

## EVERGREEN GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

### Guide for Judges Selection Committee for Specialty Shows

(Conformation, Sweepstakes, Obedience, Rally)

- 1) The Judges Selection Committee (JSC) will be appointed by the EGRC Board of Directors by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The JSC will be comprised of a Chairman and two other members, and will include at least one member from the current Board. No person can serve on the committee for more than three consecutive years.
- 2) Each January, the JSC will place a "call for nominations" notice in the January and/or February Golden West, EGRC E-mail Group, and on the EGRC web site requesting nominations for Specialty judges. The goal is to be looking for judges two years in advance for our annual Specialty(ies).
- 3) This "call for nominations" notice will be accompanied by a list of judges who have previously judged EGRC Independent Specialties, as well as specialties in Washington, Oregon, GRCA Western Regional and National, for the past 10 years. The membership will be advised to seriously consider whether judges who have recently held these positions would draw a good entry before recommending them for our Specialty. This list shall be updated each year, prior to calling for nominations, by the JSC or their designated member.
- 4) If the EGRC Specialty is anticipated to be held in conjunction with another club, the JSC should contact the All-Breed Club (or any other club we may be sharing the weekend with) to determine what judges on their slate EGRC could share in any category (conformation, sweepstakes, obedience or rally). This list of potential shared judges will also be published with the "call for nominations." The list of judges who have won the highest number of votes after the EGRC election will be shared with the all-breed club to see whether they can be used there as well.
- 5) The "call for nominations" invites current EGRC members (voting and non-voting) to submit up to three judge nominations (per category) to the JSC by March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, by mail or email via instructions provided in the "call for nominations."
- 6) The top three nominees in each category, from the previous year's vote (except judges currently under contract) will automatically be included on the current year's ballot.
- 7) The JSC will compile the list of nominees (consisting of the previous year's top three nominees, plus the current year's nominees) to create a Survey-Monkey type "ballot" to be sent out to all current EGRC members (via email so that Survey Monkey can recognize them as individuals). Families with multiple voting members or members without access to Survey Monkey will be allowed to cast their votes by mail to the JSC. Ballots will include voting instructions and all the nominees are to be listed in alphabetical order. The deadline for all voting will be stated in the voting instructions.
- 8) The ballot instructions shall allow members to vote for up to three judges per category. The system will be set up so that votes cast will show a "first", "second" and "third" choice designation.

- 9) The JSC will review the results of the election and prepare a final document tallying the votes. The votes will be calculated as follows; three points for each first place vote, two points for each second place vote and one point for each third place vote. When the votes for each judge in each category are tallied, the judge with the most overall total points will win.
- 10) If there is a tie with the most overall total points, the judge with the most first place votes will win. If this does not resolve a tie, the judge with the most second place votes will win. If there is still a tie, the JSC will make the decision to resolve it.
- 11) The JSC will submit the vote results to the EGRC Board.
- 12) A member of the JSC (or JSC designee) who does not intend to exhibit (in the category) will then contact the top choice judges per category by telephone or email to determine if they are available for the designated show date. If any of the judges receiving the most points is not available, the judge with the second most points will be contacted. This process will be repeated until judges for each category are confirmed.
- 13) As each judge confirms availability, the JSC (or their designee) shall send two copies of the EGRC judge's contract to the judge confirming their acceptance of the assignment. All judges must sign and date a copy of this contract and return one copy to the club. The Show Chair shall have a copy of the signed contract for their records and AKC application process.
- 14) Upon receipt of the signed Judges contracts, the "Slate of Judges" will be published in the next Golden West. The tallied ballot voting results may be published in the "Members Only" section of the EGRC web site.
- 15) In the event that EGRC decides to add a second Specialty, Western Regional, or a judge under contract is not able to judge, the JSC may use the tallied ballot from the hiring year and/or subsequent year, at their discretion, to hire judges for the added event or needed position.

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