REGIONAL SPECIALTY REQUIREMENTS

Chapter 2, Section 12 of the AKC *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, contains the following statement, “A non-member specialty club may be licensed to hold a show, if the consent in writing that it may be given first shall be obtained from the member specialty club……commonly known as the Parent Club.”

Chapter 2, Section 13 reads, “Where a specialty club wishes to consider as its Specialty Show the breed classes at an all-breed show, written application must be made to the American Kennel Club…..Consent of the parent member specialty club must be secured by the non-member specialty club and forwarded to The American Kennel Club.”

In order to receive approval, Clubs must submit an application to AKC at least TWENTY-FOUR weeks prior to the closing date of entries of their show. In order to avoid any delays, written BCOA approval should be obtained prior to submitting the application to AKC. To receive BCOA approval, regional clubs must provide a current list of officers with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses; as well as their latest membership list to the Corresponding Secretary. The information provided will facilitate communication with the regional clubs and also be used to create an up-to-date Events Calendar that will list each club’s event(s).

Upon receipt of a club’s *Regional Specialty Application* form, approval will be sent to AKC with a copy sent to the Show Chairman. It is recommended that clubs keep the copy in their files until after their event. Should AKC indicate they have not received parent club approval, the copy can then be faxed to them.

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