

# BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

## STANDING RULES

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<b>1.0 BOARD PROCEDURES</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Meeting Date and Time.</b> Board meetings are held via conference call on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 PM ET or as approved by the Board. 01/13
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Annual Meeting.</b> The Annual Board Meeting shall be open to members on a non-participatory basis. 08/79 ABM
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Board Packet.</b>
1.3.1	<b>Newly Elected Board.</b> The recording secretary shall send the packets to newly elected board members and invite them to audit the conference call meetings in April, May, and June. 03/11-15
1.3.2	<b>Outgoing Board</b> The complete July board packet shall be distributed to all outgoing Board members each year. 09/99-04
1.3.3	<b>AKC Delegate and Parliamentarian.</b> The recording secretary shall send a board packet to the AKC delegate and to the parliamentarian each month. 11/94-08
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Standing Rules.</b> The recording secretary or designee shall maintain the standing rules and shall send the updated copy to the webmaster. An updated packet of current standing rules will be provided to the board at the annual meeting each year. Members may access and print copies from the website. 08/86-03, 07/95-01, 03/11-14
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Online Board List.</b> The BCCA Board Email List is a private email list owned by and operated under the auspices of the BCCA exclusively for members of the board to discuss official BCCA matters. It is expressly understood that topics discussed on the email list are confidential in nature and members of the board agree not to forward the contents of such messages, either in writing or verbally, to any person or organization not on the email list without permission. Ownership and moderator responsibilities of the email list shall be assigned to a board member by the president. The former owner shall relinquish all responsibilities to a newly-assigned board member by midnight on the last day of the term of office or when requested by the president. 08/11-04
<b>1.6</b>	<b>Legal Settlement.</b> The complete verbatim copy of any proposed settlement of any lawsuit, together with complete verbatim copies of all supporting and ancillary documents, are to be submitted to the entire membership-at least thirty days prior to any final action thereon by the board, so as to provide the members with an opportunity to express their opinions. 10/94 AGM

<b>2.0 FINANCES</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Signatures.</b> The treasurer and president are authorized to sign checks drawn on the club's account at Edward Jones. The president is to exercise such authority only if the treasurer is unable to perform such duty as a result of an emergency. 09/94-02
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Service Charge.</b> The BCCA shall charge a fee of \$15 or the service charge, whichever is greater, to the maker of any deposited check which incurs a charge for any reason. 03/89-02, 7/91-01, 7/92-04, 01/95-06, 04/96-06
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Handling Funds.</b> All funds, with the exception of the National Specialty Host Club Account, and the Beardie Camp Account, shall be handled by the BCCA Treasurer. The BCCA Treasurer shall be made an alternate signatory on all Specialty Host Fund accounts. 10/92-03, 08/11-02

<b>2.4</b>	<b>Reimbursement for Expenses.</b>	
	2.4.1	<b>Board Expenses</b> require approval of the board. A Request for Reimbursement form must be sent to the treasurer with receipts and a detailed accounting. The treasurer will send a report with a recommendation for payment to the recording secretary, who will include it on the agenda for the next meeting. 01/91-03, 03/97-01
	2.4.2	<b>Committee Expenses</b> shall be submitted on a Request for Reimbursement form to the treasurer with receipts. Any amount requested that is over the budget allocation must be approved by the board. 02/93-05
	2.4.3	<b>AKC Delegates</b> shall be reimbursed travel expenses and two nights lodging for each of the quarterly AKC delegate meetings. Airfare is limited to economy class. 10/2007 ABM, 04/11-09
<b>2.5</b>	<b>Other Expenses.</b> Any project that is not in the budget requires advance approval of the board. Quotations or project plans with detailed estimated expenses shall be sent to the recording secretary for inclusion on the agenda. The board shall notify the committee or member of its approval or disapproval of the project expenses. 02/93-05	
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Publications.</b>	
	2.6.1	<b>Beardie Bulletin.</b> All money associated with the Beardie Bulletin will be handled by the BCCA Treasurer. Subscriptions will be sent directly to the treasurer. Advertisement money will be sent to the editor who shall invoice advertisers for the cost of their ads. The editor shall forward that money with a list of advertisers to the treasurer after the Bulletin goes to press. The printer and the editor shall provide a detailed bill listing all charges associated with each issue and a year-to-date summary of all expenses to the treasurer for payment within thirty days of the completion of their respective jobs as printer and editor. 12/87-04
	2.6.2	<b>Bagpipes.</b> Classified ads may be included in Bagpipes at a fee to be determined by the publications committee. Ads for puppies, adult dogs, or stud dogs will not be accepted. 02/95-16

### 3.0 VOTING AND ELECTIONS

<b>3.1</b>	<b>Voting.</b> All ballots shall be sent electronically except ballots for officers, directors, and bylaws amendments.	
	3.1.1	<p><b>Voting with Electronic Ballot.</b> When balloting is by electronic mail, each voting member shall receive an email that contains the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline date for returning the ballot;</li> <li>2. A ballot listing in alphabetical order all nominees for each position for which there have been additional nominations, with no indication of how the candidates were nominated, or a complete description of the proposal.</li> </ol> <p>Each voter shall seal the ballot in a small blank envelope, place it in a second envelope addressed to the Treasurer and mailed before the deadline for returns.</p> <p>The treasurer shall check the returns against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year and shall forward the unopened blank envelopes from eligible members to the recording secretary. The recording secretary and one other member of the club appointed by the board shall count the ballots. The recording secretary shall immediately report the results of the election to the president, members of the board, and the candidates.</p>

3.1.2	<p><b>Voting with Mailed Ballot.</b> When voting is by postal mail, each voting member shall receive a packet containing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline date for returning the ballot;</li> <li>2. Ballot listing in alphabetical order all nominees for each position for which there have been additional nominations, with no indication of how the candidate was nominated, or, in the case of bylaws amendments, a complete description of the proposed change;</li> <li>3. Blank envelope for returning the ballot;</li> <li>4. Return envelope addressed to the treasurer and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent in the return address.</li> </ol> <p>Each voter shall seal the ballot in the small blank envelope and place it in the second envelope addressed to the treasurer and mailed before the deadline for returns. The treasurer shall check the returns against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year and shall forward the unopened blank envelopes from eligible members to the recording secretary. 12/91-01</p>
3.2	<p><b>Additional Nominations.</b> If valid additional nominations for officer or board positions are received by the recording secretary on or before April 15th, each member shall receive a mailed ballot postmarked no later than May 1.</p> <p>A one page biography of each candidate will be published in the May issue of the Bagpipes. The deadline for submission is May 1st. If the form that is provided is not used, the font must be 10 points or larger with half inch margins. All publishing guidelines must be followed. The biographies will be printed as submitted, without editing, and listed alphabetically by office and board. -11/90-06, 12/90-05, 12/91-01</p>

<b>4.0 MEMBERSHIP</b>	
4.1	<p><b>Membership Applications.</b> Anyone desiring to become a member of the BCCA shall complete a Membership Application, with the recommendation of a BCCA member, and submit the form with a check for dues to the corresponding secretary.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the application, the corresponding secretary will send the applicant copies of the Constitution and By-laws, Code of Ethics, <i>Guidelines for the Care, Breeding, Selling and Exhibiting of Bearded Collies</i> and <i>AKC Breed Brochure</i>. The corresponding secretary may help applicants find a sponsor if they do not have one. When contacted for sponsorship, the member must find out enough about the person to be able to answer the questions on the application and to ascertain the suitability of the person for membership.</p> <p>The corresponding secretary will submit all membership applications to the BCCA Board for review and to the Bagpipes for publication and membership review. If no objections to the pending applicant(s) are received, a motion to accept the membership application will be voted on at the next board meeting.</p> <p>Upon approval, the candidate will be contacted by the corresponding secretary and welcomed as an official member of the BCCA. 09/06-02, 09/11-07</p>
4.2	<p><b>Challenge to Applicant.</b> The following procedure is established for cases in which a membership applicant is challenged:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A member in good standing may challenge the acceptability of an applicant by submitting a letter containing the specifics to the recording secretary.</li> <li>2. The recording secretary shall promptly notify the president of the receipt of a challenge letter and further processing of the application shall be halted until the challenge has been cleared.</li> <li>3. The board of directors shall consider the challenge.</li> <li>4. The recording secretary shall send the applicant and sponsor a copy of the challenge letter, by postal mail with return signature required, and shall set a deadline of thirty days from the date of mailing to reply to specifications in the challenge letter. During this time the board may conduct such other fact-finding as they consider necessary.</li> <li>5. The board shall act on the membership application within 45 days from the date of mailing and shall notify the applicant and sponsor in writing of their decision. If the board denies the membership application, the committee it may recommend possible alternative actions.</li> <li>6. If the board accepts the membership application, it shall be processed in the same manner as any application that is not challenged.</li> <li>7. If the application is denied by the board, the applicant may reapply after one year. 07/82-07</li> </ol>

<b>4.3</b>	<b>Dues</b>
4.3.1	<p><b>Notices</b> will be sent to current members via email by June 1st of each year. Annual membership dues are established as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Membership \$25</li> <li>• Joint Membership \$30</li> <li>• Associate Single Membership \$25</li> <li>• Associate Joint Membership \$30. 03/87-03, 07/91-01</li> </ul>
4.3.2	<p><b>Delinquent Dues.</b> If dues are paid after July 1, but on or before August 31, a penalty of \$5 shall be assessed. The treasurer or designee will send an email notice to delinquent members by August 15th. If dues remain unpaid after August 31, the membership is terminated and an application for a new membership may be submitted. 04/90-05, 03/91-02, 02/95-12, 05/97-06, 11/09-01,</p>
<b>4.4</b>	<p><b>Address Labels.</b> Any BCCA member may request a digital file of mailing labels. The mailing list and roster shall not be used for commercial purposes. 07/96-03, 07/96-03</p>
<b>4.5</b>	<p><b>Membership Roster.</b> A membership list including name, address, phone number, email address, and kennel name will be sent to members with the winter edition of the Bearded Collie Bulletin in the even fiscal years. 08/90-10, 12/91-06, 11/94-03, 01/95-04, 05/00-03, 03/11-08</p>
<b>4.6</b>	<p><b>Online Members List.</b> The BCCA list is a fully moderated list, owned by the Bearded Collie Club of America. All rules set forth in the Guidelines for the BCCA Members List approved by the board shall apply and govern the use of this list. 09/11-06</p>
<b>4.7</b>	<b>Member Awards</b>
4.7.1	<p><b>Member of the Year.</b> This award will recognize the BCCA member or group of members who, as a result of their activity, has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of the Bearded Collie Club of America or the bearded collie. The award will be publicly announced and presented at the National Specialty banquet in the year following the calendar year for which the honor is awarded.</p> <p>An announcement calling for nominations will appear in the January issue of the newsletter.</p> <p>Nominations for the award will be accepted from any BCCA member in good standing. Nominations must be received by the recording secretary on or before March 21<sup>st</sup> of the year following the calendar year for which the award is made. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a 250 word (maximum) statement justifying the award for the particular nominee. Seated officers and board members are not eligible for the award.</p> <p>Nominations and accompanying justifications will be considered at the April meeting of the board.- The entire board, by majority vote, will select the award recipient. In an effort to preserve the “surprise” aspect of the award, the selection of the recipient will be conducted in Executive Session and will not appear in the published minutes of the board meeting.</p> <p>If the board determines that no qualified nominations are received, the honor will not be awarded in that particular year. 04/96-03, 09/97-03</p>
4.7.2	<p><b>A Thirty Year Club Award</b> is given to members who have maintained continuous membership in the BCCA for thirty years. 10/09-09, 141222</p>

**5.0 COMMITTEES AND AFFILIATE CLUBS**

**5.1 Committees of the BCCA.** Chairs are appointed by the board at the first meeting of the fiscal year (July) and when necessary. All committee chairs shall operate in accordance with the job description for their committee. Job descriptions are approved by the board.

**5.2 Committee Records,** such as statistics, historical documentation, photographs, and displays are the sole property of the Bearded Collie Club of America and must be surrendered immediately when notified by the recording secretary at the direction of the board. 03/94-03, 06/99-02

**5.3 Affiliate Clubs**

5.3.1 An affiliate club of the BCCA, shall, by July 1:

- Collect annual dues from its members
- Each year send to the BCCA treasurer \$25 dues, a current membership list, list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and sponsored events. 01/90-10, 150324

5.3.2 BCCA shall provide each affiliate club with the following:

- Use of the BCCA license to hold AKC shows and trials,
- Free use of any internet subscription service held by the BCCA to disseminate premium lists and other pertinent information for their club events, and
- One page of advertising for their specialty, up to four pages to report the results of their conformation specialty or bearded collies only performance event, plus two additional pages for a photo essay, in the Beardie Bulletin. All pages are black/white.
- Club name and contact person listed on the website and roster. 07/13, 01/94-01, 10/03-01, 09/94-15

**6.0 DISCIPLINE**

**6.1 Processing Disciplinary Charges**

1. Written charges with specifications shall be filed with the recording secretary together with a deposit of \$50 which shall be forfeited if the charges are not sustained by the disciplinary committee or board or a committee following a hearing..
2. The recording secretary shall promptly notify the president of the receipt of a challenge letter and further processing of the application shall be halted until the challenge has been cleared.
3. The board of directors shall consider the challenge.
4. The recording secretary shall send the applicant and sponsor a copy of the challenge letter, by postal mail with return signature required, and shall set a deadline of thirty days from the date of mailing to reply to specifications in the challenge letter. During this time the board may conduct such other fact-finding as they consider necessary.
5. The board shall act on the membership application within 45 days from the date of mailing and shall notify the applicant and sponsor in writing of their decision. If the board denies the membership application, the committee it may recommend possible alternative actions.
6. If the board accepts the membership application, it shall be processed in the same manner as any application that is not challenged.
7. If the application is denied by the board the applicant may reapply after one year. 07/82-07

**6.2 Expulsion Procedures** at an Annual General Meeting shall afford the defendant the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The president shall read the charges and invite the defendant, if present, to speak on his/her own behalf. Those present at the meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If the expulsion is not adopted, the suspension shall stand.

7.0 PUBLICATIONS	
7.1	<b>The Beardie Bulletin</b> is an official publication of the BCCA. Bids for the editor's position will be solicited each January, or as deemed necessary, by the board. The Bulletin shall operate and conduct all business according to the Guidelines for BCCA Publications approved by the board. 150428
7.2	<b>The Bagpipes</b> is an official publication of the BCCA. It shall operate and conduct all business according to the Guidelines for BCCA Publications approved by the board.
7.3	<b>The Illustrated Standard</b> is an official publication of the BCCA. Distribution shall follow the rules set forth in the Guidelines for BCCA Publications
7.4	<b>The BCCA Website</b> is the property of the BCCA. The webmaster shall operate the website according to the rules provided in the Guidelines for the BCCA Website.
7.5	<b>Email Service.</b> The BCCA may send emails periodically to all members through an internet subscription service held by the BCCA to disseminate information such as upcoming deadlines, ballots, and affiliate club information.
7.6	<b>The Breeder Listing Service</b> is maintained by the corresponding secretary and operates according to the rules provided in the Guidelines for Breeder Listings. The listings are on the club website.06/10-01, 160628
7.7	<b>The BCCA Litter Listing</b> is maintained by the corresponding secretary and operates according to the rules provided in the Litter Listing Guidelines. The listings are included in the Bagpipes and on the club website. 160628
7.8	<b>The BCCA PowerPoint Judges Education Presentation</b> is an official publication of the BCCA and must be approved by the board. 11/06-01

8.0 NATIONAL SPECIALTY	
8.1 General Procedures	
8.1.1	<b>Advance Planning.</b> Clubs submitting an application to host a national specialty shall use the forms provided by the BCCA; include a detailed budget; and have previously reviewed the financial statements for a minimum of two previous national specialties. 08/81, 07/90 AGM, 01/04 mail ballot, 150127
8.1.2	<b>Reserve Winners.</b> At the national specialty the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the event is held. 10/12 ABM
8.1.3	<b>Awards of Merit.</b> Award of Merit rosettes may be awarded to ten percent of the Best of Breed entry including the winners of the non-regular classes who are eligible for best of breed at each national specialty. The rosettes will not be numbered. The following are not eligible for an Award of Merit: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.  This explanation must be included in the show catalog under Awards of Merit, with lines to record the results. 08/86-23, 07/90 AGM, 07/91 AGM, 02/09-01, 130930
8.1.4	<b>National Specialty Catalog Listing.</b> All BCCA national specialty major award winners (BOB, BOS, BOW, WD and WB, Best in Sweepstakes, Best Opposite in Sweepstakes, Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best Opposite in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best Junior, HIT-Obedience, HIT-Herding, and HIT-Agility and BCCA match and tournament Winners shall be listed in each national specialty catalog. 7/90-07

8.1.5		<p><b>Specialty Documents for Historian.</b> The host club of each national specialty will provide the BCCA Historian with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an official marked catalog recording all the placements of each event immediately following the specialty</li> <li>• a copy of the BCCA specialty video</li> <li>• winners' photos for BOB, BOS, SD, SB, WD, WB, BOW, RWD, RWB, Stud Dog-1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brood Bitch-1<sup>st</sup> Place, Veteran Dog-1<sup>st</sup> Place, Veteran Bitch-1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brace-1<sup>st</sup> Place, Best in Sweeps, BOS in Sweeps, Best Veteran in Sweeps, BOS Veteran in Sweeps, High in Trial-Obedience, High in Trial-Herding, High in Trial-Agility, and Best Junior. 7/90 ABM</li> </ul>
8.1.6		<p><b>Scheduling at the National Specialty.</b> Obedience shall not be held concurrently with any other competitive specialty event. Herding trials, when offered in conjunction with national specialties, shall be scheduled prior to the opening of the conformation event. Herding tests may be scheduled either before or after the conformation event. 09/95 AGM, 11/98-01</p>
8.1.7		<p><b>Discipline at Show and Hotel Premises.</b> Anyone who allows a dog to urinate or defecate in the halls of the hotel or in any public or private areas, including their room, or anywhere on the grounds not designated for relief and not cleaning it up will be fined the sum of \$25, made payable to the BCCA by cash or check. If the same person is reported for a second offense, they will be asked to leave the hotel or grounds. The person observing the offense shall report it to the bench committee, which has the power to act. 09/05 ABM</p>
8.1.8		<p>BCCA shall fund a full page ad in each National Specialty catalog acknowledging all members that passed away during the year preceding specialty. 140624</p>
<b>8.2 Classes</b>		
8.2.1		<p><b>Puppy Sweepstakes</b> will be offered at the national specialty. The classes are divided as follows for each sex: 6 to under 9 months, 9 to under 12 months, 12 to under 16 months, and 16 to under 20 months. 10/89-04</p>
8.2.2		<p><b>Veterans Sweepstakes</b> will be offered at the national specialty. The classes are divided as follows for each sex: 7 to under 10 years, 10 to under 12 years, 12 to under 14 years, and 14 years and over. 07/92-04</p>
8.2.3		<p><b>Scheduling BOB Dogs and Bitches.</b> Dogs and bitches will be scheduled at separate times in Best of Breed competition at national specialty shows. 02/97-04</p>
<b>8.3 Conformation and Sweepstakes Judges</b>		
8.3.1		<p><b>Form for Judges.</b> Judges nominated for regular conformation classes or sweepstakes shall return a form approved by the board that includes a statement of agreement to abide by BCCA rules for judging specialties. In the event that any question is not answered on the form, it will be noted that no response was received to that particular question. All returned forms will be published in the Bagpipes prior to any balloting. 05/84-02, 07/85 ABM</p>
8.3.2		<p><b>Regular Conformation Judges Eligibility.</b> All nominees must be an AKC permit or approved judge, or approved to judge bearded collies in another country. In addition a US or Canadian BCCA member who is not approved by AKC to judge bearded collies may also be nominated if he/she meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is 21 years of age or older</li> <li>• Is occupationally eligible</li> <li>• Is knowledgeable of the breed with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling the breed for 15 or more years</li> <li>• Has a thorough understanding of the AKC's "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" and "Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges" and the bearded collie standard</li> <li>• Is approved by the AKC Judges Review Committee at the request of the BCCA</li> <li>• Is willing, if elected, to take and pass the AKC's procedural and anatomy exam and submit a non-refundable \$25 processing fee to AKC.</li> </ul> <p>05/81-02, 07/89-09, 7/92-04, 10/93-03, 12/95-08, 02/04-01, 141028</p>

8.3.3	<p><b>Sweepstakes Judges Eligibility.</b> U.S. and Canadian BCCA members in good standing, who are not eligible to judge bearded collies in any country, may judge sweepstakes at the national specialty. Nominees for sweepstakes should have at least seven years of experience as an exhibitor in conformation or as a breeder of bearded collies and have a thorough understanding of the AKC's <i>Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges</i>, and the standard of the breed, to be eligible for nomination. 05/83-06, 05/83-07, 7/6/92, 03/00-02</p>
8.3.4	<p><b>Selection of Conformation Judges.</b> Nominations may be submitted by any member to the recording secretary no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Judge nominees will be sent a letter by the recording secretary for permission to place their names on the ballot.</li> <li>2. A ballot, with all nominations received and accepted by the nominees, will be distributed to the membership via electronic mail no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> and must be returned to the treasurer no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>3. Ballots shall contain the state or country of each judge nominated.</li> <li>4. In categories with only three nominees, those nominees will automatically move forward to the final ballot.</li> <li>5. For categories with four nominees, members will vote for one candidate to move forward to the final ballot.</li> <li>6. For categories with five to seven nominees, members will vote for two candidates to move forward to the final ballot.</li> <li>7. For categories with eight or more nominees, members will vote for three candidates to move forward to the final ballot.</li> <li>8. The top three candidates on the preliminary ballot will be presented as a final ballot to the membership via electronic mail no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> with the ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>. 05/83-06, 05/83-07, 7/92-06, 03/00-02</li> </ol>
8.3.5	<p><b>Regular Judges Compensation</b> shall include transportation, not to exceed tourist class airfare, lodging, and meals, not to exceed the number of days of judging plus one. In addition, the BCCA will pay the customary fees usually charged by the judge selected by the BCCA membership. Transportation to and from the judge's home to the airport and airport parking will not be reimbursed. All receipts for reimbursement must be presented to the specialty treasurer. 07/87-10, 7/90-07, 01/91-01, 3/92-14, 10/01 ABM, 06/09-01</p>
8.3.6	<p><b>Sweepstakes Judge Compensation.</b> A \$300 honorarium, two nights' lodging, two days' meals, plus a ticket to the awards banquet shall be given to the sweepstakes judge at each BCCA national specialty. 02/92-01, 3/92-14, 07/92-04, 08/99-01</p>
8.3.7	<p><b>Waiting Period.</b> A judge officiating at a BCCA Specialty or Sweepstakes shall be permitted on the ballot only after a two-year period has elapsed from the time he/she judged. 05/4-02, 07/85</p>

<b>8.4 Herding Judges</b>	
8.4.1	<p>After a bid to host the national has been accepted by the board, the specialty herding trial chair will request recommendations for judges for each trial, test, and herding instinct test in the Bagpipes. Recommendations must be in writing or by email and include why that judge is recommended. The person making the recommendation must include the highest herding title he/she has earned. The recommendation must be received by the BCCA Herding Committee Chair within 60 days of publication of the request.</p> <p>The BCCA Herding Committee will discuss and review each recommendation and the chair will forward a list of recommended judges, including commentary, to the National Specialty Herding Chair within 75 days of the publication of the recommendation request.</p> <p>The judge(s) for each herding event will be taken from this list. Should all recommended judges be unavailable, or in an emergency, the BCCA Herding Committee will assist the local chair in finding an appropriate judge(s). 03/02-01</p>

<b>8.5 National Specialty Finances</b>		
8.5.1	<b>Advance to Host Club.</b>	The board shall advance the national specialty host club \$7,500; with an additional \$2,500 available, provided the host club raises an equivalent amount on their own. 03/92-14, 05/92-02, 07/92-04, 08/96-05, 06/01-02, 03/10-01, 150224
8.5.2	<b>Specialty Profit Distribution.</b>	The overall specialty profit (income less expenses) shall be divided with sixty percent to the host club and forty percent to the BCCA, calculated as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proceeds of the auction held in conjunction with the national specialty shall be divided; thirty percent shall be sent to the BCCA treasurer, designated for beardie rescue unless otherwise directed by the board; the remaining seventy percent shall be included in the overall specialty income.</li> <li>2. Donations to the auction cannot be designated for a specific recipient.</li> </ol> Specialty Income shall include a) all income provided by the BCCA to the host club, b) all income related to the specialty and c) seventy percent of the specialty auction proceeds. 10/93-04, 150224
8.5.3	<b>Account Signature.</b>	The BCCA Treasurer shall be an alternate signatory on all specialty host fund accounts. 08/95-07

<b>9.0 AWARDS AND TROPHIES</b>		
<b>9.1 General</b>		
9.1.1	<b>Awards Year.</b>	Except where otherwise specified, an awards year shall be January 1 – December 31. 01/90-04, 7/90-07, 01/95-05, 05/95-03
9.1.2	<b>Eligibility.</b>	In order to qualify for a BCCA award, at least one owner of a dog and one parent of a junior handler must be a BCCA member in good standing.
9.1.3	<b>Trophy Approval.</b>	The board shall approve any trophy, plaque, award, or certificate presented at the national specialty. 07/04-01
9.1.4	<b>Trophies and Awards.</b>	Winners of trophies have the option to take their trophies home or leave them in the custody of BCCA. Awards are won outright and reside with the recipients.

9.1.5	<p><b>Club Trophies.</b> The following trophies will be displayed at all BCCA national specialties, and will remain in the permanent possession of the club:</p> <p><b><u>Challenge Trophies</u></b></p> <p>The Lady Challenge Trophy for Best of Breed  The Jane Turner Challenge Trophy for Best of Winners  The Ann Darling Challenge Trophy for Winners Dog  The Lois Publicover Bernard Challenge Trophy for Winners Bitch  Bred By Exhibitor Dog Challenge Trophy  Bred By Exhibitor Bitch Challenge Trophy  The Faith Challenge Trophy for Herding</p> <p><b><u>Perpetual Trophies</u></b></p> <p>The Spot Trophy - Conformation  The Brigadoon Award- Conformation  Top Stud Dog Plaque - Conformation  Top Brood Bitch Plaque - Conformation  Gail E. Miller High Scoring Junior Handler Trophy - Conformation  Denia Trophy - Agility  Diehard Agility Trophy - Agility  Mirage Trophy - Agility  Preferred Agility Veteran Trophy - Agility  The Ann Adler Witte Memorial Trophy – Herding  The Bishop Trophy - Herding  The Boone Memorial Trophy - Herding  The DC Britannia Chip Thrills Memorial Trophy - Herding  Tamevalley Obedience Trophy - Obedience  The Andrew Trophy - Therapy  Chip Versatility Trophy – Versatility</p>
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**9.2 Agility Trophies and Awards**

9.2.1	<p><b>The Diehard Agility Trophy</b> is established to honor the highest scoring bearded collie in Excellent level agility. The trophy features an original Chet Jezierski color drawing of beardies doing agility and is imbedded in acrylic and mounted on a walnut base. Plaques attached to the base allow the names of the winners to be permanently engraved. Designed by Chet Jezierski, it is offered and financed by freewill donations from the beardie agility community. Legs earned in Excellent A and B Standard, and Excellent A and B Jumper’s With Weaves (JWW) will be counted. To be eligible for this award, a beardie must earn at least three qualifying scores of 100 in Excellent Standard and JWW. The scoring system is:</p> <p>Each clean run will be awarded 1 point for every full second under Standard Course Time (SCT). In addition, each Double Q (QQ) (qualifying in both Standard and JWW on the same day) will be awarded an additional 10 points. Points will be totaled for each individual qualifying leg and QQ, and then added together to determine the dog’s total score.</p> <p>If a tie in points occurs, the beardie with the highest average yards per second (YPS calculated to 0.01 seconds) in Standard and JWW will be considered the winner.</p> <p>For Standard: YPS [course length in yards/(dog’s time on course – 5)]  For JWW: YPS [Course length in yards/dog’s time on course]</p> <p>YPS will be calculated for each individual qualifying leg and the average value determined for Standard and JWW. These two averages will then be added and the dog having the highest YPS will be declared the winner. If, after carrying out this procedure, the dogs remained tied, both will listed as the winners for that year. 04/01-01, 09/01-02, 02/11-02</p>
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9.2.2	<p><b>Denia Trophy.</b> An annual agility competition trophy, donated by Glenn Hamilton and Emily Venator in the name of the first bearded collie to obtain an AKC Agility title, Am/Can CH Melville's Poetry in Motion TT HIC NA CGC ADC FbDCH, is awarded annually to the bearded collie achieving the highest point total by earning titles in the standard agility classes through the MX. Only legs leading to titles will be counted.</p> <p>Points will be awarded based on score according to the following sliding scale:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">100 = 8 99 = 7 98 = 6 95 - 97 = 5 93 - 94 = 4 90 - 92 = 3 88 - 89 = 2 85 - 87 = 1</p> <p>If a tie occurs in point total, the tie breaking mechanism will be to calculate the average yps (yps = course yardage/(dog's time - 5) ) for each dog's individual legs and calculate the average of these to 0.01seconds. The winner will be the dog with the higher yps average. If the dogs remained tied after this procedure has been carried out, both will be listed as winners of the award for that year. 05/11, 08/95-19</p>
9.2.3	<p><b>The Mirage Trophy for High in Jumpers With Weaves</b> is awarded to the bearded collie with the most outstanding performance in JWW. This trophy, featuring a metal statue of Mirage performing the weave poles on a walnut base, was proposed and financed by Beth White and designed by John Stanbridge. Each year's winner will receive a statue donated by Beth White. The base will remain in the possession of the BCCA.</p> <p>To be eligible for this award, a beardie must earn at least 6 qualifying scores of 100 at any level of JWW (Novice, Open, or Excellent.)In Novice, Open, and Excellent A; only clean runs leading to titles will be counted. In Excellent B, all legs will be counted. The following scoring system is to be followed: A beardie will receive 5 points for each clean run and 1 point for each full second under Standard Course Time (SCT). If a tie in points occurs, the tie will be broken by calculating YPS for each of the tied dogs' individual legs and the results averaged. The winner is the beardie with the highest YPS. If, after this procedure is carried out, the average YPS for each of the tied dogs is the same, all will be declared winners of that year's award. 04/01-02, 09/01-02, 02/11-02</p>
9.2.4	<p><b>The Preferred Agility Veteran Award</b> is sponsored by Carl Widell in memory of Cagney, the first beardie to earn Preferred Excellent agility titles. This award will go to the top veteran dog, seven years of age or older, during the entire competition year, for performance in both Standard Agility and Jumpers with Weaves. Only legs toward titles will be considered. The trophy is a rectangular plaque with a large metal plate on the left side that is laser-inscribed with the words "Bearded Collie Club of America" "Preferred Agility Veteran of the Year" topped by a stop-action image of Cagney exiting the weave poles. On the right side of the plaque are metal plates for inscribing the winners' names and years.</p> <p>The scoring will be based on the following sliding scale:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Qualifying Score    Point Value 100 = 8 99 = 7 98 = 6 95 - 97 = 5 93 - 94 = 4 90 - 92 = 3 88 - 89 = 2 85 - 87 = 1</p> <p>If a tie in points occurs, the beardie with the highest average YPS (calculated to 0.01 seconds) for all Standard + JWW legs earned will be the winner. For Standard legs, YPS = STD course length/(time on course - 5). For JWW legs, YPS = STD course length/time on course. 05/06-01</p>

9.2.5	<p><b>The Ryan Awards - Jumpers with Weaves Plaques</b> are awarded to the top bearded collies in each level of JWW. These awards were established by Beth Canner in memory of Ryan, CH Jande Hellava Knight CD HIC AGI PUP, the first beardie to obtain any type of agility title, and are sustained by an anonymous member of the Beardie agility community. In Novice A, Novice B, Open, and Excellent A, legs leading to titles will be scored, no matter the year in which they were earned. In these classes, a beardie will be eligible for a JWW award only in the year in which the title is earned. For beardies competing in Excellent B, all legs earned during the current year will be scored and there is no requirement for a title to be earned in order to be eligible for the Excellent B JWW award.</p> <p>Scoring:  <u>Novice A – Excellent A:</u>  The scores of the three legs leading to the title will be summed and the beardie with the highest total score will be the winner. If a tie in score occurs, YPS will be calculated (to 0.01 seconds) for each of the three title legs and the results averaged. The winner will be the beardie with the highest average YPS. If a tie remains after this calculation, all those tied will be declared the winners of the award for that year.</p> <p><u>Excellent B:</u> A beardie will earn five points for each leg earned during the calendar year and one point for each full second under SCT. Ties in score will be broken by the YPS procedure specified above. 05/99-03</p>
9.2.6	<p><b>Award Certificates for Standard Agility.</b> An annual award certificate is established for the top bearded collie in each level of Standard agility. In Novice A, Novice B, Open, and Excellent A, legs leading to titles will be scored, no matter the year in which they were earned. In these levels, a beardie will be eligible for the Standard award only in the year in which the title is earned. For beardies competing in Excellent B, all legs earned during the current year will be scored and there is no requirement for a title to be earned in order to be eligible for the Excellent B Standard award.</p> <p>Scoring:  <u>Novice A - Excellent A:</u>  The scores of the three legs leading to the title will be summed and the beardie with the highest total score will be the winner. If a tie in score occurs, YPS will be calculated (to 0.01 seconds) for each of the three title legs and the results averaged. The winner is the beardie with the highest average YPS. If a tie remains after this calculation, all those tied will be declared the winners of the award for that year.</p> <p><u>Excellent B:</u> A beardie accrues 5 points for each leg earned during the calendar year and one point for each full second under SCT. Ties in score will be broken by the YPS calculation specified above. 05/99-03</p> <p>The winner of the Novice A standard certificate will also be the <b>Sunshine Award</b> winner, honoring the top Novice A beardie and handler. 05/99-02</p>
9.2.7	<p><b>The Lightning Award</b> rewards speed in AKC agility at the Masters' level, for the fastest average combined scores in Standard Masters or Masters Preferred and JWW Masters or Masters Preferred, during the preceding year. Preferred scores must be for a Veteran, age seven or over. The award is sponsored by Lori Weinberg to honor Rocky, MACH PACH Chaniam Creag MXS MJG MXP3 MXPB MJP7 MJPS PAX XF. The custom steel award features a shadow figure of a Bearded Collie stretched over a jump. Yards per second will be used for scoring purposes; the five fastest legs for each dog that is eligible for the award are counted; drop the high and low numbers and average the remaining three runs. Add the average for the Jumpers to the average for Standard, to get the dog's total score. The dog with the highest combined score is the winner. For example, an average jumpers yps (6.244) plus average Standard yps (5.41) equals a total score of 11.654. In the case of a tie, multiple trophies will be given.</p>
<b>9.3 Conformation Trophies and Awards</b>	
9.3.1	<p><b>The “Lady” Challenge Trophy for Best of Breed</b> at the national specialty is a silver plated punch bowl service with cups and tray, in memory of Am/Can CH Bendale Special Lady UD and offered by Michele Ritter and Chet Jezierski. 08/09-01</p>
9.3.2	<p><b>The Jane Turner Memorial Challenge Trophy for Best of Winners</b> at the national specialty is a silver-plated rectangular tray, retired in 1997 and reoffered in 1998 by Bea and Kevin Sawka.</p>
9.3.3	<p><b>The Ann Darling Memorial Challenge Trophy for Winners Dog</b> at the national specialty is a bronze statue of a bearded collie and goose mounted on marble, offered by friends of Ann Darling.</p>

9.3.4	<b>The Lois Publicover Bernard Memorial Challenge Trophy for Winner's Bitch</b> at the national specialty is a silver plated cup mounted on a wooden base, retired in 1996 and reoffered in 1997 by Bea Sawka in memory of Can/Am CH Classical's Silver Cloud.
9.3.5	<b>The Bred By Exhibitor Dog Challenge Trophy in memory of Sandy Ellington</b> is a cold-cast bronze bearded collie statue atop a wooden base, retired in 2004 by Cheryl Poliak and Steve Klinger and reoffered in memory of Am/Can CH Marjac's Azure Mist and Am/Can CH Sheiling's D'Arque Sugar. 02/97-01
9.3.6	<b>The Bred By Exhibitor Bitch Challenge Trophy in memory of Sandy Ellington</b> is a cold-cast bronze bearded collie statue atop a wooden base, offered by friends of Sandy Ellington. 02/97-01
9.3.7	<b>The Spot Trophy</b> , established by Michele Ritter and Chet Jezierski, will be awarded annually to the top bearded collie in conformation as determined by the AKC rating system. The trophy is a bronzed likeness of Spot on a wooden pedestal. The trophy lists the name of each dog to achieve the ranking of top bearded collie in group points for each year. The list of top beardies will be provided by the awards chair. 03/94-10, 05/96-01, 07/96-02
9.3.8	<b>The Brigadoon Trophy for the #1 Beardie in Breed Points</b> recognizes the bearded collie that accumulates the most breed points during the awards year. The trophy is a champagne bucket mounted on a walnut base donated by Penny Hanigan that lists the names of all bearded collies to achieve the top ranking in breed points for each year. 01/97-03
9.3.9	<b>The Ralph and Irene Carson Breeder's Cup Award</b> is an engraved silver plate or crystal pitcher on a wooden base, awarded to the breeder(s) of best of breed at the national specialty. A new award will be donated each year by friends of Ralph and Irene Carson, Stonehaven Bearded Collies. 07/01-01, 03/12-04, 160920
9.3.10	<b>Top Stud Dog Award Plaque</b> in memory of CH Edenborough Happy Go Lucky and <b>Top Brood Bitch Award Plaque</b> in memory of CH Rich-Lin's Molly of Acadia are walnut plaques with the name of the current Top Stud Dog and Top Brood Bitch added each year. The requirement for this award is a minimum of five progeny for dogs and three progeny for bitches finished within the year. 04/89-02, 02/90-07

#### 9.4 Herding Awards

9.4.1	<b>Top Herding Dog – Awards.</b> These annual awards are presented to the four dogs participating in AKC-licensed events that attain the highest overall average qualifying score (from all three qualifying runs in attaining the title and the top three qualifying runs in the case of the Championship Class) for each of the following classes: Started Class, Intermediate Class, Advanced Class, and Championship Class in keeping with any current AKC Regulations. These awards shall be presented in the year in which the titles are earned, regardless of the year in which the title is obtained. Ties shall be broken by the average of the number of dogs defeated using the first three qualifying runs under at least two different judges to obtain the title. 06/99-09, 09/99-07, 04/11-04
9.4.2	<b>Herding Dog of the Year Award</b> is awarded to the first ranked bearded collie in the Started, Intermediate, and Advanced levels of the AKC Herding Trial Program each year in accordance with the current AKC Herding regulations. The ranking of each dog at each level will be calculated as follows: first, identify the three highest point counts, then take the scores associated with the highest point counts. A. Points: A dog earns one point for every dog which had a lower or non-qualifying score in the class at that Trial. High in Trial carries points equal to the total dogs in competition in that trial minus one point, instead of class points. Reserve High in Trial carries points equal to the total dogs in competition in that trial minus two points, instead of class points. B. Ranking: At each level, the dog's three highest point counts from three different judges will be averaged to two decimal places. The scores of those three runs will be averaged to two decimal places. If a dog has one or more identical point count(s) under different judges, the higher scores(s) will be used in the calculations.

	<p>The two averages will be added together. The dog with the highest combined average at each AKC herding level will be ranked #1, etc.</p> <p>C. Ties: Using only the three runs determined by items A and B above, ties will be broken by: The highest average placement in the classes. The highest average point count. The highest average score.</p> <p>All points/scores will apply at each level in the year of completion of the title, regardless of the year earned, except that once the Advanced title has been earned, for the next and subsequent years, points and scores must be earned within each calendar year. 01/99-03</p>
9.4.3	<p><b>The Bishop Award for Herding Excellence</b> shall be awarded to the bearded collie that earns the highest average points on sheep. The award will be a lead crystal "Rising Star" with Bishop's face etched in the top. There shall be a wooden base for plaques listing the winners of this award. The winner shall be announced each year in the BCCA Newsletter and Beardie Bulletin which are published immediately following publication of the March AKC Awards.</p> <p>The actual award shall be presented to the winning bearded collie at the BCCA national specialty and is to be held by the winner's owner for eleven months. Each winner shall also receive an award to be retained permanently by the owner.</p> <p>The BCCA herding chair shall be responsible for tabulating all qualifying scores and numbers of dogs outscored. The points shall be taken only from the official AKC Awards and shall be calculated as follows:</p> <p>The three highest actual scores earned on sheep on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to 100ths of a point;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The three highest actual scores earned on sheep on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to 100ths of a point;</li> <li>2. The three highest actual number of dogs outscored on sheep on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to 100ths of a point;</li> <li>3. These average point counts shall be added together and the one dog with the highest point average shall be deemed the winner of the Bishop Award.</li> </ol> <p>Should a tie occur, the tie shall be broken as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The dog whose scores and numbers come from a higher class or classes shall be declared the winner.</li> <li>2. Should Provision (a) not break the tie, then the dog which has the most High In Trial wins throughout the calendar year shall be declared the winner.</li> <li>3. If no prospective winner has attained a high in trial win, then the number of reserve high in trial(s) or the higher average of actual class placements shall determine the winner. 09/06-12</li> </ol>
9.4.4	<p><b>The Faith Memorial Challenge Trophy</b> is to be awarded to the bearded collie bitch with the highest combined score on sheep earned during the national herding event(s) each year until retired, using qualifying scores from A, B, or C course or any combination of these courses. The trophy, offered by Cindy Mendonca in memory of HC Artisan Starlight HXAs, is a hand-painted slice of agate mounted on wood. 02/08-01</p>
9.4.5	<p><b>The Boone Memorial Trophy</b> is awarded to the bearded collie dog with the highest combined score on sheep earned during the national herding event(s) each year, using qualifying scores from A, B, or C course or any combination of these courses. Individual trophies, offered on a limited lifetime basis through 2032, by Ann Witte in memory of Am/Can CH Artisan Bronze Paladin HXAs, will be small replicas of a bronze sculpture of a bearded collie facing off a Scottish blackface ram mounted on a wooden base. 02/08-02</p>
9.4.6	<p><b>The DC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX HXAs MX MXJ MV Memorial Trophy</b> is presented to the overall highest scoring bearded collie at each year's National Specialty Herding Event(s), earned on any type of stock. The trophy, offered by Sandy Weiss, is a bronze sculpture of a bearded collie herding sheep, mounted on a wooden base, on which each winner's name is engraved. 02/08-03, 10/08-01</p>

9.4.7	<p><b>Top Herding Dog Master's Award</b> in Started, Intermediate, and Advanced levels will be given to the dog having the highest average of the eight qualifying runs for the Master's title, which begin after the third qualifying run for the regular title at that level. The Master's award will be given in the year in which the title is earned and the qualifying runs can come from that and previous years. Ties shall be broken by the average number of dogs defeated in the eight qualifying runs.</p> <p>AKC herding trial qualifying runs that are eligible for BCCA yearly awards:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="298 289 1524 621"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="298 289 764 323">Award (yr begun)</th> <th data-bbox="764 289 1073 323">Previous Years</th> <th data-bbox="1073 289 1524 323">Award Year (Calendar)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 323 764 390">Masters THD (12): started, intermediate, advanced</td> <td data-bbox="764 323 1073 390">Starts after Q run for title at that level</td> <td data-bbox="1073 323 1524 390">Ends with 8<sup>th</sup> Q run at that level</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 390 764 457">THD (93): all courses, all stock, all levels including championship</td> <td data-bbox="764 390 1073 457">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1073 390 1524 457">Ends 60 days after run that completes the title</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 457 764 548">HDOTY (99): all courses, all stock, levels – started, intermediate, advanced</td> <td data-bbox="764 457 1073 548">Yes for started and intermediate only</td> <td data-bbox="1073 457 1524 548">Yes for all levels. Ends 60 days after run that completes the title</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 548 764 621">Bishop (07): sheep only, any course, any level</td> <td data-bbox="764 548 1073 621">No</td> <td data-bbox="1073 548 1524 621">Yes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Award (yr begun)	Previous Years	Award Year (Calendar)	Masters THD (12): started, intermediate, advanced	Starts after Q run for title at that level	Ends with 8 <sup>th</sup> Q run at that level	THD (93): all courses, all stock, all levels including championship	Yes	Ends 60 days after run that completes the title	HDOTY (99): all courses, all stock, levels – started, intermediate, advanced	Yes for started and intermediate only	Yes for all levels. Ends 60 days after run that completes the title	Bishop (07): sheep only, any course, any level	No	Yes
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9.4.8	<p><b>The Ann Adler Witte Memorial Trophy</b> is presented to the highest scoring veteran bearded collie, any class, any stock, at each year's National Specialty herding event(s). The trophy, offered by the Great Plains Bearded Collie Club, is a ram's horn with a Bearded Collie and Scottish thistle engraved in silver on the horn. The trophy is mounted on a wooden base on which each winner's name is engraved.</p>															
<p><b>9.5 Junior Handler Trophies and Awards</b></p>																
9.5.1	<p><b>Gail E. Miller High Scoring Junior Handler Trophy</b> will be presented to the high scoring junior handler of a bearded collie at AKC-licensed shows during the past year. This award, consisting of a 16-inch silver loving cup on a wooden base with the top juniors' names engraved on plates surrounding the base, shall be computed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 points for 1st place</li> <li>2 points for 3rd place</li> <li>3 points for 2nd place</li> <li>1 point for 4th place</li> </ul> <p>One additional point shall also be awarded for each junior handler defeated per show, including those defeated in other junior showmanship classes by virtue of winning best junior handler.</p> <p>In addition to the trophy, a scholarship in the amount of \$250 will be awarded annually to the individual receiving this award. The recipient will also receive a print of a watercolor painting, offered and financed by private funds. 07/04-01, 07/04-02</p>															
9.5.2	<p><b>High Scoring Junior Handler Awards for Herding, Agility, Obedience, or Tracking</b> will be presented to the high scoring junior handlers of a bearded collie at AKC-licensed herding, agility, obedience and tracking events.</p> <p>In order to compute awards for these events, juniors should obtain a supply of AKC Junior Handler Certification forms from any show superintendent or from the Junior Show Committee Chair. These steps should then be followed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill out your portion of the form and then have the judge sign and date it.</li> <li>2. Return the yellow copy to the judge.</li> <li>3. Make a copy of the forms and send them to the Junior Show Chair for tabulation.</li> </ol> <p>All forms must be received by the Junior Show Chair no later than April 30th.</p> <p>In computing awards for Top Junior Handler in these events, each junior shall receive: 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place and 1 point for qualifying. These points may not be combined from multiple venues. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to the individuals receiving these awards. 06/05-03</p>															

## 9.6 Obedience Trophies and Awards

9.6.1 **The Top Obedience Dog Award** is given to the dog that has accumulated the most points in each level during the preceding calendar year. The dogs with the ten highest scores and points will be considered. If there is a tie among the ten highest scoring dogs, then all dogs with that score or number of points will be included.

Scoring - A point value is assigned to a dog's placement using both Average Score and Shuman System.

Average Score System - scores for each dog are averaged; the dog with the highest average receives ten points and is ranked first, the dog with the next highest average receives 9 points and is ranked second and so on down to tenth. If more than one dog has the same average, all are ranked the same.

Shuman System - under the Shuman system a point value is given for each qualifying score.

Qualifying Score	Point Value
200	8
198-199	7
195-197	6
190-194	5
185-189	4
180-184	3
175-179	2
170-174	1

Shuman points are added for each dog; the dog with the most points receives ten points and is ranked first, and dog with the next highest number of points receives nine points and is ranked second, and so on down to tenth place. If more than one dog has the same average, they are all ranked the same.

Each dog's ranking from both systems is totaled to determine the winner for each level. 01/86-02, 7/92-04, 141223

9.6.2 **The Tamevalley Obedience Trophy** is presented to the bearded collie winning High In Trial at each year's national specialty obedience trial. Offered by Kathy Thomas, Debby Ritchie and Marylou McLeod in memory of Maureen Reader, the trophy is a bronze sculpture by John Stanbridge of a sitting bearded collie holding a dumbbell, mounted on a wooden base, on which each year's winner is recorded. 10/08-08

9.6.3 **The Top Rally Dog Award** is given to the dog that has accumulated the most points for each level during the preceding calendar year. The dogs with the ten highest scores and points will be considered. If there is a tie among the ten highest dogs, then all dogs with that score or number of points will be included.

Scoring - A point value is assigned to a dog's placement using Average Score and Shuman System.

Average Score System - scores for each dog are averaged; the dog with the highest average receives ten points and is ranked first, the dog with the next highest average receives nine points and is ranked second and so on down to tenth. If more than one dog has the same average, all are ranked the same.

Shuman System - under the Shuman system a point value is given for each qualifying score.

Qualifying Score	Point Value
100	8
98-99	7
95-97	6
90-94	5
85-89	4
80-84	3
75-79	2
70-74	1

Shuman points are added for each dog; the dog with the highest total receives ten points and is rank first, the dog with next highest total receives nine points and is ranked second, and so on down to tenth place. If more than one dog has the same average, they are all ranked the same.

Each dog's ranking from both systems is totaled to determine the winner for each level. 01/08-01, 141223

9.6.4	<p><b>An Obedience Medallion</b> is awarded to the top scoring bearded collie completing a regular obedience title (CD, CDX and UD) during the preceding year. Medallions are given for titles earned out of the A &amp; B classes. If a dog earns a title out of both the A and B classes, the class in which the third leg is earned, is considered the class competed in. A dog is eligible for the medallion only for the year when it completes its title.</p> <p>The top scoring bearded collie at each level is the dog with the most accumulated points. Qualifying scores toward a title are added together. (Note: CD, CDX and UD titles require three qualifying scores each.) Qualifying scores do not have to be accumulated in a single year. No insurance legs will be counted. 140325</p>
9.6.5	<p><b>A Rally Medallion</b> is awarded to the top scoring bearded collie completing a rally title (RN, RA and RE) during the preceding year. Medallions are given for titles earned out of the A &amp; B classes. If a dog earns a title out of both the A and B classes, the class in which the third leg is earned, is considered the class competed in. A dog is eligible for the medallion only for the year when it completes its title.</p> <p>The top scoring bearded collie at each level is the dog with the most accumulated points. Qualifying scores toward a title are added together. Combined qualifying AKC scores (points) toward a title. (Note: RN, RA and RE titles require three qualifying scores each.) Qualifying scores do not have to be accumulated in a single year. No insurance legs will be counted. 140325</p>
<p><b>9.7 Register of Merit Awards</b></p>	
9.7.1	<p>The Register of Merit (ROM) is given to dams that have produced three AKC Champion titled offspring and to sires that have produced five AKC Champion titled get.</p> <p>The Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) is given to dams with 10 or more AKC Champion titled offspring and to sires with 15 or more AKC Champion titled get. 11/77-01</p>
9.7.2	<p>The Register of Merit for Agility (ROMA) is given to dams with two or more offspring who have earned three or more AKC Agility titles and to sires with two or more get who have earned five or more AKC Agility titles.</p> <p>The Register of Merit for Agility Excellent (ROMAX) is given to dams with two or more offspring who have earned 10 or more AKC Agility titles and to sires with two or more get who have earned 15 or more AKC Agility titles.</p> <p>Regular agility titles are NA, OA, AX, MX, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ, MXJ, MACH, MACH2, etc. Preferred titles are NAP, OAP, AXP, MXP, NJP, OJP, AJP, MJP, MJP2, etc. Either regular titles or preferred titles may be counted toward the Register of Merit Agility (ROMA and ROMAX), whichever titles are higher, but they may not be added together. 04/97-01</p>
9.7.3	<p>A <b>ROMH</b> (Register of Merit for Herding) certificate is awarded to any sire of two or more offspring that have earned five or more AKC Herding Trial titles and to any dam of two or more offspring that have earned three or more AKC Herding Trial titles.</p> <p>A <b>ROMHX</b> (Register of Merit for Herding Excellent) certificate is awarded to any sire of four or more offspring that have earned fifteen or more AKC Herding Trial titles and to any dam of three or more offspring that have earned ten or more AKC Herding Trial titles. AKC herding trial titles which qualify are: HS (Herding Started), HI (Herding Intermediate), HX (Herding Excellent), and HC (Herding Champion). Each offspring may accrue credit for only one title per trial level. 02/99-03</p>
9.7.4	<p>A <b>ROMI</b> (Register of Merit for Instinct) certificate is awarded to any sire that has produced ten herding instinct certified or AKC herding titled offspring and to any dam that has produced five herding instinct certified or AKC herding titled offspring.</p> <p>A <b>ROMIX</b> (Register of Merit for Instinct Excellent) certificate is awarded to any sire that has produced twenty herding instinct certified or AKC herding titled offspring and to any dam that has produced ten (10) herding instinct certified or AKC herding titled offspring.</p> <p>Records of sires and dams shall be obtained by the Herding Committee from applicants for the BCCA HIC title and from the AKC Awards publication. Credits are given for the BCCA HIC, whether it is achieved by an actual BCCA instinct test or by alternate qualifications (one qualifying leg of the AKC or AHBA instinct test certificate, or one qualifying leg in any test or trial level, in any herding venue that issues titles.) To receive the BCCA HIC for alternate qualifying legs, the owner must supply a copy of the title certificate or score sheet, and a copy of the dog's registration certificate to the HIC secretary. 07/84-02, 04/11-08, 160628</p>

9.7.5	<p>A <b>ROMO</b> (Register of Merit Obedience) certificate is awarded to bearded sires producing two or more offspring having a total of at least five obedience titles and to bearded dams producing two or more offspring having a total of at least three obedience titles.</p> <p>A <b>ROMOX</b> (Register of Merit Obedience Excellent) is awarded to bearded sires producing offspring having a total of ten or more obedience titles and to bearded dams producing offspring having a total of five or more AKC Obedience titles. The titles counting toward these awards are CD, CDX, UD, UDX, and OTCH. 02/95-05</p>
9.7.6	<p>A <b>ROMR</b> (Register of Merit Rally) certificate is awarded to bearded sires producing five or more offspring having a total of at least ten rally titles and to bearded dams producing three or more offspring having a total of at least five rally titles.</p> <p>A <b>ROMRX</b> (Register of Merit Rally Excellent) certificate is awarded to bearded sires producing offspring having a total of fifteen or more rally titles and to dams producing offspring having a total of ten or more rally titles. The titles to be counted toward these awards are RN, RA, RE and RAE. 10/08-09</p>
<b>9.8 Therapy Trophies and Awards</b>	
9.8.1	<p><b>The Andrew Trophy</b> is presented to the bearded collie that has performed the most service hours in therapy work during the previous year. 05/09-02</p>
9.8.2	<p><b>The Avery Dudasch Award</b> is presented to any bearded collie that has performed pet therapy visiting ill children at a hospital during the previous year. The Avery Award honors the memory of 11 year old Avery Dudasch, who showed great courage, hope, and faith in her battle with cancer. 09/12-01</p>
9.8.3	<p><b>The Casey – The Wonder Dog – Award</b> recognizes any physically challenged or rescue bearded collie doing therapy work. A “Casey” is in memory of Casey, who overcame his early life in a puppy mill and an injury that cost him a leg, to become a much beloved therapy dog to thousands of people. To be eligible, dogs must have some sort of physical challenge (e.g. missing a limb, deaf, blind) or be a rescue bearded collie. This certificate will be awarded to the same dog only once. 09/12-02</p>
<b>9.9 Versatility Trophies and Awards</b>	
9.9.1	<p><b>The Chip Versatility Trophy for Most Versatile Bearded Collie at the National Specialty</b> is a wooden plaque with a laminated photo collage and plates engraved with the names of each year’s winner. This award is in memory of DC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX HS HI HXAs MX MXJ, the first Masters In Versatility winner. To be eligible, dogs must enter and compete in at least three venues offered at the specialty. 04/05-01</p>

9.9.2

**Versatility Awards**

The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge members who have achieved titles with their Beardies from a variety of AKC recognized venues. There are three levels of recognition:

- VA (Versatility award)
- VX (Versatility award Excellent)
- MV (Master of Versatility)

All titles accepted by AKC as a part of a dog’s permanent record can be used to qualify for these awards. In addition, for the conformation venue only, an all breed BIS, an all breed or herding group show group placement, and/or a National Specialty BOB win will be accepted as title equivalents by the Versatility chair if the owner provides him/her with the show name/date so that the win(s) can be confirmed.

Titles can be earned in the following venues:

1. Agility
2. Conformation
3. Herding
4. Obedience
5. Rally
6. Therapy
7. Tracking
8. Miscellaneous: Includes any AKC recognized venue such as Barn Hunt, Companion (CGC), Coursing Ability, Dock Diving, Flyball, and Search & Rescue where titles are recognized by AKC but the venue is not represented by a BCCA standing committee.

Restrictions on the number of titles counted:

1. Titles must be earned in order to count. This restriction applies to herding where dogs may be started at any level.
2. In venues like agility and obedience with regular and preferred title tracks, equivalent titles in the two tracks will not be counted. For example, if a dog has earned an NA and an NAP in agility or a CD and a PCD in obedience, only one of these titles will be counted toward a versatility award from agility and obedience respectively.
3. Instinct titles, like HIC and RATI, are not acceptable to qualify for versatility awards

For the Master of Versatility award, any of the following will fulfill the requirement for a Championship Qualifying title:

1. Agility - MACH, PACH, AGCH, NAC
2. Conformation - all breed BIS, GGCH, National Specialty BOB win
3. Herding - HC
4. Obedience - OTCH, OGM, POC, NOC
5. Rally - RNC
6. Therapy - THDD
7. Tracking - CT
8. Miscellaneous – None

A summary of the overall requirements for the awards follows:

<b>Versatility Award (VA)</b>	<b>Versatility Excellent Award (VX)</b>	<b>Master of Versatility (MV)</b>
5 titles from at least 3 venues	10 titles from at least 4 venues	15 titles from at least 5 venues
No restrictions on the number of titles/venue	A maximum of 5 titles/venue may be counted	A maximum of 6 titles/venue may be counted; the Championship qualifying title will NOT count
	At least two titles must be earned in each of three venues	Championship qualifying title required: BIS; GGCH, NS BOB win; OTCH; OGM; POC, NOC; CT; RNC; HC; MACH, PACH, AGCH, NAC; THDD
		At least a HT required in herding