

ARC NATIONAL 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. NATIONAL SPECIALTIES

1. Any club listed in the ARC Local Club list is welcome to apply to host the ARC National Specialty.
2. A club wishing to host the National may make a bid at any time. If more than 1 club makes a bid for the same year, preference would be given to a club located in a different area of the country than the club hosting the previous year's National. Example: The 2014 National is held in Wisconsin; if 2 clubs make a bid for 2015, 1 in Illinois and 1 in California, the preference would be given to the California club. If the 2 clubs making the bid are located in California and Florida, the BOD will make the decision based on the merits of the application; a club that has hosted a successful National or Regional Specialty will be given preference. The ARC reserves the right to host the National at any time themselves by utilizing Purina Farms or any other site in the country. A club from any part of the country is eligible to host the National at Purina Farms at any time they chose to do so as well.
3. The deadline for bids to host the National Specialty shall be January 1st, 3 years prior to the year of the Specialty. (i.e., the 2018 National Specialty deadline is January 1, 2015) Bids received after the January 1st deadline will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis.
4. The ARC Board will not approve any other Rottweiler Club Specialty to be held in the United States during the months of April, May or June. The only exception being that any club already having an established date for a Rottweiler Specialty (conformation and/or performance) shall be allowed to keep that date as their own, unless waived in writing by that club. 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 Host Club has 3 options to choose from when applying to host the National:
 - a. The ARC will advance the Host Club a loan of \$10,000 which must be repaid. The Host Club assumes full financial responsibility for the National (profit or loss). **(7/14/20)**
 - b. The ARC will advance the Host Club a loan of \$10,000. If additional monies are needed, either the Host Club can make a loan to the Specialty Account or can approach the ARC BOD for additional loan(s). All loans would be repaid to appropriate club before net profit is determined, with the ARC's \$10,000 loan having priority. The net profit from the Specialty would be split between the ARC and the Host Club on the following basis: ARC 50 % / Host Club 50 %. The ARC BOD will appoint the National Specialty Treasurer and he/she will file monthly reports with both the Show Committee and the ARC Board. The Host Club will make the financial decisions regarding the Specialty; however, they are expected to work closely with the ARC Board on all financial matters and must receive ARC Board approval on all expenditures over \$1,000.00. The ARC Board also reserves the right to step in and veto any expenditure.

Before calculating Net Profit, the repayment of the ARC's initial \$10,000 would have priority, then those made by the Host Club, followed by additional ARC loans. **(7/14/20)**
 - c. The ARC will advance the Host Club a loan of \$10,000. If additional monies are needed, the Host Club can approach the ARC BOD for additional funds (loans). All ARC loans would be repaid before net profit is determined. ARC will assume full financial responsibility (profit or loss) for the National. If there is a net profit, the ARC will pay the Host Club an Event Fee of \$5.00 per entry, excluding Junior Showmanship and Parades of Title Holders and Rescue for their part in putting on the National. If the Specialty breaks even or a loss should occur the Host Club will not receive any Event Fee. The ARC BOD will appoint the National Specialty Treasurer and he/she will file monthly reports with both the Show Committee and the ARC Board. The Host Club is expected to work closely with the ARC Board and must obtain final approval from the ARC BOD on all expenditures over \$1,000.00. **(7/14/20)**
6. No proposal form will be submitted to the Board by the ARC National Specialty Coordinator until it has complete and

accurate information. All forms must be accompanied by a list of Committee Chairmen and the Show Chairman. The Show Chairman and the Obedience, Conformation, Rally, Agility, Herding and Tracking Chairpersons and the 5-person Event (Bench) Committee **at each venue**, must be members of ARC. All other volunteer positions, filled by either ARC or the Host Club, do not have to be ARC members.

7. National Specialty Chairpersons in Obedience, Rally, Agility, Herding and Carting are allowed to exhibit within the venue they chair. AKC Rules prohibit the Tracking Chairperson from doing so.
 1. ARC will pay a ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00** per trial stipend to stewards for conformation, obedience, and rally at ARC Hosted National Specialties. Volunteers for these positions should have prior experience in the event they are stewarding. Stipend paid for a full trial or day. A 15-minute break may be taken but relief help does not qualify for a stipend. Estimated cost: ~~\$1200.00~~ **\$1,800.00** for the entire National; to be paid from the general fund. Event Chairs need to be notified prior to the event if a steward has a dog to run and what class. **(7/14/22) (3/12/24)**
8. The ARC National Specialty Coordinator will complete all AKC applications for all events connected with this Specialty. The ARC National Specialty Coordinator will see that they receive ARC Board approval and are signed by the ARC President and sent on to AKC. In addition, all contact with the AKC regarding the Specialty will be made through the ARC National Specialty Coordinator. The ARC National Specialty Coordinator will copy the Host Club on all AKC paperwork received and vice versa.
9. The Host Club, if holding a Carting Test, shall complete an ARC Carting event application. This application must be sent to the ARC Carting Test Coordinator for ARC Board approval no later than 6 months before the event.
10. If ARC is fined by AKC due to paperwork being submitted late to the National 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. The following repayment schedules must be followed:
 - a. Any event fee charged to a Host Club (see Option 5.a. above) 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; over 90 days late - \$600 plus possible disciplinary action. Host Club hereby agrees that should it be unable to make payment within the required 30 days following the National, it shall immediately contact the ARC Treasurer and provide a full explanation as to the cause for the inability to pay. Under such circumstances, and upon approval by the ARC Board of Directors, the Host Club may be allowed to make 4 quarterly payments to the ARC Treasurer beginning within 30 days of the date of the close of the National Specialty. Each payment shall include a \$50.00 late payment fee. Should such quarterly payments be allowed, failure to make timely payments will result in the above-described sanctions for each late payment.
 - b. Any event fee payable by ARC to a Host Club (see Option 5.c. above) is to be paid within 30 days of the ARC BOD's approval of the final accounting from the National Specialty Treasurer.
 - c. The Host Club must submit a comprehensive Show Report to the ARC Secretary and ARC National Specialty Coordinator no later than 90 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.
 - d. ARC will provide the Host Club with an interest free loan of \$5,000. This amount will become available to the Host Club 9 months before the event. This money, if borrowed, is a loan to be repaid within 30 days from the last day of the show. Failure to remit to the ARC Treasurer by the deadline will result in fines as follows: 31 - 60 days late - \$200; 61 - 90 days late - \$400; over 90 days late - \$600 plus possible disciplinary action. Host Club hereby agrees that should it be unable to make payment within the required 30 days following the National, it shall immediately contact the ARC Treasurer and provide a full explanation as to the cause for the inability to pay. Under such circumstances, and upon approval by the ARC Board of Directors, the Host Club may be allowed to make quarterly payments in the amount of \$1,300.00 (\$1,250.00 loan repayment; \$50.00 late payment fee) to the ARC Treasurer beginning within 30 days of the date of the close of the National Specialty. Should such quarterly payments be allowed, failure to make timely payments will result in the above-described sanctions for each late payment.
 - e. The Host Club will submit a **separate itemized bill** for the expenses which are ARC's responsibility within 30 days from the last day of the show. The ARC Treasurer will mail a check to the Host Club within 15 days of receipt.
12. The ARC Secretary will maintain the signed contracts between the Host Club and the ARC with copies sent to the ARC President, Treasurer, ARC National Specialty Coordinator and Host Club.
13. 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 National Specialty Coordinator. The manual shall be reviewed periodically by the Board. The Host Club further agrees to follow all AKC Rules & Regulations for all events.
14. Listed below are some of the major points contained in the manual and/or National Specialty Contract(s):
 - a. The Host Club shall assume all costs for facilities, tables, chairs and set-up of all events associated with this National Specialty. ARC will send a complete list of their needs in regards to table, chairs and set-up no later than 3 months before the date of the Specialty.

- b. The Host Club agrees that all events during the dates specified on this contract will be held under the American Rottweiler Club's AKC license, and not that of the Host Club. **The Schedule for ALL events will be submitted to the ARC Board for approval before being finalized.**
- c. The Host Club agrees to put on the following AKC events (1 of each): Puppy Sweepstakes; Veteran Sweepstakes; Regular & Non-regular Conformation Classes; Junior Showmanship Classes; Obedience Trial (Regular & Non regular Classes); Agility Trial; Carting Test; Herding Test & Trial (only 1 stock is required, but may have additional stock as part of the same Trial); Rally Trial; Tracking Dog Test; Parade of Title Holders & Rescue Parade; and Annual Awards Banquet. **(10/20/13)**

Optional Events include, but are not limited to: additional Obedience, Rally, and/or Agility Trial(s); additional Carting Test; additional Herding Test(s) & Trial(s); Tracking Dog Excellent and/or Variable Surface Tracking Test; Sieger Show. (A separate contract is required for the Sieger Show.)

One (1) of each Performance Event is required to be a Rottweiler Only Event and will be designated as the Armetale Day. Additional events in each performance venue may be Rottweiler Only or open to all breeds. Exception: any Tracking Test may be open to all breeds, provided Rottweilers are given first preference.

The Host Club will assume all costs associated with these events, with the exception of Rescue Parade and ARC Select Medallions. **(10/20/13)**

- d. The Host Club also agrees to provide, and assume cost of, facilities, tables, chairs and set-up, for the ARC Annual Meeting; ARC Auction (regular and/or silent); ARC "Booths" (Ways & Means; Public Information; ACL, Breeders' Education, etc.); Judges' Breed Study Group; the Top Dog Evening (presentation of the Top Dog Awards, recognition of Top 10 Owner Handlers of Rottweilers & Top 20 Competition); The Jennifer Lind Kelley Memorial Triathlon and a meeting room for the ARC Board. The Host Club will appoint a liaison(s) to work with these committees. ARC will inform the Host Club no later than 3 months before the Specialty as to the plans and equipment requirements for all of the above. **(4/9/19)**

The Host Club also agrees to provide, and assume cost of, facilities, tables, chairs and set-up, for the following optional events that may be requested by ARC. Optional Events include, but are not limited to: Sieger Show; Breed Standard Evaluation, Rottweiler Breed Measurement Survey; Evaluator Certification Seminar; Breeder/Exhibitor/Education Committee event. ARC will notify the Host Club no later than 14 months before the date of the Specialty if they will be holding any of these events. **(7/14/22)**

The ARC will retain any and all profit from these events. Reimbursement to the Host Club will be limited to those expenses mentioned under Financials in the National Specialty Contract.

- e. The schedule for ALL events will be submitted to the ARC Board for approval before being finalized.
- f. Puppy Sweepstakes for the ARC National Specialty will be divided as follows: The dates of the ARC National Specialty fluctuate from year to year. Puppies are eligible to compete in the first ARC National Sweepstakes held on or after the date they reach 6 months of age, and only in this Sweepstakes. Occasionally, puppies entered will be older than 18 months on the date that the first Sweepstakes for which they are eligible occurs. When needed, the additional class of "+18 months" will be added to the normal classes listed below. The exact age qualifications for this additional class will vary from year to year and will be stated in the Premium List. Example: Sweepstakes 2015 held on April 17; Specialty 2016 held on April 23—the +18 class for the 2016 Sweepstakes would be for dogs that were born between October 18 and October 23, 2014, thus making them 18 months to under 19 months. **(10/20/13)**

Puppy Dogs, 6 months to under 9 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months to under 12 months
Puppy Dogs, 12 months to under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 15 months to under 18 months
Puppy Dogs, 18 months to under 24 months

(Same classes for Puppy Bitches)

Junior Sweepstakes Winner/Best Opposite from (6-9 mo., 9-12 mo., 12-15 mo.)

Senior Sweepstakes Winner/Best Opposite from (15-18 mo., 18-24 mo.) **(7/10/24)**

- g. Champions of record may enter Sweepstakes at the ARC National Specialty provided they meet the eligibility requirements. **(10/20/13)**
- h. 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.

- i. The ARC will purchase and provide the Rescue medallions for all Rescue Parade entrants. There will be no entry fee for the Rescue Parade at the Nationals.
- j. There will be no entry fee charged for any Junior Showmanship classes at the National.
- k. A Judges Education Seminar will be held at the National Specialty. The seminar is intended for current AKC Judges who wish to add the Rottweiler to their list of approved breeds, Rottweiler Judges who wish to add to their understanding of the breed, as well as those aspiring to be judges in the future.

Any ARC member may sign-up to audit the classroom presentation for a minimum fee of \$10 and can buy the Judges Education package which includes the Illustrated Standard and Judges Handbook at cost. The numbers allowed to audit will be determined by the size of the room and seating arrangements after all Judges interested in attending are accommodated.

Juniors shall be invited to attend the Judges Education Seminar and may be asked to help with registration, handing out materials, etc.

- l. A Rottweiler ~~Breed Standard Evaluation Breed Survey and/or Evaluator Certification Seminar~~ may be held. Juniors shall be invited to attend and may be asked to help with registration, handing out materials, etc. (7/14/22)
- m. Conformation and Sweepstakes Judges for the ARC National Specialty shall be nominated and selected per the following procedures: (8/8/15)

- 1. Conformation judges must be either an AKC approved or a foreign judge subject to the specifics below: Foreign judges' (non-AKC judges) names may be nominated no sooner than 2 years following the election and acceptance of a judging assignment by a foreign judge. (Example: if a foreign judge was elected in 2015 (to actually judge in 2018), the next time a foreign judges could be nominated would be for the 2021 National Specialty.)

Once a judge, AKC or foreign, has judged any regular conformation class (or classes) at the National Specialty, he/she may not judge those classes for three years. The judge is eligible to judge the opposite sex at any time during those three years. For example, if a judge judges all of the dog classes at the National Specialty in 2020, he/she may not judge dog classes until 2024. However, the judge may judge the opposite sex during those three years. If a judge judges Best of Breed, he/she may not judge Best of Breed for three years. (8/13/19)

- 2. Sweepstakes judges must come from the ARC approved list of judges eligible to judge a National Sweepstakes. Once a judge has judged the National Sweepstakes, 3 National Specialties must pass before that individual is again eligible to judge the Sweepstakes at the ARC National Specialty. (Example: if an individual judges either the National Sweepstakes or Futurity in 2014, he/she will not be eligible to judge the National Sweepstakes again until 2018.) (6/8/15)

- 3. National Specialty Judges shall be nominated as outlined in a. OR b. below: (8/8/15)

- a. The annual membership dues renewal form will include the opportunity for members to nominate 2 Conformation and 2 Sweepstake Judges for the National Specialty that is to be held 3 calendar years after the mailing of the renewal form. The renewal form will include a nomination form and a list of both Conformation and Sweepstakes judges who are ineligible to judge this particular National per m.2 and m.3 below. **Dues must be paid and nomination form received by the ARC Membership Chairperson by September 29th** in order to be counted. (6/8/15)

The nominations received by the ARC Membership Chairperson by the September 29th deadline will be forwarded to the ARC secretary for tabulation. (6/8/15)

The Secretary will contact the 8 eligible Conformation and 8 eligible Sweepstakes judges with the highest number of votes from the membership to see if: 1. they would be interested and available to judge; and 2. for Conformation judges, what their fee/expenses are and would they consider reducing their fee, if any. If the judge is not available, or the fee seems exorbitant, the Secretary will continue down the list contacting additional judge(s). (6/8/15)

The Secretary will notify the ARC Board no later than October 15th of all the Conformation and Sweepstakes judge nominees which have been contacted and the status of their availability and fees/expenses. If the ARC is hosting the National, the Board will reserve the option of vetoing any judge whose fee/expenses would put a hardship of the overall National budget. (6/8/15)

If a Host Club has been approved after the Membership Renewal Form has been sent then the Secretary will send the Host Club the information at the same time it is sent to the ARC Board. Then the Board and the Host Club can review together with the option of either vetoing a judge or of the ARC assuming the amount of the fee/expenses that exceeds the amount the Host Club considers acceptable if the ARC wants that judge to be on the ballot. (8/8/15)

The ARC Vice President will contact the 8 Conformation judges to request a short biography, which may be subject to editing if too lengthy. These biographies shall be forwarded to the Secretary no later than

- December 1st, 3 years in advance of the Specialty. (6/8/15)
- b. If a Host Club has been approved by the ARC Board within the timelines outlined in B. 2. and 3., the Host Club shall submit 8 names for Conformation and 8 Sweepstakes Judges to the Secretary no later than December 1st, 3 years in advance of the Specialty. At the same time the Host Club shall also submit a short biography of the 8 Conformation judges, which may be subject to editing if too lengthy. (8/8/15)
4. The Secretary shall submit a ballot to the general membership consisting of an alphabetical list of the Conformation judge candidates and alphabetical list of the Sweepstakes judge candidates, the Conformation judges' biographies and request that each member select 2 candidates for Conformation and 2 for Sweepstakes judges. This ballot shall either be included in the 1st Quarter ARK or as a separate mailing no later than the mailing date of the 1st Quarter ARK Newsletter. Ballots are to be returned to the Secretary no later than 60 days from the date of the mailing of the ARK containing the National judge's ballot and biographies; if a separate mailing, then the deadline for returning ballots would be not less than 30 days after the date of mailing. The exact deadline date will be printed on the ballot. The ballot will be for the National Specialty that is held 2 calendar years after the mailing of the ballot. (Example ballot included in the 1st Quarter 2016 ARK Newsletter will be for selecting Conformation and Sweepstakes judges for the 2018 National Specialty.) (6/8/15)
5. Based on the ballot results, the 8 Conformation judges' names and 8 Sweepstakes judges' names will be arranged in order of the number of votes received and the Secretary shall forward the results to the Show Chairman and National Specialty Coordinator. (6/8/15)
6. The National Specialty Coordinator or ARC Secretary will contact the Conformation judges in decreasing order of the number of votes received during membership balloting. The judge with the most votes who accepts the assignment will judge Best of Breed, ARC Select Awards and have his/her choice of dogs or bitches and will judge all regular classes of that sex, including Veterans. The second Conformation judge who accepts the assignment will judge all regular classes of the other sex, including Veterans. Assignment of other classes will be made as needs might dictate and at the sole discretion of the Board.

In the event that the ARC Board wishes to utilize 3 Conformation judges, the judge with the highest number of votes who accepts the assignment will judge the Best of Breed and ARC Select Awards. The second judge to accept, with the next highest number of votes will get his/her choice of dogs or bitches and will judge all regular classes of that sex, including Veterans. The last judge to accept, who among the 3 judges has the least number of votes, will judge the other sex, including Veterans. Assignment of other classes will be made as needs might dictate and at the sole discretion of the ARC Board. (6/8/15)

According to projected numbers, the ARC Board may choose to use a single judge for all conformation classes. This requires 2/3 majority vote of the ARC Board. (3/11/2021)

7. The National Specialty Coordinator or ARC Secretary will contact the Sweepstakes judges in decreasing order of the number of votes received during membership balloting. With the Sweepstakes judges, the person with the highest number of votes will judge Best in Puppy Sweepstakes and have their choice of dogs or bitches. This judge will do the opposite sex in Veteran Sweepstakes. The second Sweepstakes judge will judge the other sex in both the Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes and will also judge Best in Veteran Sweepstakes. (6/8/15)
8. Each year shall be treated individually and there shall be no carry over from year to year. (6/8/15)
9. The ARC National Specialty Coordinator or ARC Secretary will be responsible for contacting and securing commitments for all Conformation & Sweepstakes judges and will turn this information over to the Host Club.

The Host Club will negotiate and utilize the ARC approved contract for all Conformation, Sweepstakes and Performance Event Judges (See 14. p., q., r., s. & t. below). A copy of each contract shall be sent to the ARC National Specialty Coordinator for review before sending to the approved judge to sign. A copy of the signed contract must be sent to the ARC National Specialty Coordinator within 30 days of signing.

If the American Rottweiler Club acts as the Host Club for the National Specialty, the Sweepstakes Judge(s) will receive 1 night's accommodation (or equivalent dollar amount for room at Host Hotel); 2 tickets to the Annual Awards Banquet. (6/8/15)

- n. The ARC National Specialty Coordinator shall maintain a list of approved Sweepstakes judges. This list will be divided into 3 categories: judges qualified to do the National Sweepstakes, those qualified to do the Regional Sweepstakes and those AKC judges looking to add Rottweilers to their list of approved breeds. (6/8/15)
- o. The ARC National 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 National Sweepstakes. (10/20/13)
- p. The Contracts for Conformation and Sweepstakes judges shall contain the stipulation that they will not accept an assignment to judge Rottweilers at an All-Breed Kennel Club show or Working Group Show in the six (6) months preceding the National Specialty, and they will not accept an assignment to judge Rottweilers at a Rottweiler Specialty in the nine (9) months preceding the National Specialty. (3/4/18)
- q. Performance event judges (obedience, rally, herding, agility, tracking, carting) will be hired by the Host Club and they are responsible for contacting and securing commitments for said judges. The Host Club will negotiate and utilize the

ARC approved contract for the Performance judges. A copy of the contract is to be sent to the ARC National Specialty Coordinator for review before sending to the judge to sign and a copy of the signed contract must be sent to the ARC National Specialty Coordinator within 30 days of signing.

- r. National Specialty **Conformation** (Regular & Sweepstakes) judges' contracts shall contain the stipulation that by accepting the assignment, the judge agrees not to exhibit in another venue associated with the National Specialty at which they are officiating **prior** to their assignment. **Once their assignment is concluded**, they may exhibit their own dog in another performance event. However, they may not exhibit and judge the **same day** even if it is another venue and 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. Exception: a dog owned/co-owned by a judge may be exhibited in a venue prior to their judging assignment as long as they are not personally handling the dog. There are no such restrictions placed on the National Specialty Performance judges. **(10/20/13)**
- s. The Contracts for all Judges will contain the request that should the Judge wish to comment on the dogs after their assignment is complete, that the comments be sent to the Host Club Secretary and ARC Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the Clubs' newsletters.
- t. The ARC policy for ARC Select Medallions (see 14.w. below) shall be sent along with the contract to the Conformation Judge who will be judging the Best of Breed competition.
- u. The Host Club is responsible for paying the fees, if any, and expenses of all judges, as per the signed contracts. **(10/20/13)**
- v. ARC will provide Commemorative Plaques for the following Perpetual Trophies: ARC Best of Breed; the Haserway Trophy; the President's Trophy. These trophies, as well as the Bruce Billings Plaque and the Freeger-Cannon River Statue, the American Rottweiler Club National Specialty Best of Opposite Challenge Trophy, will be stored, engraved and shipped by the ARC Board appointee to the following year's Show Chairman for display at the National Specialty. Cost of storage, engraving and shipping is the responsibility of the ARC. **(3/13/18)**
Best Of Breed: American Rottweiler Club Best of Breed Challenge Trophy (Keith Carter) – no memento.
Freeger-Cannon River Statue – ARC provides plaque
Best Of Opposite Sex: American Rottweiler Club Best of Opposite Sex Challenge Trophy (Larsens) – Larsens provide memento.
The Haserway Trophy – ARC provides plaque
HIT Obedience (Armetale): President's Challenge Trophy – ARC provides plaque
Bruce Billings Plaque – memento provided by "friends" (M. Piusz)
Kalyn Rae Bastyr Top Junior Showmanship Trophy
Einstein Trophy
Top 20 Trophy
16 Tablecloths and Ring Placement Markers **(5/8/18)**
- w. The ARC will purchase and provide the ARC Select medallions for the National Specialty. 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 ARC Select Awards 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). The Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed shall be known as ARC Select 1; the AKC Grand Championship Select Dog and Bitch shall be known as ARC Select 2; all others chosen shall be known simply as ARC Select.
- x. The ARC shall purchase Armetale plates to be used as Specialty trophies for the following awards: **LARGE** - Best of Breed; Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed; Best of Winners; Best Junior Handler; Highest Scoring Dog In Obedience Trial, Agility Trial, Carting Trial, Herding Trial, **Scent Work**; Sieger; Siegerin; **MEDIUM** - Best in Puppy Sweepstakes; Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Puppy Sweepstakes; Best in Veteran Sweepstakes; Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes; Winners (Dog & Bitch); Reserve Winners (Dog & Bitch); Best Puppy in Regular Puppy Classes; Best Bred-By-Exhibitor; Best Veteran (dog & bitch) in non-regular conformation; NOHS Best of Breed; Reserve Best Junior Handler; Highest Combined Score In Obedience Trial; Highest Scoring Preferred Dog In Obedience Trial; Highest Combined Preferred Score In Obedience Trial; Highest Combined Score In Rally Trial; Highest Triple Scoring Dog In Rally Trial; Reserve Highest Scoring Dog In Obedience Trial, Agility Trial, Carting Test, & Herding Trial, **Scent Work High in Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master, and Detective**; Youth Sieger; Youth Siegerin; **SMALL** – 1st place in all regular & non-regular classes in all venues, each dog passing a TD, TDX, VST. **(2/6/24)**

Only 1 of each event per National will be provided with the Armetale trophies and the winner of that particular event will be considered the National Champion. These National Champions' pictures will be included in the *ARK* Specialty Supplement and these dogs' names will be listed in subsequent National Specialty catalogs as the past years' winners. Other trophies may be given as donations, but are not purchased by ARC. The judges, stewards, track layers and committee helpers' thank you gifts will be the responsibility of the Host Club and will not include the Armetale plates.

ARC will be responsible for the cost of shipping the Armetale to the National Specialty. Any unused Armetale must be returned to the ARC Trophy Inventory Chairman within 60 days of the end of the Specialty; the Host Club will be reimbursed by ARC for the cost of the return shipping.

- y. Income from the Annual Auction is to be set aside for purchase of the Armetale trophies for the following year's National Specialty. Items will be part of a Silent Auction Table, with bidding ending right after the end of Class Bitches, if BOB is Sunday, or at the end of the Top Dog Evening, if BOB is Saturday; or at the Board's discretion. A Live Auction may also take place at various times during the National; e.g. Top Dog Evening breaks in Conformation judging, etc. Additional items may be offered to benefit other ARC Funds (ACL, Jr. Scholarship, Disaster, etc.) and that will be specified on the Silent Auction Bidding Sheets or when item is offered during Live Auction.

Other organizations e.g. Rottweiler Health Foundation, Rottweiler Rescue Foundation, other rescue organizations, etc., need to make arrangements directly with the Host Club in order to have their own separate table(s). Should they desire to have items included as part of a Live Auction, they must let the ARC BOD know at the beginning of the Specialty.

- z. The ARC Junior Showmanship Committee will provide a gift bag for all entered in the Junior Showmanship classes. They will also provide a prize on the Rottweiler Only/Armetale Day for the Highest Scoring Junior in each performance event, as well as to any Junior passing a Tracking Test. These items will either be brought to the Specialty or shipped at ARC's expense. (3/17/15)
 - aa. The Host Club will not accept any challenge or perpetual trophy(s) without ARC BOD approval.
 - bb. The premium list for the National Specialty shall be submitted to the ARC National Specialty Coordinator and a member of the ARC Board for proof reading and approval prior to printing.
 - cc. All National Premiums 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."
 - dd. 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)
 - ee. 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".
 - ff. National Specialty logos may not contain Host Club's name or initials. An exception might be made due to unusual circumstances, i.e. National held in conjunction with the Host Club's Annual Specialty, 50th Anniversary of the Host Club, etc. 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.
 - gg. The catalog may contain advertising from non-members of ARC; however all advertising must conform to the ARC Mandatory Practices. This only applies to advertisements for Stud Dogs, Brood Bitches or Litters. 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 (puppies, stud/semen available, etc.) unless conforming to the Mandatory Practices.
 - hh. The ARC will provide complimentary banquet tickets to the Kalyn Rae Bastyr Memorial Scholarship recipient and parents, and all Juniors attending the National.
 - ii. The Top 10 Owner Handlers of Rottweiler's will be recognized on Top Dog Night and their names and rankings will be included in the Top Dog Catalog. Top 10 Owner Handlers who are ARC Members will also receive a certificate of recognition. The stats will be based on AKC rankings. (4/9/19)
 - jj. Donations for trophy award placements will be accepted and only one donation may be received per placement. Premium list must indicate donations and classes for awards to be accepted. Donations given will be published in the National Specialty Supplement. Donations cannot be dedicated towards a specific person, dog, memorial, or cause. (2/6/2024)
15. The ARC National shall be the qualifying event for Crufts. The qualifying certificates shall be distributed at the ARC National to the winners of Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best-by-Exhibitor, AOM, and Selects. (4/8/2021)

Last amended by the Board of Directors on 3/12/24