

# Show Chair Exhibiting

## Show Chair Responsibilities

The AKC position regarding club officers, show officials and their household members exhibiting at their club's shows is to not legislate but expects clubs to seriously consider their own policies on the subject.

“Since there are few shows in some parts of the country, restricting club and show officials may place undue hardship on them. However, a club should realize that exhibitors and spectators sometimes arrive at the wrong conclusion when a dog owned or handled by a club officer, or show official, or members of their household wins at a show. Therefore, clubs should consider an exhibiting restriction for its officers, show chairs, and members of the show committee, as well as members of their households.”

The show chair has overall responsibility for planning, conducting, and reporting the results of their show rather than the club's Board of Directors, officers, or committee members. The AKC Show/Trial Manual provides a description of the show chair's responsibilities. These include:

- Application, judge's panel, disaster b & emergency plan, submission
- Premium list materials
- Assign committee chairs
- Site/facility liaison
- Insurance, contracts, & deposits
- Permits & licenses
- Coordinate security, fire, and police requirements
- Coordinate show secretary or superintendent
- Coordinate show veterinarian
- Coordinate show photographer
- Review & brief procedures detailed in *Dealing with Misconduct* with the event committee & chair event hearings should the need arise.
- Assure the following documents are available at the show:
  - *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*
  - *Rules Applying to Registration & Discipline*
  - *Dealing with Misconduct*
  - *Procedural Checklist*
  - *Breed Standards*
  - *AKC Show/Trial Manual*
  - *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Judges*
  - *Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations*
  - *Obedience and Rally Regulations (if offered)*

## Applicable Show Definitions

- **National Specialty** – This is a parent club premier event. This is normally the largest breed specialty show. This specialty enjoys several unique advantages.
  - The Reserve Winners may be eligible for a “3-point major” if the entry is double the required entry for a “5-point major.”
  - Some of the winners receive invitations to the AKC Eukanuba show and Crufts
- **Regional Specialty** - Since parent clubs are not limited to the number of shows they may hold each year, these specialties held by the parent club may be held in any “region” of the country.
  - All of the show committee MUST be members of the parent club. FBDCA is responsible for all aspects of these shows since they are “parent club specialties” regardless of the experience of the FBDCA approved show committee. Because of this FBDCA responsibility, the Board must approve the event and the judges selected to judge at these specialties.
  - A local club wishing to “host” a FBDCA A must have held at least one successful Sanctioned-B match may “host” a specialty for the parent club. The proper notice in the premium list is “This French Bull Dog Club of America Specialty is hosted by the \_\_\_\_\_ Club.”
- **Local Specialties** – These are shows held by clubs formed in a particular area and are assigned a specific “local” territory. Although these shows require parent club approval, they are totally independent clubs and have authority and responsibility for their own shows. All show committee members MUST be members of the local club. In accordance with *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, local clubs may appeal to the AKC Board of Directors if the parent club unreasonably withholds permission for their shows.
- **Designated Specialty** - AKC permits specialty clubs to “designate” the regular classes of an all-breed show as the specialty clubs show. Although the specialty club must provide a show committee consisting of their members, the all-breed club has responsibility for the conduct of the show, including event hearings and discipline.
- **Supported Entries** – A supported entry is NOT a specialty. AKC does not require AKC permission for clubs to “support an entry” at shows but does provide guidance in the AKC Show/Trial manual that must be followed. Supporting an entry requires written approval from the hosting club. FBDCA may hold sweepstakes as part of the supported entry but must have permission of the hosting club. Supported Entries may only be approved by clubs that have reached AKC Sanctioned status and have successfully held an AKC Sanction B Match.

## Recommendations

Considering the background and the differing complexity of Specialty shows, We suggest the Board consider the following policies regarding the Show Chair exhibiting at the show which they are Chair:

- **National Specialty and Independent Regional FBDCA Specialties** – Because of the size and complexity of the National Specialty, the show chair may not exhibit at that show. However they may exhibit at other conformation events that are in the same cluster of shows if they are not on the show committee for the events in which they exhibit.
- **Designated Specialties** – Since the show is actually being held by an All-Breed or Group club, the Specialty Show Chair need not be restricted from exhibiting if they are not on the All-Breed or Group club show committee and do not participate in functions with the judges of those events.
- **Local Specialties** – Local clubs need not be governed by FBDCA since they are independently licensed by AKC. Local clubs should set their own requirements regarding show committees exhibiting.

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