

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE BOD MEETING
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
7:30pm EST
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 2-3, 2025 In Person Board Meeting

(Please see: Attachment A – September 2025 Board Meeting Minutes)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Cindy Lindemer

In accordance with ARTICLE III, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA), the Board Meetings for the 2026 calendar year will be conducted via video or teleconferencing using the Zoom software platform. Proper notice will be provided for each meeting.

2026 Meetings Calendar

- Wednesday, January 21 (Zoom)
- Wednesday, March 25 (Zoom)
- Wednesday, May 20 (Zoom)
- Wednesday, July 22 (Zoom)
- Sunday, September 13 (In-Person Meeting)
- Wednesday, September 16 (Annual Membership Meeting)
- Wednesday, November 11 (Zoom)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Submitted by Terri Krause

Oath of Office was given at the General Meeting in person to Region 6 Director, Hillare LaFond Parfait. Oath of Office to Region 3 Director, Cynthia Richardson to be sworn in this evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None submitted

First Quarter financials will be reported at the next meeting in January 2026.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

None submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None submitted

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Backyard Classic 2026: Summer Splash Concurrent Specialty
Submitted by Kathryn Wilson and Jane Billman
(Please see: Attachment B – Kettle Moraine Kennel Club Offer Sheet)

Proposal Description. The Backyard Classic 2026 committee wishes to hold a concurrent specialty at the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club cluster in West Bend WI on Saturday, June 27, 2026. The committee will be detailed below.

Proposal Justification. The Kettle Moraine Kennel Club cluster was the host for the 2023 Backyard Classic. This is a successful multi-day cluster which includes conformation, obedience, rally, dock diving, FastCat, heart and eye clinics and semen collection. This site is also 20-60 minutes away from multiple field sites depending on which site is chosen. In 2023, this show had 62 entries with 5 point majors in both sexes.

Enhanced attendance is expected due to the success of this venue as well as the historical success of the BYC itself. West Bend is near the center of Region 2 which is the most populous region of the NSDTRC-USA. There is a history of entries from as far away as the Northeast and Texas. The KMKC will charge the NSDTRC \$50 total for reserved grooming for as many spaces as we need. There are RV spaces with electricity.

The Kettle Moraine Kennel Club cluster will occur approximately 90 days before the National Specialty in Red Lodge Montana. It is approximately 1,200 miles from Red Lodge.

The NSDTRC-USA can choose an appropriate judge from among the judging panel hired by the KMKC. The BYC will give the judge a gift which has typically been \$100.

The BYC has consistently had large entries and 4-5 point majors in both sexes. Below are the entries and majors for past years that the data can be found on the AKC website.

2019: Total entry of 54. 12d/5 pt major and 10b/5 pt major

2022: Total entry of 42. 13d/5pt, 10b/5pt

2023: Total entry of 62. 8d/5pt, 19b/5pt

2024: Total entry of 32. 5d/4 pt, 11b/5pt

The specialty along with other events in association with the BYC is expected to make some money. The host club will return \$3/dog to our club. A raffle will be held and it made \$1700+ at this location in 2023. A Wet Dog Contest will be held as a fundraiser. All events are expected to at least break even, including the banquet and field events. Trophies will be chosen with the idea that less expensive trophies will encourage sponsorship. Trophies will cost \$15 up to a maximum of \$120 for Best of Breed.

Events are in a crisis due to lack of volunteers. There are younger members that are excited to be more involved and hold leadership position. Committee chairs have been intentionally chosen to include a blend of age and experience so the younger members can learn and gain experience for future events.

Committee Chairs:

Katy Wilson: Concurrent Specialty Chair
Mary Ellen Meyer, Committee Member
Andrea Spitzke, Committee Member
Jane Billman, Committee Member and Weekend Coordinator
Justine Hubbard, Committee Member, Juniors and Sweeps Chair
Allison Mellin, Treasurer
Obedience Chair: Jean Smith
Trophy Chair: Andrea Spitzke
Raffle Chair: Leslie Hettinger Rendfield
Field Chair: Nichole Breitbart
Hospitality Chair: Ellie Lang
Wet Dog Chair: Jeanine Oostveen

Financial Implications:

This Concurrent Specialty, along with associated events, is expected to make an estimated \$500-\$2000.

Specific Board Action Requested.

To approve the Concurrent specialty on June 27, 2026 at the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club cluster in West Bend, WI.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Update the NSDTRC (USA) Specialty Shows Guidelines
Submitted by: Elizabeth Boryczka, Events Chair

(Please see Attachment C - current Guidelines)

Description: The Specialty Shows Guidelines created and approved in 2020 need to be updated in four (4) areas.

1. **From page 7:**
 - c. **Proposal Justification**
 - iv. **Past Attendance.**

(3) The proposal must demonstrate the events wishing to become specialties have a track record of 4-point majors in dogs and bitches for two (2) the last three (3) years prior to the proposed event.

Replace with:

(3) The proposal must provide historical entries for the last three (3) years in both dogs and bitches. A demonstration of 4-point majors in both sexes for two (2) of the last three (3) years is desirable for approving the event. If 4-point majors did not occur, a plan must be offered for attaining the goal.

2. From page 9:

e. Amenities.

vii. Rosettes and Ribbons. The proposal should indicate who will bear the cost for Ribbons and/or Rosettes. (See the NSDTRC Show manual for tips concerning the ordering to Rosettes.

Replace with:

vii. Rosettes/Ribbons and Awards. The proposal should indicate who will bear the cost for Ribbons/Rosettes and Awards. Awards should be limited to only those that will be covered by donations. The specialty committee will be sensitive to the expense of the awards to ensure the likelihood of covering the full costs.

3. From page 11:

7. Recurring Approval of a Specialty. Approval to hold a Specialty in one year does not guarantee approval in the next year. If a Specialty does not demonstrate enhanced attendance and at least, the same requirements of 4-point majors in both sexes, then a Specialty may be declined and a Supported Entry approved instead.

Replace with:

7. Recurring Approval of a Specialty. Approval to hold a Specialty in one year does not guarantee approval in the next year. If a Specialty does not demonstrate enhanced attendance and at least the desired 4-point majors in both sexes, then a Specialty may be declined and a Supported Entry approved instead.

4. From page 11:

8. Post Approval Reporting Requirements.
a. Show Report

A copy of the Catalogue is to be sent to the Historian.

Replace with:

Remove requirement.

Justification:

1. The requirement for 4-point majors in both sexes for 2 out of the last 3 years has been challenged. Submitted Specialty applications that did not meet the requirement have provided mitigated factors that prevented a show from attaining 4-point majors along with plans to attain the requirement. The Board of Directors has voted to allow exceptions to this requirement based on hearing a reasonable explanation on the issues

and the plan to accomplish 4-point majors. Since this issue has come up more than once, it would be prudent to change the requirement to one of a *desirable* requirement rather than a *definitive* requirement. Club members are committed to hosting a Specialty because they want to participate. To continue to restrict the effort when there are reasonable plans to bring forward a successful event is unfair to the Membership.

2. The Specialty Guidelines approved in 2020 do not address awards. Wording needs to be added to the Guidelines to assist the specialty committee. Club events rely on the generous donations from its members for awards. It has become increasingly harder to cover the costs of awards through donations. Therefore, the specialty committee must be realistic about the costs of awards and only present items that are highly likely to be fully covered by donations.
3. Replace the word “requirements” with “desired”.
4. Remove the requirement to provide a catalogue to the Historian. The AKC no longer requires a copy of a catalogue so the historian does not need it. The AKC digitizes all marked copies and keeps them in their archives.

Administration: Update the NSDTRC (USA) Specialty Shows Guidelines and upload to the Club website.

Financial Implications: None

Board Action Requested: Approve the updates to the NSDTRC (USA) Specialty Shows Guidelines.

Proposal #2: Sunflower Classic Concurrent Specialties June 5 and June 6, 2026
Submitted by Committee Members:

**Please see: Attachment D & E – Club Application to hold Specialty
Attachment F – Sunflower Classic Specialty Agreement
Attachment G – Jack Onofrio Contract**

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I have multiple other members that have offered to step up and help to make this a success!

Proposal Description:

Location: Hutchinson, Kansas in conjunction with all-breed shows Wichita Kennel Club(5) and Hutchinson Kennel Club(6).

History/General Interest: This cluster of shows Thursday-Sunday offer's unique opportunities for Tollers. This request is for a concurrent specialty on both Friday and Saturday. Saturday would be the official date for the Sunflower Classic. 2026 will be 10 years since our first Sunflower Classic. The concurrent specialties would be a nice way to commemorate the anniversary. Unfortunately, due to covid and a BYC being too close to the date we haven't had 10 supported entries in a row. Sweepstakes and Juniors will be offered on Saturday only. The two all-breed clubs do not charge our club to hold concurrent specialties. If the judge is chosen from the existing panel we will not be charged for a judge Friday. We will have to bring in a judge for the Saturday specialty but we are working on that currently with the Golden Club as they also are doing a concurrent specialty so we will split the judge cost. The Host clubs/chair have been wonderful to work with on this and are very excited to move this from a supported entry to specialty and are willing to work with us. We also plan to have another Toller Hunt Test on that Sunday to bring in even more interest. We will use the same location as 2024-pending approval.

While Kansas doesn't have a large gathering of Tollers, Region 5 does and everyone that comes to this show really does enjoy it and comes back. With it being right in the middle of the United States this show is known to bring members from outside our region. This show usually brings in 5 to 4 pt majors! Even in 2025 when it was not a supported entry, we still had majors on the weekend!

In addition to back-to-back concurrent specialties Tollers would have many other activities to participate in. The Sunflower classic will offer the following (subject to change): obedience, rally, dock diving, 4-6 month puppy, health clinic, junior scholarships and adding fast cat in 2026.

Onofrio is working on a contract for us. I will send those figures over as soon as I receive them. Between fundraising, raffles and getting trophies sponsored I know we will come out ahead!

Proximity to National Specialty: The proposed Sunflower Classic in Hutchinson, Kansas is 120 days before and 1,002 miles apart from the 2026 National Specialty in Red Lodge, Montana.

Proposal Justification:

Past Attendance: 2025 was not a supported entry but still pulled 23 toller entries and 3 pt majors. 2024 we had 30 toller entries and had 5 pts majors and 2023 we had 17 entries with 4 pt majors. I also want to mention we have had multiple members outside our region attend this cluster. I know many club members that want to see this become a specialty also! The concurrent specialties would be a nice way to commemorate the anniversary. Unfortunately, due to covid and a BYC being too close to the date we haven't had 10 supported entries in a row.

Selection of Judge: The all-breed clubs have provided a list of judges on their panel who are approved to judge tollers. We will choose from that panel for our Friday Specialty and there will be no judge's cost to our club. The judge's fee and travel expense will be paid by the all-breed clubs. For the Saturday Specialty we will have to bring in a judge and are currently working on that with the Golden Club as they are also holding a specialty also and we are trying to keep expenses low.

Amenities:

Space can be reserved for grooming; free grooming also has electrical.

Site has plenty of full hook up RV spots.

Entry Fee's for the specialties belong to NSDTRC. The Host club provides all the physical structures needed to hold the specialties (tents, tables, gates, ETC.) They also will provide a ring stewards for the specialties.

Hutchinson KS has many Air bnb's and Hotels that are dog friendly.

Sweeps and Non regular classes: Puppy, veterans, hunting sweeps, and junior showmanship would be offered on Saturday.

Administration: Applications and contracts to be executed.

Financial Implications: AKC entry fees.

Board Action: To approve a Concurrent specialty to be held on June 5/6 2026 in conjunction with the Hutchinson Kennel Club and Wichita Kennel Club.

Proposal #3: Participation in the AKC Meet The Breeds event, February 7-8, 2026 NYC
Submitted by: Mary Palkowski, Public Education Committee (PEC) Co-Chair

Proposal Description: To approve official NSDTRC-US participation in the AKC Meet The Breeds event at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City on February 7 and 8, 2026.

The AKC Meet The Breeds tour is headed back to NYC, and the PEC is proposing that the NSDTRC-US be represented again this year.

Mary Palkowski has been submitted to the AKC as the onsite booth coordinator on the booth application. Our application has been turned in to AKC prior to the November 14 deadline. They will be assigning booth space to us unless we revise or cancel our involvement following the Board of Directors vote.

For the Meet The Breeds events, AKC has developed standard booths for participating breeds. No additional decorations are required, although it is fine to bring some. It will be the NSDTRC-US's responsibility to have dogs at the booth to meet visitors, and to provide handout materials.

All volunteers at the booth will be required to sign the NSDTRC-US's approved waiver.

The Meet The Breeds event will comply with all local and federal health and safety requirements in effect at the time of the event.

Proposal Justification:

The PEC believes we should participate in the NYC event - and future events in other cities – as long as we are able to “do them right.” That means having enough dogs present for the attendees to meet and having enough volunteers to manage and care for the dogs that are being asked to meet and greet the public.

The 2025 event was very successful for AKC and for the NSDTRC(US). AKC reported that 35,000 people attended the event during the two days! We were one of 152 clubs in attendance, and our booth was crowded with visitors the whole two days. Thanks to our volunteers' deep understanding of what temperaments can best handle the crazy environment, every dog was on its best behavior. We answered many, many questions from people with varied levels of experience, including people who had never heard of our breed to those who had been researching for years and told us they were so happy we were there as they had narrowed their breed choice down to a couple and were looking for very real answers to important questions. Best of all was that our group of volunteers acted as a solid team, spelling each other, bringing out their rested dog at just the right time to give another dog a chance to rest in its crate, etc.

We believe these events, which are well-organized by AKC and well attended by the public, are an opportunity to fulfill our obligation as an AKC parent club to educate the public about our versatile breed and responsible dog ownership.

Financial Implications:

As they did last year, the AKC has announced that a \$300/day stipend will be available for parent clubs that have at least four dogs present, and \$500/day for clubs that have five or more dogs present. Last year, our Club received the full \$1000 stipend. The payment was sent directly from AKC to our Club Secretary and was used to help offset the expenses involved with participating in the event. We intend to do the same this year. Although our volunteer participation list is not finalized, EVERY volunteer who brought dogs last year has indicated a desire to participate again! We need to get a little closer to the dates to finalize because of work schedules, etc. We also have an additional possible participant with a dog to bring.

In addition to the stipend to the parent club, AKC has announced it will again provide free admittance and lunch vouchers for volunteers.

The PEC would like to ensure that our volunteers feel valued for the time they give to work at the booth. Most live a distance from the Javits Center so we are planning to use part of the stipend toward reimbursement for parking and mileage for volunteers. Last year for the first time, we also provided up to \$250/day for hotel reimbursement. This year, we would like to decrease that \$250/day reimbursement in order to save some money for the Club. One enterprising volunteer found a very acceptable Red Roof Inn not far out of NYC. Rates there are considerably lower, so we would like to reduce the hotel reimbursement to \$150/day (up to two nights if two days are worked). It is also important to recognize that last year, the more distant volunteers (who clearly needed hotel accommodations) each chose to save Club money by sharing a room with another volunteer so each of the reimbursements covered two volunteers and several dogs. We expect the same situation this year.

In addition, we will provide volunteers with a grooming apron to wear at the event and take home as a memento. The aprons have an important purpose at the event; they help visitors to the booth identify the booth volunteers. We have enough aprons left to cover new volunteers and the few that may have lost theirs from the 2025 event, so we expect there will be no expense associated with the aprons.

The PEC will also provide a minimal number of handouts. We have handouts left from last year and will not incur expenses if we do need to reprint some. In addition, we provided coloring pages for kids, plus a very small set of crayons. Again, we have enough coloring pages left from last year. We may have to purchase additional crayons at a total cost of about \$40.

In addition, we handed out business cards that visitors can easily slip into their wallets, The business cards spotlight the Club web URL and Facebook page so visitors can learn more about tollers when they return home. Printing additional cards will cost approximately \$45.

One great addition last year was a supply of stickers designed by Danni Harris. They displayed a toller head and said "I met a toller today" plus included the Club web URL. They were extremely popular. Many people put them on immediately and became walking advertisements for our booth! We will need to print additional stickers at a cost of about \$150.

Lastly, last year we purchased a supply of plastic stand up display holders which we placed on the tables to hold a sheet of QR codes to take people directly to important pages on the website,

beautiful photo collages of tollers participating in performance and conformation events, and other important information. Those are all available to reuse at no cost.

Participants will bring grooming tables, crates, etc. and this year, we will add padded interlocking mat squares (provided by a volunteer) that will allow us to do small demos inside the booth area without endangering our dogs on the slippery floor surface.

Financial Summary

In summary, the AKC stipend should cover reimbursements for volunteer expenses. We project that the additional booth expenses will not exceed \$300, so we are asking that the Board approve an additional \$300 to ensure this will be a successful event for the NSDTRC(US)! Please note that the \$300 request is \$200 less than we requested last year. We want to assure the Board of Directors that our goal over time is to make this a self-sustaining event that relies solely on the AKC stipend.

Specific Board Action Requested:

Approve the proposal to officially participate in the AKC's Meet The Breeds event in New York on February 7 and 8, 2026, approve Mary Palkowski as on-site coordinator, and approve NSDTRC-US expenditures of up to \$300 in addition to the AKC stipend.

Proposal #4: Guidelines for Selecting Nominating Committee Members

Submitted by: Bylaw Review Committee (BRC); Patricia Romeiro, Naz Eisensmith and Michael Kasprick

Proposal Description: The Club does not have any specific guidance on how to select members for the annual nominating committee. The Bylaws under ARTICLE V – CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS Section 4. Nominations and Ballots states the following:

“The Chair and members of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors after November 1 and no later than March 1 each year. The committee shall consist of five (5) members from different areas of the U.S.A. and two (2) alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail.

The Bylaws do not show any criteria for the Board of Directors (BOD) to follow in the selection of the committee. The BRC feels strongly that the BOD should follow guidelines which would aid in the choice of a qualified nominating committee. The BRC proposes the following:

NSDTRC (USA) “Guidelines” for Selecting Nominating Committee Members

*Guidelines are Broad and flexible. They apply to situations, providing a general approach rather than rigid, step-by-step instruction, leaving room for judgment in different situations. They

are Recommendations, not mandates. Guidelines are suggestions or recommendations to follow, not requirements with penalties for non-compliance unlike strict rules or policies. They are a Framework for action. They help establish norms and provide a starting point for decision-making. Guidelines are more informal and leave room for flexibility in different circumstances. They will outline best practices, and highly recommend them, but they are not mandatory but serve as flexible standards or best practices to help achieve a desired outcome. *

The Chair and members of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors after November 1 and no later than March 1 each year. The committee shall consist of five (5) members from different Regions of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) and two (2) alternates, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors.

The solicitation for members of the Nominating Committee shall be conducted by a notice from the Club Secretary sent out to the members via the Regional email lists no later than the Annual Membership Meeting date. The Presiding Chair at the Annual Membership Meeting shall announce the need for members of the Nominating Committee, encourage participation, and stress the importance of unbiased Committee members.

The Board of Directors shall select impartial and diligent members for the Committee, said Committee being essential for fostering a fair, objective, and productive environment for evaluating potential nominees.

Here are recommended qualities to consider for an impartial and diligent Committee member:

- **Unbiased & Fair:** Striving for fair and equal treatment for all, without bias or favoritism based on personal feelings, interests, or relationships. This ensures that all relevant perspectives are considered.
- **Objective:** Basing judgments and decisions on facts, data, and evidence, rather than on emotions or individual opinions.
- **Open-minded:** Being receptive to different perspectives, ideas, and information, even if they challenge existing beliefs or preferences.
- **Critical Thinker & Fact Checker:** Evaluating information and eliminating potential biases to make well-reasoned judgments.
- **Respectful Communicator:** Being able to engage in discussions and express opinions in a non-confrontational and non-judgmental manner, even when disagreeing.
- **Seeks Diverse Input:** Actively looking for and considering different viewpoints from various sources and stakeholders.
- **Self-Aware:** Understanding and acknowledging one's own biases and how they might influence decision-making.
- **Focus on Collective Goals:** Prioritizing the overall welfare and mission of the Club over personal interests or preferences.
- **Prepared:** Reviewing materials and coming to meetings informed and ready to take part constructively.
- **Strong Listener:** Actively listening and understanding the contributions of others.

- **Acceptance of Consensus (and Disagreement):** Being able to accept and uphold the decisions of the Committee, even if personal preferences differ once a decision has been reached through a fair process.
- **Courage & Candor:** Being willing to ask probing questions, challenge assumptions, and express dissenting views respectfully, when necessary, to ensure all angles of an issue are explored.

By embodying these qualities, a Committee member can significantly contribute to effective, unbiased, decision-making and foster a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels heard and valued.

At any time during the Nominating Committee's duties should the Chair of the Nominating Committee be informed of a Committee member's inability to adhere to key qualities of an unbiased Committee member, the said Committee member may be excused and replaced by an alternate member.

Administration: The resulting Guidelines would be included in the NSDTRC (USA) Policy Binder.

Financial Implications: None

Specific Board Action Requested: To approve the Guidelines for Selecting Nominating Committee Members.

Proposal #5: Approve the NSDTRC-NE to hold a concurrent specialty on November 23, 2025
Submitted by: Terri Krause

Proposal Description: The Board of Directors approved the NSDTRC-NE to hold a designated specialty and a concurrent specialty on November 22, 2025 in conjunction with the South Windsor Kennel Club show. They would like to add another designated specialty at the weekend show for Sunday November 23, 2025.

Proposal Justification: The AKC allows specialty clubs to hold multiple specialties in a given year and this additional show fits into the allowable events.

Administration: The Secretary submits a letter of approval to the NSDTRC-NE.

Financial Implications: None

Specific Board Action Requested: To approve the additional specialty for the NSDTRC-NE.

Proposal #6: Approve the Change in Date for the NSDTR Liberty Club MSDA Specialty 2026
Submitted by: Terri Krause

Proposal Description: Approve the NSDTR Liberty Club to hold a specialty on February 28, 2026 at the Maryland Sporting Dog Association dog show.

Proposal Justification: The Board of Directors previously approved this event but the Secretary of the NSDTR Liberty Club provided the incorrect date. This is a change in date only.

Administration: The Secretary submits a letter of approval to the NSDTR Liberty Club.

Financial Implications: None

Specific Board Action Requested: To approve the NSDTR Liberty Club specialty with the correct date of February 28, 2026.

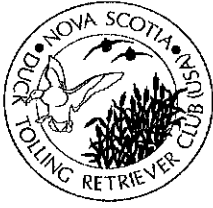
Proposal #7: Application to Hold the 2030 National Specialty
Submitted by: Cindy Hanson
(Please see: Attachment H)

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**Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)
ANNUAL IN PERSON BOD MEETING
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM - GRAY SUMMIT, MO
September 2 – 3, 2025
MINUTES**

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Board Members attending: President Cindy Lindemer, Vice President Annie Garwood, Treasurer Judy Webb, Secretary Terri Krause, Region 1 Director Abby Beaulieu, Region 2 Director Jane Billman, Region 3 Director Cindy Richardson, Region 4 Director, Pat Romeiro, Region 5 Director Amanda Kaiser, Region 6 Director Hillare LaFond, Region 7 Director Travis Massie. 11 members present. [0] Absent

Meeting was called to order by President Cindy Lindemer at 9:35am CST

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 2025 Video/Teleconference Board Meeting

MOTION: C. Lindemer made a motion to approve as written. H. LaFond seconded the motion to approve as written.

APPROVE [11]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion Approved by the Board of Directors.

Director Patricia Romeiro excused herself at 9:44am CST

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Director Patricia Romeiro rejoined the meeting at 1:30pm CST

AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Form a Committee to Seek A Webmaster

MOTION: J. Billman made a motion to amend the proposal to state that the Secretary will send out emails to the regions monthly – Advertising the position and in Quackers as well. Until the position is filled. A. Garwood seconded the motion.

APPROVE [11]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]

ABSTAIN [0]

Motion approved by the Board of Directors

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal #1: Discontinue the production of the Printed Membership Roster

MOTION: H. Lafond made a motion to approve as written. A. Kaiser seconded the motion.

APPROVE [11]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #2: To make all individual awards given out by application only.

MOTION: A. Kaiser made an amendment to proposal #2, to make the Rusty Jones & Club Championship awards to be given out by application only. C. Lindemer seconded the motion.

APPROVE [11]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposal #3: Increase the NSDTRC (USA) MEMBERSHIP DUES

MOTION: C. Lindemer made the motion to increase the NSDTRC (USA) membership Dues to \$35 Single, \$45 Joint, Juniors \$15, Canadian \$38 and Foreign \$51. USD Currency on all. J. Billman seconded the motion.

APPROVE [9]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [2]: J. Webb and H. LaFond.

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion approved by the Board of Directors

Proposal #4: Update Policy #01-04-13 Guidelines for Nominating Committees

MOTION: H. LaFond to approve as written. J. Webb seconded the motion.

APPROVE [1]: P. Romeiro

OPPOSE [9]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

ABSTAIN [1]: J. Billman

Motion was NOT passed by the Board of Directors

Proposal #5: Guidelines for Selecting Nominating Committee Members

MOTION: C. Lindemer made a motion to approve as written. H. LaFond seconded.

APPROVE [1]: P. Romeiro

OPPOSE [10]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion was NOT passed by the Board of Directors

Proposal #6: Backyard Classic 2026: Summer Splash

MOTION: C. Lindemer made a motion to table. J. Webb seconded the motion.

APPROVE [11]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion Approved by the Board of Directors.

Notation: Sent back to the authors for more information and potentially a second concurrent specialty.

Proposal #7: Concurrent Specialty's on June 5, 2026 & June 6, 2026

MOTION: H. LaFond motion to approve as written, C. Lindemer seconded.

APPROVE [0]:

OPPOSE [7]: C.Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, C. Richardson, and H. LaFond.

ABSTAIN [4]: J.Billman, P. Romeiro, A.Kaiser, and T.Massie.

Motion was NOT passed by the Board of Directors

Proposal #8: Board Approval Requested for Liberty NSDTRC events

MOTION: A. Kaiser made a motion to approve as written. H. LaFond seconded the motion.

APPROVE [11]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion Approved by the Board of Directors.

RECESS

MOTION: C. Lindemer moved to recess. J. Billman seconded the motion at 6:25pm CST.

APPROVE [11]: C. Lindemer, A. Garwood, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion Approved by the Board of Directors.

The meeting of the Board of Directors resumed on September 3, 2025

ROLL CALL

C. Lindemer, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie. Absent: A. Garwood.

MOTION: C. Lindemer made a motion to open/ revisit the business section at 2:36 pm CST. H. LaFond seconded the motion.

APPROVE [10]: C. Lindemer, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion Approved by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: To Reopen Proposal #7 made by C. Lindemer, T. Krause seconded the motion.

APPROVE [4] C. Lindemer, T. Krause, J. Billman, P. Romeiro

OPPOSE [6] J. Webb, A. Beaulieu, C. Richardson, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, T. Massie

ABSTAIN [0]

Motion was NOT passed by the Board of Directors

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: C. Lindemer moved to Adjourn the business meeting. J. Webb seconded the motion at 3:05pm CST.

APPROVE [10]: C. Lindemer, J. Webb, T. Krause, A. Beaulieu, J. Billman, C. Richardson, P. Romeiro, A. Kaiser, H. LaFond, and T. Massie.

OPPOSE [0]:

ABSTAIN [0]:

Motion Approved by the Board of Directors.

CONFIDENTIAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: To enter Executive Session at 3:24pm CST
Motion approved by the Board of Directors

MOTION: To appoint Daniela Flores as the Records Chair Assistant
Motion approved by the Board of Directors

MOTION: To adjourn the Executive Session by C. Lindemer and seconded by T. Krause at 7:03pm CST.
Motion approved by the Board of Directors.

NOTE: President's vote was cast for all motions but only counted in the case of a tie.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Krause, Secretary



KMKC Proposal and Contract for Specialty Clubs
Friday – Sunday, June 26-28, 2026)
(Week #26 of the AKC Corresponding Date Table)

The Kettle Moraine Kennel Club ("KMKC") would like you to consider our show site when deciding where to hold your breed's next Specialty Show. If you have attended our All-Breed Shows in the past, you know this is one of the nicest show sites in the country. For purposes of this Proposal and Contract for 2026, BaRay Event Services is the contracted superintendent.

Benefits of joining KMKC:

- Beautiful air-conditioned indoor rings and grooming, expandable with outdoor rings and tenting if desired, and good weather.
- Variety of Performance Events, such as Rally and Obedience (in air-conditioned building), in addition to Dock Diving and Fast CAT venues!
- Eye Clinic, Heart Clinic and Semen Collection offerings (based on required pre-registrations).
- Ability to help select judges for the following days' All-Breed shows.
- Air-conditioned, carpeted rooms for seminars, club meetings, raffles, luncheons and dinners.
- Abundant RV hook-ups.
- Easy access to Milwaukee airport.
- Many quality vendors.
- KMKC Club members who want to make your life as easy, fun, and stress free as possible!

For the 2026 show, we are keeping our fees flat at \$2 per entry for Friday Independent Shows and eliminating all entry fees for Concurrent and Post Show Independent Specialties on Saturday and Sunday. In addition, we will reimburse clubs \$3 per entry for holding Designated Specialties.

OPTIONS AND FEES:

Option 1. FRIDAY INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY

\$2/entry (excluding sweepstakes). If the Specialty Club judge is on the All-Breed panel, KMKC will assume housing expenses normally incurred for a 2-day show. If the judge must arrive a day earlier, the Specialty Club is responsible for one (1) day's housing and meal expenses. The Specialty Club shall separately contract with the judge and is responsible for the judge's fee, the judge's dinner, and transportation on the day of the Specialty.

Specialty Clubs choosing to apply for Back-to-Back Specialties on Friday will be charged \$2/entry for the higher of the two entries (excluding sweepstakes). There will be no additional fee for the lower entry Specialty.

Option 2. SATURDAY EVENING INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY

If a Specialty Club hosts a post-show Independent Specialty on Saturday, they will be charged \$2/entry. The Specialty Club is responsible for hiring their own judge and will assume all related expenses, including judge's fee and Saturday dinner. If the Specialty Club chooses to hire a judge licensed for enough additional breeds to be usable on the Saturday or Sunday panels, and the

KMKC agrees to hire said judge, KMKC will assume regular judging fees for the day(s) the judge is used, and will assume hotel expenses.

Option 3. DESIGNATED SPECIALTY(IES)

If a Specialty Club chooses to designate one or both days as a Designated Specialty, there will be no additional judge's expense, provided the Specialty Club chooses a judge from the existing panel of judges. Specialty Clubs selecting this option must choose a judge who is approved to judge more than their own breed. Specialty Clubs may provide a list of preferred judges to the Show Chair, but there are no guarantees that a judge on that list can be hired. If a Specialty Club prefers to hire a judge outside of the All-Breed panel, they will assume all costs, including judging fee, transportation, and meals. KMKC will reimburse the Specialty Club \$3/entry and provide BOB and BOS rosettes.

KMKC agrees to make available to the Specialty Clubs a list of suggested and contracted judges no later than September 30th of the year preceding the show. Negotiations between the Specialty Club and the KMKC Show Chair may occur at any time prior to this deadline.

Option 4. CONCURRENT SPECIALTY

If a Specialty Club hosts a Specialty Show that is concurrent with the All-Breed shows, there are no fees per entry. Because All-Breed Clubs may host no more than four concurrent specialties during a show weekend, Specialty Clubs choosing to host a Concurrent Specialty must receive prior approval from the All-Breed Club (KMKC). The Specialty Club will be responsible for hiring the judge and will assume all expenses for the day of the show, including hotel, meals and transportation if KMKC does not hire the judge for the weekend All-Breed Shows.

If the KMKC Show Chair agrees to hire the Specialty judge for the weekend All-Breed Shows, KMKC will be pay for three days of hotel, meal and transportation expenses.

Option 5. SUPPORTED ENTRY

No fee. Any Specialty Club desiring to support a class entry at either KMKC All-Breed show must provide a list of the trophies in time to appear in the All-Breed Premium List. Specialty Clubs supporting an entry may provide a list of preferred judges, but KMKC is under no obligation to hire from the list. *Reserved grooming space will be offered to clubs who hold Supported Entries with Sweepstakes.*

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL SPECIALTY CLUBS:

- KMKC is keeping its lowered Bred-By-Exhibitor entry fee, matching the Puppy and Veteran fees. We suggest that all Specialty Clubs use BaRay as their superintendent and offer the same Entry and Sweepstakes fees and distribution formula
- KMKC plans to host Special Attractions such as National Owner-Handler Series (NOHS) & Beginner Puppy (BPUP) competitions on Saturday and Sunday, and Best Bred-By Groups/BIS on Saturday.
- All special ribbons or rosettes (outside of those normally provided by the superintendent) ordered by the Specialty Club will be paid for by the ordering club. KMKC will bill each Specialty Club for any non-standard Superintendent ribbon expenses.
- Specialty Clubs desiring to use an additional room for lunch, meetings, banquets or any other usage will be required to pay a nominal fee based upon size of space, number of people attending and time needs. Space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Due to the expected need for meeting rooms, rooms will be limited to daytime usage of three (3) hours and evening usage of four (4) hours.

- KMKC will be responsible for rooms at our host hotel for any judge that is hired to judge a KMKC show. Please contact the KMKC Judges Hospitality Chair (Andrea Rich) when your Specialty Club identifies its hotel needs.
- Grooming/crating space for any Specialty, KMKC will provide 3 (5' x 8') spaces for a \$75 fee which will be billed to the Specialty Club. The Specialty Club may purchase up to 4 additional 5' x 8' spaces for \$30 per Space. This space will be reserved for the entire weekend, or Specialty Club members may choose to order individual ringside reserved grooming spaces. KMKC reserves the right to reduce the number of spaces available to Specialty Clubs based on total entry of their breed. *This discounted grooming space is available with the Supported Entry option only when Sweepstakes are added .*
- KMKC does not require that Specialty Clubs use KMKC selected Superintendent for all superintending needs, but we strongly encourage all Specialty Clubs to contract for at least the BaRay entry service. Specialty Clubs who are holding Independent and/or Concurrent Specialties who choose BaRay will need to sign a separate contract with BaRay.
- Any Specialty Club using an Independent Secretary to superintend its show must coordinate with both the KMKC Show Chair (Penny Kailing) and Specialty Club Coordinator (Susan Bednar) to determine space requirements and ring locations. Proof of insurance showing BaRay Event Services and KMKC as other Insured needs to be received by the Specialty Club Chair no later than 30 days prior to the show.
- Per Washington County Fair Park requirements, all beverages must be purchased through the Fair Park. The Specialty Club Chair will coordinate beverage purchases for all Specialty Clubs. Specialty Club beverage orders will be ordered once the preliminary counts are posted. Any Fair Park charges to KMKC for beverages will be billed back to the Specialty Club. Any Specialty Club hosting a dinner or pot-luck, must provide the Fair Park with an insurance liability waiver.

KMKC entry fees for 2026 are as follows:

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| First Entry, conformation, obedience, rally: | \$38.00 |
| Puppy, Bred-By-Exhibitor, Veteran Classes: | \$28.00 |
| Additional entry for the same dog: | \$28.00 |
| Junior Showmanship, only | \$15.00 |
| Junior Showmanship as additional entry | \$10.00 |
| Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes: | \$25.00 |
| FSS Open Show | \$30.00 |
| Obedience or Rally as a first Entry | \$38.00 |
| Obedience or Rally Novice A first Entry | \$30.00 |
| Obedience or Rally Additional Entry | \$28.00 |
| 4-6 Beginner Puppy | \$28.00 |

Due to space restrictions KMKC will provide two (2) Ringside Tables for Specialty Clubs for Trophies and Rosettes. Specialties are allowed to set-up trophies one (1) hour before judging time.

NO Club Raffles may be set-up Ringside. Please coordinate with the KMKC Specialty Club Chair for space allocation.

Deadlines

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| KMKC provides suggested and contracted judge list | September 30 |
| Specialty contract returned to KMKC | November 1 |
| KMKC notified of judge selections | November 1 |
| KMKC provides AKC consents to Specialty Club | November 15 |
| Specialty Club applies for AKC approvals to hold events | November 30 |
| Trophy, Rosettes, and Premium information sent to KMKC | December 15 |
| Specialty Club provides list of suggested judges for future shows to KMKC | January 31 |
| Specialty Club finalizes show requirements with KMKC | June 1 |
| Specialty Club with Independent Secretary provides insurance certificate naming KMKC and Superintendent as other insured | June 1 |
| Specialty Club hosting dinner or potluck provides insurance waiver to KMKC | June 1 |
| Specialty Club provides beverage order to KMKC | 1 week after counts posted |

2026 SPECIALTY CLUB CONTRACT

I, (your name): _____
 as representative for the 2026 Specialty Club Contract for Specialty Club:

 (Specialty Club Name)

Specialty Club agrees to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and agrees to hold a Specialty Show and/or Supported Entry on the identified date(s) in conjunction with the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club All-Breed Show, and we (Specialty Club) will select the option(s) identified below as associated with these dates. (Please note same day back-to-back shows as Show 1 or Show 2.)

| Option Choices | | | | |
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| Option 1. FRIDAY INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY | Option 2. SATURDAY EVENING INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY | Option 3. SPECIALTY CLUB DESIGNATES THE CLASS ENTRY AT ONE OR BOTH ALL-BREED SHOWS AS THEIR SPECIALTY | Option 4. SPECIALTY SHOW IS CONCURRENT WITH THE ALL-BREED SHOW(S) | Option 5. SUPPORTED ENTRY FOR SATURDAY OR SUNDAY ALL-BREED SHOW |

Event Options: Preferred Location: Pavilion _____ Ziegler _____

Friday 6/26/26 - Show #1 Option# _____ Sweepstakes? Yes _____ No _____

Friday 6/26/26 - Show #2 Option# _____ Sweepstakes? Yes _____ No _____

Saturday - 6/27/26 Option# _____ Sweepstakes? Yes _____ No _____

Sunday - 6/28/26 Option# _____ Sweepstakes? Yes _____ No _____

Reserved Grooming/Crating Space. Please select one by checking below:

_____ Require 3 (5'x8') reserved club grooming/crating space for the weekend \$75.
 Require additional _____ of 5'x8' grooming/ crating space (up to 4 additional) \$30 each.

_____ Decline reserved club grooming/crating space for the weekend.

Show Requirements (To be finalized with KMKC by June 1): Please note, if available rooms are rented for the nominal cost of \$25, for 4 hours.

Meeting Room Needed? _____ Number of people expected to attend: _____

Date Needed: _____ Time: _____

If you are hosting dinner or potluck on site, the Fair Park requires an insurance liability waiver.

Specialty Club Show Contact:

(Name): _____ E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Specialty Club Treasurer

(Name): _____ E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

The undersigned have hereby agreed to the terms and conditions above.

Specialty Club

Printed Name: _____

Dated: _____

KMKC

Printed Name: _____

Dated: _____

Please return TWO copies of this form to: Susan Bednar
KMKC Specialty Club Coordinator
7170 N Seneca Avenue
Glendale, WI 53217
(414) 379-6956
kmkc.secretary@gmail.com

One complete copy will be returned to the Specialty Club:

Name and address of the person to whom the copy should be returned:

Name: _____

Address: _____

NSDTRC (USA)

**Specialty Shows
Guidelines**

PART 1
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1. Introduction

The principle mission of the NSDTRC (USA) (hereinafter referred to as “NSDTRC (USA) or “the Club”) is to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever breed and to encourage sportsman-like competition at dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, hunt tests, agility trials and any other events in which the breed may participate. The NSDTRC (USA) is to encourage and promote quality in the responsible breeding of purebred Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers and to do all that is possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. The NSDTRC(USA) achieves these purposes by holding activities to promote the exhibition of Tollers in all the dog sports and encourages owners to become ambassadors of the breed.

To this end the Club encourages each Club region to hold a Supported Entry in conjunction with an All-Breed Conformation show. The Club’s premier event is its National Specialty which is sponsored by each Club Region on a rotating basis. Members have requested the NSDTRC(USA hold Specialties in addition to Supported Entries and the National.

While Supported Entries are expected to draw only from within a Club Region, a Specialty is expected to attract breeders and exhibitors from within and without a Club Region by providing them an enhanced exhibitor experience in which to present their breeding stock and to see others’ breeding stock. There should be a focus on holding activities in addition to conformation that create the opportunities for quality interactions to happen and opportunities to find the fun. A Specialty is meant to create an opportunity for positive social interactions between Toller owners that are so vital to the development and preservation of the Breed.

A Specialty is much bigger than a Supported Entry and it is considerably smaller and less labor-intensive than the National Specialty. Generally, Specialties should be “upgrades” of well-established supported entries.

Specialties can also provide enhanced opportunities for the Judge’s Education Committee (JEC) to educate judges.

Only Specialty Clubs having met the requirements and sanctioned by the AKC may hold a Specialty of its breed at an All-breed or Group Club event. Therefore, the NSDTRC (USA) must give permission in writing for the club to hold a NSDTRC USA Specialty.

2. **What is a Specialty?**

A specialty show is a show given by a club or association formed for the improvement of any one breed of pure-bred dogs, at which championship points may be awarded to said breed. An understanding of the definitions of the different type of specialities is required in order to understand the applicable AKC rules, regulations and policies. Listed below are the several types of specialties AKC will allow a specialty club to hold, each being more specifically defined in the AKC Rules Pertaining to Dog Shows.

Designated Specialty: A specialty club may designate the regular breed judging at an all-breed or group show as its specialty show. The specialty clubs must submit an event application for the designated specialty. The specialty club does not submit a judges panel, the judge for the breed is submitted as part of the panel of the host club's show. The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold a designated specialty and that permission must be submitted to the AKC. The specialty club may offer sweepstakes and special attractions as part of their designated specialty. No limit on entries for the designated specialty is required. There is no limit on the number of designated specialties that may be held at a host club's show.

Concurrent Specialty: A specialty club may offer an **independent** specialty on the same date and at the same site as an all-breed or group show. Specialty clubs must submit an event application and a judges panel for the concurrent specialty. The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold a concurrent specialty and that permission must be submitted to the AKC. The specialty club may offer sweepstakes and special attractions as part of their concurrent specialty. There is a limit of one hundred (100) total entries per ring per judge per day for the concurrent specialty. The limit includes any entries in sweepstakes or special attractions held in conjunction with the concurrent specialty. There is a limit of one hundred (100) total entries per ring per judge per day for the breed judging in the host show. The limit includes any entries in sweepstakes or special attractions held in conjunction with the breed judging in the host show. The breed judging at either the all-breed show or the concurrent specialty may occur first, but the scheduling must accommodate Group judging. This includes regular judging, sweepstakes, and special attractions. The judging in the concurrent specialty must not be stopped to accommodate entries that are participating in other competition. If a conflict occurs, the exhibitor must choose which competition they want to participate in.

Evening Specialty: A specialty club may offer an evening specialty on the same date and at the same site as an all-breed or group show. Specialty clubs must submit an event application and a judges panel for the evening specialty. The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold an evening specialty and that permission must be submitted to the AKC. The specialty club may offer sweepstakes or special attractions as part of their evening specialty. There is a limit of fifty (50) total entries per ring, per judge for all AKC competitions, provided the rings are run concurrently for the evening specialty. Judging for the evening specialty cannot begin until thirty (30) minutes after

the completion of the best in show judging (or group judging at a group show) at the host club show.

Independent Specialty. A specialty club may offer an independent (stand alone) specialty. The Independent specialty box on the AKC show application should be checked if there is no all-breed or group club offering competition for the specialty's breed on the same date and at the same site. Specialty clubs must submit an event application and a judges panel for the independent specialty. Note: there are times that All-Breed clubs allow independent specialties on grounds they rented prior to the day of their show. In those cases, you need permission from the All-Breed host club to hold your independent specialty and the arrangement will be similar to a Concurrent specialty.

National Specialty Each AKC Breed Parent Specialty Club shall have one designated Parent Club National Specialty show per year. All others shall be termed a Parent Club Specialty show. This guidance document does not apply to the National Specialty.

For further reading see:

AKC Rules pertaining to dog shows Chapter 2
<https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RREGS3.pdf>

AKC Dog show policies. There are policies that apply to Concurrent, Evening, and Specialty show. Here is the link to the list of policies pertaining to Dog Shows:
<https://www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual/policy-manual-shows/>

3. **Proposal to Hold a Specialty Format**

For Specialties other than a National Specialty, NSDTRC members may submit a proposal to the Secretary requesting Board approval to hold a NSDTRC Specialty. The proposal shall be in the format described in the Guidelines for Submitting Proposals to the NSDTRC (USA) Board.

Proposal Format: Electronic format, WORD or rtf format preferred. Times New Roman font in 12pt. Avoid special indents or other formatting.

Proposal Organization: All proposals should include the following sections – please use this checklist as you prepare your proposal:

- a. **Proposal Title.** The Proposal Title should read: “Proposal to hold a [Type] Specialty.”
- b. **Committee.**
 - i. **Chair.** State the name, address and contact information for the Specialty Committee and Club Specialty Committee Chair(s)
 - ii. **Committee Names.** Set for the names address and contact information of at least four (4) NSDTRC members that have committed to be on the show committee. All members of the Committee must be NSDTRC members. The committee chair, or at least one of the committee members will have been on the committee for a NSDTRC(USA) Supported Entry or Specialty committee in the past. If a member who has never served on a NSDTRC(USA) Supported Entry or Specialty committee wishes to apply to hold or chair a Specialty, they must demonstrate their competency in conformation and events planning in the proposal.
- c. **Proposal Justification.** This section should explain how the proposed specialty show meets the criteria to be a specialty instead of a supported entry.
 - i. **Location.** Set forth the proposed location, the history of prior Toller events at that location, and the reason why the location has been chosen by the Committee. When selecting a location for the show, keep in mind the following preferences. First preference should be given to a host club that has hosted Tollers before. Multi day cluster are preferred. Well established premium show- examples include Grey’s Lake, Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Louisville Cluster, New Castle etc. are preferred. Preferred that is the show is located in an area with a large Toller population (pet homes and performance homes) as demonstrated in AKC records. You can obtain this information from AKC or from club records.
 - ii. **History of the Event/General Interest.** Because a Specialty should not be held unless a large entry will be present, it is imperative that the

membership in the entire NSDTRC Region, and others be supportive of the application process and planning of the show in order to ascertain if there is enough interest and support for a Specialty. This should be ascertained prior to making an application. Although not required, it is encouraged to consider all-breed/group club shows that offer other activities in association with their conformation show because of the versatile nature of the Toller.

iii. **Proximity to National Specialty:** The location of the show and the time before or after the National will be taken into consideration by the Board when granting or denying the proposal. The application should state the number of days and the miles between the proposed Specialty and that year's National. **A specialty will not be granted if the show date is 30 days before or after the National.**

iv. **Past Attendance.**

(1) A Specialty show confers the honorific of BISS on Best of Breed and therefore the proposal should demonstrate a high concentration of Tollers in the proposed location to help ensure appropriate attendance. This information can be obtained from the Events Chair who obtains it from records of prior event and statistics from the AKC. States with sparse Toller populations should continue to hold Supported Entries until they build participation and population in the area.

(2) The proposal should explain why enhanced attendance is expected. For example, the proposal may include a chart of the past performance of the event.

(3) The proposal must demonstrate the events wishing to become specialties have a track record of 4-point majors in dogs and bitches for two (2) the last three (3) years prior to the proposed event.

(4) The committee can provide a survey of individual exhibitors that are likely to come to the show or a written plan that demonstrates that there will be at least 4 point majors in dogs and bitches if the host show is a new location.

d. **Selection of Judges.** Designated, Concurrent and many Independent Specialties are normally held in conjunction with all-breed shows or clusters for cost sharing purposes. The Specialty Show Committee is permitted to suggest to the All-Breed club that names of judges that are economically feasible and are appropriate for the breed rather. Other than location, the selection of the judge is critically important for the success of the event. If a judge is overused or recently awarded a best of breed to a committee member, local breeder, or local dog, that can

severely affect the entry at the show.

- i. It is preferred you choose the judge rather than the host club. To get the judge of your choice, you will need to propose judge's names to the host club at least one or two years in advance. Between two and five years in advance is optimal.
- ii. Suggestions to minimize expenses include using judges that only charge a "per dog" fee with no reimbursement for travel & lodging expenses, judges that will be in the area for other events and will judge for as reasonable a "Flat Fee," or judges that will be used on the panel of accompanying shows and will have not travel expenses associated with the Specialty.
- iii. Our Club will have to pick up the expense of the judge if the host club cannot get the judge we want or they are not on the host club panel. In that case, you should negotiate a consideration on the payment per entry from the host club if we are paying for the judge. Example, if the host club will give you \$3.00 back per dog normally, if you pay for the judge ask to be given \$5.00 back per dog. Note: if you are hiring the judge the Host Club still does the contract with the judge. The only time you will have to directly contract with the judge is if it is an Independent or Concurrent Specialty.

iv. Requirements for Judge Selection

- (1) Your proposal to hold the Specialty must indicate whether you will have input on the selection of the judges or if you will be responsible for selection the judge at the proposed specialty.
- (2) When selecting a judge from a host club's panel, the judge should have previous experience judging a large entry (15 or more) of Tollers.
- (3) The judge chosen shall not have judged Tollers within 500 miles and within 6 months of the proposed event. The 6 month exclusion applies only to the breed judging not group judging. This requirement must be in the contract with the judge. (Host club must include the 6 month and 500 miles exclusion in their contract with the judge).
- (4) The Specialty Show Committee does not need to follow the membership nomination procedure used to pick judges for the NSDTRC national speciality.

- e. Amenities.** The proposal to hold a Speciality should indicate any amenities offered by the Host Club. Below is a list of typical amenities a Show Committee should expect or could negotiate.
- i.** Ring. If the specialty is being held as part of a Multi day cluster then ask for the same ring each day.
 - ii.** Ring time: Ask for a mid morning or later start time to allow for travel time to save members extra hotel expenses.
 - iii.** Grooming space. Ask for guaranteed reserved grooming area. Negotiate the amount of space for the entry you expect keeping in mind some dogs will choose to be located with a professional handler or in a multi breed area. The optimal amount of space per dog is 10 square feet per dog (includes the isle).
 - iv.** Electric Service: Check with the host club or venue if electric is available. There could be a charge for electric and if it there is you may want to offer reserved grooming space for a certain dollar amount to defray the cost and minimize duplication and expense.
 - v.** Group Parking. Many outdoor shows offer Specialties group parking, sometimes near the ring. Assumptions to use for parking space needed- assume 1 car per every two entries.
 - vi.** Tent. Many outdoor shows offer Specialties tents, tables, and chairs. There is usually an additional cost.
 - vii.** Rosettes and Ribbons. The proposal should indicate who will bear the cost for Ribbons and/or Rosettes. (See the NSDTRC Show manual for tips concerning the ordering to Rosettes.
 - viii.** Financial incentives. Many clubs will offer a rebate per entry in the Breed Competition.

- ix. **Catalog ad.** Many clubs offer a Free single page of advertising in the Catalog for Breed Club. This ad could be sold or auctioned to attendees.
 - f. **Sweeps and Non Regular Classes.** The proposal should specify if the Committee intends to offer Puppy Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, and if any non-regular classes in Breed, which non-regular classes. The proposal should state whether they have permission from the All-Breed club to hold Sweeps, Veteran Sweeps, and non-regular classes.
 - g. **Financial Implications.** Specialty applications should demonstrate the event will be financially self-sufficient. The proposal should explain any financial incentives inuring to the benefit of the club and contain the plan to keep the event cost neutral to the club.
 - h. **Contracts.** The proposal must acknowledge that the Committee agrees to and will submit all contracts to the Board through the Treasurer and the Events Chair for review prior to signature.
 - i. **Accounting.** The proposal must acknowledge that the Committee will work with the Treasurer on a rolling basis in the format determined by the Treasurer to provide an accounting of the event.
4. **Specific Board Action Requested.** Conclude your proposal with a specific request for Board Action. Do you want the Board to approve a Designated Specialty to be held on ___date in conjunction with the XYZ All-Breed Club? Do you want the Board to approve a Independent Specialty to be held on ___date in conjunction with the XYZ All-Breed Club?
5. **Approval Process.**
 The proposal must be submitted to the Events Chair and Regional Director(s) 30 days prior to submission to the Board. If the proposed show location is in an AKC Division that spans two or more NSDTRC Regions, the proposal shall be submitted at least 30 days in advance to the Regional Directors for each Region comprising the AKC Division. For example, a show in Pennsylvania is in Club Region 7 but the AKC Division includes New York, which is in Club Region 1 so both Region 1 and Region 7 Directors should be provided an advance copy. This gives the Regional Directors and Events Chair the opportunity to help the Committee with the contents of their proposal and to advise the Committee of any direct conflicts with other events in the Regions effected.
- The proposal should state the date the application was submitted to the Regional Director and Events Chair and the date it was submitted to the Board.
 After 30 days notice to the Event Chair and Regional Director, the proposal should be submitted to the Club Secretary to be placed on the next Board Agenda.
6. **Deadlines for Submission of the Application.** In addition to the 30 days notice to the Events Chair and Regional Director(s) and allowing at least 30 days for the proposal to get on to a Board Agenda and be reviewed, the proposal to hold a Specialty must be

submitted well enough in advance of the event date to meet the AKC time lines for Show Events, as they may be amended from time to time. Currently, the AKC deadline for Show/Trial applications is 5 months in advance of the date.

Members are encouraged to plan Specialty shows at least two years in advance. Applications submitted less than 1 year from the date of the proposed Specialty show may not be approved given the amount of planning and advertising necessary to attract enough Tollers to the show and obtain appropriate input into the judge selection.

7. **Recurring Approval of a Specialty.** Approval to hold a Specialty in one year does not guarantee approval in the next year. If a Specialty does not demonstrate enhanced attendance and at least, the same requirements of 4-point majors in both sexes, then a Specialty may be declined and a Supported Entry approved instead.

8. **Board Action.** The approval or denial, or request for clarification of the proposal will be issued by the Secretary to the Committee Chair(s).

9. **Post Approval Reporting Requirements.**

a. **Show Report**

A show report must be sent the Board within seven days of the specialty. If applicable, the show report must describe any event hearing or occurrence that might cause a complaint to the AKC or to the NSDTRC(USA).

A copy of the Premium and the pages of the Catalog (marked or unmarked) pertaining to Toller's must be sent to the Events Chair.

A copy of the Catalogue is to be sent to the Historian.

A copy of the Marked Catalogue is to be sent to the Records Chair to record the honorifics.

b. **Accounting.** An accounting of the event shall be submitted to the Treasurer within 14 days of the event and finalized within 30 days of the event.

10. Conclusion

A Specialty is bigger than a Supported Entry and it is considerably smaller and less labor-intensive than the National Specialty. The representing Specialty shall protect and advance the interests of the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever breed and encourage sportsman-like competition at any event in which the breed participates and encourages owners and their dogs to become ambassadors of the breed through education and action.

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Proposal To Hold A Specialty [#19]

Subject: Proposal To Hold A Specialty [#19]

From: "Wufoo" <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Date: 7/31/2025, 10:27 AM

To: Events@nsdtrc-usa.org, Secretary@nsdtrc-usa.org, Treasurer@nsdtrc-usa.org, president@nsdtrc-usa.org, vp@nsdtrc-usa.org, webmaster@nsdtrc-usa.org

1. What type of Specialty are you proposing? *
Concurrent
2. Date of proposed Show: *
Friday, June 5, 2026
3. Name, if any, of Host Club: *
Wichita Kennel Club
4. Location of proposed Show: *
 Kansas State Fair Grounds - 2000 North Poplar Street
Hutchinson, Kansas 67502
United States
5. Specialty Committee Chair: *
Taylor Vanderloo
6. Address *
 965 North 190th Rd
Minneapolis, Kansas 67467
United States
7. Email *
Taylor079@gmail.com
8. Phone Number *
(785) 577-4829
9. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *
2025 National Specialty Raffle Chair
2023 Sunflower Classic Field Chair Region 5 Hunt test
10. Specialty Committee Treasurer (must be different than Chair):
Clindy Hanson
11. Address *
 1069 Talley Loop
Buda, Texas 78610
United States
12. Email *
cmhanson59@gmail.com
13. Phone Number *
(512) 585-6210
14. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *
2021, 2022 Texas Toller Two Step Secretary
2023, 2024, 2025 Secretary/Treasurer Texas Toller Two Step
2025 National Specialty Committee - Hospitality/Banquet Chair
15. Please provide the names & contact information for 2 additional Committee Members.
Committee Member #1: *
Daniela Flores
16. Address *
 3435 NE Happy Hollow Rd
Topeka, Kansas 66617
United States
17. Email *
Dvflores791@gmail.com
18. Phone Number *
(763) 772-4245
19. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *
Hospitality Chair-2021 National Specialty
Treasurer-Region 6 Supported Entry 12/12/24
Awards Chair-Region 5 Supported Entry 6/8/24
Treasurer-Region 5 Hunt Test 6/9/24
Obedience Committee, Awards Chair 2025 National Specialty
20. Committee Member #2: *
Wendy Shumway
21. Address *
 2385 Forest St.
Denver, Colorado 80207
United States
22. Email *
wshumwa@gmail.com
23. Phone Number *
(303) 618-8589
24. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. *
2019 National Specialty Hunt Test Secretary
2021 National Specialty Event Chair
2024 Sunflower Classic Club Hunt Test
2021 BYC- Banquet Chair Secretary
2014 & 2015 Region 5 Club Hunt Test
25. Location: Please state the proposed location for this event and list the history of prior Toller events at this location and why this location has been chosen by the Committee. *
We have chosen this location as historically it has been the Sunflower Classic Supported Entry since 2016 and has drawn a good attendance. We always have a "toller trash party" at the campers in the evening that we invite everyone too and it is always big hit! I personally meet someone new every year and it's become fun tradition.
26. Explain why the location will result in enough interest and support of the Membership to warrant a Specialty. *

Proposal To Hold A Specialty [#19]

Hutchinson KS is right in the middle of the United States. This show-Sunflower Classic has been a Supported Entry since 2016 and has pulled really good numbers in the past! We have been told multiple times by many members to make this a specialty so we are DOING IT!! This last year even though it wasn't a supported entry we still pulled people from Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Missouri and Tennessee. We also have multiple other club members that have also reached out and are willing to help with anything we need to make this happen!

27. How many days before or after the National Specialty is the proposed event? * 99

28. Explain why enhanced attendance is expected. *

This show offer's so much for our Toller Community! They have Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Dock Diving and adding Fast Cat in 2026. This show offer's 4 days of All Breed showing, with 2 of the 4 days in 2026 will offer B-Pup! They have multiple health clinics to offer, eye, heart and orthopedic. We will also be submitting a Club Hunt test for Sunday, like we previously did in 2024. We hope with approval to offer 2 concurrent specialties and a hunt test will bring in a lot more people!

29. List the past entry in dogs and bitches at the show for the last 3 years. Due to Covid, you can skip the year 2020. Year: *

30. Total # of Entries: * 20

31. # of Class Dogs * 4

32. # of Class Bitches * 3

33. Year: * 2024

34. Total # of Entries * 26

35. # of Class Dogs * 6

36. # of Class Bitches * 9

37. Year: * 2023

38. Total # of Entries * 17

39. # of Class Dogs * 4

40. # of Class Bitches * 4


41. Will you have input into the selection of the Judge? * Yes

42. The Host Club will provide the following (check all that apply): * Ribbons

43. If the Host Club is not providing Ribbons or Rosettes, who will pay for them?

We will do fundraising to pay for the cost of the Rosettes and also do sponsors for trophies. We also do raffle baskets to help off set expenses.

44. Attach a copy of the offer sheet provided by the Host Club. This will include the financial incentives and may be a simple email statement from the Host Club Show Chair. *

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45. Check which Non Regular Classes will be approved and offered:

- Hunting Retriever
- Working Retriever
- Veterans

46. Explain any financial incentives inuring to the benefit of the Club and describe the plan to keep the event cost neutral to the Club. *

The Wichita Kennel Club will not keep any of our profits. The only fee's we will have to pay is Onofrio and AKC and that will come out of the entry fee. Wichita Kennel club will provide us a Judge for free from their panel.

47. Please select: The Committee understands and agrees to and will submit all contracts to the Board through the Secretary and Events Chair for review prior to signature. *

Yes

48. Please select: The Committee understands and agrees to work with the Treasurer on a rolling basis in the format determined by the Treasurer to provide an accounting of the event. *

Yes

49. Host Hotel (if any):

We will not have a host hotel but Hutchison has many Airbnb's and when the Premium comes out they always list Host Hotels. They also have full RV hook ups in a nice area by the show site.

51. Specific Board Action Requested: *

Approve a Concurrent Specialty to be held on the date listed in Question 2 in conjunction with the Host Club listed in Question 3.

52. Date notified Events Chair: *

Thursday, July 31, 2025

53. Date notified the Regional Director(s): *

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

54. Date submitted to the Secretary for approval: *

Thursday, July 31, 2025

55. Name of the person responsible for submission of the show report within 7 days after the event: *

Taylor Vanderloo

Proposal To Hold A Specialty [#20]

Subject: Proposal To Hold A Specialty [#20]
 From: "Wufoo" <no-reply@wufoo.com>
 Date: 7/31/2025, 10:27 AM
 To: Events@nsdtrc-usa.org, Secretary@nsdtrc-usa.org, Treasurer@nsdtrc-usa.org, president@nsdtrc-usa.org, vp@nsdtrc-usa.org, webmaster@nsdtrc-usa.org

1. What type of Specialty are you proposing? * **Concurrent**
2. Date of proposed Show: * **Saturday, June 6, 2026**
3. Name, if any, of Host Club: * **Hutchinson Kennel Club**
4. Location of proposed Show: * **Kansas State Fair Grounds-- 2000 North Poplar Street
Hutchinson, Kansas 67502
United States**
5. Specialty Committee Chair: * **Taylor Vandarloo**
6. Address * **965 North 190th Rd
Minneapolis, Kansas 67467
United States**
7. Email * **taylor079@gmail.com**
8. Phone Number * **(785) 577-4829**
9. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. * **2025 National Specialty Raffle Chair
2023 Sunflower Classic Field Chair Region 5 Hunt test**
10. Specialty Committee Treasurer (must be different than Chair): * **Cindy Hanson**
11. Address * **1069 Talley Loop
Buda, Texas 78610
United States**
12. Email * **cmhanson59@gmail.com**
13. Phone Number * **(512) 585-6210**
14. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. * **2021, 2022 Texas Toller Two Step Secretary
2023, 2024, 2025 Secretary/Treasurer Texas Toller Two Step
2025 National Specialty Committee- Hospitality/Banquet Chair**
15. Please provide the names & contact information for 2 additional Committee Members. Committee Member #1: * **Daniela Flores**
16. Address * **3435 NE Happy Hollow Rd
Topeka, Kansas 66617
United States**
17. Email * **Dvflores291@gmail.com**
18. Phone Number * **(763) 772-4245**
19. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. * **Hospitality Chair--2021 National Specialty
Treasurer--Region 6 Supported Entry 12/12/24
Awards Chair--Region 5 Supported Entry 6/8/24
Treasurer--Region 5 Hunt Test 6/9/24
Obedience Committee, Awards Chair 2025 National Specialty**
20. Committee Member #2: * **Wendy Shumway**
21. Address * **2385 Forest St.
Denver, Colorado 80207
United States**
22. Email * **wshumwa@gmail.com**
23. Phone Number * **(303) 618-8689**
24. Name(s) and date(s) of NSDTRC (USA) Event Committees served on in the past. State positions held. * **2019 National Specialty Hunt Test Secretary
2021 National Specialty Event Chair
2024 Sunflower Classic Club Hunt Test
2021 BYC- Banquet Chair Secretary
2014 & 2015 Region 5 Club Hunt Test**
25. Location: Please state the proposed location for this event and list the history of prior Toller events at this location and why this location has been chosen by the Committee. * **We have chosen this location as historically it has been the Sunflower Classic Supported Entry since 2016 and has drawn a good attendance. We always have a "toller trash party" at the campers in the evening that we invite everyone too and it is always big hit! I personally meet someone new every year and it's become fun tradition.**
26. Explain why the location will result in enough interest and support of the Membership to warrant a Specialty. *

Proposal To Hold A Specialty [#20]

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27. How many days before or after the National Specialty is the proposed event? * 100

28. Explain why enhanced attendance is expected. *

This show offer's so much for our Toller Community! They have Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Dock Diving and adding Fast Cat in 2026. This show offer's 4 days of All Breed showing, with 2 of the 4 days in 2026 will offer B-Pup! They have multiple health clinics to offer, eye, heart and orthopedic. We will also be submitting a Club Hunt test for Sunday, like we previously did in 2024. We hope with approval to offer 2 concurrent specialties and a hunt test will bring in a lot more people!

29. List the past entry in dogs and bitches at the show for the last 3 years. Due to Covid, you can skip the year 2020.
Year: *

30. Total # of Entries: * 23

31. # of Class Dogs * 5

32. # of Class Bitches * 4

33. Year: * 2024

34. Total # of Entries * 30

35. # of Class Dogs * 7

36. # of Class Bitches * 9

37. Year: * 2023

38. Total # of Entries * 17

39. # of Class Dogs * 4


40. # of Class Bitches * 4

41. Will you have input into the selection of the Judge? * Yes

42. The Host Club will provide the following (check all that apply): * Ribbons

43. If the Host Club is not providing Ribbons or Rosettes, who will pay for them? We will do fundraising to pay for the cost of the Rosettes and also do sponsors for trophies. We also do raffle baskets to help offset expenses.

44. Attach a copy of the offer sheet provided by the Host Club. This will include the financial incentives and may be a simple email statement from the Host Club Show Chair. *

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45. Check which Non Regular Classes will be approved and offered:

- Puppy Sweeps
- Mature Puppy Sweeps
- Veteran Sweeps
- Hunting Retriever
- Working Retriever
- Veterans

46. Explain any financial incentives inuring to the benefit of the Club and describe the plan to keep the event cost neutral to the Club. *

The Hutchinson Kennel Club will not keep any of our profits. The only fee's we will have to pay is Onofrio and AKC and that will come out of the entry fee. We will have to pay to bring a Judge in for this show but already have a sponsor that has stepped up and is willing to cover the expenses.

47. Please select: The Committee understands and agrees to and will submit all contracts to the Board through the Secretary and Events Chair for review prior to signature. * Yes

48. Please select: The Committee understands and agrees to work with the Treasurer on a rolling basis in the format determined by the Treasurer to provide an accounting of the event. * Yes

49. Host Hotel (if any):

We will not have a host hotel but Hutchison has many Airbnb's and when the Premium comes out they always list Host Hotels. They also have full RV hook ups in a nice area by the show site.

51. Specific Board Action Requested: *

Approve a Concurrent Specialty to be held on the date listed in Question 2 in conjunction with the Host Club listed in Question 3.

52. Date notified Events Chair: *

Thursday, July 31, 2025

53. Date notified the Regional Director(s): *

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

54. Date submitted to the Secretary for approval: *

Thursday, July 31, 2025

Proposal To Hold A Specialty [#20]

S5. Name of the person responsible for submission of the show report within 7 days after the event: * Taylor Vanderloo

The Sunflower Cluster Specialty Agreement

The Agreement

No agreement will be honored by Sunflower Cluster Dog Shows if a signed Specialty Agreement Form is not returned to the Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair at least six months prior to the date of the Specialty.

The agreement must be signed by a representative of the Breed Club who is authorized by the Breed Club to do so. The Sunflower Cluster will hold the Breed Club responsible for any unauthorized Breed Club member who signs and submits the agreement.

The terms must be followed in order for Breed Club to receive reimbursements. Exceptions must be approved in writing by the Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair and the three Show Chairs.

Club Contacts

Official Breed Club contacts for the purpose of this agreement are:

- Club Officers
- Breed Club Show Chair
- Person named as a contact by the Breed Club president on Breed Club letterhead

The Breed Club must provide the name, address, phone number and e-mail address (or fax number) of the official club contact for the event. The Breed Club is responsible for updating this information as necessary through the Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair.

The following contacts will be furnished to the Breed Club:

- Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair
- Sunflower Cluster Coordinator
- Show Photographer
- Judges Liaison
- Official Show Sponsor
- Cluster Seminar Chairman

Judges

If the Breed Club opts to provide a judge of their own choosing, the Breed Club must provide information about the chosen Judge at least six months prior to the date of the show. Failure to submit the Judge's information does not void the agreement between the Sunflower Cluster and the Breed Club.

If the Breed Club opts to use one of the judges on the judging panel for the Sunflower Cluster shows, the Sunflower Cluster will hire judges on the good faith assumption that the Breed Club still intends to hold a Specialty and will contract with a judge based on the number of entries a Specialty is likely to draw. The Cluster will provide a list of the judges that are available for judging the Specialty no later than seven months prior to the date of the Specialty. The Breed Club must notify the Cluster which judge they have chosen no later than six months prior to the event.

The Cluster will reserve a block of rooms for all judges at a suitable local hotel and will arrange for transportation from the hotel to the show site on Thursday. It is the Breed Club's responsibility to arrange transportation of the judge from the show site to the hotel after the Thursday Specialty.

Sunflower Cluster Specialty Agreement Form

The

Breed Club Name _____

will hold a specialty with the Sunflower Cluster's April _____ show

We agree to all of the terms of the Sunflower Cluster's Specialty Agreement dated March 2014

Signature of Breed Club officer: _____ Dated: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Alternate contact's name: _____

Alternate contact's address: _____

Alternate contact's City, State, Zip: _____

Alternate contact's Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

This agreement must be signed by a club officer authorized by the Breed Club to enter into this contract. By signing this contract, the signor does agree that he or she does have the Breed Club's authority to enter into this agreement

Please forward the completed agreement to:

Treva Faires
Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair
1291 W Honeysuckle Lane
Chandler, AZ 85248

You will receive written confirmation and a signed copy of this agreement by return mail.

Signature of Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair: _____ Date: _____

The Judge's Liaison for the Cluster handles all correspondence with the judges relating to hotel and travel plans and will forward a copy of such plans to the Breed Club Show Chair.

Judges Fees and Expenses

If a Breed Club holding a Specialty selects a judge of their choice who is licensed to judge only one breed, the Breed Club will pay all judge's fees and expenses.

If a Breed Club holding a Specialty permits the Cluster to select any judge approved for their breed, the Sunflower Cluster will pay all of the judge's fees and expenses.

Per Dog Monetary Incentive

If a Breed Club holding a Specialty selects a judge of their choice who is licensed to judge only one breed, the Sunflower Cluster will pay the Breed Club \$4.00 per dog entered in the Specialty.

If a Breed Club holding a Specialty permits the Cluster to select any judge approved for their breed, the Sunflower Cluster will pay the Breed Club \$3.00 per dog entered in the Specialty.

Payment of the above monetary incentives will be made within 30 days of the end of the Cluster shows. The payment will be sent to the Breed Club signor of this agreement unless otherwise requested in writing. Other expenses that are charged to the Breed Club as described elsewhere in this agreement (ad charges, ribbon upgrades, etc.) will be deducted from the payment.

Sweepstakes in Conjunction with a Specialty

If the Breed Club opts to hold a Sweepstakes or other non-regular class (veterans, etc.) the Breed Club must submit the request to hold a sweepstakes in conjunction with the Sunflower Cluster event to the AKC in accordance with AKC regulations. A copy of the information along with the name and address of the sweepstakes judge must be submitted to the Cluster no later than six months prior to the date of the event. If the information is not submitted by this date, it will be totally at the Sunflower Cluster's discretion if you may hold the sweepstakes.

A Breed Club wishing to hold a sweepstakes or other non-regular class shall be responsible for securing the necessary judge(s) for such event(s). The Breed Club will be responsible for all judge fees and expenses.

Sweepstakes and/or special event judges are guests of the Breed Club. Therefore, meals the day of the show are at the expense of the Breed Club and arrangements for such should be made in advance by the Breed Club.

The Sunflower Cluster can make arrangements for a sweepstakes judge or special event judge at the host hotel. The reservation request must be made five months in advance of the show date and granting the request will be based on room availability. The sweepstakes/special event judge is responsible for paying for the room. No sweepstakes/special event judge may charge his or her room to the Sunflower Cluster's hotel bill.

Awards

The Breed Club may provide trophies, cash prizes or "vendor bucks" for other awards at the discretion of the Breed Club.

The awards must be described according to AKC regulations and **submitted to the Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair by January 1 for the June show.** The Sunflower Cluster will not be held responsible for missing or incorrect information. If a fine is applied by the superintendent due to late submission of this information, the Breed Club will be responsible for payment of this fine.

The Sunflower Cluster is not responsible for ensuring that the trophies are available on the day of the show or maintaining any remaining trophies after the Show. Any trophies not collected within one hour after Best in Show become the property of the Sunflower Cluster.

Ribbons

The Sunflower Cluster will provide rosettes for the Breed Club holding a Specialty show for the following awards:

- Best of Breed or Variety
- Best of Winners
- Winners Dog
- Winners Bitch
- Best of Opposite Sex
- Reserve Winners Dog
- Reserve Winners Bitch

Rosettes will be of a similar size and design as other such rosettes as provided by the Sunflower Cluster for BOB/BOV awards at its shows. The additional cost of any upgrading of rosettes will be charged to the Breed Club.

The Breed Club is responsible for the purchase of any additional rosettes and non-regular ribbons it wishes to award.

Premium List Ad

The Breed Club is entitled to receive half-page advertisement in the premium list for that show at no cost. If the breed club opts to use a full page ad in the premium list, the Breed Club will be charged the Cluster cost of the difference between a half and full page ad. The cost of reproducing any photos in the submitted advertisement copy will be charged to the Breed Club. If the ad is not submitted by the premium list due date, the Breed Club forfeits the right to the ad.

Catalog Ad

The Breed Club may elect to take an advertisement in the catalog at the Cluster cost of approximately \$25.00 per full page. The cost of reproducing any photos in the submitted advertisement copy will be charged to the Breed Club. If the ad copy is not submitted at least three months before the show date, the Breed Club forfeits the right to the reduced-cost ad.

Liability insurance

The Breed Club agrees to provide liability insurance for the day of the Specialty. Proof of insurance must be provided to the Sunflower Cluster no later than three months prior to the date of the Specialty.

Photography

The Breed Club may use their own photographer for the Specialty if the photographer is approved in advance. The photographer's information must be submitted in writing to the Sunflower Cluster Specialty Chair at least six months prior to the event.

CONTRACT

Between

JACK ONOFRIO DOG SHOWS, LLC.

&

NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVER CLUB (USA)

For superintending concurrent specialty shows, with Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C. as the Superintendent of the host club, to be held on **June 5 and 5, 2026** in Hutchinson, Kansas. Entries to close no later than **May 20, 2026**.

SERVICES: The Superintendent will furnish as a base quantity of services: the management of the shows according to American Kennel Club rules and any non-conflicting rules adopted by the Club, and the customary duties of a Superintendent as set forth below, to include furnishing the AKC with a marked catalog and required show reports.

ACCOUNTS: The Superintendent will manage all accounts as follows: the Superintendent will handle all funds and accounts of entry fees to be made payable to Jack Onofrio Dog Shows. An itemized accounting of all funds handled by the Superintendent on behalf of the Club will be furnished to the Club with settlement on the day of the show. Following completion of the show(s) the Superintendent will compile and provide the Club a final accounting of any uncollected checks, uncollected credit/debit cards, refunds, late charges, and any additional production services rendered if applicable. The Club shall have 30 days to remit payment to the Superintendent any fees owed to JODS following receipt of said final accounting.

INTERNET SERVICES: The Superintendent will make available show listing, judges panel, premium list, breed counts, judging schedule, and show results on our web site in a timely manner. Included in said services is appointment of Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C. as the official on-line entry service for the club if and to the extent The American Kennel Club requires such designation. Rejection of this option by the Club will lead to an increase in the fees to the Club included in this contract.

EQUIPMENT: Superintendent will furnish as set for the all breed shows, and in compliance with AKC Rules as of the contract date, ring equipment, scales, measuring device, walkie-talkies, judges' tables, ribbon holders, examining tables, floor runners (where necessary indoors, fully enclosed building on non-carpeted clean, slick, dry surfaces only), ring numbers, placement signs and numbers, examination ramps and labor for erecting and dismantling equipment for the competitions superintended by Jack Onofrio Dog Shows LLC. Floor runners (mats) are limited to five per ring as normally provided. Additional runners and other additional equipment, when available, to be quoted upon request. The Club agrees to insure access no later than eighteen hours prior to the start of judging for the erection of equipment or pay an additional fee.

INSURANCE: The Superintendent will carry liability insurance to cover the legal liability of the Superintendent arising from negligent acts of his employees and agents, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury and property damage. The venue may be named as additional insured at no charge. The Club agrees to hold the Superintendent harmless for any other liabilities, and maintain insurance coverage of its own which shall be considered primary and non-contributory over any other collectible insurance.

The Superintendent's Liability Insurance does not provide coverage for any show related purpose other than stated above and further does not provide coverage for individuals, contractors, companies and/or any entity engaged by the Club or facility and/or grounds where the show is held performing jobs such as, but not limited to, ticket sales, ticket takers, security, clean up, custodians, parking, judges, stewards, rest room attendants, catalog sales, club committee members, announcer, tenting, vendors etc. The Superintendent's Liability Insurance does not provide coverage for ring equipment supplied, erected and/or dismantled by the Club and/or facility and/or grounds where the show is held. The Superintendent's Liability Insurance does not provide coverage to any other event including, but not limited to, seminars, matches, independent specialty shows, independent obedience, rally or agility trials, clinics, tests, demonstrations etc other than the specific show and competition named and Superintended by Jack Onofrio Dog Shows LLC in this contract.

PREMIUM LISTS: The Superintendent will compile all data for the premium list from copy submitted by the Club. All copy must be submitted not later than **eighteen weeks** prior to the show closing date. The Superintendent will submit proof to the Club prior to printing provided copy is received as noted above. An additional charge will be added for work performed due to failure of Superintendent receiving all AKC approvals required and for late material and additional material submitted with the proof copy. The Superintendent will mail **10,000** copies electronically and furnish up to **50** printed copies and distribute same by adherence to AKC Rules, fulfilling direct exhibitor requests, mailing to judges, distribution at dog shows and shipping a package of **25** premium lists to the Club. Premium list will consist of up to **4** pages included in host club premium list, including entry forms. Additional pages will cost **\$24.50** each, in multiples of four. The premium list will be printed on standard paper stock in black ink. Requests for special stock and additional colors will be quoted upon separately and charged for in addition to the fee specified. Condensed trophy lists will be charged at **\$20.00** for each page exceeding premium list page total included above.

CATALOGS: The Superintendent will include data required by the American Kennel Club in the host club's catalog. Any other data inserted in the catalog by the Club (including advertising and breed standards) will be charged **\$23.65** per page. Photographs will be charged an additional fee of **\$9.95** each. The Club will submit complete advertising copy not later than two weeks before the show closing date. A late fee will be added to any ads received after this date and prior to the entry closing date. The Superintendent reserves the right to place, at no charge to the Club, announcements of future shows and one page of advertising.

ADDITIONAL PRINTING: The Superintendent will furnish the following standard printing in sufficient quantities for the show: ID forms, judges' books, judging programs, armbands and at Club request, advertising forms, and posters. An additional fee will be charged for additional information submitted by the Club for inclusion in the judging program resulting in additional pages beyond those normally included. Any special printing will be charged for in addition to the fee specified. Any advertising included on these products will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

RIBBONS AND ROSETTES: The Superintendent will furnish a rosette for Best Of Breed, all regular and non-regular class ribbons, and official badges in quantities required for the show. Additional ribbons and rosettes will be charged extra. Superintendent will supply all ribbons and rosettes included in the premium list or condensed trophy list at additional cost to the Club unless Superintendent is advised in writing by the Club that said ribbons and/or rosettes are provided by another source at Club expense. Notice to be received by the Superintendent no later than five weeks prior to the show date.

POSTAGE: The Superintendent will mail premium lists provided, ID forms, judging programs, and correspondence by First Class Mail or email per AKC Rules and Regulations. If the postage rates are raised prior to the mailing of these materials, the additional cost will be charged to the Club.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES: The Club will be responsible for the rental of a building or grounds of adequate size, and the cleaning of said building or grounds before, during, and after the show; proper enclosures for the control of the gate and protection of the Superintendent's equipment; adequate water supply, lavatories and rest rooms; sawdust or other appropriate materials including plastic if needed for ex pens, scoops and labor for cleaning and disposing of waste from said ex pens; preparing area and cutting grass if necessary; public exercise pens; chairs, trash receptacles, trophy tables, and other Club or AKC requirements. **The Club will be responsible for fulfilling all requirements of the AKC resulting in the Superintendent receiving AKC approvals for all shows and events included in official show documents no later than twelve weeks prior to show dates. Additional charge and/or AKC fines may result if any approvals are received past deadline.** The Club will be responsible for the selection and payment of judges, stewards, and veterinarians in accordance with AKC rules; furnishing all cash prizes and trophies published in the premium list; the obtaining of all licenses and the paying of all taxes required by any authority including any AKC fees; and all labor such as night watchmen, ring attendants, ticket sellers, police guard, and clean-up help.

FEES: For the aforementioned services, in addition to those fees outlined above:

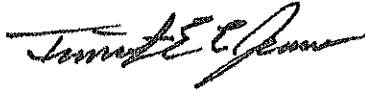
Club agrees to pay the Superintendent \$125.00 plus \$6.85 for each entry for each show.

This contract may not be cancelled except for cause, which is defined as serious violations of the terms of the contract on the part of either party; the Superintendent's sudden incapacity and the resulting inability to fulfill the terms of this contract; the Club's loss of show approval by the American Kennel Club; or uncontrollable loss of show site. In the event of cancellation by reason of events beyond the control of either party, only those costs incurred up to the time of cancellation will be charged to the Club.

This contract will be considered null and void unless executed and returned within sixty (60) days of the date hereon.

FOR: JACK ONOFRIO DOG SHOWS, LLC.

FOR: THE CLUB



Timothy E. E. James, President
October 30, 2025

Sign and Date

Application to Host the National Specialty [#16]

Attachment H-1

Subject: Application to Host the National Specialty [#16]
From: "NSDTRC (USA)" <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Date: 11/8/2025, 8:23 AM
To: secretary@nsdtrc-usa.org,president@nsdtrc-usa.org,webmaster@nsdtrc-usa.org

Name of Primary Contact * Clndy Hanson
 Phone Number * (512) 585-6210
 Email * cmhanson59@gmail.com
 Proposed Start Date * Tuesday, October 1, 2030
 Proposed End Date * Thursday, October 10, 2030
 Alternate Start Date Sunday, September 1, 2030
 Alternate End Date Tuesday, September 10, 2030
 City * Summit
 State * Missouri
 Select a Choice * Stand Alone, Independent Specialty
 Name of Host Hotel * none
 Host Hotel *
 • Has restaurants near by (required)
 • Has restaurants on-site
 • Provides catering
 Closest major airport: * St Louis
 Distance from airport to Host Hotel * 12:00:00 AM
 Additional major airport: Kansas City
 Distance from airport to Host Hotel 12:00:00 AM
 Annual Meeting Venue (holds 100+ auditorium style) * 100 plus
 Seminar Venue (holds 50+ auditorium style) * 100 plus
 Banquet Venue (seats 175+) * 100 plus
 Superintendent * Undecided
 Events Offered: *
 • Conformation ☆
 • Jr. Show
 • Sweepstakes ☆
 • Agility
 • Obedience ☆
 • Rally
 • Field ☆
 • Awards Banquet ☆
 • Hunt Tests
 • Annual Meeting ☆
 • CGC/CGCA
 • Judges' Education
 • Educational Seminars
 • Parades
 Field Stakes Offered *
 • BRT
 • WC
 • WCI
 • WCX
 Hunt Tests Offered
 • SH
 Additional Events and/or Attractions Possibility to add an AKC or Upland Test TBD at later Date and Added scent Work and Barn Hunt
 Conformation Venue * Purina Farms Event Center
 Has Conformation been held here before? * Yes
 Agility Venue * Purina Farms Event Center
 Who will be providing the Agility Equipment? * Purina Farms
 Has Agility been held here before? * Yes

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| Obedience/Rally Venue * | Purina Farms Event Center |
| Has Obedience/Rally been held here before? * | Yes |
| Field Site * | Busch |
| Who will be providing the Field Equipment (ducks, wingers, etc)? * | Field Committee |
| Have Field events been held here before? * | Yes |
| Distance from Host Hotel to Field Site * | 12:45:00 AM |
| Event Chair * | Cindy Hanson |
| Email * | cmhanson59@gmail.com |
| Event Treasurer * | Judy Webb |
| Email * | d1verdog@yahoo.com |
| Event Secretary * | Shelby Westmoreland |
| Email * | shelby.l.westmoreland@gmail.com |
| Chief Steward * | Josh Mandrell |
| Email * | jcmantrell@gmail.com |
| Hospitality/Banquet * | TBA TBA |
| Conformation * | TBA TBA |
| Field * | TBA TBA |
| Obedience/Rally * | TBA TBA |
| Agility * | TBA TBA |
| Educational Seminar | TBA TBA |
| Judges' Education * | TBA TBA |
| Raffle/Auction | TBA TBA |
| Trophies * | TBA TBA |
| Catalog Advertising | TBA |
| Publicity | TBA |
| Check All That Apply * | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Director knows of the submitted plans. • The Club Event/Show Chair has been notified. • There has been discussion among Region Club members and there is general support to hold the National Specialty in the City and State listed above. • I believe that there are adequate number of club member volunteers to host a successful National. • I believe that there are adequate facilities to host the Events that we plan on offering. |

The National Specialty Event Chair agrees that within 90 days of the conclusion of the Event, the Chair will ensure that the Event Treasurer completes a reconciliation of all monies and submits a report to the Board of Directors and submits any funds to the Club Treasurer.

Yes

Any additional information you would like to share?

We would like to be able to Place a \$1000.00 deposit upon conformation of Date In 2030 and/or if a 2029 Fall date becomes available which would be due to cancellation IF no other applications have been submitted for that specialty and far enough out. This proposal is to get approval of the deposit

The undersigned is in good standing with NSDTRC (USA) and has submitted all of the above information truthfully and to the best of their knowledge.

Cindy Hanson