

ARC REGIONAL SPECIALTY STANDING RULES (Separated from General Standing Rules 5/25/14)

A. SPECIALTY STANDING RULES ADMINISTRATION (Section added 5/25/14)

The Specialty Standing Rules are administrative guidelines with respect to the operation of the Club. In no instance may a Standing Rule conflict with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws or the Mandatory Practices of the American Rottweiler Club.

1. The ARC Policies & Procedures Chairperson shall maintain a current list of Specialty Standing Rules and they will be posted on the ARC website. A hard copy is available from the Chairperson.
2. The Secretary will send the Specialty Standing Rules to each new Officer/Board member within 2 weeks of their election to office.
3. The new Board shall review the Specialty Standing Rules annually.
4. These Specialty Standing Rules may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.
5. Any motion that is duly passed by the ARC Board that is relevant to the Standing Rules shall be added without an additional vote.
6. All Programs, Procedures, Job Descriptions, Specialty Applications, National Specialty Manual, etc. (portions of which are contained in the Standing Rules) are subject to 4. and 5. above.
7. When a Standing Rule is added or amended it will be noted in red and the rule will have date of the change noted in Bold at the end of the rule. Then next time a change is made to the Standing Rules the wording in red will be changed to black; however the date will remain.

B. REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

1. Any club listed in the ARC Local Club list or a group of ARC members (see 8. below) are welcome to apply to host an ARC Regional Specialty. A group of ARC Members will only be considered to host a Regional in conjunction with an All-Breed/Working Group Show; they will not be considered for an Independent Regional. Note: all references in this section to Host Club/Club, except for the sections in regards that apply to Independent Regionals only, refer to a group of ARC members as well.
2. Regional Specialties may be held in conjunction with an All-Breed/Working Group show, or they may be held independently. Regional Specialties may be held for Conformation or any performance event (Obedience/Rally Agility, Carting, Herding, and Tracking).
3. To host an Independent Regional, each club will be considered individually based on its own merits and the past history of the club and its members of putting on large AKC shows.
4. Regional Specialties will be approved no more than 2 years in advance. Clubs wishing to host an ARC Regional will be considered on an individual basis depending on the dates of the National for that year. **(11/14/17)**
5. The system instituted to provide for the division of the United States into 8 regions for holding ARC Regional Specialties is as follows:
 - REGION I: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.
 - REGION II: Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania.
 - REGION III: Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.
 - REGION IV: Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.
 - REGION V: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont.
 - REGION VI: Alaska, California, Hawaii.
 - REGION VII: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.
 - REGION VIII: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi.
6. There will be no limit on how many of each of the following type event may be held in each Region during a calendar year: Conformation; Puppy Sweepstakes; Veteran Sweepstakes; Junior Handling; Obedience; Rally; Agility; Carting; Tracking.

However, events of the same type within a region must be at least 1 month apart OR at least 250 miles apart and may not be held on the same weekend, unless they are either held by the same club and/or held in the same location; e.g. Club A hosts a Regional on Saturday at ABC Fairgrounds and Club B hosts a Regional at the same Fairgrounds on Sunday. Also any regional event in the same region hosting the National Specialty must be held at least 1 month before or after that National. Back-to-back events will be considered as a single event.

AKC only allows ARC to hold 8 Agility trials within a calendar year, including those held at the ARC National. Once it is established how many Trials will be offered at the National, the remaining number of events will be offered on a "first-come first-served basis" to any club wanting to host an ARC Regional Agility Trial. Should requests exceed the number available, preference will be given to a club from a region that has not already hosted one during that particular calendar year.

7. No proposal form will be submitted to the Board by the ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator until it has complete and accurate information. All forms for Independent Regional Specialties must include a copy of the judges' contracts that the Host Club is intending to use.
8. For an Independent Regional Specialty the Show Chairman and at least 2 other Committee Chairmen are required to be members of the American Rottweiler Club; however, it is preferred that all Committee Chairmen be ARC members. For a Regional Specialty hosted by a local club and held in conjunction with an All-Breed/Working Group, the Show Chairmen and at least 1 member of the Host Club are required to be members of the American Rottweiler Club. For a Regional held in

conjunction with an All-Breed/Working Group club, and hosted by a group of ARC members, the group must consist of a minimum of 3 members in good standing.

9. All AKC paperwork in regards to a Regional Specialty must be submitted to the Regional Specialty Coordinator no later than **22 weeks before the closing date of the event** in order to meet AKC's 18 week deadline. Applications for a Regional Herding Trial/Test must be submitted no later than 4 months before closing in order to meet AKC's 3 month deadline. Failure to do so, could result in the Regional Specialty being cancelled. (6/17/14)
10. The Host Club will be responsible for all AKC application fees. If ARC is fined by AKC due to paperwork being submitted late to the Regional Specialty Coordinator and thus to AKC, any fines incurred will be borne by the Host Club. And if ARC is fined by AKC due to recording fees and final paperwork being submitted late, all fines incurred will also be borne by the Host Club. Should ARC be required to send a priority or overnight mailing due to tardiness in getting information to ARC on the part of a Host Club, the Host Club shall bear the cost of the mailing. This includes sending items USPS or via common carriers such as UPS or FedEx.
11. Any profit generated by a Regional Specialty held in conjunction with an All-Breed Kennel Club/Working Group will be kept by the Host Club. Exception: should a group of ARC members be hosting the Regional any profit would be sent to the ARC Treasurer within 30 days of the end of the show.
12. For any Independent Regional Specialty, whether conformation, performance event and/or all-breed event, the local Host Club shall add the total number of entries in all events, excluding Parade of Title Holders, and deduct 100 from the total entries**. The remaining number of entries are subject to an Event Fee of \$1.00 per entry payable to the ARC (example: 120 total entries, \$20 is payable to ARC). This amount is to be paid within 30 days from the last day of the show. Payment should be sent to the ARC Treasurer along with a catalog from all events. Failure to remit by the deadline will result in fines as follows: 31- 60 days late - \$200; 61 – 90 days late - \$400. Remittance over 90 days late may result in disciplinary action. These fees are outlined in the event contract signed by the Host Club. (** If the Host Club offers Junior Showmanship classes **and does not charge an entry fee**, these classes would also be excluded from total number of entries.)
13. The Host Club will assume all financial responsibility for said Independent Regional Specialty.
14. The Host Club of an Independent Regional must submit a comprehensive Show Report to the ARC Secretary and ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator no later than 60 days from the last day of the show. Failure to submit by the deadline will result in fines as follows: 31- 60 days late - \$200; 61 – 90 days late - \$400. Submittal over 90 days late may result in disciplinary action. These fees are outlined in the event contract signed by the Host Club.
15. The ARC Secretary will maintain the signed contracts between the Host Club and the ARC with copies sent to the ARC President, Treasurer, ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator and Host Club.
16. The Host Club must apply to the ARC Carting Coordinator to receive approval to hold a Carting Test at least 3 months prior to the date of the event.
17. The ARC manual for the National Specialty and Carting Test Rules are to be followed in the hosting of any or all of these events. Any substantial deviation from the manual must have prior permission in writing from the ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator. The manual shall be reviewed periodically by the Board.
18. Listed below are some of the major points contained in the manual:
 - a. ARC will provide \$100 per event (1 in each category) towards trophies: Conformation; **4 to 6 month Puppy**; Puppy Sweepstakes; Veteran Sweepstakes; Obedience; Rally; Agility; Herding; Carting, Tracking and/or Junior Showmanship. However, back-to-back events hosted by the same club will be considered as a single event. (Example: Day 1 Regional: Regular Conformation, **4 to 6 month Puppy**, Puppy Sweepstakes, Obedience; Day 2 Regional: Puppy Sweepstakes, Carting. Club will receive ~~\$400~~ **\$450** toward trophies: \$100 for Conformation; **\$50.00 for 4 to 6 month Puppy**; \$100 for back-to-back Puppy Sweepstakes; \$100 for Obedience/Rally and \$100 for Carting.) Also, any events held by the same club within a quarter (January – March; April – June; July – September; October – December) will be considered back-to-back events. (Example: Club X hosts Regional on January 15th and then another on March 20th; only one Regional will be provided with an ARC trophy donation.) Regional Sieger will receive \$100.00 per event broken down by Youth, Adult, and Juniors. (6/9/20)

Credit must be given to ARC in both the Premium List and Catalog for this donation. This money will automatically be sent to the Host Club by the ARC Treasurer after the ARC Board approves the Regional. If for some reason the Regional was not held, the Host Club would be required to return the funds to ARC.

- b. The Host Club may, if it so chooses and applies with the ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator, present Regional Awards of Merit.

All dogs eligible for Best of Breed competition shall be considered for these awards. At the discretion of the Intersex judge, the maximum number of Regional Awards of Merit that may be given shall be 10% of the Best of Breed entry, including Veterans, Winners and Working Dog/Bitch (if class is offered). This 10%, with no consideration to sex, is in addition to the ones automatically given to Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed winners and the AKC Grand Championship Select Dog and Bitch (if awarded).

Under no circumstances, may the term "Select" be used for these awards, as that term is used exclusively for the ARC National Specialty. (6/17/14)

- c. Champions of record may enter the Puppy Sweepstakes at ARC Regional Specialties provided they meet the eligibility requirements.

- d. At Regional Specialties, Puppy Sweepstakes may include an 18 mos. & under 24 mos. class. At the Host Club's discretion, this class may be divided into an 18 mos. & under 21 mos. class and an 21 mos. & under 24 mos. class.
- e. If a Veteran Sweepstakes is offered at a Regional Specialty, Best and Best of Opposite In Veteran Sweepstakes shall be awarded and not Best Junior and Best Senior In Veteran Sweepstakes. **(8/18/15)**
- f. Parade of Titleholders: The following will be recognized: all AKC, Canadian, Mexican and International titles; titles recognized in Germany including BH; all ARC Carting Titles and all AHBA titles of JHD and above. Titles issued by countries and/or organizations not specifically mentioned above, along with CGC, TT, TDI, RTD, HIC or HCT certificates, will not be recognized as titles, but may still participate in the Parade. All titles/certificates will be printed on the rosette. The Parade will adhere to the following order of presentation:
 - 1. Dogs with conformation AND working title.
 - 2. Dogs with either conformation OR working title.
 - 3. All others.
- g. The ARC will allot 100 Rescue Medallions a year from their supply for use at Regional Specialties for Rescue Parade entrants. This class will be offered at no charge by the host club. Medallions will be mailed to host club after close of entries and upon receipt of number entered in Rescue Parade.
- h. Host Clubs shall be encouraged not to charge an entry fee for any Junior Showmanship classes offered.
- i. The Host Club is responsible for contacting and securing contracts for all judges. The Host Club will select the Sweepstakes Judges from the ARC approved list. The Host Club should send a copy of each judge's contract to the ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator within 30 days of signing.
 The ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator will maintain the ARC Sweepstakes Judges Guidelines. These will be sent to an individual when he/she is added to the list of Approved Sweepstakes Judges. They will be sent again when someone has been approved to judge a specific Sweepstakes. **(10/20/13)**
- j. All Regional Specialty judges' contracts shall contain the stipulation that by accepting the assignment, the judge agrees not to exhibit at any event associated with the Regional Specialty at which they are officiating **prior** to their assignment. **Once their assignment is concluded**, they may exhibit their own dog in another conformation/performance event. However, they may not exhibit and judge the same day even if it is another venue. Exception: a sweepstakes judge may not exhibit his/her dogs or take any dog belonging to another person into the ring during the regular/non-regular conformation classes; however, they could exhibit in a performance event held after their assignment is complete. **(10/20/13)**
- k. A person may judge a Sweepstakes, whether Puppy or best of s, only once every 3 years in each Region (Example: if an individual judges a Sweepstakes in Region I in 2014, he/she will not be eligible to judge a Sweepstakes in that region again until 2018. However, a person may judge in 2 or more different regions 1 year and a different region the next, etc.
- l. Premium lists for an Independent Regional must be proof read by the ARC Regional Specialty Coordinator and a member of the ARC Board prior to printing and distribution.
- m. All Premiums for Independent Regionals shall contain the following prominent disclaimer: "Exhibitors please note: The American Rottweiler Club does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the official AKC entry form for this event." Host Clubs for Regionals held as part of a Combined Specialties Organization or All-Breed/Working Group Show should make every effort to see that this disclaimer is included.
- n. The ARC honors all of its members and the loss of any is a loss to all, so ARC will not dedicate any shows or events to any 1 individual. However, the Host Club or group of individuals hosting may dedicate their show to any individual or individuals of their choosing, provided that it is clearly stated in both the Premium List and catalog that the dedication is being made by the Host Club or group of individuals hosting. **(5/11/22)**
- o. The name of the Host Club may appear in all advertising, the Premium List, Catalog, etc. as "hosted by" provided the Host Club is an AKC licensed club. If a club is not an AKC licensed club, the wording must be "The ARC wishes to thank the Host Club for their support of our Specialty".
- p. Regional Specialty logos may not contain Host Club's name or initials. An exception might be made with prior approval of the ARC Board of Directors. In this case, the ARC Board would have final approval on the logo before it is published/used anywhere.
- q. Non-members of ARC may place advertising in an Independent Regional Specialty catalog. However, all advertising for Stud Dogs, Brood Bitches and Litters must conform to the ARC Mandatory Practices. Kennels and individual dogs/bitches may still be advertised as "Home of", "Presenting", "Congratulation on latest title", etc. as long as there is no specific mention of breeding/offering at stud/semen available unless conforming to the Mandatory Practices.

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