

# Official Notices from the Recording Secretary

## June 2026

--Karen Norteman, [webmonkey@bccca.us](mailto:webmonkey@bccca.us)

### **BCCA Membership Renewals**

The online and printable Membership Renewal Forms will be available by July 1st. **Your dues should to be paid by August 1st.** If paid after August 1st but on or before August 31st, a \$5 penalty will be added. If your dues are unpaid after August 31st, your membership will be terminated. You must then reapply as a new member.

**IMPORTANT: Please wait until July 1 to renew your membership.** This is because the renewals need to be accounted for in the next fiscal year.

### **Notice to Breeders**

If you want to be listed on the BCCA website, you can use the Membership Renewal Form to enroll for a yearly fee of \$25 **after July 1**. All the information needed is already in our database; however, if you have a website, you will need to enter the address in the space provided on the Membership Renewal Form. The Membership Renewal form is located at

<https://beardedcollieclub.us/about-the-bcca/membership/membership-renewal/>.

### **Guidelines for the BCCA Breeder Listing Program**

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain the breeder listing that will be published on the BCCA Website.

The list will be maintained on a yearly basis from July 1 to June 30, to coincide with the BCCA fiscal year.

Members may enroll in the Breeder Listing program for a \$25 fee using the membership renewal form. Members may also sign up any time during the year by notifying the corresponding secretary and submitting the fee; the fee will not be pro-rated.

Information to be listed on the BCCA website is limited to the following

- Kennel Name
- Owner Name
- Address
- Email Address
- Phone
- Website

### **Notice to All Affiliate Clubs**

Each club secretary must send \$25 dues, a current membership list, a list of officers and directors, and a calendar of dates for club meetings and sponsored events to the BCCA Treasurer.

The BCCA Affiliate Club Renewal Form is located on the BCCA website at <https://beardedcollieclub.us/about-the-bcca/forms/>.

## **Nominations for Regular and Sweepstakes Judges for the 2028 National Specialty**

Please send your nominations for regular and sweepstakes judges for the 2028 National Specialty to the Recording Secretary, Karen Norteman, [webmonkey@bccca.us](mailto:webmonkey@bccca.us). Each BCCA member is entitled to nominate one person for regular classes and one for sweepstakes. Deadline for receipt of all nominations is **September 1, 2026**.

**IMPORTANT:** All nominations must include email addresses for the nominees.

A preliminary ballot with all nominations will be available in November 2026 both online and in downloadable form, and it must be returned to the treasurer no later than **January 15, 2027**. The top three candidates from the preliminary ballot for each position will be presented to the membership in a final ballot in February 2027, with the final ballots to be returned to the treasurer no later than **March 20, 2027**. Nominations of judges from other countries who are eligible to judge championship shows are allowed for regular conformation classes only.

**Regular Conformation Judges Eligibility.** All nominees must be an AKC permit or approved judge, or approved to judge Bearded Collies in another country and award championship certificates (CCs) or the equivalent. 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:

- 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.

**Sweepstakes Judges Eligibility.** US 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 *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges*, and the standard of the breed, to be eligible for nomination.

Any judge officiating at the BCCA National Specialty will not be permitted on the ballot again until a two-year time period has elapsed.

## **2027 National Specialty Herding Trial Judge Nominations**

The BCCA Herding co-chairs have received no nominations for herding judges for the 2027 National Specialty. Please send nominations ASAP; the sooner the co-chairs have them in hand, the better the chances of them being able to hire the judges of your choice.

**Standing Rule 8.4.1** • 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. 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. 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)."

Please send your recommendations to the BCCA Herding co-chairs:

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## **2029 National Specialty Host Club**

Bids are now being accepted from local clubs to host the 2029 BCCA National Specialty (2029 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BCCA). Please contact National Specialty Advisor Joanne Williamson ([balgrae@ix.netcom.com](mailto:balgrae@ix.netcom.com)) for a bid packet.

Thanks to the groups and clubs who are hosting our upcoming National Specialties:

2026 National Specialty: October 3-10, 2026. Garland, TX. [www.bcca2026.com](http://www.bcca2026.com)

2027 National Specialty: September 18-24, 2027. Welches, OR.

2028 National Specialty: October 7-14, 2028. Kingsport, TN.