

United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.
(Member of the American Kennel Club)

United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club Judges Selection Process

The United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club (USKBTC) Judge Selection Process is the process by which USKBTC National Specialty; Sweepstakes; Futurity and Traveling Specialty conformation dog show judges are selected and subsequently contracted for a specific show date. The process includes review of previously hired judges, American Kennel Club (AKC) eligibility status, judges not approved/licensed by AKC, new breeder-judges, USKBTC membership ballot distribution and tabulation, USKBTC Board of Governors (Board) role. This process also includes the role of the Selection Committee and the judge contact and contract process.

Section 1.0 The Selection Committee

1.1 Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Selection Committee is to manage the judge selection process and manage the assignments of the selected judges. The Selection Committee does not, on its own, select the judges.

1.2 Committee Members and Term

The Selection Committee consists of a minimum of four people, all USKBTC members in good standing. The Selection Committee chair person will be a Board member appointed by the USKBTC president. The Board will select/recommend the remaining Selection Committee members, who are knowledgeable breeder exhibitors, preferably one member from the east, and central, south and west regions. (See appendix 1) The Selection Committee members will serve for five years, one ballot cycle.

Guideline:

No member of the Selection Committee shall be an AKC provisional or approved judge.

1.3 Committee Role

The Selection Committee members are responsible for managing the USKBTC Judge Selection Process as stated herein. This means the duties of the committee include ensuring the ballots are distributed to the membership in a timely manner with clear instructions, setting the ballot due date, counting the ballots, creating the judges pool and reporting the results to the USKBTC Board of Governors. The Selection Committee is also responsible for maintaining the list of ineligible sweepstakes, futurity and regular class judges and adding new AKC approved breeder judges to the pool the year they are approved.

Section 2.0 Judge Eligibility

2.1 Regular Class Judge Review/Eligibility

A judge may not judge a Traveling or National Specialty more frequently than once every 10 years. The Selection Committee will maintain a list of judges that have judged during the past 10 years as well as those currently under contract to judge future Specialties. These judges will not be part of any ballot for the next judging pool. Appendix 2 contains the current ineligible list been contracted for the last 10 years and the next 3 years. (See appendix 2) The names of these judges will not appear on the ballot for selection by the membership at the next ballot until the 10 years has past.

A judge will not be contracted to adjudicate the USKBTC National Standing Specialty more often than

once every 10 years. A judge will not be contracted to adjudicate the USKBTC Traveling Specialty more than once every 10 years. A judge will not be contracted for the USKBTC National Standing Specialty and the Traveling Specialty with less than a 5 year period between assignments.

The USKBTC requires that its specialty judge abstain from judging our breed on Kerry Blue Terrier specialty weekends during the 12 months immediately prior to their judging assignment. Additionally, the USKBTC respectfully requests that requires that contracted judge they not judge any Kerry Blue Terriers in the continental United States during the six months immediately prior to the National or Traveling Specialty for which they are contracted to judge.

Only judges who are approved/licensed and appear in the AKC Judges Directory or any addendums are eligible to judge the USKBTC National Standing Specialty or Traveling Specialty. Newly approved breeder-judges will be added to the pool of judges the year they are AKC approved. The Selection Committee will review the breed specific judge list as provided by the AKC for judges' eligibility. If in the opinion of the majority of the Committee a judge's breed specific performance Reviews of the judges breed specific performance and capability for judging a potentially large entry will be taken into account when placing a judge on the list for membership vote. A list of all judges excluded from the ballot will be given to the Governors for ratification prior to the ballot being finalized. should be taken into consideration.

2.2 Non AKC Approved/Licensed Judges

A person who is approved to judge Kerry Blue Terriers by an organization other than the AKC may be eligible to judge. The USKBTC will not get involved with nor assist in the AKC judge approval process. Once a non-AKC approved/licensed judge is on an AKC approved judges panel, this judge is then considered AKC approved, but will not be published in the AKC Judges Directory. A USKBTC member, in good standing, may petition the Board to include the name of a non-AKC approved judge on the ballot for voting by the general membership. At least three other members must endorse the judge. The ballot will note the judge is a non-AKC approved/licensed judge. In no case shall a non-AKC approved/licensed judge be contracted to judge the USKBTC Standing National Specialty at Montgomery County or its successor.

2.3 Sweepstakes and Futurity Eligibility

Only USKBTC members in good standing will be eligible to judge USKBTC Sweepstakes and Futurities. USKBTC members who have an interest in judging can express that interest on the annual dues form or in writing to the Board. The Selection Committee will vet all applicants for conformance with the requirements. The Selection Committee will classify the applicants by region and submit the names and assignments for approval by the USKBTC Board.

Judges selected for the USKBTC National and Traveling sweepstakes and Futurity may judge a USKBTC National or Traveling Sweepstakes and/or Futurity will not repeat the specific assignment for a period of 5 years.

Judges selected for these assignments are not paid a fee, nor reimbursed for their expenses incurred to fulfill the assignment. These judges will be invited to attend the annual dinner and have that dinner paid for as guests of the USKBTC.

Guideline:

Candidates should have bred at least two three litters and finished at least two three champions to be eligible. Sweeps and Futurity judges should must not accept Kerry judging assignments 12 months prior to the specialty assignment. Under extraordinary circumstances, these requirements may be waived by the Board, but only when no other viable candidates are available.

Section 3.0 Voting

3.1 Membership Ballot

Voting will be conducted every 5 years. Ballots will be distributed by US mail, in January. The voting instructions will be included with the ballots. The list of eligible judges will be distributed to the eligible USKBTC membership. The deadline for return of ballots shall be no less than 30 days from the date they are mailed. will be determined and ballots will be validated by the post mark on the return envelope. Eligible ballots will be determined by the postmark on the envelope. Counting of ballots will not occur less than 7 days from the due date for ballots to provide for delays in delivery of mail. Any ballot that fails to meet the voting requirements will not be counted. Ballots must be originals, no photocopies will be counted.

3.2 Ballot instructions

Each eligible member may vote for up to 30 judges from the list of qualified judges as provided in the ballot, no write-ins will be allowed. Breeder-judges that have been AKC approved between ballots will be added to the Judges' Pool, and then included on the next ballot.

3.3 The Judges Pool and Judge Selection

Votes will be tabulated and sorted by number of votes received for each judge to determine the Judge's Pool order if the judge will be added to the Judges Pool. The pool shall consist of the 30 judges who receive the most votes. In the case where there is a tie for the thirtieth position all judges receiving that number of votes will become part of the pool. Votes are not weighted; a simple majority determines the order. In the event of a vote tie the judges' names will be presented in alphabetical order. Judges will be contacted for availability by Judge's Pool order and subsequently contracted for the assignment. If a judge is not available to judge in the next three year period, the Selection Committee will move to the next name in the pool. The Selection Committee shall choose the National Specialty and Traveling Specialty judge from this pool. Once the pool is established the Selection Committee will make recommendations from the pool with no regard to number of votes a particular judge received. Once the Selection Committee makes their decision they will make their recommendation to the Board of Governors for ratification prior to any contract being submitted to the prospective judge. The availability of the proposed judge will be determined prior to presentation to the Board of Governors for ratification.

3.2 Ballot instructions

Each eligible member may vote for up to 30 judges from the list of qualified judges as provided in the ballot, no write-ins will be allowed. Breeder-judges that have been AKC approved between ballots will be added to the Judges' Pool, and then included on the next ballot. The top thirty vote getters from the membership ballots will make up the Judges Pool.

3.3 Board Ballot

The Board will ratify all judge recommendations prior to any obligating offer is made to the proposed judge(s).only vote for Sweepstakes and Futurity assignments. Ballots by the Board for Sweepstakes and Futurity nominations will be disclosed to the Board for review and discussion.

Section 4.0 Non-regular classes

4.1 Sweeps and Futurity Judge

The Selection Committee will maintain a list of names of members that have expressed an interest in judging, or who meet the guideline for judging. Judges for these events will be selected every three years. Members that have been selected to judge will be contacted by the Selection Committee to check availability and then presented to the Board of Governors for ratification.

Guideline:

Judges will be asked instructed not to exhibit at, or view a catalog of, the shows held the days prior to their judging assignment, i.e. do not attend or view the catalog of the Hatboro show if judging the Devon sweeps or the Futurity.

Judges will must agree not to judge a Kerry Blue Terrier sweepstakes 12 months prior to their assignment.

4.2 Futurity

Three judges, representing three of the four regions, East, Central, South and West, who meet the requirements described previously, will judge the Futurity. The fourth region will be rotated each year. International USKBTC members may be considered for this assignment with approval by the Board. International USKBTC members will be considered in the East region. Foreign breeders, non-USKBTC members, may be considered by petition to the Board.

Guideline:

Judges will agree not to judge a Kerry Blue Terrier sweepstakes 12 months prior to this assignment. If the judge is an approved or provisional AKC judge they will agree not to judge Kerry Blue Terriers for 6 months prior to the assignment.

Section 5.0 Traveling and Non-Conformation Event

5.1 Chapter Clubs - Traveling Specialty

The USKBTC will provide the chapter club and the Traveling Specialty host club the names of the available judges in the judging pool top five judges from the pool for evaluation and contracting for the Traveling Specialty. The chapter club show chair may request the list of judges that are not eligible to judge the National Specialty and Traveling, due to the 10 year rule, for use in a chapter club judge selection process. The USKBTC will, upon request from the chapter club show chair, inform the chapter club of judges, regular and non-regular classes, which have been contracted for the next 12 months, so the judges may abide by the USKBTC request not to accept assignments 6 months prior to the USKBTC specialty assignment.

The Chapter club show chair may be asked to act as the USKBTC liaison to the all-breed club for the Traveling specialty. All correspondence will be sent in writing, hardcopy or electronic, by the USKBTC corresponding secretary. The USKBTC liaison will present the proposed Traveling Specialty judge to the Board of Governors for ratification prior to a contract being extended.

5.2 Cluster shows - Traveling Specialty

The USKBTC has no intention of paying the fees or expenses of the Traveling Specialty judge. The depth of the Judges Pool plus close work with the host cluster should provide ample time to contract a judge who is in the Judges Pool. If the host club is unwilling to accommodate the USKBTC, the liaison is authorized to spend up to \$500. In no case shall the USKBTC pay the entire fees and expenses/fee and/or expenses for a judge also used by the host all breed club and/or cluster.

For the Traveling Specialty, the USKBTC liaison will be the Corresponding Secretary. The liaison will contact the host all breed club and work with the host club to find a judge in the judging pool acceptable to

the USKBTC and the host all breed club. request the judge from the judges' pool, as determined by vote total, which is eligible for the assignment. The host club will be encouraged to contract this judge for breeds in addition to Kerry Blues or for Group assignments, if the judge is approved for breeds other than Kerry Blue Terriers.

If the judge is not approved for Group or other breed assignments, they may be provisional for a breed and be able to fulfill the all-breed panel provisional judge requirement. All-breed clubs are required by AKC to have at least two provisional judges on their panel. The liaison will work with the host club the Traveling Specialty is going to sit with to ensure that a the judge from the USKBTC judges pool membership wants is hired.

The correspondence will be conducted by the USKBTC liaison to the host kennel all breed club's show chair and the local chapter show chair. All correspondence will be in writing, either hardcopy or electronic. The local chapter show chair may be asked to act as an agent for the USKBTC in attending meetings prior to the event.

5.3 Non-conformation events

The USKBTC board of governors will consult with a USKBTC member, in good standing, that is considered an expert in that event for advice on the selection of a judge for that event. The event expert will act as liaison of the USKBTC for this event.

All correspondence will be sent in writing, hardcopy or electronic, by the USKBTC secretary and copied to the event expert and the event sponsor.

Section 6.0 Correspondence, Contracts, and Fees

6.1 Correspondence

The USKBTC secretary is the designated show chair for the USKBTC National and Traveling Specialty show, sweepstakes, futurity and non-conformation events unless otherwise designated by the USKBTC Board of Governors. All correspondence in regard to judges for regular and non-regular classes will be done in writing, hardcopy or electronic, by the USKBTC secretary and copied to all designated liaisons.

6.2 Contracts

All contracts will be in writing, hardcopy, with one copy for the show chair to have on hand at the event, one copy for the judge, one copy to AKC with the application and one copy for the file. Contracts will be drafted by the designated show chair/USKBTC secretary. All subsequent contact with the judges, regular or non-regular classes, regarding assignment conflicts or changes, will be conducted by the show chair/USKBTC secretary.

Guideline:

Judges under contract for the Montgomery County or USKBTC Traveling specialty will not accept another Kerry Blue Terrier specialty assignment for 12 months prior to this assignment.

6.3 Fees and Expenses

The honor of judging a National Specialty is an important part of the compensation a judge is offered. The fee-stipend for the USKBTC National Specialty, including expenses, is capped at \$500 600 or less depending on actual expenses. It is expected that an initial offer of \$300 will be made to any perspective judge. No fees or expenses are paid for Sweepstakes or Futurity judges.

The USKBTC Traveling Specialty judge fees/expenses are to be paid by the host/all-breed club. If the

USKBTC is required to compensate the judge or the host club, the fee, including expenses, is capped at \$500. In no case if a judge is part of the regular panel will the USKBTC pay any expenses and/or fee for a Traveling Specialty judge.

The Board of Governors will review this fee structure from time to time but no exceptions will be made without a revision of the overall fee policy in order that all judges are treated uniformly in this regard.

Section 7.0 Contingency process

In the event the contracted judges can not fulfill their assignment the following process will be used to fill the assignment.

7.1 National and Traveling Specialty regular class judges

The USKBTC secretary will contact judges that have been contracted by the USKBTC for the following year, if the date of that assignment is greater than one year. If the date of the show needing the replacement judge and the next contracted judge is less than one calendar year, the secretary will contact the judge that has been contracted for the next assignment. If the judge is not available for the replacement assignment, then the next judge in the judges pool will be contacted, until the assignment is filled used to replace the judge.

7.2 Sweepstakes Judges

Replacement sweepstakes judges will be contacted in a similar manner as regular class judges, taking into account past and future assignments and the impact on those obligations, as well as meeting the guidelines, set forth by this process, as to the prerequisites of a sweepstakes judge.

7.3 Futurity Judges

Replacement Futurity judging assignments will be filled by contacting qualified breeders from the pool that are located in the same geographical region as the judge declining the assignment. Every attempt will be made to fill the assignment from the declining region or the fourth region, which is not represented in the assignment. If a candidate from the declining region or the fourth region is not available, the first available candidate(s) names will be submitted to the board for selection and subsequent contract.

Appendix 1: USKBTC Region Map

Appendix 2: Ineligible Judges List as of 2006

Regular classes 10 yr rule

Billie Kellogg-Kneale	NS1996
Stephen Shaw	NS1997
Barbara Keenan	TS 1997

Edith Izant	NS 1998
Lydia C. Hutchinson	TS 1998
Anne Katona	NS 1999
Peggy Beisel-Mc Ilwaine	TS 1999
Ken McDermott	NS 2000
Scott Kellogg	TS 2000
Rhonda Davis	NS 2001
Dawn Vick Hansen	TS 2001
Bert Tormey	NS 2002
Lydia C. Hutchinson	TS 2002
Scott Kellogg	NS 2003
Merith Kipp	TS 2003
Ron Ramsey	NS 2004
Barbara Keenan	TS 2004
Paul Martin	NS 2005
Mrs. James Clark	TS 2005
Nolan Dale	NS 2006
Billie Kellogg-Kneale	TS 2006
John Weatherhaed	NS 2007
Richard Powell	TS 2007
Merith Kipp	NS 2008

Sweeps ineligible 5yr rule

Traveling

George Wright	2002
Susan Schneider	2003
Bill McFadden	2004
Joann Koneval	2005
Heather Hunter	2006
Siobhan Conti	2007

Hatboro

Robert Beuter	2003
Gene Possidento	2004
Carol Herr	2005
Dick Schaefer	2006
Carl Ashby	2007

Futurity

Nick Fletcher, Cory Rivera, Michael Waggener	2002
Gigi Reiling, Scott Schlager, Linda Olsen	2003
Lynn Duckett, Mia Lundsten, Linda Sousa	2004
CJ Favre, Barbara Morningstar, Kelly Nordman	2005
Antony Lopez, Teresa Worful, Fionualla Malone	2006
France Godbout, Mary McGreevy, Gretchen Quinn	2007