

**Border Terrier Club of America
Policies and Procedures Manual**

**BTCA National Specialty Guidelines
Selection of Sweepstakes Judge**

1. Nominations of individuals to judge the Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes Classes at the BTCA National Specialty shall be made by the membership.
2. The nominee must sign that they are willing and available to accept the assignment and the Nomination must be signed by five members in good standing. No electronic or fax signatures will be accepted.
3. The nominee must be in good standing with the AKC, but need not be an AKC Judge. Only those persons are eligible who have not judged the Conformation or Sweepstakes classes at a BTCA National Specialty in the 5 years prior to the current Specialty.
4. Nominations must be received by the BTCA Recording Secretary by December 31st two years prior to the Specialty. E.g. December 31st 2006 for the 2009 Specialty
5. In the event of more than one nomination being received, the ballot of nominated sweepstakes judges, along with their bios (200-word limit), and the deadline for ballots to be received, will be mailed to the membership, on or before March 15. If possible, the mailing should be combined with the Nominating Committee's slate for the Board of Directors, which is due on or before March 15.
6. The judging assignment will be offered to the nominee receiving the most ballots by the voting deadline.
7. It is the responsibility of the BTCA Vice President to ensure an invitation for nominations is published in the summer and/or fall issues of the Borderline.
8. If no nominations have been received by the nomination deadline, the Regional Club hosting the specialty will be invited to nominate a judge.
9. If there is no Regional Host Club or they decline to nominate a judge, then the BTCA Board of Directors will do so.
10. Ballots should be received and the results tabulated by an individual who is not a BTCA member, this individual shall be selected by the BTCA Board. Once the deadline date is reached and the results have been tabulated, the nominees will be notified of the results by mail by the BTCA Recording Secretary or, in the case she is one of the nominees, the individual tabulating the results. In the latter case, copies of the letters will be sent to the Recording Secretary to be filed. The ballots and tabulated results are also to be sent to the Recording Secretary for filing. (Passed by Board Fall 1995)
11. The selected judge will be asked not to judge Border Terriers in a sanctioned AKC Conformation or Sweepstakes 6 months prior to the Specialty that they are to judge. Failure to comply with this request shall disqualify that person from serving as the Sweepstakes Judge at the BTCA National Specialty. Judging matches is acceptable.
12. The selected judge cannot exhibit in any classes at the Specialty, but may do so at shows preceding and following the Specialty.