The purpose of the Triathlon at the Borzoi National Specialty is to explore the natural intelligence and abilities of the breed and to display its versatility. The Triathlon event is a day-of-performance event. No previous titles or other criteria are needed to enter nor will credit be given for such. Your borzoi must be at least one year old.

How to Enter the Triathlon

Fill out the Triathlon Entry form and pay the $5 entry fee. Your borzoi is now entered and must compete in the Triathlon Conformation Class, usually held on Thursday morning, where your borzoi will get an evaluation from the breed judge based on how your borzoi compares to the breed standard (see Conformation Scoring page 2). Also on the Triathlon Entry Form, you must list at least 1 class from each of the 3 categories below, that you will be entering your borzoi in, and paying the regular class entry fee for. The 3 categories on the Triathlon Entry Form are:

(1) **Conformation Class Entered**. Select a regular conformation class that you will enter you borzoi in. These classes are: 12-18 month, Novice, Bred-By Exhibitor, American-Bred, Open, the Altered class, a Veteran class or Best of Breed. (Brace, Team, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Sweepstakes and Futurity classes do not count for this requirement).

(2) **Obedience Class Entered or Rally Class Entered**. You must enter at least one Obedience or Rally class, but you may enter more than one class. If your borzoi competes in more than one class, the highest score will be used for the Triathlon.   For example, if your borzoi competes in the Beginner Novice Obedience class, the Novice Obedience class and the Rally Advanced class, the highest score will be used for the Triathlon.

(3**) Lure Coursing Stake Entered: ASFA AKC or LGRA Race Meet**. You must enter at least one of these events. You may enter two or all three events. If your borzoi competes in more than one event, the highest score will be used for the Triathlon. For example, if your borzoi competes in the AKC trial and in the ASFA trial, his highest score will be used for the Triathlon.   (Entries in the singles stake and in the Junior Courser test do not count for this requirement).

How the Triathlon Scores are Calculated for each class

COURSING/RACING

The **Triathlon Score** for running in the **ASFA trial** is the total score divided by four (4) when there are two judges or the total score is divided by two (2) when there is one judge.

The **Triathlon Score** for running in the **AKC trial** is the total score divided by two (2) when there are two judges or equal to the total score when there is one judge.

Since no numeric score is awarded in the LGRA race, the borzoi gets a **Triathlon Score** of 50 plus 1 point for each dog defeated, provided the borzoi completes three races in good standing with no fouls, no off course, not dismissed, and not disqualified.

OBEDIENCE/RALLY

Obedience classes: A Qualifying Score for the obedience class is not required. To understand how the Triathlon tabulator calculates the Triathlon Score, it is necessary to understand how the obedience judge marks the AKC judge's obedience class sheet.   At the bottom of the AKC judge's obedience class sheet, for each dog, is either an "NQ" (see paragraph 1 below) or a numeric score (see paragraph 2 below).

(1) Dog receives a total Non-Qualifying (NQ) score from the judge. The Obedience judge scores each exercise in the class. A class will have 5 or 6 or 7 exercises, with each exercise worth 20, 30 or 40 points. For each exercise, the judge marks the judge's sheet with the number of points deducted for a less than perfect performance. So for each exercise, the Triathlon tabulator subtracts the points the judge deducted from the maximum points for that exercise, to get the points earned for that exercise. If the judge marks "NQ" for an exercise, the dog earns zero points for that exercise. Then the Triathlon tabulator totals the points earned for all exercises in that class and that total is the Base Score, even though the dog has not qualified.

(2) Dog receives a numeric score and has Qualified. That score is the Base Score.

Calculating the **Triathlon Score** from the Obedience class Base Score. For the Novice, Open, Utility and Veteran classes, the **Triathlon Score** is one-half (1/2) of the Base Score.   For the Beginner-Novice class, the **Triathlon Score** is one-half of the Base Score times 90%.

RALLY classes: The borzoi must earn a qualifying score from the judge. For the Rally-Novice class, the **Triathlon Score** is 80% of the points awarded by the judge. . For the Rally-Intermediate class, the **Triathlon Score** is 90% of the points awarded by the judge. For the Advanced, Excellent and Masters classes, the **Triathlon Score** is equal to the points awarded by the judge. If the judge gives the borzoi an "NQ" (Non-Qualifying) then the borzoi gets a zero for the **Triathlon Score**.

CONFORMATION Score

The judge evaluates the borzoi in the Triathlon Conformation class against the Breed standard and marks the Conformation Score Sheet. Then the Triathlon tabulator calculates the **Triathlon Score**. See Triathlon Conformation Score Sheet below.

BCOA TRIATHLON CONFORMATION CLASS SCORESHEET

Armband No. _____   Age of Dog _____ years

Based on the form and function described in the Borzoi standard,
evaluate this dog using the 5 categories listed below.

Judge to check 1 column per category

	+	**✓**	**-**
	exceeds expectation	meets expectation	needs improvement
1. First Impression			
2. Movement - Down & Back			
3. Movement - Side Gait			
4. Details of Breed Type			
5. Fitness & Condition			

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Number of marks per column			
Multiplied by	19	17.5	16
equals			
Add together for Dog's total score: (maximum score 95, minimum score 80)			