

BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

STANDING RULES

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1.0 BOARD PROCEDURES	
1.1	Meeting Date and Time. 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
1.2	Annual Meeting. The Annual Board Meeting shall be open to members on a non-participatory basis. 08/79 ABM
1.3	Board Packet.
1.3.1	Newly Elected Board. 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	Outgoing Board The complete July board packet shall be distributed to all outgoing Board members each year. 09/99-04
1.3.3	AKC Delegate and Parliamentarian. The recording secretary shall send a board packet to the AKC delegate and to the parliamentarian each month. 11/94-08
1.4	Standing Rules. 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
1.5	Legal Settlement. 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

2.0 FINANCES	
2.1	Signatures. 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
2.2	Service Charge. 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
2.3	Handling Funds. All funds, with the exception of the National Specialty Host Club Account, and the Beardie Camp Account, shall be handled by the BCCA Treasurer. 10/92-03, 08/11-02, 200428
2.4	Reimbursement for Expenses.
2.4.1	Board Expenses 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	Committee Expenses 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	AKC Delegates 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
2.5	Other Expenses. 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
2.6	Tax Preparation. The treasurer will employ a professional tax preparation service, not associated with any BCCA member, to prepare all tax returns. 230418, 230516
2.7	Publications
2.7.1	Beardie Bulletin. 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
2.7.2	Bagpipes. 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

3.1	Voting. All ballots shall be sent electronically except ballots for officers, directors, and bylaws amendments.
3.1.1	<p>Voting with Electronic Ballot. When balloting is by electronic mail, each voting member shall receive an email that contains the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deadline date for returning the ballot; 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. <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>Voting with Mailed Ballot. When voting is by postal mail, each voting member shall receive a packet containing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deadline date for returning the ballot; 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; 3. Blank envelope for returning the ballot; 4. Return envelope addressed to the treasurer and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent in the return address. <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.</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. 12/91-01</p>

3.2	<p>Additional Nominations. 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>
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4.0 MEMBERSHIP

4.1	<p>Membership Applications. 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>
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4.2	<p>Challenge to Applicant. The following procedure is established for cases in which a membership applicant is challenged:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A member in good standing may challenge the acceptability of an applicant by submitting a letter containing the specifics to the recording secretary. 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 at the next scheduled board meeting, and determine if additional information is required before a vote is taken. 4. If more information is required, the recording secretary then shall send the applicant and sponsor a copy of the challenge letter, both by electronic means, and by postal mail with return signature required, or—in the case of international mail—by the most secure means available. A response to the challenge is required within thirty days from the date of mailing. An electronic response will be considered a sufficient response. During this time the board may conduct such other fact-finding as it considers 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 its decision. If the board denies the membership application, the board 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, 230116
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4.3	Dues
4.3.1	<p>Notices will be sent to current members via email by June 1st of each year. Annual membership dues beginning with the 2019 BCCA Fiscal Year are established as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Membership \$30 • Joint Membership \$35 • Associate Single Membership \$30 • Associate Joint Membership \$35. 03/87-03, 07/91-01, 170523, 171128
4.3.2	<p>Payments for membership dues and Bearded Collie Bulletin subscriptions from new members who were approved during the last quarter of the fiscal year will apply both to the remainder of that year and to the following year.</p>

	4.3.3	Delinquent Dues. If dues are paid after August 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, 170523
4.4		Address Labels. 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
4.5		Membership Roster. A membership list including name, address, phone number, email address, and kennel name will be emailed to members with the November issue of the Bagpipes. 08/90-10, 12/91-06, 11/94-03, 01/95-04, 05/00-03, 03/11-08, 221018
4.6		Online Members List. 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
4.7		Member Awards
	4.7.1	<p>Member of the Year. 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 April 15th 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 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, 09/97-0, 190329</p>
	4.7.2	A Thirty-Year Club Award is given to members who have maintained continuous membership in the BCCA for thirty years. 10/09-09, 141222

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	<p>An affiliate club of the BCCA, shall, by July 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>BCCA shall provide each affiliate club with the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
5.3.3	<p>Through the LEAP program, the BCCA will sponsor/subsidize outreach and educational events hosted A LEAP request should be made at least 45 days prior to hosting planned event to allow for Board review in advance. Retroactive sponsorships may be considered on an exception basis only by our local affiliate clubs.</p> <p>Affiliate clubs may request up to \$500 to offset expenses associated with hosting events and activities targeted toward one or more of the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivating new local and/or national club members, • Educating the local community on bearded collies, or • Educating participants about available dog sports/activities <p>Requirements for sponsorship include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email request to the BCCA Corresponding Secretary, which includes a description of proposed event including date, venue, estimated number of participants, estimated total expenses, and requested sponsorship amount (maximum available \$500 per club annually). • Following the event, the hosting club provides a summary of event outcomes to the BCCA Corresponding Secretary, e.g., participants, new memberships, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The BCCA also requests that affiliate clubs have copies of BCCA Membership applications at the event and make every effort to connect prospective new members with potential sponsors. Host clubs are encouraged to provide write-ups for distribution in <i>Bagpipes</i> or other BCCA communication channels, as well as photos of the event & participants to be used in those communications.

6.0 DISCIPLINE

6.1	<p>Processing Disciplinary Charges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If the expulsion is not adopted, the suspension shall stand.</p>

7.0 PUBLICATIONS

7.1	The Beardie Bulletin 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	The Bagpipes 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	The Illustrated Standard is an official publication of the BCCA. Distribution shall follow the rules set forth in the Guidelines for BCCA Publications
7.4	The BCCA Website 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	Email Service. 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	The Breeder Listing Service 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	The BCCA Litter Listing 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	The BCCA Power Point Judges Education Presentation 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	Advance Planning. Clubs applying 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	Reserve Winners. 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	<p>Awards of Merit. The specialty club will offer a minimum of 5 AOMs or 10% of the eligible entry, whichever is greater. See the graph below for a guide.</p> <p>To calculate the total Awards of Merit, include -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All best of breed entered special males and entered special bitches • All males and females entered in non-regular, e.g., veteran dog and bitch class entries, performance dog & bitch class entries, as well as any other non-regular entries eligible to compete for best of breed • Excluded from this count are the following: • Altered dog, altered bitch, and entries in non-regular classes with multiple entries; e.g. stud dog, brood bitch and braceentries <p><u>Reference guide</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total All Regular and Non-Regular Entered</th> <th>Round Up for final <u>minimum</u> count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Up to 50</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51-60</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>61-70</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>71-80</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>81-90</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Total All Regular and Non-Regular Entered	Round Up for final <u>minimum</u> count	Up to 50	5	51-60	6	61-70	7	71-80	8	81-90	9
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		<p>91-100 10</p> <p>101-110 11</p> <p><u>Ineligible for an Award of Merit on the day of judging:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No dog or bitch that has already been excused from the ring/not made "the cut". • Winners of Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Select Dog, and Select Bitch. <p>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, 250617</p>
8.1.4		<p>National Specialty Catalog Listing. 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</p>
8.1.5		<p>Specialty Documents for Historian. The host club of each national specialty will provide the BCCA Historian with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an official marked catalog recording all the placements of each event immediately following the specialty • a copy of the BCCA specialty video • winners' photos for BOB, BOS, SD, SB, WD, WB, BOW, RWD, RWB, Stud Dog-1st Place, Brood Bitch-1st Place, Veteran Dog-1st Place, Veteran Bitch-1st Place, Brace-1st 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
8.1.6		<p>Scheduling at the National Specialty. 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>Discipline at Show and Hotel Premises. 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>
8.2 Classes		
8.2.1		<p>Puppy Sweepstakes 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>Veterans Sweepstakes 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>
8.3 Conformation and Sweepstakes Judges		
8.3.1		<p>Form for Judges. 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>Regular Conformation Judges Eligibility. 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</p>

	<p>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"> • Is 21 years of age or older • Is occupationally eligible • Is knowledgeable of the breed with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling the breed for 15 or more years • 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 • Is approved by the AKC Judges Review Committee at the request of the BCCA • 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. <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>Sweepstakes Judges Eligibility. 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</i> and <i>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>Selection of Conformation Judges. "Each BCCA member may nominate one judge for the regular classes and one judge for sweepstakes, submitted to the recording secretary no later than September 1st.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judge nominees will be sent a letter by the recording secretary for permission to place their names on the ballot. 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 30th and must be returned to the treasurer no later than January 15th. 3. Ballots shall contain the state or country of each judge nominated. 4. In categories with only three nominees, those nominees will automatically move forward to the final ballot. 5. For categories with four nominees, members will vote for one candidate to move forward to the final ballot. 6. For categories with five to seven nominees, members will vote for two candidates to move forward to the final ballot. 7. For categories with eight or more nominees, members will vote for three candidates to move forward to the final ballot. 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 15th with the ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than March 30th. 05/83-06, 05/83-07, 7/92-06, 03/00-02, 181127
8.3.5	<p>Regular Judges Compensation 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>Sweepstakes Judge Compensation. 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>Waiting Period. 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>
8.3.8	<p>If the duly elected regular or sweepstakes judge for the BCCA National Specialty cannot fulfill his/her assignment, the other candidates on the final ballot for that year's National shall be asked to fill the assignment, with the candidate receiving the higher number of votes being asked first. If neither judge will accept the assignment, the show committee will select the judge.</p>
<p>8.4 Herding Judges</p>	

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>
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8.5 National Specialty Finances

8.5.1	<p>Advance to Host Club. 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</p>
8.5.2	<p>Specialty Profit Distribution. 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The net proceeds (income less expenses) of any auction (live, silent or virtual) held at the national specialty shall be divided; thirty percent shall be sent to the BCCA treasurer, designated for bearded rescue unless otherwise directed by the board; the remaining seventy percent shall be included in the overall specialty income. 2. Donations to the auction cannot be designated for a specific recipient. <p>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</p>

9.0 AWARDS

9.1 General

9.1.1	<p>Awards Year. 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, 220920</p>
9.1.2	<p>Eligibility. To qualify for a BCCA award, at least one owner of the bearded collie must be a BCCA member in good standing. A dog shown by a junior handler may be owned by an unrelated adult who is a BCCA member in good standing. In the case of Novice A awards only, a non-member-owner shall be eligible to receive a Novice A Performance or Companion award a single time. 171002, 220920</p>
9.1.3	<p>Award Approval. The board shall approve any award or certificate presented at the national specialty. 07/04-01, 220920</p>
9.1.4	<p>Awards. All awards shall include a certificate and may include other forms of recognition. Awards are won outright and reside with the recipients. 220920</p>

9.1.5	<p>Club Awards. The following awards are given annually at all BCCA national specialties.</p> <p>Diehard Agility Award - Agility Denia Award - Agility Overall Jumpers With Weaves Award - Agility Preferred Agility Veteran Award - Agility Ryan Awards - Agility Standard Agility Awards - Agility Lightning Award - Agility Spot Award - Conformation Brigadoon Award - Conformation Top Stud Dog Award - Conformation Top Brood Bitch Award – Conformation Top Herding Dog Awards - Herding Herding Dog Of The Year Awards - Herding Bishop Award For Herding Excellence - Herding Boone Memorial Award - Herding DC Britannia Chip Thrills Memorial Award - Herding Top Herding Dog Masters Award - Herding Ann Adler Witte Memorial Award - Herding Jack Award For Herding Excellence - Herding Owd Bob Award - Herding Gail E. Miller High Scoring Junior Handler Award - Conformation High Scoring Junior Handler Awards For Performance – Agility, Herding, Obedience, Rally, Tracking Top Obedience Dog Award - Obedience Top Rally Dog Award - Rally Obedience Award - Obedience Rally Award - Rally Register Of Merit Awards for Conformation, Agility, Herding, Obedience and Rally Andrew Award - Therapy Avery Dudasch Award - Therapy Casey The Wonder Dog Award - Therapy Chip Versatility Award for Most Versatile Bearded Collie at the National - Versatility Versatility, Versatility Excellent and Master Of Versatility Awards – Versatility, 220920</p>
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9.2 Agility Awards

9.2.1	<p>The Diehard Agility Award is given to the highest scoring bearded collie in Excellent/Master level agility. The original trophy featured a color drawing of bearded collies doing agility and was imbedded in acrylic and mounted on a walnut base. Plaques attached to the base allowed the names of the winners to be permanently engraved. Designed by Chet Jezierski, it was financed by donations from the Beardie Agility Diehard Community. The future winners will receive a keepsake for permanent possession. Legs earned in Excellent and Master Standard, and Excellent and Master Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) will be counted. To be eligible for this award, a bearded collie must earn at least three qualifying scores of 100 in Excellent and/or Master Standard and JWW.</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 bearded collie 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 be listed as the winners for that year. 04/01-01, 09/01-02, 02/11-02, 220920</p>
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9.2.2	<p>The Denia Award is given to the bearded collie achieving the highest point total in the standard agility classes through the MX. This award was donated by Glenn Hamilton and Emily Venator. The original engraved glass trophy featured a bearded collie jumping through a tire and included the inscription "The Bearded Collie Club of America's Annual Award Rewarding Performance for AKC Agility in Honor of Can Am CH Melville's Poetry in Motion NA HIC ADC NAC FM, The First Bearded Collie to Obtain an AKC Agility Title." Only legs leading to titles will be counted. The winner will receive a keepsake for permanent possession.</p> <p>Points will be awarded based on the 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, both will be listed as winners of the award for that year. 05/11, 08/95-19, 220920</p>
9.2.3	<p>The Overall Jumpers With Weaves Award in memory of Mirage is given to the bearded collie with the most outstanding performance in JWW. The original trophy featured a metal statue of Mirage performing the weave poles on a walnut base, and was financed by Beth White and designed by John Stanbridge. Each year's winner will receive a statue donated by Beth White.</p> <p>To be eligible for this award, a bearded collie must earn at least 6 qualifying scores of 100 at any level of JWW (Novice, Open, or Excellent.) In Novice, Open, and Excellent; only clean runs leading to titles will be counted. In Master, all legs will be counted. The following scoring system is to be followed. A bearded collie 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 bearded collie 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, 220920</p>
9.2.4	<p>The Preferred Agility Veteran Award is sponsored by Carl Widell in memory of Cagney, the first bearded collie to earn Preferred Excellent agility titles. The award is given 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 original trophy was a rectangular plaque with a large metal plate 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.</p> <p>The scoring will be based on the following sliding scale.</p> <p>Qualifying ScorePoint Value</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 in points occurs, the bearded collie 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, 220920</p>

9.2.5	<p>The Ryan Awards are given 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 bearded collie to obtain any type of agility title and are sustained by an anonymous member of the bearded collie agility community. The winners will receive keepsakes for permanent possession. In Novice A, Novice B, Open, and Excellent, legs leading to titles will be scored, no matter the year in which they were earned. In these classes, a bearded collie will be eligible for a JWW award only in the year in which the title is earned. For bearded collies competing in Master, 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 Master JWW award.</p> <p><u>Scoring</u> <u>Novice A – Excellent</u> The scores of the three legs leading to the title will be summed and the bearded collie 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 bearded collie 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>Master</u> A bearded collie 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, 220920</p>
9.2.6	<p>Standard Agility Awards are given to the bearded collies in the standard agility classes achieving the highest point total in each level of Standard agility. The winners will receive keepsakes for permanent possession. In Novice A, Novice B, Open, and Excellent, legs leading to titles will be scored, no matter the year in which they were earned. In these levels, a bearded collie will be eligible for the Standard award only in the year in which the title is earned. For bearded collies competing in Master, 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 Master Standard award.</p> <p><u>Novice A - Excellent</u> The scores of the three legs leading to the title will be summed and the bearded collie 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 bearded collie 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>The winner of the Novice A standard award will also be the Sunshine Award winner, honoring the top Novice A bearded collie and handler. The original Sunshine Award was funded by the Bearded Collie Club of Central Florida to recognize newcomers to the sport. 05/99-02</p> <p><u>Master</u> A bearded collie 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, 220920</p>
9.2.7	<p>The Lightning Award recognizes speed in AKC agility at the Master level, for the fastest average combined scores in Standard Master or Master Preferred and JWW Master or Master 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 shows a stylized figure of a bearded collie flying over a jump; a lightning bolt is in the background. Yards per second will be used for scoring purposes; the five fastest legs for Master Standard (regular or preferred) and JWW (regular or preferred) 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. In the case of a tie, multiple awards will be given. 151124, 220920</p>

9.3 Conformation Awards	
9.3.1	The Spot Award , established by Michele Ritter and Chet Jezierski, is given annually to the top bearded collie in group points as determined by the AKC rating system. The original trophy was a bronze likeness of Spot, Am/Can CH Britannia Ticket To Ride HIC, on a wooden pedestal. 03/94-10, 05/96-01, 07/96-02, 220920
9.3.2	The Brigadoon Award for the #1 Bearded Collie in Breed Points recognizes the bearded collie that accumulates the most breed points during the awards year. The original trophy was a champagne bucket mounted on a walnut base donated by Penny Hanigan that listed the names of all bearded collies to achieve the top ranking in breed points for each year. 01/97-03, 220920
9.3.3	The Ralph and Irene Carson Breeder's Cup Award is given to the breeder(s) of best of breed at the national specialty. The award is an engraved silver plate or a crystal pitcher on a wooden base. 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, 220920
9.3.4	Top Stud Dog Award in memory of CH Edenborough Happy Go Lucky and Top Brood Bitch Award in memory of CH Rich-Lin's Molly of Acadia are given to sires with a minimum of four progeny and bitches with a minimum of three progeny finished within the year. The original trophies were walnut plaques with the name of the current Top Stud Dog and Top Brood Bitch added each year. 04/89-02, 02/90-07, 220920
9.4 Herding Awards	
9.4.2	<p>The Herding Dog of the Year Award is given to the first ranked bearded collie participating in AKC-licensed events for each level (started, intermediate, advanced, and championship), course, and stock. 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.</p> <p>A. Points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A dog earns one point for every dog which had a lower or non-qualifying score in the class at that Trial. At championship level, the number of dogs defeated is only for trials offering championship points and then for all advanced classes. 2. High in Trial carries points equal to the total dogs in competition in that trial minus one point, instead of class points. 3. Reserve High in Trial carries points equal to the total dogs in competition in that trial minus two points, instead of class points. <p>B. Ranking.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At each level, the dog's three highest point counts from two different judges will be averaged to two decimal places. 2. The scores of those three runs will be averaged to two decimal places. 3. If a dog has one or more identical point count(s), the higher scores(s) will be used in the calculations. 4. The two averages will be added together. 5. The dog with the highest combined average at each AKC herding level will be ranked #1, etc. <p>C. Ties.</p> <p>Using only the three runs determined by items A and B above, ties will be broken by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The highest average placement in the classes. At championship level, this is the highest average placement against dogs in all advanced classes. 2. The highest average point count. 3. The highest average score. <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 or Championship titles have been earned, for the next and subsequent years, points and scores must be earned within each calendar year. 01/99-03, 220920</p>

9.4.3	<p>The Bishop Award for Herding Excellence, offered by Sydney Jones in memory of her rescue bearded collie Bishop, is presented through 2025 to the bearded collie that earns the highest average points on sheep in the award year. The original trophy was a lead crystal "Rising Star" with Bishop's face etched in the top. Winners of the annual award will receive a small replica of the original trophy.</p> <p>The points shall be calculated as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 2. The three highest actual number of dogs outscores on sheep on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to 100ths of a point; 3. These average point counts shall be added together and the bearded collie with the highest point average shall be deemed the winner of the Bishop Award. <p>Should a tie occur, the tie shall be broken as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The dog whose scores and numbers come from a higher class or classes shall be declared the winner. 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. 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, 220920
9.4.4	<p>The Boone Memorial Award is given to the bearded collie dog with the highest combined score on sheep earned during the National Specialty herding event(s), using qualifying scores from A, B, C, or D course or any combination of these courses. Individual awards, offered through 2045 by Ann Witte in memory of Am/Can CH Artisan Bronze Paladin HXAs, are small replicas of a bronze sculpture of a bearded collie facing off a Scottish blackface ram mounted on a wooden base. 02/08-02, 220920</p>
9.4.5	<p>The DC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX HXAs MX MXJ MV Memorial Award 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 original trophy, offered by Sandy Weiss, was a bronze sculpture of a bearded collie herding sheep, mounted on a wooden base, on which each winner's name was engraved. The keepsake award, given by an anonymous donor, is a clear acrylic block, with a photograph of the sculpture and the title from the original award. 02/08-03, 10/08-01, 220920</p>
9.4.6	<p>The Top Herding Dog Master's Award in Started, Intermediate, and Advanced levels is 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. 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. 04/12-04, 220920</p>
9.4.7	<p>The Ann Adler Witte Memorial Award, offered by the Great Plains Bearded Collie Club, is presented to the highest scoring veteran bearded collie, any class, any course, any stock, at the National Specialty herding event(s). The original trophy was a ram's horn with a bearded collie and Scottish thistle engraved in silver on the horn and mounted on a wooden base on which each winner's name was engraved. Individual awards are small replicas in acrylic with elements from the original. 170328, 220920</p>

9.4.8	<p>The Jack Award for Herding Excellence is given to the bearded collie that earns the highest average points on ducks. The crystal award is engraved with the winning year and dog's name and presented to the owner.</p> <p>The winner is calculated as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the three highest scores earned on ducks on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to two decimal places; 2. the three highest number of dogs outscored on ducks on any course at trials held within each calendar year shall be averaged to two decimal places; 3. these average point counts shall be added together, the one dog with the highest point average shall be deemed the winner of the Jack Award. <p>Should a tie occur, it shall be broken as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the dog whose scores and numbers come from a higher class or classes shall be declared the winner; 2. should Provision #1 not break the tie, then the dog that has the most Highs In Trial throughout the calendar year shall be declared the winner. 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 class placements shall determine the winner. 180123, 220920
9.4.9	<p>The Owd Bob Award is a plaque presented to the highest scoring owner-handled bearded collie, any level/class/stock at the National Specialty herding trial(s). The plaques, offered by an anonymous group of bearded collie owners, show a bas-relief sculpture of a handler and a seated bearded collie. Each bears an inscription engraved on a brass plate. A second brass plate provides space for the owner to engrave the name of the dog. The sculptures and brass plates are mounted on wooden wall plaques. The award will be offered starting in 2022 for 25 years. A tie would be broken, first in favor of the higher level (any stock, any course), and second, if needed, by the combination of all qualifying scores (any stock, any level, any course) during the specialty trial(s). 220322, 220920</p>
9.4.1	<p>Top Herding Dog Awards are presented to the bearded collies 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 course (A, B, C, or D), stock, or level (Started, Intermediate, Advanced), and Championship Class in keeping with any current AKC Regulations. These awards shall be presented in the year in which the titles are earned. The three qualifying runs may happen in the title year or prior years. 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, 220920</p>

9.5 Junior Handler Awards

9.5.1	<p>The Gail E. Miller High Scoring Junior Handler Award is given to the high scoring junior handler of a bearded collie at AKC-licensed shows during the past year. The winner will be based on the number of shows entered, with competition at a minimum of three shows to be eligible. Ties shall be broken on the basis of the number of points, computed as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 points for 1st place 2 points for 3rd place 3 points for 2nd place 1 point for 4th place <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 award, a scholarship in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to the individual receiving this award. The recipient will also receive a print of a watercolor painting. 07/04-01, 07/04-02, 220920</p>
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9.5.2	<p>The High Scoring Junior Handler Awards for Herding, Agility, Obedience, or Tracking will be presented to the high scoring junior handlers of a bearded collie at AKC-licensed herding, agility, rally, 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"> 1. Fill out your portion of the form and then have the judge sign and date it. 2. Return the yellow copy to the judge. 3. Make a copy of the forms and send them to the Junior Show Chair for tabulation. <p>All forms must be received by the Junior Show Chair no later than April 30th.</p> <p>To be eligible, a junior handler must participate in at least three events. Ties shall be broken on the basis of the number of points, computed as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 points for 1st place 2 points for 3rd place 3 points for 2nd place 1 point for 4th place <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.. Scholarships in the amount of \$250 will be awarded to the individuals receiving these awards. 06/05-03, 220920</p>
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9.6 Obedience & Rally Awards

9.6.1	<p>The Top Obedience Dog Award is given to the dog that has accumulated the most points in each titling 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.</p> <p>Scoring - A point value is assigned to a dog's placement using both Average Score and Shuman System.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Shuman System - under the Shuman system a point value is given for each qualifying score.</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Qualifying Score</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Point Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>200</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>198-199</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>195-197</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>190-194</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>185-189</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>180-184</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>175-179</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>170-174</td><td>1</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Shuman points are added for each dog; the dog with the most points receives ten points and is ranked first, and the 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.</p> <p>Each dog's ranking from both systems is totaled to determine the winner for each titling level. 01/86-02, 7/92-04, 141223, 220920</p>	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
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9.6.2	<p>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.</p> <p>Scoring - A point value is assigned to a dog's placement using Average Score and Shuman System.</p> <p>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.</p>																		

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9.6.3	<p>An Obedience Award is given to the top scoring bearded collie completing a BN, CD, CDX or UD earned out of both A and B classes during the preceding year. If a dog earns a title out of both the A and B classes, the class in which the titling leg is earned, is considered the class competed in. A dog is eligible for the award only for the year it completes its title. The top scoring bearded collie in each class level (A and B) is the dog with the highest combined score of the three qualifying legs for the title. Qualifying scores do not have to be accumulated in a single year. 140325, 180327, 220920</p>																		
9.6.4	<p>A Rally Award is given to the top scoring bearded collie completing a RI or RM; or a RN, RA, RE title, earned out of both A and B classes during the preceding year. If a dog earns a title out of both the A and B classes, the class in which the titling leg is earned, is considered the class competed in. A dog is eligible for the award only for the year it completes its title. The top scoring bearded collie in each class level (A and B) or Rally Intermediate or Rally Masters is the dog with the highest combined score of qualifying legs for the title. (Note that RN, RI, RA and RE titles require three qualifying scores each; the RM title requires ten qualifying scores.) Qualifying scores do not have to be accumulated in a single year. 140325, 180327, 220920</p>																		

9.7 Register of Merit Awards

9.7.1	<p>The Register of Merit (ROM) is given to dams that have produced three or more AKC Champion titled offspring and to sires that have produced four or more AKC Champion titled offspring, recalculated back to 1977.</p> <p>The Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) is given to dams with seven or more AKC Champion titled offspring and to sires with twelve or more AKC Champion titled offspring, recalculated back to 1977. 11/77-01, 220920</p>
9.7.2	<p>The Register of Merit for Agility (ROMA) is given to dams with two or more offspring who have earned five or more AKC Agility titles and to sires with two or more offspring that 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 offspring who have earned 15 or more AKC Agility titles.</p> <p>All AKC agility titles will be counted, including regular and preferred Standard, Jumpers with Weaves, FAST, and Time2Beat. 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. Premier titles will be counted as well. 04/97-01, 220920</p>

9.7.3	<p>A ROMH (Register of Merit for Herding) certificate is awarded to any dam of two or more offspring that have earned three to nine AKC Herding Trial titles and to any sire of two or more offspring that have earned three to nine AKC Herding Trial titles.</p> <p>A ROMHX (Register of Merit for Herding Excellent) certificate is awarded to any dam of three or more offspring that have earned ten or more AKC Herding Trial titles and to any sire of three or more offspring that have earned ten or more AKC Herding Trial titles.</p> <p>AKC herding trial titles which qualify are HS (Herding Started), HI (Herding Intermediate), HX (Herding Excellent), and HC (Herding Champion). For both awards, each offspring may accrue credit for as many as three titles per trial level with each title on a different stock. 02/99-03, 180522, 220524, 220920</p>
9.7.4	<p>A ROMI (Register of Merit for Instinct) certificate is awarded to any dam that has produced five herding instinct certified or AKC herding titled offspring and to any sire that has produced ten herding instinct certified or AKC herding titled offspring.</p> <p>A ROMIX (Register of Merit for Instinct Excellent) certificate is awarded to any dam that has produced ten herding instinct certified or AKC herding titled offspring and to any sire that has produced twenty 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. 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, 220920</p>
9.7.5	<p>A ROMO (Register of Merit Obedience) is given to any dam that has produced two or more offspring having a total of at least three obedience titles and to any sire that has produced two or more offspring having a total of at least five obedience titles.</p> <p>A ROMOX (Register of Merit Obedience Excellent) is given to dams that have produced two or more offspring having a total of five or more obedience titles and to sires that have produced two or more offspring having a total of ten or more AKC Obedience titles.</p> <p>Titles accepted for calculation of the ROMO/ROMOX are those classified by AKC as regular titling classes, i.e., Novice A/B, Open A/B, and Utility A/B. In addition, UDX, OTCH, OM, and OGM will also be included in the calculation. 02/95-05, 180425, 220920</p>
9.7.6	<p>A ROMR (Register of Merit Rally) certificate is awarded to dams that have produced three or more offspring having a total of at least five rally titles and to sires that have produced five or more offspring having a total of at least ten rally titles.</p> <p>A ROMRX (Register of Merit Rally Excellent) certificate is awarded to dams that have produced three or more offspring having a total of ten or more rally titles and to sires that have produced five or more offspring having a total of fifteen or more rally titles.</p> <p>Titles accepted for calculation of the ROMR/ROMRX are those classified by AKC as regular titling classes, i.e., RN A/B, RI, RA A/B, and RE A/B. RAE, RM and RACH will also be included in the calculation. 2605</p>
9.7.7	<p>A ROMSW (Register of Merit Scent Work) is given to any dam that has produced two or more offspring having a total of at least three scent work titles and to any sire that has produced two or more offspring having a total of at least five scent work titles.</p> <p>A ROMSWX (Register of Merit Scent Work Excellent) is given to dams that have produced two or more offspring having a total of five or more scent work titles and to sires that have produced two or more offspring having a total of ten or more AKC scent work titles.</p> <p>Titles accepted for calculation of the ROMSW/ROMSWX are those classified by AKC as regular titling classes, i.e., all Container, Interior, Exterior, Buried, Handler Discrimination, Detective, Multi-Class, 260417</p>

9.7.8	<p>A ROMBH (Register of Merit Barn Hunt) is given to any dam that has produced two or more offspring having a total of at least three barn hunt titles and to any sire that has produced two or more offspring having a total of at least five barn hunt titles.</p> <p>A ROMBHX (Register of Merit Barn Hunt Excellent) is given to dams that have produced two or more offspring having a total of five or more barn hunt titles and to sires that have produced two or more offspring having a total of ten or more AKC barn hunt titles.</p> <p>Titles accepted for calculation of the ROMO/ROMOX are those classified by the Barn Hunt Association as regular titling classes, i.e., RATN, RATO, RATS, RATM, RATCh, RATChX, CZ8B, CZ8S, CZ8G, CZ8Pm 260417</p>
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9.8 Therapy Awards

9.8.1	<p>The Andrew Award is presented to the bearded collie that has performed the most service hours in therapy work during the previous year. 05/09-02, 220920</p>
9.8.2	<p>The Avery Dudasch Award is presented to any bearded collie that has performed pet therapy visiting ill children at a hospital during the previous year. The 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, 220920</p>
9.8.3	<p>The Casey The Wonder Dog Award 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, 220920</p>

9.9 Versatility Awards

9.9.1	<p>The Chip Versatility Award for Most Versatile Bearded Collie at the National Specialty is in memory of DC Britannia Chip Thrills UDX HS HI HXAs MX MXJ, the first Master of Versatility winner. The award is an engraved crystal trophy given to the winner. In addition, the dogs placing 1st-5th in the standings each receive a rosette in recognition of their accomplishment. To be eligible, dogs must enter and compete in at least three venues offered at the specialty. 04/05-01, 220920</p>
9.9.2	<p>Versatility Awards The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge bearded collies that have achieved titles from a variety of AKC recognized venues. There are three levels of recognition.</p> <p>VA (Versatility Award), established 08/86-05, amended 05/95-01, 04/99-03, 05/04-02, 04/05-04 VX (Versatility Award Excellent), established 08/97-01, amended 09/97-02, 03/98-03, 08/98-03, 05/04-03, 04/05-05, 09/06-03 MV (Master of Versatility), established 10/98-08, amended 09/97-02, 03/98-03, 08/98-03, 03/04-02, 05/04-03, 04/05-05, 09/06-03</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Titles can be earned in the following venues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agility 2. Conformation 3. Herding 4. Obedience 5. Rally 6. Scent Work, Barn Hunt, Search & Rescue 7. Therapy 8. Tracking 9. Miscellaneous. Includes any AKC or AKC-recognized venue such as Companion (CGC), Coursing Ability, Dock Diving, FastCAT, Flyball, Temperament Test, Virtual Home Manners, and

Virtual Obedience 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 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. Virtual titles (BN-V; CD-V) earned in obedience will not count as additional titles if the dog also earns the equivalent regular obedience title.
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, GCHG, National Specialty BOB win
4. Herding - HC
5. Obedience - OTCH, OGM, POC, NOC
6. Rally – RNC, RACH
7. Scent Work, Barn Hunt, Search & Rescue - RATCH
8. Therapy - THDD
9. Tracking - CT
10. Miscellaneous – None

Summary of the overall requirements for the awards.

Versatility Award (VA)	Versatility Excellent Award (VX)	Master of Versatility (MV)
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, GCHG, NS BOB win, OTCH, OGM, POC, NOC, CT, RNC, RACH, HC, MACH, PACH, AGCH, NAC, THDD, RATCH
		At least a HT required in herding

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9.10 Scent Work Awards

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| 9.10.1 | <p>The Khieyah Awards are given annually to the bearded collie that has accumulated the highest number of points while earning the Scent Work Novice A title and Scent Work Novice B titles in the Odor Search Division. Points will only be awarded for the first three qualifying searches in each environment. Titles can be earned over more than one calendar year. This award is named in memory of Vintage Seyval Blanc at Gillebhridghe (Khieyah), the first bearded collie to complete the Novice HD title. 230418</p> |
| 9.10.2 | <p>The New Nose Awards are given annually to the bearded collies that has have accumulated the highest number of points while earning the Scent Work Handler Discrimination Novice A and Novice B title in the Handler Discrimination Division. Points will only be awarded for the first three qualifying searches. Titles can be earned over more than one calendar year.</p> <p>Points will be awarded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Place: 5 points Second Place: 4 points Third Place: 3 points Fourth Place: 2 points Qualifying Search: 1 point |

		Members who wish to be considered for this award must submit their qualifying searches to the chairperson of the Scent Work/ Barn Hunt committee, who will verify the information submitted. 230418
	9.10.3	The Cooper Award is given annually to bearded collies that earn the overall title at the highest level in the Odor Search Division in an award year. This award is named in memory of Sweetwater's Bethpage Black (Cooper), the first bearded collie to earn Nosework 3 Elite and Nosework Elite 1 titles. 230418
	9.10.4	The Discriminating Nose Award is given annually to bearded collies that earn a title at the highest level in the Handler Discrimination Division in an award year. 230418
9.11 Barn Hunt Awards		
	9.11.1	The Novice Newbie Awards are given annually to the three fastest bearded collies in the Novice Class. Awards will be based on the fastest average times in three qualifying runs of an award year. 230418
	9.11.2	The Need For Speed Awards are given annually to the three fastest bearded collies in the Master Class. Awards will be based on qualifying run times in an award year. Members who wish to be considered for this award must submit a photo of the qualifying ribbon with the run times recorded by the trial secretary. 230418