

# **NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW, FUTURITY** **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **I. Introduction**

A. The following rules shall apply for all GDCA National Specialty Shows, Futurities, and Top 20 Invitational Shows. Such rules may be amended, or additional rules incorporated, at any time by the GDCA BOD. Approved April 2023.

B. The GDCA National Specialty, Futurity, and Top 20 Invitational Show rules must be adhered to. In the event of noncompliance, the GDCA BOD reserves the right to withdraw show approval at any time.

C. The GDCA BOD shall have final approval of all plans and publicity relating to a National Specialty, Futurity, and Top 20 Invitational Shows.

D. The GDCA, for administrative purposes, consists of four Divisions that roughly represent the various geographic parts of the United States. They are: Western Division, North Division, South Division and the Eastern Division.

### **1. Western Division Clubs**

- a. GDC of Las Vegas
- b. GDC of Northern California
- c. GDC of California
- d. GDC of San Diego
- e. GDC of Arizona
- f. GDC of Hawaii
- g. GDC of Western Washington
- h. Willamette Valley GDC
- i. Monterey Bay GDC
- j. GDC of Mat-Su Alaska
- k. Inland Northwest Great Dane Club

### **2. North Division Clubs**

- a. GDC of Des Moines
- b. GDC of Greater Denver
- c. GDC of Greater Kansas City
- d. GDC of Greater St. Louis
- e. Heart of Minnesota GDC
- f. Lake Shore GDC
- g. GDC of Cleveland
- h. GDC of Milwaukee
- i. Hoosier GDC
- j. Heart of Illinois GDC
- k. Heart of Ohio GDC
- l. Illini GDC
- m. Greater Cincinnati GDC
- n. Wolverine Great Dane Club of Western Michigan

### **3. South Division Clubs**

- a. Alamo GDC
- b. GDC of El Paso
- c. GDC of Greater Dallas
- d. GDC of Greater Houston
- e. GDC of Louisiana
- f. Heart of Texas GDC
- g. GDC of Oklahoma
- h. GDC of the Mid-South
- i. GDC of Central North Carolina
- j. GDC of Mid Florida
- k. GDC of North Central Florida
- l. GDC of South East Florida
- m. GDC of Middle Tennessee

### **4. Eastern Division Clubs**

- a. GDC of Central Pennsylvania
- b. GDC of Pennsylvania
- c. GDC of Western Pennsylvania
- d. GDC of Western New York
- e. GDC of Raritan Valley
- f. GDC of New England
- g. GDC of Maryland
- h. GDC of Metropolitan Washington
- i. GDC of Leigh Valley
- j. GDC of Oxford
- k. GDC of Northern New Jersey

- E. Each GDCA Affiliate Club must be a member of a show-giving Division and must participate in some aspect of the National Specialty hosted by its division. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, which may include denial of approval of that Affiliate Club's specialty.
- F. National Specialties shall rotate on a predictable schedule so that all members will know in the future in what area of the country the National will be held. A rotation of the National Specialty show site, with each Division hosting the National once every four years commencing in 2025. The current rotation is as follows: 2023: Western; 2024: North; 2025: Eastern; 2026; South; 2027. Changes to this rotation would have to be approved by the GDCA BOD. It is the Division Chairperson's responsibility to see that their division is prepared to host at the designated year. No individual club may apply to host the National.

## **II. National Specialty Show Chair & Division Chair, Division Secretary, and Division Treasurer Elections**

- A. By January 15th following the National, the GDCA Affiliate Club Representative (ACR) will send each club in the Division who's National occurs in three years (based on the 4 division rotating schedule), the **Division Club Representative Form**. Each club must elect **two** members to be named Division Club Representative (DCR). Please note that these are not the same as the Affiliate Club Representatives that attends meetings at the National. These forms are to be returned to the GDCA Corresponding Secretary no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. Proposed DCR representatives must be members in good standing with the Affiliate Club, AKC and the GDCA if a member.
- B. The GDCA Corresponding Secretary will compile a list of all DCRs selected by the respective clubs and provide this list GDCA BOD, the GDCA Affiliate Club Representative, and the GDCA President.
- C. On April 15<sup>th</sup> the GDCA ACR will send out a letter to all Divisional Club Representatives for nominations for **Division Chair, Division Show Chair, Division Secretary, and Division Treasurer**. The two DCRs from each club will nominate candidates for all 4 positions. If a DCR chooses to not put forth a nomination for the four division positions, they must denote this on the form. The **DCR Election Nomination Form** nominations are due back by June 15th. Submissions will be returned to the GDCA Corresponding Secretary for compilation. All nominees must be members in good standing with the Affiliate Club, AKC and the GDCA if a member.
- D. By July 1st, the ACR will send a letter and ballot out to all Division Club Representatives (DCR's) with all nominees for each position (Division Chair, Show Chair, Division Secretary, Division Treasurer). Each DCR should meet and/or discuss with their individual club and vote for one candidate in each position. The DCR's will mail/email the signed ballot back to the GDCA Corresponding Secretary, which reflects the affiliate clubs wishes, for tabulation by July 31st. Once tabulated the Corresponding Secretary will notify the GDCA Affiliate Club Representative. All Divisional Clubs (President and Corresponding Secretary) will be notified as to the results by the ACR. All four elected positions require GDCA Board Approval at the next GDCA meeting. These elections must occur for every cycle.

## **III. Division Positions and Committees**

- A. National Specialty Committee - The National Specialty Coordinator and Divisional Chairperson shall constitute the National Specialty Committee.
- B. Division Chairperson –Divisional Chairperson must be a member in good standing of the GDCA and AKC. A Divisional Chairperson is to be elected by a majority vote of the Division Affiliate Clubs Representatives. It is strongly recommended that the Division Chair be able to commit to a 36-month term for continuity purposes. This position will oversee all aspects of their Division's National Specialty.
- C. National Specialty Coordinator - The National Specialty Coordinator is appointed by the GDCA Board of Directors and serves as the liaison between the Board and Divisions. The National Specialty Coordinator shall distribute the most current National Specialty Rules and Regulations to all DCRs, Show Chair,

Division Chair, Division Secretary and Treasurer, and all subsequent changes or additions to the Divisional Chairperson, Show Chairs and GDCA Website. This position shall assist and guide each Division as necessary. Their role is not set policy but to advise the Division on any questions or concerns. Only the BOD sets the policies that can be enacted. The National Specialty Coordinator will review the AKC Show Application prior to being submitted to AKC and the National Specialty Premium List, which must also be sent to the President, Treasurer and then ACR of GDCA to be approved, prior to being published on-line and/or mailed. The Division Chairperson or Division Secretary will keep the National Specialty Coordinator and President of GDCA informed on all pertinent information. This includes (but is not limited to): Issues that may arise with the show site, judges, reservations, etc. and will be informed of all Division Meetings and will be copied on all meeting agendas and minutes.

- D. National Trophy Coordinator - Duties of this position shall consist of being the liaison with the Division Trophy Chairman, the ordering of the trophies and the transportation of the trophies to and from the National Specialty.
- E. GDCA Division Treasurer Coordinator - The GDCA Division Treasurer Coordinator (Coordinator) will work closely with the Division Treasurer to ensure understanding of their duties and be available for questions and guidance.
- F. GDCA National Specialty Sponsor Chairperson - The GDCA will appoint a National Specialty Sponsor Chairperson, whose duties shall be to enter a dialogue with all levels of sponsorships, including corporate sponsors.
- G. Divisional Committee
  - 1. The Divisional Committee shall consist of the Divisional Chairperson, Division Show Chair, Division Treasurer, and Division Secretary and the two (2) elected DCRs from each Affiliate Club in the Division.
  - 2. Divisional Club Representatives should be prepared to attend meetings regarding policy and decisions pertaining to the National Specialty.
  - 3. In the event a Divisional Club Representative is unable to represent their club at a scheduled Division meeting, the Affiliate Club may send a substitute for that singular meeting, provided that the Secretary of that Affiliate Club gives notification, in writing, to the Divisional Chairperson and the National Specialty Coordinator, of the name of the substitute and at which meeting the substitution will be made. The substitute must be a current member in good standing of that Divisional Representative's particular Affiliate Club, AKC and/or the GDCA.
  - 4. The final show proposal must receive majority approval from the Division Committee (Division Chair, Show Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and all DCRs) before being sent to the GDCA BOD for approval.

#### IV. Show Committee

- A. To comply with AKC regulations, at least five members of the Show committee must be GDCA members, as well as Affiliate Club Members-
- B. **Show Chair**- The Division Chair may not be the Show Chairperson unless illness or emergency requires the Division Chairperson to take over the Show Chairperson's duties. However, all measures should be taken to replace the Show Chairman if time permits by a meeting of the Division and vote with all DCRs.
- C. **Division Secretary** is elected by a majority vote as detailed above. One of the Duties of the Division Secretary shall be to notify all Committee members, in writing, of the actions taken and decisions made at any Divisional Committee meeting, as well as advising of the next meeting date and location. Copies of the actions taken, and decisions made at any Divisional Committee meeting shall be sent to the National Specialty Coordinator and the Corresponding Secretary of GDCA.
- D. **Division Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall be elected by the Hosting Division Committee by a majority vote as detailed above. They shall be duly bonded (Bonding cost shall be a National Specialty expense). The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows: 1) To handle all Division related financial transactions incurred by the National Specialty (also see Finances), 2) To process in a timely manner all incoming monies related to the National Specialty, 3) To process in a timely manner all accounts payable related to the National Specialty, and 4) To provide on a monthly basis (within 2 weeks of the last day of the month) a standardized financial report to the GDCA Treasurer, Division Chairman, Show Chairman, and National Specialty Coordinator. It is strongly recommended that the Treasurer have a background in accounting or bookkeeping. The Division Treasurer shall use an automated accounting system.

#### V. National Specialty Details

- A. Title - The Show shall carry the title "Great Dane Club of America National Specialty Show, Futurity, and Top 20 Invitational, Performance and Companion Events." Each show must be of the same outstanding caliber as other GDCA National Specialty Shows.
- B. Date - The dates for the National Specialty shall be the 41st, 42nd, and 43rd AKC show weeks. No new Affiliate Specialty will be approved that will conflict with the National Specialty, Futurity, and Top 20 Invitational.
- C. Show Site and Location - The Hosting Divisional Committee will choose the show site. The GDCA Board of Directors as well as the National Specialty Coordinator, shall visit, and inspect the chosen site not later than twenty-seven (27) months prior to the National Specialty. In extenuating circumstances, the GDCA BOD may appoint a small committee to perform site inspection and approval from the Board. The GDCA Board is to have final approval of the site selected by the divisions for the National Specialty Show. Prior to the submission of the Hosting Division's proposal the National Specialty Coordinator will inspect new proposed sites. It is recommended that site hotels not have an abundance of other hotels in close proximity.
- D. Uniform Scheduling - May be modified by the Division upon approval of the GDCA BOD.
  - Day 1 and/or 2 - Futurity
  - Day 3 -Education -Top 20 Invitational
  - Day 4 and/or 5 - Dogs/Bitches – To be determined by entry count and Division preference
  - Day 6 - Intersex Competition~ Junior Showmanship
  - Performance/Companion - To be determined based on AKC scheduled trials in region.

- E. Independent Specialties are only allowed **after** the National Specialty starting in 2011. The entry for a Specialty after the National **must** be limited to 200 dogs and no Sweepstakes will be held in conjunction with this specialty. Entry limit must be stated in the Premium List. The hosting club will be responsible for all costs of that specialty and will keep all profits. Whether to have an Independent Specialty after the National Specialty is the decision of the Affiliate Clubs in the Division. Whenever possible following a National Specialty the GDCA will permit an independent specialty to be held by one of the divisions affiliate clubs. In the event there is more than one club interested, the decision shall fall on the division by a vote of the host division's DCRs. The GDCA BOD will be sent a copy of the minutes of the meeting with votes registered from all DCRs. Once a club is selected that club will then be ineligible to host another independent specialty in conjunction with a National until all of a divisions affiliate clubs have had the opportunity to host or no other affiliate clubs in the division have an interest in hosting.

## **VI. Show Proposal**

- A. Between twenty-four (24) and eighteen (18) months prior to the date of the Show, a complete Host Division Show Proposal must be submitted to the GDCA BOD through the National Specialty Coordinator. All activities or special events to be held under the umbrella of the National Specialty must be listed in this proposal, along with their appropriate budgetary requirements.

### **B. Proposal Contents**

1. Date
2. Location and description of facilities
3. Method of soliciting monies
4. Names of committee chairpersons
5. List of classes offered
6. Show schedule.
7. Description of the financial agreement for profit sharing among clubs
8. List of clubs in the Divisions, and names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of all representatives.
9. A Copy of the Division's proposed contract with the hotel & venue where the show will be held must be submitted to the GDCA BOD 30 days prior to requesting Board approval. Prior to being signed the hotel contract must be reviewed by legal counsel. This expense, if any, will be shared equally between the GDCA and the hosting Division.
10. Beginning April 24, 2010, All National Specialty Venue/Hotel Contracts shall include the following provisions: [141]

“Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement otherwise (between GDCA, a Division of GDCA for purposes of holding the annual National Specialty event), penalties assessed for late cancellation of venue by GDCA shall not apply under the following circumstances:

- a. The entity that owns the facility or venue where the National Specialty is to be held, seeks

protection under any Chapter of the United States Bankruptcy Code, is placed into Receivership, for any reason, or is otherwise financially insolvent and unable to perform under the contract; and

- b. Due to local municipal or statewide breed-specific legislation changes, the Great Dane breed presence or participation in a dog show event is outlawed in the jurisdiction where the venue is located.

It is further agreed that the venue shall inform all Parties if any event described above occurs, no later than fourteen days after learning of such event.”

- 11. Name and address of the Division's proposed bank and names of those who will be authorized to sign on the account.
- 12. Proposed financial report, including requested loan amount.
- 13. Site plan

C. After approval by the GDCA BOD, an executed copy of the hotel contract, signed by the President of the GDCA, shall be on file with the GDCA Treasurer, Recording Secretary and National Specialty Coordinator, Division Chair and any Board member requesting a copy by the Division Chairperson. Only the GDCA President can sign and execute this contract, the Division Chair and/or Show Chair may not sign the hotel contract.

D. The AKC Show Application shall be submitted by the Host Division Show Chairperson to the National Specialty Coordinator, for review by March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of the Show. This will allow the application to be signed at (or before) the April Board Meeting. (Note, the AKC will not accept Show Applications more than thirteen (13) months in advance of the event.) Divisions shall not submit show applications to the AKC prior to review by the National Specialty Coordinator & Division Chair. It is the responsibility of the Show Chairperson to verify there are no conflicts in Conformation, Obedience, Rally or Agility per AKC distance rules. If a conflict is found, the Show Chairperson must work with the conflicting Kennel Club to release Great Danes from their show.

## **VII. Emergency Plan**

- A. The Hosting Division will be required to complete its rotation in the event of an emergency, such as hurricane, earthquake, fire, natural disaster, etc. The Division must find an alternate site, even if it means a "bare bones" National in a city park. It must include Conformation, Futurity, Top Twenty, and Performance judging. If possible, a banquet facility for the Closing Ceremony should be contracted. Every effort should be made to assist with travel arrangements and accommodations, but, if necessary, the attendees could schedule these themselves. The Futurity eligibility date will remain as published.
- B. In the event of such an occurrence the GDCA BOD must be notified as soon as the circumstances of the emergency are known. The Emergency Plan should be implemented. Such an Emergency Plan may also be subject to the jurisdiction of the AKC.

## **VIII. Superintendent**

- A. The Hosting Division must utilize the services of a professional Show Superintendent with an in-house

printing facility. If the Superintendent will not be on the grounds, the Division must name a Division Show Secretary. It is the responsibility of the Show Hosting Division to put the services of a Show Superintendent out for bid and to accept the most feasible bidder who offers a full range of services required.

## **IX. Finances**

- A. The GDCA will provide the Hosting Division with the funds necessary for the successful completion of the National Specialty. These funds are to be in the form of an interest-free loan, not to exceed \$5,000.00, if required. The increase of this amount is flexible as deemed necessary by the GDCA Board of Directors.
- B. Such monies will be funded by the GDCA no earlier than 45 days after approval of the Division's proposal (providing the Division Account has been appropriately set up) but no later than twelve (12) months prior to the event.
- C. Once the Hosting Division Treasurer has the books reconciled with all transactions recorded for the National Specialty, the QuickBooks file will be sent to the GDCA Treasurer along with supporting documents. The GDCA Treasurer will then review the books and documents. After the review the GDCA Treasurer will forward the books and supporting documents to the outside CPA for an administrative review. After the Admin review is completed, Profit Distributions will be issued to GDCA and the Division Clubs. The final Profit and Loss Report should be shared with each participating club in the Division.
- D. The Hosting Division's Treasurer shall open a bank account for the National Specialty using the GDCA's tax identification number. Three signatories are required to open the account, one of who must be the GDCA Treasurer. One signature only is required on each check. The Division Treasurer will provide the GDCA Treasurer and National Specialty Coordinator and Division Chair with a Monthly Standardized Division Report (See Specialty Treasurer) beginning one year prior to the event. The Division Treasurer shall also provide an asset and liability statement, a profit and loss statement, copies of bank statements and reconciliation details, and bank reconciliation detail by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. All loans and seed money will be reported as assets or liabilities. All supporting documentation must be kept by the Division Treasurer for no less than six years.
- E. All monies received by the Division shall be deposited within fifteen (15) days of receipt. [16]
- F. On or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the Specialty, the Division Treasurer shall send to the GDCA Treasurer a draft Financial Report detailing all transactions. The Division Treasurer shall certify that said report is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge. A copy of the report shall be mailed simultaneously to the GDCA President, Corresponding Secretary and National Specialty Coordinator for review and discussion. Immediately upon receipt of the Division's Financial Report and prior to the following January 1, the GDCA Treasurer will provide the GDCA's outside CPA (as selected by the GDCA board) a copy of the completed report for review as part of the GDCA annual audit.
- G. Once the final report has been audited and approved by the GDCA Board of Directors, in addition, the Division must issue a check to the GDCA for the GDCA's share of the profit.



- H. Net profits resulting from the Show shall be returned to the participating Affiliate clubs, to be distributed as per their financial agreement. Profit up to \$50, 000.00 will be split 50/50 between the Hosting Division and the GDCA. Any profit over \$50,000.00 will be split 75% to the Hosting Division and 25% to the GDCA. Losses, if any, shall be borne by all qualified clubs in the division. Losses, if any, shall be borne 50% by the GDCA and the remaining 50% borne by participating Affiliate Clubs. At this time, the Specialty account will be closed.
- I. The GDCA and the Hosting Division will extend the courtesy of a room to each Judge and one guest (sharing the same room) at an off-site hotel, starting in 2020 (not the Host hotel) from the night before their judging assignment through the night of the completion of their judging assignment (starting in 2021). This includes all judges, except for the Junior Showmanship judge if they are **only** judging Junior Showmanship as there is no conflict of interest per AKC rules. Judges will be provided a meal package from the night before their judging assignment through the night of the completion of their judging assignment. Transportation from the off- site hotel to the show grounds and back will be provided. Transportation will be limited to discounted Coach Airfare or current IRS mileage; whichever is less. All expenses are to be pre-paid by the Judges and invoices and/or evidence of expenses submitted to the Division Treasurer for reimbursement.
- I. Starting in 2020 all complimentary rooms accumulated during the National Specialty must be reviewed and approved by both the GDCA National Specialty Coordinator and the GDCA President.

## **XI. Insurance**

- A. The GDCA will provide insurance for the Specialty, naming the Hosting Division and the host site, if so, required by the site, as additional insured parties. The Division Chairperson shall provide the GDCA Treasurer and Board of Directors the insurance requirements of the show site. All Affiliate Clubs hosting a specialty in conjunction with the GDCA National must obtain independent insurance for the entire duration of their event and bear all legal and financial liability for said event.

## **X. Sponsors [79]**

- A. The GDCA will appoint a National Specialty Sponsor Chairperson, whose duties shall be to enter into a dialogue with all levels of sponsorships, including corporate sponsors. Such funds as are forthcoming will be deposited to the Hosting Division's bank account, to be used generally. The GDCA National Specialty Sponsor Chairperson will be the point of contact for sponsors at all sponsorship levels. Additional incentives may be presented by the Division with approval from the National Specialty Sponsor Chairperson.

### **DIAMOND LEVEL - \$10,000.00 and above**

- Booth space during the National Specialty up to 25' when possible. This will include electrical and Wi-Fi connections whenever available at no expense to the sponsor.\*\*
- Two-page ad in the National Specialty catalog
- Two Futurity catalogs, two National Specialty catalogs and two Top 20 catalogs
- Recognition by the Announcer at least four times a day during show hours.
- A listing on banners to be placed throughout common areas at the show site
- Recognition on a catalog page listing the sponsors
- Four tickets to the Top 20 Dinner and a reserved seating\*
- Four reserved seats at the Top 20 Invitational
- Four tickets to the Auction Dinner and a reserved seating\*
- Four tickets to the Awards Dinner and a reserved seating\*
- Reserved seating ringside for four\*\*\*
- 200 Raffle Tickets

### **PLATINUM LEVEL - \$5,000.00 to \$9,999.99**

- Booth space during the National Specialty up to 20' when possible. This will include electrical and Wi-Fi connections whenever available at no expense to the sponsor. \*\*
- Two-page ad in the National Specialty catalog
- Two Futurity catalogs, two National Specialty catalogs and two Top 20 catalogs
- Recognition by the Announcer at least four times a day during show hours.
- A listing on banners to be placed throughout common areas at the show site
- Recognition on a catalog page listing the sponsors
- Four tickets to the Top 20 Dinner and reserved seating\*
- Four reserved ringside seats at the Top 20 Invitational\*
- Four tickets to the Auction Dinner and reserved seating\*
- Four tickets to the Awards Dinner and reserved seating\*
- Reserved ringside seating for four \*\*\*
- 150 Raffle Tickets

### **GOLD LEVEL - \$2500.00 TO \$4,999.99**

- Booth space during the National Specialty up to 15' when possible. This will include electrical and Wi-Fi connections whenever available at no expense to the sponsor. \*\*
- One page ad in the National Specialty catalog
- One Futurity catalog, one National Specialty catalog and one Top 20 catalog
- Recognition by the Announcer at least four times a day during show hours.
- A listing on banners to be placed throughout common areas at the show site
- Recognition on a catalog page listing the sponsors
- Two tickets to the Top 20 Dinner and reserved seating\*
- Two reserved ringside seats at the Top 20 Invitational \*
- Two tickets to the Awards Dinner and reserved seating\*
- Reserved ringside seating for two\*\*\*
- 100 Raffle tickets

### **SILVER LEVEL - \$1,500.00 TO \$2,499.99**

- Booth space during the National Specialty up to 10' when possible. This will include electrical and Wi-Fi connections whenever available at no expense to the sponsor. \*\*
- One page ad in the National Specialty catalog.
- One National Specialty Catalog
- Recognition by the Announcer at least four times a day during show hours.
- A listing on banners to be placed throughout common areas at the show site
- Recognition on a catalog page listing the sponsors
- Two tickets to the Awards Dinner and reserved seating\*
- Reserved ringside seating for two\*\*\*
- 50 Raffle Tickets

## **BRONZE LEVEL - \$1,000 TO \$1,499.99**

- Recognition by the Announcer at least four times a day during show hours.
- A listing on banners to be placed throughout common areas at the show site
- Recognition on a catalog page listing the sponsors
- One National Specialty Catalog
- Two tickets to the Awards Dinner and reserved seating\*
- Reserved ringside seating for two \*\*\*
- 25 Raffle Tickets

\*Seating will be reserved for sponsors, \*\* In the event that an individual qualifies for a silver or higher level by virtue of their donation, the booth space will not be included, \*\*\* In the event that the first row is filled, we will assign seats to the second row based on the order that the sponsorships were purchased. (All seating is subject to Covid Restrictions)

- B. Booth space for Diamond, Platinum, Gold and Silver Business Sponsors may be modified based on the space available at a particular site. Changes to the spaces must be equitable based on the level of sponsorship.
- C. All levels of Sponsorships will be the responsibility of the National Specialty Sponsor Chairperson. The Host Division will assist with providing a volunteer for the committee.
- D. Approx. 20 rooms should be set aside by the Division for Silver to Diamond Level Sponsors to reserve, provided full payment is received by September 1<sup>st</sup> of that Divisions year.

## **XI. Judges**

- A. No exceptions may be made to the published requirements for judging the National Specialty.

Selection of judges shall be made as follows:

1. Division Chairman, Show Chairman, Division Secretary and Division Treasurer are not eligible to judge at their Division's National. This rule applies to Conformation as well as Obedience, Rally and Agility.
2. The list of eligible judges licensed by AKC (no provisional judges are eligible) will be listed in on the GDCA website. This list will only contain AKC judges on regular status at the time the report by AKC is generated. Foreign Judges who are approved for Great Danes may be written in on the ballot and are subject to verification through the licensing body. The ballot will be mailed with the request that each member and each Affiliate Club return their ballots naming four judges for conformation, two for the Futurity, and 2 each for Obedience, Rally and Agility. The ballots will be tabulated by a CPA, and the top 10 [154] Judges names for each Specialty, Futurity, Obedience, Rally & Agility will be sent to the membership for the final vote. The ballots sent out to the Affiliate Clubs and the GDCA members are to be numbered. The CPA will be provided with a list of names and corresponding numbers.
3. All Judge candidates in the National Judges' Selection shall include any and all those tied through the tenth position shall appear on the second ballot. In this instance, more than 10 names may appear on the second ballot.

4. The Board's sitting Treasurer shall recommend to the Board the name of a CPA who will perform the annual GDCA Judges' Selection ballot submission, tabulation and annual National Specialty administrative review.
5. The CPA is to accept National Judges' ballots that are received by the date on which they are due.
6. Ties for the final Judges' selection shall be resolved by instructing the CPA to draw between the tied names.

Eligibility requirements, beyond standard AKC requirements, to judge the National Specialty, Futurity, Top 20, Obedience, Rally or Agility.

Candidates will be deemed **ineligible** if any of the following have occurred at any point in time:

- a. Any person convicted of animal abuse or neglect at a state or federal level.
- b. Any person suspended by the American Kennel Club, or other foreign dog registry for inappropriate treatment of animals.
- c. Any person suspended by the American Kennel Club for a period of 6 months or longer for conduct prejudicial to the parent club or the sport of dogs.
- d. Any person who has been suspended at any time during a balloting process is rendered ineligible for election even if the suspension ends prior to the final ballot deadline.

C. Eligibility requirements for conformation judges

1. Must be AKC eligible to judge Great Danes.
2. No provisional judges will be eligible if provisional at the time requesting the AKC Regular Status Judges Listing Report which is requested shortly before the ballots are mailed.
3. Must agree to not judge Great Danes in North America (Canada, USA, Mexico, Puerto Rico) for at least six months prior to them judging at the GDCA National Specialty.
4. There shall be no restriction preventing a judge from doing a different assignment on consecutive years at future GDCA National Specialties. Assignments may be repeated after four years.

D. The GDCA Officers and BOD encourage the GDCA voters to consider the following when voting for national specialty judges:

1. Each Judge should have judged at least three GDCA affiliate club shows and demonstrated a long-time interest in the breed.
2. Each Judge should have attended at least one GDCA National Specialty.

E. The judge receiving the highest number of votes will have their choice of judging Intersex, Dogs or Bitches. The judge with the second most votes will have their choice. Judge with the third most votes will have the remaining assignment.

F. The Hosting Division will select the Junior Showmanship Judge from the elected judges on the panel. If none of the selected judges are licensed to judge Junior Showmanship, the Show Chairperson will hire an AKC approved Junior Showmanship judge from within that Division's territory or otherwise.

G. Judging assignments shall be as follows:

1. One Judge for Intersex, NOHS, Brace, Team, Bred by Exhibitor (BBE), and Best Puppy

2. One Judge for regular Bitch classes, Brood Bitch, and Veteran Bitch
  3. One Judge for regular Dog classes, Stud Dog, and Veteran Dog
  4. One or more Judge for each Obedience, Agility and Rally Trial based on entry. Any performance judge placed on the performance judges ballot must be able to judge both Obedience and Rally
- H. Judges accepting assignments to judge the conformation classes at a National Specialty and Futurity shall not judge any other Great Danes in North America (Canada, USA, Mexico, Puerto Rico) for a period of six months prior to the show date. This rule will not be waived under any circumstances, except in the unseen circumstance of having to replace a judge **within** the six-month restriction due to illness or other extenuating issues. A judge cannot do the same assignment within 4 years - BOB, Dogs, Bitches. Judges selected to judge Obedience, Rally, Agility and Junior Showmanship, must conform only to the AKC policy for time and distance. The judges will be given a 45-day deadline for returning signed acceptance letters. This will be stated in the letter. Any judge not complying with this time constraint will be replaced by the BOD following the standard format of selection by ranking on the final ballot. If none are available, the BOD will select a judge by majority vote.
- I. Last minute emergencies: illness or overdraw, requiring judging changes or replacements, shall be dealt with by a committee consisting of the GDCA President, Division Chair and the Show Chairperson.(This does not include removal for misconduct). The order for selecting judges in an emergency situation will follow sequentially down the list of final judges until a replacement can be secured. If no judge is available from the list of final judges the BOD will select a Judge according to the Rules and Regulations Applying to Dog Shows by the AKC and voted on by a majority of the BOD. The Corresponding Secretary will ensure the list of final judges is in the possession of the Show Chair during the National Specialty.
- J. In the event a judge is found in violation of any provisions regarding eligibility to judge after BOD review, whether within the GDCA contract, GDCA National Specialty Rules or AKC rules (including AKC Suspension after being elected, even if the suspension ends before the date of judging), the BOD has the full discretion to remove them from the panel by majority vote only after notifying the judge of the violation, and then replace them with the next eligible judge on the list. The GDCA will **not** be responsible for any fees, expenses, other monetary or other loss due to this removal. If no judge on the list of finalists is eligible to replace the judge, the BOD will select a replacement judge by a majority vote. Once the board has reached a determination on the replacement judge they will notify the Division Chair and Division Show Chairman.

## **XII. Classes**

- A. Regular Classes (The following regular classes will be offered for both dogs and bitches)
1. 6-9 months puppy, divided by color
  2. 9-12 months puppy, divided by color
  3. 12-15 months, not divided by color
  4. 15-18 months, not divided by color
  5. Amateur-Owner-Handler
  6. Novice
  7. Bred-by-Exhibitor
  8. Bred-By-Exhibitor Puppy, not divided by color
  9. American Bred
  10. Open, divided by color

B. Non-Regular Classes:

1. Veteran Dog, 6 and under 8
2. Veteran Dog, 8 and over
3. Veteran Bitch, 6 and under 8
4. Veteran Bitch 8 and over
5. Brace
6. Team
7. Stud Dog
8. Brood Bitch
9. Best Puppy
10. Best Bred-by-Exhibitor

C. Obedience Classes:

1. Novice A
2. Novice B
3. Open A
4. Open B
5. Utility A
6. Utility B
7. Optional Titling Classes
  - a. Beginner Novice A
  - b. Beginner Novice B
8. Non-Regular Classes
  - a. Veterans
  - b. Brace
  - c. Team

D. Junior Showmanship:

1. Novice Junior
2. Novice Intermediate
3. Novice Senior
4. Open Junior
5. Open Intermediate
6. Open Senior
7. Master

E. Agility - The Division is responsible for offering an AKC Agility Trial even if it must be at an alternate nearby site.

1. Standard (Required)
  - a. Novice A Regular
  - b. Novice B Regular
  - c. Novice Preferred
  - d. Open Regular
  - e. Open Preferred
  - f. Excellent Regular

- g. Excellent Preferred
- h. Master Regular
- i. Master Preferred

2. Jumpers With Weaves (Required)

- a. Novice A Regular
- b. Novice B Regular
- c. Novice Preferred
- d. Open Regular
- e. Open Preferred
- f. Excellent Regular
- g. Excellent Preferred
- h. Master Regular
- i. Master Preferred

3. FAST (Fifteen and Send Time) (Preferred – But Optional)

- a. Novice A Regular
- b. Novice B Regular
- c. Novice Preferred
- d. Open Regular
- e. Open Preferred
- f. Excellent Regular
- g. Excellent Preferred
- h. Master Regular
- i. Master Preferred

4. T2B (Time 2 Beat) (Preferred – But Optional)

- a. Regular
- b. Preferred

F. Rally Classes

- 1. Novice A
- 2. Novice B
- 3. Intermediate
- 4. Advanced A
- 5. Advanced B
- 6. Excellent A
- 7. Excellent B
- 8. Master
- 9. Rally Choice
- 10. RAE (Entries in Advanced B and Excellent B)
- 11. RACH (entries in Advanced B, Excellent B and Master)
- 12.

G. FAST Cat – Starting in 2020, the Hosting Division will offer FAST Cat Trial(s) as long as the property of the Host Hotel can accommodate a trial.

### **XIII Trophies**

A. Standardized trophies will be offered for the following:

1. Best of Breed
2. Best of Winners
3. Best of Opposite Sex
4. Select Dog & Select Bitch
5. Winners Dog
6. Reserve Winners Dog
7. Winners Bitch
8. Reserve Winners Bitch
9. Best Puppy (includes Bred-By Puppy and Regular Puppy Entries)
10. Best Bred By Exhibitor (includes Bred-By Puppy and Adult competing together)
11. Best Owner Handled
12. Best Junior Handler
13. Reserve Junior Handler
14. Obedience High in Trial
15. High Combined in Obedience (This award will be discontinued after the current trophy is awarded). A rosette will be awarded in subsequent years.
16. 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> in all Regular and Non-Regular Classes

- B. Awards of Merit will be offered up to a maximum of 10% of the entry in the Best of Breed Class. A standard trophy shall be given. Dogs awarded BOB, BOS, Select Dog and Select Bitch shall not be eligible to receive an award of merit. Winners Dog and Winners Bitch will be eligible to receive an Award of Merit.
- C. Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show Shall be judged with the winners from Bred-By Exhibitor Adult and Puppy of both sexes.
- D. Best Puppy in Show shall be judged with the winners of 6-9, 9-12, and Bred-By Exhibitor Puppy of both sexes.
- E. The method of trophy solicitation is to be at the discretion of the Host Division, with GDCA approval.
- F. No challenge trophies will be accepted.
- G. The owner or co-owner of a dog (at the time of the win) may order an additional trophy. The trophy (plus shipping if applicable) must be paid for at the time of the order. Additional trophies will be procured with the order for the next year's National Specialty.
- H. No trophies or awards other than those listed in the premium list may be presented to any winner at the National.
- I. Rosette's are to be offered for the following awards: Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Puppy, Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best of Breed Owner Handled, Best Junior Handler, Reserve Best Junior Handler, High Combined Triple Score Rally, High Combined Score Rally, High Combined Obedience, High in Trial Obedience.
- J. New Title ribbons will be awarded to those dogs who earn a new title at the National.
- K. Starting with the 2019 National, performance and companion event placement and qualifying ribbons will not include the show date or location. There will be a printed sticker on the back of the rosette which will



list the show date and location. There will be a labeled blank line for the judge's name and score to be written in.

#### XIV. Persons Restricted from exhibiting

A. The grid below indicates in which event(s) each Chairman or member of the same household can exhibit.

	Div. Chair	Show Chair	Perf. Chair	Futurity Chair	Top 20 Chair	Nat. Spec Coodrd	Show Secretary (if reqd)
Specialty	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Futurity	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obedience	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Agility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Rally	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Top 20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

B. Other persons restricted from showing per AKC Rules.

C. Any person suspended by the AKC during the dates of the National Specialty. This restriction shall follow AKC guidelines.

#### XV. Miscellaneous

- A. Parades will be offered for Champions of Record, Companion Event Title Holders, and Veterans. **Only** AKC recognized breed titles will be printed on any Parade Ribbon.
- B. The minimum ring size for the confirmation is 60 x 90 and a crating area must be available no less than 4800 sq. Ft.
- C. A detailed map to an after-hours veterinary hospital will be included in any handouts at the start of the event, e.g., "goodie bags," at the front desk of the hotel, in the rooms with the rules, and to RV's at check in, etc. The after-hours veterinarian is to be interviewed and the facility inspected at least three months in advance of the event.
- D. Each Division shall have a designated van; driver and cell phone available 24 hours a day during a National Specialty to provide transportation to the after-hour Veterinary Facility
- E. Each Division will have a detailed plan for veterinary care during show hours. This plan is to be presented and approved by the National Specialty Coordinator with the Show Application and Premium List.

- F. Breeder education programs are to be offered.
- G. A service fee will be charged to cover returned checks.
- H. Each National Specialty Committee shall pass along to the next National Specialty Committee the names of those persons who either presented NSF checks, or who still may owe outstanding amounts of money to the National Committee for any reason (entries, advertising, trophies, etc.). These people will be refused entries to, or participation in, any future National Specialty, Futurity, and Top 20 Invitational until cash or certified check settles the unpaid amounts.
- I. It shall be standard policy to refund entries on obedience bitches in season at the National Specialty. This policy will be printed in the premium list.
- J. Publicity for the next GDCA National specialty may be distributed commencing the last day of the current National Specialty. Publicity shall contain only information that has been approved by the GDCA BOD.
- K. Catalogs will be sold at a discounted during the National.
- L. Starting in 2013, the GDCA will opt in to award a 3-point major to RWD and RWB at the National Specialty. This is done on the AKC Show Application.
- M. Welcome Bags are to be given to all National Specialty attendees while supplies last. This includes all guests at the Host hotel, overflow hotels, RV reservations and all off site locations.
- N. Stud Dog will be scheduled on the final day of Class Dog judging following Winners Dog and Brood Bitch will be scheduled on the final day of Class Bitch judging following Winners Bitch.
- O. Best of Breed entries will be broken down into groups of 10 in the Catalog.
- P. Rooms at the Host Hotel (or RV spot) must be set aside in advance of reservations opening to the general public for the following people: GDCA Officers and Board, Division Chair, Division Show Chair, Division Treasurer, Division Secretary, National Specialty Sponsor Chair, Photographer, Videographer, Educational Speakers, Veterinarians for health testing, and the Futurity Show Chair. All judges (Futurity, Performance, Conformation, Top 20, and Junior Showmanship) will have rooms set aside.
- Q. Every effort should be made to set aside rooms for International Guests. Division leadership should contact their International Guest Liaison to make sure this is taken care of.
- R. Complimentary rooms must first be applied to all contractual obligations in which the Division will bear an expense. This includes but is not limited to, Superintendent, Photographer, Videographer, Speakers, or Clinic Specialists, etc. Any remaining nights for complimentary rooms will then be converted to a monetary reimbursement to the master account from the hotel.
- S. Starting in 2020, 2 Guys Quilting & Embroidery (Gary Richards & Jim Wyatt) will be the Ways and Means vendor for the National Specialty. Booth space and motor home parking space will be included. A minimum of 20% of gross receipts will be donated to the hosting division. This will remain in place until 2024. Contracts to be reviewed every two years.

- T. Cynsational by Cyndy (Cyndy Steiner) will be the provider of all Ribbons for the GDCA National, Futurity, and Top 20. This will remain in place until 2024. To be review every two years thereafter.
- U. Starting in 2025 Powers Photography will be the official photographer of the GDCA National Specialty. Contract to be reviewed every two years.
- V. No soft-sided crates will be allowed in any crating area or show area. This must be stated in the Premium List.

## **XVI. Futurity**

- A. The Futurity is an annual event sponsored by the GDCA and is exclusively for the competition of puppies between three months and eighteen months of age.
- B. The Futurity Chairperson shall be appointed by the Hosting Division. Judges to be the responsibility of the GDCA. A Futurity Show Secretary, who will handle all Futurity Nominations, will be appointed by the GDCA.
- C. All funds from the Futurity raffle are to go into the GDCA bank Account.

### **D. Conditions**

1. The Futurity is open to member breeders (and members of their immediate families) in good standing with the GDCA or one of the Affiliated Clubs and AKC. Where the nominated bitch is co-owned, one co-owner must be a member of the GDCA or one of the Affiliated Clubs at the time of breeding. Any member whose membership in the GDCA has been revoked for misconduct is not eligible to enter the futurity.
2. Bitches may be nominated at any time between the breeding and whelping dates. The exact date for the beginning and ending of nominations will be determined by the actual date of the Futurity or by the Futurity Committee.
3. All dogs are made eligible for competition before they are born; however, it is only through the bitch that they are made eligible. Nominations of bitches must be made after the bitch is bred and before the bitch whelps. Only puppies whelped by nominated bitches after the date of nomination are eligible. The date of the Post office cancellation stamp on the envelope will determine the date of nomination. A fee set by the BOD shall accompany the nomination of each bitch.
4. Puppies from litters whelped by nominated bitches are eligible even though sold to a new owner between the whelping date and the date of the futurity. The new owner need not be a member of the GDCA or one of its Affiliated Clubs, providing the nomination of the bitch was made by a member breeder.
5. Upon verification of eligibility, the breeder will be sent a form on which to nominate individual puppies from the litter. A fee set by the BOD is required for each puppy nominated from each litter nominated (there is no limit on the number of puppies nominated from any one litter). However, the nominations must be made before the litter is three months of age.
6. An additional fee set by the BOD will complete each individual nomination. This will be done on a separate nomination blank by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August, at which time all identifying information must be

given (name of puppy, litter registration number or individual registration number, name of actual owner).

7. Puppies from three months of age, and under twelve months of age, shall be required to compete only against each other. Similarly, Juniors from twelve months of age, and under eighteen months of age, shall be required to compete only against each other. Puppies and Juniors shall compete only against each other, as provided in these Conditions.
8. If a change must be made to the show date, then the original date shall be the one used in determining eligibility of nominees. Should the show date be set after the original date, then the age limit shall be increased to take care of the differences in time from the original date to the revised date, and the nominees affected shall still be eligible for competition in the Junior classes.
9. Nominations of bitches and nominations of puppies must be on official forms supplied by the National Futurity Chairperson and must be accompanied by checks or money order made payable to: The Great Dane Club of America, Inc. Credit card payments will be accepted via the GDCA store for on-line entries.
10. Entry fees will be retained in the event a nominated bitch or puppy is found to be ineligible under the above conditions.
11. Best in futurity winner will be presented at the beginning of the Top 20 event.

#### E. Multiple-Sired Litters

1. Effective with the 2003 National Specialty Show, the GDCA Futurity will be open to multiple-sired litters.
2. With the First Nomination of the bitch, submit your Nomination Form indicating "Multiple-Sired Litter" thereon, giving the name of the Bitch and AKC #, as noted on the form. In addition, list the name(s) of the sires, with AKC #'s of each.
3. On the Second Nomination of the puppies (prior to 3 months of age), list the puppies to be nominated with sexes and colors of each, as usual.
4. Each (and every) Third Nomination of the puppies (for multiple-sired litters only) that will be entered in the Futurity ("the entry form") must have the sire listed thereon and must be accompanied by the official AKC DNA proof of the sire. **NO ENTRY FORM FOR A MULTIPLE-SIRED LITTER WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE AKC DNA PROOF ATTACHED.**
5. It is the Breeder/Owner's responsibility to provide this proof.

## F. Classes

1. Puppy classes will be divided according to age and sex as follows. Classes with 10 or more entries may also be divided into A, B, and C Divisions.
  - a. 3 - 5 Months
  - b. 5 - 7 Months
  - c. 7 - 9 Months
  - d. 9 - 12 Months
2. Only four (4) awards are given for each age group.
3. The winners of the Puppy Dog classes will compete against each other for Best Puppy Dog and Reserve Puppy Dog. The winners of the Puppy Bitch classes will compete against each other for Best Puppy Bitch and Reserve Puppy Bitch. The second-place puppy dog/bitch from the class of the best in puppy dog/bitch shall be eligible for Reserve. Best Puppy Dog will compete against Best Puppy Bitch for BEST PUPPY.
4. Junior classes will be divided according to age and sex as follows. Classes with 10 or more entries may also be divided into A, B, and C Divisions.
  - a. 12 - 15 Months
  - b. 15 - 18 Months
5. The winners of the Junior Dog classes will compete against each other for Best Junior Dog and Reserve Junior Dog. The winners of the Junior Bitch classes will compete against each other for Best Junior Bitch and Reserve Junior Bitch. The second-place junior dog/bitch from the class of the best in junior dog/bitch shall be eligible for Reserve. Best junior Dog will compete against Best Junior Bitch for BEST JUNIOR.
6. The Best Puppy will compete against the Best Junior and the winner will be designated BEST IN FUTURITY.

## G. Eligibility requirements for futurity judges.

1. Must be a member of the GDCA or an Affiliate Club.
2. Must have been in the breed for at least eight years.
3. Must be the breeder of record of at least three litters of Great Danes.
4. Must be the breeder or owner of record of at least two Great Dane Champions.
5. AKC judges are eligible to judge Futurity and must meet requirements 1-4 listed above.
6. Must agree not to judge Great Danes for at least six months prior to the GDCA National Specialty
7. Futurity judges can show in the Top 20 Competition only.
8. Must be in good standing with the GDCA and AKC.

H. Drawing is required for futurity judging assignments.

1. The drawing for Futurity Judging assignment will take place with both Judges and GDCA Futurity Chairperson present.
2. The judges shall draw their assignments in accordance with the following procedures and judge the classes as listed in the following table.
  - a. In a hat, put one slip for dogs (see slip # 1) and one slip for bitches (see slip # 2)
  - b. Judges draw.
  - c. In a hat, put one slip for Best Puppy (Intersex) (see slip # 3) and one slip for Best Junior (Intersex) (see slip # 4).
  - d. Judges draw.
  - e. In a hat, put one slip for Best in Futurity (see slip # 5) and one blank slip (see slip # 6).
  - f. Judges draw.

	<b>PRINT ON SLIPS</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>DOGS</b>	<b>3-5</b> <b>5-7</b> <b>7-9</b> <b>9-12</b>	<b>BPD</b> <b>RES</b>	<b>12-15</b> <b>15-18</b>	<b>BJD</b> <b>RES</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>BITCHES</b>	<b>3-5</b> <b>5-7</b> <b>7-9</b> <b>9-12</b>	<b>BPB</b> <b>RES</b>	<b>12-15</b> <b>15-18</b>	<b>BJB</b> <b>RES</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>BEST PUPPY (INTERSEX)</b>	<b>BPD</b> <b>BPB</b>	<b>BP</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>BEST JUNIOR (INTERSEX)</b>	<b>BJD</b> <b>BJB</b>	<b>BJ</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>BEST IN FUTURITY</b>	<b>BP</b> <b>BJ</b>	<b>BIF</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>(THIS SLIP IS BLANK)</b>				



January 1, 2020

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Congratulations! It is our pleasure to inform you that you have been selected for the honor of judging the \_\_\_\_\_ competition at the Great Dane Club of America National Specialty to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

This event adds to the history of our breed by providing recognition to breeders, owners, and exhibitors who have persevered in their efforts and succeeded in providing to you the exhibits that you will pass judgment on. The Great Dane Club of America will provide the following amenities for your services.

- You and one guest (sharing the same room) will be housed at an offsite location for the period one day before your assignment through the night of the completion of your assignment.
- Transportation from the hotel to the Show Grounds and back will be provided.
- Meals will be provided during the same period, one day before your assignment begins through the night of the completion of your assignment.
- Coach airfare or the current allowable IRS mileage deduction, whichever is less.

You agree to prepay your transportation costs and submit all invoices and/or evidence of expenses to the Division Treasurer for reimbursement.

In accordance with and in recognition of the significance of the event by which you are being invited to preside over, there are some simple, common-sense guidelines we are requesting you to observe. Failure to observe these guidelines may ultimately result in your removal from judging the event.

- **You will not judge Great Danes anywhere in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico for a period of six months prior to the event.**
- **You will, while judging, strictly adhere to the GDCA current Code of Ethics AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and the most current GDCA National Specialty Rules and Regulations.**
- **You may not attend any of the GDCA National events prior to your judging assignment during the week of the National including social events.**

- **During the course of the entire event, including Futurity, you will not observe any judging prior to your assignment through social media or through any other means.**
- **Neither you nor any member of your family will operate and/or host a vending site on the show grounds.**
- **During the entire event, including Futurity, you will refrain from public commentary of any exhibit you may judge or any individual presenting that exhibit to you. A judge should also be aware that commenting on social media on dogs you may judge at the National at any time prior, once signing the contract is not viewed as impartial behavior and is greatly discouraged.**
- **This event, which is sanctioned by the AKC, requires that you abide by all AKC rules, policies, and regulations as stated in the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Show judges as well as all other manuals or booklets pertaining to AKC Rules. As a reminder this includes but is not limited to; no dog you own or co-own can be shown in any of the National events where you judge. No handler that you have paid for services to, can show to you for a period of 4 months before and 4 months after the event you judge. No one that you have co-owned with during the previous 12-month period may show to you.**
- **Please be aware of the “Gray” areas as well when accepting this assignment. A judge should never place oneself in any position where negative scrutiny could fall upon the merits of one’s judging.**
- **In the event the GDCA must cancel your contract due force majeure, a violation of conduct or otherwise, the GDCA assumes no responsibility for any expenses or other monetary compensation incurred, real or otherwise.**

The Great Dane Club of America is pleased to present you the honor of this judging assignment. Please indicate your acceptance of the assignment by endorsing two copies of this letter and returning them in the envelope enclosed. Keep the third copy for your records. The Judge’s Hospitality Chair will contact you prior to the event to coordinate arrangements.

It is our distinct honor and pleasure to offer you this assignment and we look forward to your participation in this historic event.

Please sign and return this contract within 45 days or your assignment is subject to forfeit.

Sincerely,

Judges Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GDCA Show Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Junior Showmanship Only, Judge Contract – Approved 2023



January 1, 2023

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations! It is our pleasure to inform you that you have been selected for the honor of judging the Junior Showmanship competition at the Great Dane Club of America National Specialty to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, at the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

This event adds to the history of our breed by providing recognition to the youth of our sport that we strive to encourage to continue as breeders, owners, and exhibitors.

The Great Dane Club of America will provide the following amenities for your services.

- You and one guest (sharing the same room) will be housed at the host hotel for the period one day before your assignment through the night of the completion of your assignment.
- Transportation from the hotel to the Show Grounds and back will be provided.
- Meals will be provided during the same period, one day before your assignment begins, through the night of the completion of your assignment for you and your guest.
- Coach airfare or the current allowable IRS mileage deduction, whichever is less.

You agree to prepay your transportation costs and submit all invoices and/or evidence of expenses to the Division Treasurer for reimbursement.

- **Per AKC Policy you may attend the entire GDCA National and also exhibit. Please refrain from direct socialization with any potential Junior.**
- **Chapter 11, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows would not apply to individuals approved to judge Junior Showmanship only. However, if Junior Showmanship Judges plan to exhibit or handle dogs at a show, or if dogs owned by them are to be entered, the judge should not attend pre-show social functions with other judges for that show or attend the judges' luncheon the day of the show.**
- **In the event the GDCA must cancel your contract due force majeure, a violation of conduct or otherwise, the GDCA assumes no responsibility for any expenses or other monetary compensation incurred, real or otherwise.**

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Sincerely,

Judges Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
GDCA Show Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## GDCA National Specialty Financial Allotment Schedule

Activity	GDCA Allotment	Division Allotment	Charitable Trust
Split Settlement			
Futurity GDCA receives all expenses and income	100%	None	
Judges Education Income and Expenses	100%	None	
GDCA Board Meetings Expenses	100%	None	
Rescue, General Membership and Affiliate Club Mtgs	100%	None	
Cardio Clinic Income	None	None	100%
Breeders Education Income & Expenses	None	None	100%
Conformation Judging and Top 20, Performance, Junior Showmanship			
Judges Travel	None	100%	
Judges Room and Board **	None	100%	
** Complimentary rooms apply to all			
judges 1st, then contractual obligations where expenses are borne equally by GDCA and the Division			
Companion Events			
Net Loss if expenses are higher than income (Entry Fees, Raffle, etc.)	50%	50%	
If Income less expenses = Profit	none	100%	
Trophy Net Expense			
Trophy Donations less costs	50%	50%	
National Specialty Profit/Loss			
1st \$50,000	50%	50%	
over \$50,000	25%	75%	
Discretionary Division Expenses			
Rooms	none	100%	
Complimentary Meals	none	100%	
Recognition Gifts	none	100%	
Any Incentive offered for work performed that has a monetary cost associated with it	none	100%	
Discretionary Division Expenses, including complimentary rooms, and the decisions made about their use should be voted on by Division Affiliate Club-Representatives			
Complimentary Rooms offered by the host hotel shall be used for judges and other contractual obligations where expenses are borne equally by the GDCA and the Division. The expense for other complimentary rooms supplied by the Division shall be borne by the Division 100%.			

GDCA CONTRACT PRELIMINARY REVIEW

Site Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms Available \_\_\_\_\_

Room Rate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Overflow room rate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs allowed per room? \_\_\_\_\_

Parking Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Comp Rooms \_\_\_\_\_

Room Nights Contracted \_\_\_\_\_

Attrition Rate \_\_\_\_\_%

Room Cancellation Clause/Refund Date \_\_\_\_\_ Room Rate after this Date \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Waiting List by hotel? \_\_\_\_\_

Food & Beverage Minimum \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attrition Rate \_\_\_\_\_%

Resort Fees Y/N? Apply to F&B? \_\_\_\_\_ Apply Elsewhere? \_\_\_\_\_

RV # Allowed \_\_\_\_\_ Fee per space? \_\_\_\_\_ Taxes Included? \_\_\_\_\_

Hookups? Yes / No

Water? Yes / No

Internet Included: Rooms? \_\_\_\_\_ Show Area? \_\_\_\_\_ Rate? \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Charges: Flat Rate? \_\_\_\_\_ Per Box \_\_\_\_\_

How many days in advance for delivery \_\_\_\_\_

Show Area: Deposit Required? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Room Charges \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Internet/Electric Included? \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality Room – Outside food allowed? \_\_\_\_\_

Storage Room - Charge for room used? \_\_\_\_\_

A/V Services \_\_\_\_\_ Outside Services Allowed? \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Table Charges \_\_\_\_\_ day/week Internet/Electrical Charges \_\_\_\_\_

Signage: Fee to Hang \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Easels Provided: \_\_\_\_\_ Charges for Additional \_\_\_\_\_

Tables Provided: \_\_\_\_\_ Charges for Additional \_\_\_\_\_

Cleaning Charges: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Area Available? \_\_\_\_\_ FAST Cat \_\_\_\_\_

Fencing Charges \_\_\_\_\_

Special Fees? \_\_\_\_\_

Force Majeure GDCA Wording Included (per section V, Point B, Number 10 of the NSRR) \_\_\_\_\_

April 2020



## DIVISIONAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVE FORM

<b>Division:</b>			
<b>Club Name:</b>			
<b>Division Club Representative (DCR)</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>
1.)			
2.)			

I certify that the above names are the duly elected Divisional Club Representatives authorized to represent our affiliate club within the Division.

Club Secretary Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this for no later than March 15th to:**

**Denise Matulich  
GDCA Corresponding Secretary**

[dkmatulich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkmatulich@sbcglobal.net)



## DIVISIONAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

<b>Division:</b>			
<b>Club Name:</b>			
<b>Divisional Club Representative</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Division Chair Nomination:</b>	<b>Show Chair Nomination:</b>	<b>Division Secretary Nomination:</b>	<b>Division Treasurer Nomination:</b>

I certify that I, the above DCR, is duly appointed, and the nominations above reflect the views of the Affiliate Club listed herein.

Divisional Club Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this for no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

**Denise Matulich  
 GDCA Corresponding Secretary**

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