

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

Selection of Specialty Judges and BTCA Preferred Judges List

1. There will be an explanation of the voting process sent with each ballot including the 10 Year Rule. The ballot will state what years we will be selecting judges. The ballot will be every two years.
2. There will be three judges lists:
 - a. Americas Judges Lists (AKC approved list including visitors from Canada and South America) for even numbered years judging the BTCA National Specialty.
 - b. Foreign Judges List (BKC list for judges approved to award CCs with duplicates from Americas list removed) for the odd years judging the BTCA National Specialty, and
 - c. Preferred Judges List for Supported Entries and Referrals including Montgomery County KC (MCKC).
3. Master lists for future specialty judges selection ballots will be compiled as follows:
 - a. The Master List for North American Judges will be made up of the 40 eligible judges receiving the majority of the votes from the membership ballot plus All North American breeder judges.
 - b. The Master List for Foreign Judges will be made up of the 40 eligible foreign judges receiving the majority of the votes from the membership ballot.
 - c. The American/Canadian ballot list sent to the membership will include all American judges approved to judge Border Terriers and Canadian breeder judges. The British list will include breeder judges that are approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs.
 - d. Resolution of any tie votes will be decided by a vote of the board.
4. Once a judge has completed his/her National Specialty assignment that judge will be ineligible to judge the Specialty for 10 years. This is a current BTCA policy referred to as The 10 Year Rule. A judge who has completed a Specialty assignment will not appear on a BTCA judges selection ballot until they are eligible to judge the BTCA National specialty.
5. Lists are accurate at the time of receipt from either the AKC or the BKC. All efforts will be made to remove names of deceased judges.
6. Judges asking not to appear on the ballot will have their name removed from the judges selection ballot list. It is the responsibility of the judge who has asked their name to be removed from the judges selection list to contact the BTCA if they would like their name added to a future ballot.
7. The Preferred Judges Lists will be used to select the MCKC judge.
8. MCKC has a 7 Year Rule. Once a judge has judged Border Terriers at MCKC, he/she will not be eligible to judge BT's there again for 7 years. No judge shall judge Montgomery County Kennel Club and the national specialty within a 24-month period.
9. Immediately or shortly after the MCKC Show is over, the BTCA Vice President will send the following year's judge three copies of a judging contract (see Procedures 2-28 and 3-12) to sign with two to be returned. Once the selected judge has returned the signed copies, one will be forwarded to the MCKC Show Chairman.
10. Copies of the Preferred Judges Lists will be forwarded to the Show Chairmen of the shows immediately preceding the MCKC Show that are designated Supported Entry Shows by the BTCA
11. Regional Clubs seeking BTCA approval for supported entry shows in their area should be encouraged to supply the appropriate Show Chairmen with the Preferred Judges Lists.
12. Show Chairmen for upcoming BTCA Specialties should supply the Preferred Judges Lists to the Show Chairmen of shows immediately preceding or following the BTCA Specialty that are designated as supported entry shows,
13. It is the responsibility of the BTCA Vice President to advise the Chairperson for upcoming BTCA National Specialties as to who should be approached to judge the Specialty in accordance with the Preferred Judges Lists and help with contacting the judge.