

ABC Judges Selection Process / Event Coordinating Committee

1.3. Judge selection (622) 1.31. (revised, May 2020) The Judges Selection process will be the responsibility of the Judges Selection Coordinator (JSC), a member of the Event Coordinating Committee, will conduct two rounds of balloting each year for the ABC National Specialty Breed and Futurity Judges. Judge selection balloting forms and Summary of Practices are in Appendix D.

The first round of the Breed and Futurity Judges Selection process includes.

- a. The first round will be initiated at 36 months.
- b. This process will request names of prospective Breed and Futurity judges from the membership.
- c. The Judges selection Vote Form will be published in a “special edition” of the ABC Newsletter and on the ABC Facebook page.

Members shall submit their first-round ballot to the JSC/ECC (JSC name and address is on the Vote Form) with the names of three (3) judges for Breed and three (3) judges for Futurity. Points will be assigned to each of the judges according to the order that they are listed (#1 = 3 pts, #2 = 2 pts, #3 = 1 pt.). After the close of the First-Round voting, the judges Selection Coordinator (JSC) shall tally the points for each judge. The five judges with the highest number of points for Breed and Futurity shall be put on the Final Round ballot.

The preliminary planning process for a National Specialty event will begin at 36 months prior to the proposed date of the event with the deadline for the application and venue selection no later than 30 months. Membership vote on the final selection should be completed no later than 30 months prior to the event, or as soon as the date and venue are confirmed.

The final round of the Judges Selection process includes:

- a. JSC /ECC will validate availability in order of number of votes received.
- b. The JSC/ECC will also confirm remuneration, any special requirements and provide contracts.
- c. The top five (5) available judges will be announced to the membership.
- d. A list of the top five breed judges’ names received will be published with the number of recorded votes. This should be accomplished within 30 days of the final round of the judges’ selection process. The selected Futurity judge’s name will be published however it will not include recorded vote count.
- e. The JSC/ECC shall act as liaison between prospective judges and the Board in determining financial compensation requested. Upon approval of the judges’ terms

by the Board and approval of the event by the AKC, the JSC/ECC will send formal contracts to the judges.

- f. The JSC/ECC will notify and thank judges who were not selected
- g. Signed judge contracts (Breed and Futurity) shall be sent to the Event Chair and National Judges Hospitality Coordinator, along with instructions on their responsibilities regarding judges.

Breed and Futurity Judges will be announced as soon as the votes are counted, and judges have accepted the assignments. We will no longer wait until the current National is over to make such announcements.

The selection of Obedience / Rally Judges will be done at the Regional level. Obedience and Rally judges tend to be more regionalized and are generally not widely known. It is recommended regions select these judges in the same manner as it selects a sweepstakes judge.

Trailing judges will continue to be selected by the hosting region in coordination Trailing Trail Committee

1.32. A person is ineligible to serve as National Specialty Breed Judge if he or she has previously judged in the same capacity at an ABC National Specialty held within 10 years of the date of the ABC National Specialty for which nominations are being solicited. (approved 10-28-2014)

The National Specialty rotation years are as follows: (The process will begin 36 months prior to the National Year for regions.)

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.