

National Timeline & Key Judges Selection Processes

National Specialty Judges Ballots

First Round Ballots distributed @ 36 months for Breed and Futurity

Publishing Ballots

Ballots will be published in a “special edition” of the ABC Newsletter and on the ABC Facebook page.

National Planning

Regions’ preliminary planning for a National should begin at 36 months prior with the venue selection, and application submitted no later than 30 months prior to the event.

Second Round (Final) Ballots

Second Round (final) ballots for selection of National Judges will be sent to the membership no later than 36 months prior to event, so that ballots can be counted and finalized by the 30-month deadline.

Announcement of Judges

Breed and Futurity Judges will be announced as soon as the votes are counted, and judges have accepted the assignments. Judges Announcements will be made immediately.

Assumptions – based on history:

Nationals are held in the FALL – September-November. Timeline will be adjusted for any National outside historical preferences.

Regionals are generally aligned with a National in the year it occurs in that region.

Region	National Year	National Year	National Year	National Year	National Year	National Year
Northeast	2018	2025	2031	2037	2043	2049
South Central	2019	2026	2032	2038	2044	2050
Southwest	2021*	2027	2033	2039	2045	2051
North Central	2022	2028	2034	2040	2046	2052
Southeast	2023	2029	2035	2041	2047	2053
Northwest	2024	2030	2036	2042	2048	2054

*2020 postponed due to pandemic.

National Specialty - Planning & Deadline Calendar

	Region	National Start Process 36 mo.	National Deadline 30 mo.	National Date Sept-Nov Fall	Chair Person	Applications Approval
2021	Southwest			October 2021	Lisa Jones	X
2022	North Central	Sept 2019	March 2020	Fall 2022	Chris Flessner	In process
2023	Southeast	Sept 2020	March 2021	Fall 2023	Michael Nye	In process
2024	Northwest	Sept 2021	March 2022	Fall 2024		
2025	Northeast	Sept 2022	March 2023	Fall 2025		
2026	South Central	Sept 2023	March 2024	Fall 2026		
2027	Southwest	Sept 2024	March 2025	Fall 2027		
2028	North Central	Sept 2025	March 2026	Fall 2028		
2029	Southeast	Sept 2026	March 2027	Fall 2029		
2030	Northwest	Sept 2027	March 2028	Fall 2030		
2031	Northeast	Sept 2028	March 2029	Fall 2031		

Assume a Fall (Sept-Nov) National Specialty