



GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR BCOA TROPHY SUPPORTED ENTRY

A BCOA Trophy Supported Entry (TSE) comes about when a group of BCOA members in an area decide to host an event. Following are the steps to take in order to host a TSE. TSE Application and Guidelines can be downloaded from the BCOA website, or can be obtained by contacting the Recording Secretary.

1. Notify your Regional Governor of your intentions, so he/she can determine whether there are any other events which might conflict with your TSE. **The BCOA Board of Directors will not usually approve more than one TSE per region for the same show weekend.**
2. **Determine if this event had a Major entry in Borzoi in the previous year. If not, Why do you think holding a TSE will improve the entry?**
3. Contact an all-breed club in your area and obtain the name of the Show Chairman for the show you are interested in supporting.
4. From the Show Chairman, determine if they are interested in having a supported entry, and if so, what they are willing to provide in exchange for the support. Will they, for instance, return \$1.00 per entry to BCOA? Provide a large ring? Allow input of judge or choice of contracted judge?
5. **Ask that host club send notification to AKC with permission to hold the TSE event.**
6. Ask that the club provide rosettes for major placements, i.e. Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog and Bitch, (and if offered) Best in Puppy Sweepstakes, Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, and High-Scoring Borzoi in Obedience Trial.
7. Request a table at ringside for BCOA hospitality & trophies.
8. Determine the deadline for trophy descriptions to the Show Chairman, for inclusion in the Premium List. This date can frequently be up to six months prior to the Show date. The BCOA TSE medallions/trophies must in the Premium List.
9. Determine the deadline for inclusion of trophy donors in the catalog. This date can frequently be up to three months prior to the Show.
10. After obtaining all the information needed, submit a TSE application to your Regional Governor and to the BCOA Recording Secretary, at least six months prior to the show. All TSE applications must be approved by the BCOA Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary will notify the TSE Chairperson and the TSE Medals/Trophies chairperson of the approved TSE.
11. If a sweepstakes is to be offered, and upon approval of the BCOA Board, the Recording Secretary will complete the AKC application for approval of the Sweepstakes and send it to the AKC.
12. It is not the policy of BCOA to have the general membership select the regular breed judge for a TSE, as most all-breed clubs select their judges two years in advance. However, when securing/suggesting a TSE judge, Sweepstakes or Regular, it must be understood that the BCOA provides no compensation to TSE judges.
13. Trophies: BCOA provides seven medals: BOB, BOS, WD, WB, and if offered, Best in Puppy Sweeps, Best in Veteran Sweeps, and High-Scoring Borzoi in Obedience. Medals/trophies are sent to the person designated on the application. Any medals/trophies remaining after the TSE must be returned to the BCOA Medals Chairman. Additional trophies for all classes and major placements will be provided by the host group. **All trophies must be available to be presented at the event in accordance with AKC guidelines.**
14. Hospitality: Ringside hospitality is encouraged by the BCOA, and appreciated by exhibitors. Try to provide beverages and food, determined by the time of day of judging.
15. **It is optional** to hold a puppy sweepstakes and/or a veteran sweepstakes with a BCOA TSE.

Puppy Sweepstakes:

Puppy Sweepstakes will be open to all Borzoi who are at least six months and under 18 months of age on the date of the Sweepstakes. All dogs must also be entered in a regular class or in Best of Breed competition at the show, at the required entry fee. There are no other restrictions. Sweepstakes classes shall be divided, as follows, for both sexes: 6-9 month puppy; 9-12 month puppy; 12-15 month junior; and 15-18 month junior.

Winners of these eight classes shall return to the ring and the judge shall choose Best in Puppy Sweepstakes, and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Puppy Sweepstakes.

Veteran Sweepstakes: Veteran Sweepstakes will be open to all Borzoi who are least seven years of age. Veterans can be spayed or neutered. Veterans are not required to be entered in a regular class. Winners of each class shall return to the ring and the judge shall choose Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, and Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes.

For additional information regarding the TSE process, please feel free to contact your Regional Governor. Enjoy your TSE!

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