

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This section is designed to answer some questions which have previously been asked and settled by Board decisions. There will be others added to this section in the future, and there are always times when an individual situation will require clarification. Please contact the National Specialty Coordinator with any question which may be answered by that person or will be taken to the BCSA Board for clarification and determination.

- 1. Who is eligible to bid on a BCSA National Specialty?** Any group of members, regional group or Specialty Club which has been recognized by the BCSA Board.
- 2. Where do the Nationals have to be held?** Any area of the continental US. It is most desirable to hold the Nationals in areas which are easily accessible.
- 3. How far in advance should bids be submitted?** Preliminary bids should be received 1 1/2 or more years in advance and the formal bids should be received 1 year in advance.
- 4. Does a Specialty Bidding group have to have held Specialty Shows or Supported Shows before they can submit bids?** It is not an absolute requirement but it is very strongly recommended. The details of putting on shows become much clearer if there has been some experience among the members of the Show Committee.
- 5. Does the Board have to approve all optional events?** The entire event schedule must be approved by the BCSA Board. This will therefore mean that they will also approve the Optional events – in concept – with the details being determined by the local host group. In the event of really new, possibly controversial ideas, it would be desirable to involve the National Specialty Coordinator prior to submitting to the BCSA Board.
- 6. How many people must live in close proximity to the Specialty Site to serve on the Show Committee?** At least one member of the Host group should live close to the Specialty site. This person should be the liaison to the Hotel for answering immediate questions. The remainder of the Show Committee may come from other areas but the key positions should be held by those members who will be able to attend planning meetings on a frequent and regular basis.
- 7. Does the Host group receive any profits from the National?** The BCSA Board has initiated a policy to recognize efforts of the local host clubs in the success of a National Specialty by donating a stipend in an amount to be determined by the Board at the completion of the Specialty. The Host group may also hold fund raising events at the National for their own benefit. These might include selling some form of Border Collie items or holding their own raffle.
- 8. Does the Board have to inspect the Specialty location before it is approved?** The Board does not have to inspect the proposed property before it is contracted but the National Specialty Coordinator or a designated person will be expected to be familiar

with the location. In some cases a video will be used to substitute for an onsite visit. If possible, it is preferred that the Formal Proposal will include as much information and pictorial account as is possible.

9. Who selects the National judges? The National members vote for all judges. This is done well before the National. ANY SUBSTITUTION OR ADDITION OF BREED OR SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES WILL BE DECIDED BY THE BCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.