x cars, RV parking available, overnight OK? fee, proximity of site to airport and hotels, distances, location of Lure Coursing trial, proximity to hotels and show site.
- Hotel/Motel: required block of rooms, cost per room/suite, hospitality room available and fee, hotel amenities, airport shuttle available, grass exercise area, extra deposit for dogs in room, restaurant availability, conference or meeting room, others hotels in area.
- Banquet: Separate room from public, approximate cost per person, cash bar.
- Related all-breed shows.
- Starting Show Committee.

M. Specialty Site Selection

New Bolton shall be the permanent default site for the Eastern GCA Specialty. (Board, 7/01)

N. Specialty Trophy Retirement

“Same ownership” is defined as identical ownership or ownership in conjunction with co-owner. Donors of Challenge and Perpetual trophies should clarify whether their intention is to have a trophy won by an “identical owner” or “same owner,” the later to include co-owners.

O. Specialty Trophy Care

1. Persons who are keepers of Challenge trophies shall purchase a rider on their homeowner’s insurance policy to cover the trophy’s value. Cost of said will be reimbursed by GCA Treasurer.
2. An inventory of all Western and Eastern trophies shall be created and maintained, as well as their current location.
3. Challenge trophies - The Greyhound Club of America accepts challenge trophies for Honor placements and other Special classes offered at its specialties. Trophies must be of durable high quality materials that can withstand travel and storage for a period of many years. Specially suited for this type of trophy are: bronzes on bases, pewter or silver bowls or plates mounted on bases or given with an accompanying base, heavy lead crystal given with a sturdy shock proof storage container and accompanying base. All trophies must be accompanied with durable proof storage containers. Trophies that do not have a base supplied that names the trophy and provides for a record of the winners must be accompanied by a photo album with picture of the trophy and the dedication on the front cover. Annual winner’s pictures and identification will be placed in the photo album.

The trophy must be presented first through e-mail with the dedication verbiage to the trophy chair of the Specialty. The trophy chair will review the offering to be sure it meets the standards set forth above. Challenge trophy proposals must be received by the Specialty trophy chair 4 months prior to the show at which it will be offered. The trophy must be delivered to the chair prior to the premium list submission to the

superintendent unless other arrangements are approved by the chair. It is customary for members retiring challenge trophies to replace them for competition the next year. (Revised 2014 B14-022)

4. All challenge trophies for all specialties shall remain in the custody of a representative of the Greyhound Club of America until they are retired. (Board, 7/00, rev. 12/11)

SUPPORTED ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (Board, 1/05)

1. A sponsor may be a member or group of members in good standing with the AKC and the Greyhound Club of America.

2. The sponsor must contact the GCA Corresponding Secretary in writing at least 6 months prior to the show using the GCA Supported Show/Entry Application to notify the Board of their intention.

3. The Board must approve a Supported Entry show at least once. Reapplication for approval of the same show in subsequent years is not necessary, provided all stipulations are consistently being met.

4. The GCA Corresponding Secretary will contact the Chairperson of the Show- Giving Club of the GCA's intention to support the entry. A copy of the letter will be sent to the sponsor.

5. The sponsors through their generosity will offer trophies suitable for awarding to the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and High Scoring Greyhound in Trial if Obedience is offered by the Show-Giving Club. The score must be a qualifying score to award the trophy.

6. GCA will provide a gold tone club logo medallion to be awarded to the Best of Breed winner at each GCA supported entry that complies with the Supported Entry Policy. (rev. Board, 6/09)

7. Within 15 days of the supported show, marked catalog sheets must be sent to the GCA Corresponding Secretary including obedience and rally if Greyhounds are entered. The Best of Breed winner must be followed through BIS results. These results will be published in the next GCA Newsletter, Facebook page, and website.

8. An individual or group may sponsor only one show per show circuit. Any one group or individual may sponsor no more than two shows per year.

9. The premium list and catalog must state that the Greyhound Club of America supports the Greyhound entry at that show and a pewter club logo medallion will be offered for Best of Breed. Additional trophies may be listed as provided by sponsors.

VOTING

A. When voting or polling by mail, in order to be valid, ballots from two-thirds of the Board must be received and ballots from 20% of the general membership eligible to vote must be received.

B. Effective July 25, 2001, (Board, 7/01 - see NL supplement Summer 2002)

1. These are the issues which will be decided by the GCA membership as set forth in the GCA Constitution and Bylaws and by current directives of the AKC:

- Voting on applicants who have not been elected by the board,
- Petitioning for special club meetings,
- Nominating individuals for officer and board positions,
- Voting for club officers and board members,
- Voting to expel a member from the club,
- Voting on breed standard revisions, and
- Bylaw amendments and dissolution of the club.

These are the decisions that will be made by the Board as set forth in the GCA Constitution and Bylaws and by current directives of the AKC:

All other matters (than those on the above membership voting list) fall under the authority of the Board of Directors, under its general management power.