NATIONAL SPECIALTIES

3. The duties of the JUDGES NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall be as follows:

a) In the first quarter of each calendar year, announcement will be made through one or more of the following: GIANT STEPS the club newsletter, by special USPS mailing, through electronic balloting, or on the Giant Schnauzer Club of America website that nominations for National Specialty conformation judges will be open for a period of 30 days. A list of known qualified and eligible judges will be posted on the GSCA website. Each member can nominate up to three judges as the National Specialty Judge. Nominations shall be sent anonymously via an electronic ballot sent to members who have opted to vote electronically or via USPS mailing to the Judges Nominating Committee.

b) Eligibility for nomination of conformation judges is based upon the following general criteria:

Judges must have a working dog background.

Judges must have previously judged a “major” entry of Giant Schnauzers.

Judges must have been involved with Giant Schnauzers through judging, handling or breeding for at least five (5) years.

Judges can only judge a National Specialty once (1) every ten (10) years.

Per AKC regulations and criteria, the membership or Board of Directors can recommend up to three Breeder/Exhibitors to be presented to the AKC for consideration by the membership to judge the National Specialty. Should one of those Breeder/Exhibitors receive the majority of nominations, they will be asked if they are willing and able to fulfill all criteria set forth by AKC to have the one time permit to judge the National Specialty. If they decline, the next person with the most nominations (either another Breeder/Exhibitor or AKC Judge) would be asked to judge.

c) Nominations shall be sent to the Chairperson of the JUDGES NOMINATING COMMITTEE who will work with Committee members to identify the judge who has received the most nominations

d) The JUDGES NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall contact the judge with the most nominations to offer them the assignment and advise them of the date and show site. If the judge declines to accept the offer, contact will be made with subsequent judges in descending order of nominations until the assignment is accepted. Nominated judges will be given a period of fourteen (14) calendar days to respond. If they do not respond within that 14 day period, the next judge that received the most nominations will be notified and offered the assignment.

e) The judge receiving the most nominations and who accepts the assignment shall be hired for the next National Specialty.

f) If a judge cannot fulfill their assignment after accepting it, an alternate shall be chosen from those nominated in descending order of preference as described in d) above.

g) The JUDGES NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall prepare a biography of the judge who accepts the assignment to be published with the announcement of the judge in Giant Steps or club newsletter, and posted on the GSCA website.

4. Selection of the Sweepstakes judges for National Specialties shall be left to the authority of the Regional Director, Show Chairperson, and Show Committee. Final selection will be subject to approval of the GSCA Officers and Directors.

5. Selection of Obedience judges for National Specialties shall be left to the authority of the Regional Director, Show Chairperson, and Show Committee. Final selection will be subject to approval of the GSCA Officers and Directors.

6. A judge for Sweepstakes shall be permitted to judge a National Specialty once (1) every five (5) years.

7. A judge for Obedience and Rally shall be permitted to judge a National Specialty once (1) every three (3) years.

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

1. Selection of judges for Regional Specialties, whether held in conjunction with an all-breed show or specialty club, or as an independent specialty, will be left to the authority of the Regional Director the Show Chairperson, and Show Committee. This includes judges for conformation, obedience, and sweepstakes. Preference shall be given to individuals that either have a background in the breed (breeding, showing, etc.) or have indicated an interest in judging the breed. Final selection will be subject to approval of the GSCA Officers and Directors.

2. For a Regional Specialty a Breed or Sweepstakes judge shall be permitted to judge once (1) in every five (5) years; an Obedience and Rally judge shall be permitted to judge once every three (3) years.