

**AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW POLICY**

- I. The National Specialty Show ("National") shall be held each year as referenced in the AEDCA Constitution and Bylaws:

**ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

A. The AEDCA Annual Membership Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the AEDCA National Specialty Show which shall take place each year within the period between March 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> at a date, place, and hour designated by the Board. Written notice of this meeting shall be mailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting.

- II. The AEDCA shall abide with the following policies regarding the National:

A. The AEDCA shall be financially responsible for costs incurred for leasing the show site, providing the services of judge(s), all awards, and all other show-related expenses for the National. It shall also be entitled to the income produced from the National and all AEDCA-sponsored activities.

If the host club shall hold a Specialty Show in conjunction with the National, the host club shall be financially responsible for costs incurred for leasing the show site, providing the services of judge(s), all awards, and all other show-related expenses for such Specialty Show only. It shall also be entitled to the income produced from the Specialty Show and all associated activities.

B. The Board of Directors shall not approve of any date for an American Eskimo Dog Specialty Show within 4 weeks prior to the date of the AEDCA National Specialty Show unless the host club is holding their shows based upon their assigned corresponding date(s) within the 4-week period. The AEDCA Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis shall review any exception to requirement.

C. The AEDCA shall choose judge(s) for the Regular Classes for the National through the following manner:

1. The following shall be the method whereby the membership may nominate judges.
  - a. Approximately two years prior to the date of the National, the AEDCA Secretary shall issue notice requesting that all members submit their suggestions for five judges who are approved by The American Kennel Club (AKC) to judge American Eskimo Dogs. Such notice shall list all judges so approved and note the judges who are not eligible because of the five-year rule (see II.C.4., below). This notice shall be mailed to the membership together with the annual dues notice.
  - b. Each member shall have 30 days to mark their ballots with their preferences and return them to the Secretary. The Secretary shall then tabulate all of the nominations and select the top ten nominated judges for Conformation.
  - c. The Secretary shall then prepare a ballot for the membership to vote again for their top three choices from among the ten finalists. This ballot shall be mailed to the

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membership with the next regular issue of the AEDCA Newsletter and shall be due to the Secretary on or before 30 days from the date of newsletter mailing.

- 2 The Show Committee shall have the final decision regarding the hiring of the judge(s) for the National. The Show Committee shall take the results of the membership suggestions into account, along with the estimated cost of judge's expenses and any other factors that the show committee may deem relevant, and select judge(s) who may or may not have been included in the members' suggestions. The Show Chairperson shall then begin the process to hire judge(s).
  - 3 The number of judge(s) required to complete the assignment shall be based on the average number of entries from the previous three Nationals. If, upon the close of entries for the National, the total number of entries should exceed the maximum allowed by The AKC, the services of other judge(s) may be secured on an emergency basis as the Board of Directors and National Show Committee see fit.
  - 4 No judge shall be eligible to judge the National more than once every five years, except in the case of an emergency assignment, as described in Part II, Paragraph C3.
- D. The method for choosing Obedience judges shall be in the same manner as described for Conformation judges in Part II, Paragraph C. Since overall Obedience entries are generally small, the Obedience judge(s) hired must be approved to judge Novice, Open, and Utility.
- E. Judges for Non-Regular classes, either Conformation or Obedience, shall be selected by the National Show Committee according to these guidelines:
1. Judges for Non-Regular Conformation, Sweepstakes, and Futurity classes must meet the following criteria:
    - a. He/she must be an AKC-approved judge OR must be a member in good standing of the AEDCA with at least ten years experience in the Breed; ~
    - b. He/she must have judged at least three previous AKC Matches or Non-Regular classes at AKC shows, and
    - c. He/she must have demonstrated excellent working knowledge of the official AKC American Eskimo Dog Breed Standard.
  2. Judges for Non-Regular Obedience classes must meet the following criteria:
    - a. He/she must be an AKC-approved Obedience judge for any class OR must be a member in good standing of the AEDCA and have earned at least a CDX on a dog of any breed which he/she owns;

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- b. He/she must have judged at least three previous AKC Matches or Non-Regular classes at AKC shows, and
  - c. He/she must have demonstrated excellent working knowledge of the AKC Obedience rules.
- F. The AEDCA Board of Directors shall appoint a Show Chairperson and Show Secretary. The names of these people shall be announced at each National at the same time that the host club and date are announced. The general duties of each are described:
- 1 Show Chairperson: This person shall control the overall planning of the National and report directly to the AEDCA Board of Directors.
  - 2 Show Secretary: This person shall handle all show paperwork including applications for licensing, taking of entries, submitting show reports, etc., and assemble and print the show catalogue. Neither the Show Secretary nor any member of his/her household may exhibit dogs owned or co-owned by them at the National.
  - 3 The Show Committee shall submit quarterly reports to the Board beginning with the third quarter in the year in which it was appointed.
- G. The Show Chairperson and Show Secretary shall have the power to appoint the remaining positions on the Show Committee, subject to the approval of the AEDCA Board of Directors. All members of the Show Committee must be members in good standing of the AEDCA. These positions shall include:
- 1 Obedience Chairperson: This person shall hire the Obedience judges; arrange for ring equipment; and ensure that the Obedience ring(s) is separate from the Conformation ring(s). His position is subject to the AEDCA Board of Director's approval to hold an Obedience Trial.
  - 2 Special Events Chairperson: This person shall arrange for special events such as Canine Good Citizen tests, Agility competition, weight pulls, temperament tests, etc. This position is subject to the AEDCA Board of Director's approval to hold such special events.
  - 3 Trophy Chairperson: This person shall determine the types of trophies; order trophies and ribbons; solicit pledges from the members to pay for trophies; and deliver trophies and ribbons to the show site.
  - 4 Grounds Chairperson: This person shall plan ring size(s) and location(s); ensure access to rest rooms, trash cans, and other essential utilities; arrange for shade for dogs and exhibitors; and set up and break down rings.
  - 5 Publicity Chairperson: This person shall arrange for news coverage from the local media and provide announcements to the National newsletter.
  - 6 Fund-Raising Chairperson: This person shall enlist volunteers to make/donate items for auction or raffle and think and implement other creative fund-raising activities.

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- 7 Advertising Chairperson: This person shall solicit ads from members, kennels, dog food companies, and other vendors for the catalogue and coordinate with Fund-Raising and Hospitality to avoid duplication.
  - 8 Hospitality Chairperson: This person shall make arrangements for judges during their stay; ensure that the judge's refreshment needs are met while working in the ring; and arrange for hospita/ity room at headquarters hotel. Or show site.
  - 9 Education Chairperson: This person shall arrange for educational events and/or seminars during the National.
- H The Board of Directors shall decide for each National whether events such as performance/temperament event(s) shall be held. Such decision(s) shall be announced at the same time as the announcement for the host club and dates.
- I. The Board of Directors may communicate and work with the local Specialty Clubs prior to the date of the Annual Meeting in order to secure prior approval with the potential host Club so that the actual date and host club can be announced during the Annual Meeting.
- J. Should the designated host local Specialty Club be unable to fulfill its obligation, the Board of Directors or its appointed representative(s) shall make all necessary arrangements for that particular National in any means that they may see fit, yet which meet all of the requirements of the AEDCA and The AKC in order to successfully host an appropriate National.
- III. After the AEDCA is approved to hold AKC-licensed shows, the following policy shall be used for determining the location of the National:
- A. The country shall be divided into five Regions (Figure 1, attached). Each Region shall have an opportunity to hold the National according to its number, i.e., Region 1 is first, Region 2 is second, etc. Each time that a Region is selected, this procedure for the next National shall start with the next Region, rather than beginning each selection process with Region 1. The minimum requirement for a host local Specialty Club is that the AEDCA Board of Directors approves it AND that it be AKC-sanctioned to hold B matches. If a Region should not have a Specialty Club that meets that minimum requirement, that Region shall forfeit its turn.
  - B. In order for a Region to be eligible to host the National, it must have at least one AKC-sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club. The requirement for an AKC-sanctioned Club is obvious; holding a show requires numerous local members to perform the necessary work to make a National a success.
  - C. If a Region does not have an AKC-sanctioned licensed Specialty Club, that Region forfeits its turn. The next Region then becomes eligible for hosting the National. This process shall continue until a Region with an AKC-sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club is secured.
  - D. Within a Region having more than one AKC-sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club, the oldest Club shall have the first opportunity to host the National. If that Club shall choose not to host

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the Show, the next oldest Club shall have the right to host. This process shall continue until an AKC-sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club is found within the appropriate Region who wishes to host the Show.

- E. If no AKC-sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club wishes to host the National within its appropriate Region, that Region is bypassed; and the entire five-Region process starts again.
- F. This process continues until a host club can be found.
- G. If more than one sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club is located within a Region, the clubs may elect to combine their resources and jointly host the National. Each club could then elect to hold a separate event in conjunction with the National if they so choose, subject to AKC approval.
- H. If a Region does not have an AKC-sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club, it may elect to put in a bid to host the National provided that the following requirements are met:
  - 1. A minimum of ten (10) individual AEDCA members must live within a 250-mile radius of the proposed show location. These members must agree to the duties to be assigned among them to fulfill the requirements of the Show Committee when they submit their bid to the AEDCA Board of Directors.
  - 2. Prior to submitting a bid to host the National Specialty these members must successfully host a B/OB match in the name of the AEDCA. In addition to meeting the requirements of the AKC for a B/OB match, these members must also:
    - a. Make up a premium list advertising their match in accordance with AKC requirements for a show premium list.
    - b. Make a catalog showing all entries, including day-of-match entries in accordance with AKC requirements for a show catalog.
    - c. Mark all copies of the catalog and submit three copies to the AEDCA Secretary. The Secretary will forward copies to all AEDCA Board members.
- I. All dates, arrangements, etc., shall be subject to approval by The AKC according to its rules and regulations.
- J. A local Specialty Club may contact a local all-breed kennel club that shall be hosting its regular all-breed show during the time of the National. If the local Specialty Club and the AEDCA can secure permission from that local all-breed club, the National may be held as part of an all-breed show, subject to AKC approval.
- K. If the local Specialty Club is AKC-licensed or AKC-sanctioned, it shall have the option of holding a local Specialty Show or Match in conjunction with the National, subject to AKC approval.

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- L. No local Specialty Show shall be held when the Local Specialty Club is not AKC-licensed. (This is an AKC requirement.) However, if arrangements with an all-breed kennel club can be made, sanctioned Local Specialty Club may elect to support the entry at an associated all-breed show, subject to AKC approval.
- M. If the local Specialty Club is AKC-sanctioned, it shall have the option of holding a sanctioned match in conjunction with the National, subject to AKC approval.
- IV. Submittal of bids for the National shall be made in the following manner:
- A. In the third quarter issue of the AEDCA Newsletter, a call shall be made for bids for the National to be held two years from the date of the upcoming National.
- B. Any AKC-sanctioned or licensed Specialty Club shall be eligible to make a bid for the National. Additionally, a group of ten or more AEDCA members who have previously met the requirements of paragraph III.H., above, is also eligible to submit a bid.
- C. Bids must be made in writing addressed to the Secretary and contain, at a minimum, the following information:
- The name of the host club or the names of the members who have met the requirements of paragraph III.H.
  - The proposed date of the National, which must be held each year within the period between March 1st and May 31st. In some cases, a club may not know the exact date but may offer a choice of two dates;
  - The proposed location of the National. This should be a location with access to a large airport so that exhibitors and their dogs may fly to the National; and
  - The names of the Show Chairperson and Show Secretary. If other committee positions are known, these can be included. If the hosts are a group of members meeting the requirements of paragraph III.H., above, they must list all Show Committee positions.
- D. The Secretary on or before December 1 must receive all bids. The Secretary shall then forward to the members of the AEDCA Board of Directors all bids received. The Board shall then follow the procedure described in Section III, above, to determine the host club. The Board may communicate with all parties so as to ensure that all are treated equally and that the National rotates to as many parts of the country as possible.
- E. The Board of Directors' decision for the host and location of the National shall be made at the Annual Meeting at the following National.
- V. This policy may be revised at any time by the AEDCA Board of Directors or as required by The American Kennel Club.
- This Policy was adopted by the AEDCA Board of Directors in 1992 and published in the AEDCA Newsletter. Amended by a vote of the membership March 5, 1998.  
Amended by a vote of the Board of Directors in June 1999.  
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Amended by a vote of the membership in February 2005 & by Board vote on Motion #81-04 May 17, 2005.*