

Golden Retriever Club of America, Inc.
BREED EDUCATION COMMITTEE (BEC)

Presenter/Tutor Program

I. Purpose

To provide knowledgeable and capable presenters and tutors to execute the BEC educational programs i.e.,

A. Presenters – to give BEC presentations at GRCA National and Regional specialties, Member Club specialties and meeting programs, and seminars/workshops by independent judges organizations.

B. Tutors – for conformation judges and aspiring judges.

II. Description

A. Number – There will be an indefinite number of presenters and tutors. It is strongly recommended that representation be as broad as possible in order to meet the need for GRCA education seminars across the country.

B. Resources and materials – Presenters and tutors need to be thoroughly familiar with the BEC resources and materials available to them, and may select from these the materials they wish to use to meet the needs of their audience.

C. Applications – Interested parties should submit an application to the BEC Chair who will review them and forward to the most appropriate subcommittee for review and approval. It will be the responsibility of that subcommittee to verify that the presenters and tutors meet the minimum criteria for participation, are trained in the use of materials available through the BEC, receive regular assignments or continuing education opportunities to keep up their skills, and are evaluated in the presentation of their assigned projects. Presenters and tutors who repeatedly fail to meet the expectations set forth by the BEC are subject to removal from the program by a majority vote of the appropriate BEC subcommittee.

D. Judges' Education Presenter Levels – In order to maximize the number of individuals available for judges' education programs, and to ensure that the pool of qualified individuals expands over time, there will be two levels of Judges' Education Presenters as follows:

1. Level One Presenters – a GRCA member in good standing for 15 years, with advanced knowledge of the subject, and who meets the requirements listed for a Level One Presenter. Level One Presenters are required for any program dealing directly with the Breed Standard or any “parent club approved” judges’ education presentation, regardless of the sponsoring organization.
2. Level Two Presenters – a GRCA member in good standing for 8 years, with significant knowledge of the subject, and who meets most of the requirements for a Level One Presenter. Level Two Presenters must work with a Level One Presenter until such time as they complete the requirements of a Level One Presenter.

III. Duties and Qualifications

A. All Presenters and Tutors

1. Presenters need to feel comfortable speaking before an audience, and tutors need to feel comfortable with one-on-one discussions and dealing with the individuals needs.
2. Must have thorough knowledge of the specific subject to be presented (such as field work, breeding, health care, judges’ education, etc.) including the ability to answer in a clear and correct way, all questions that may be asked concerning the subject.
3. Must agree to use only GRCA programs, outlines, and handout material as approved by the BEC and the Board of Directors at any GRCA approved presentation.
4. Must be able to speak coherently and describe characteristics in specific terms using a positive style using correct canine terminology.
5. Must agree to conduct ones self ethically.
6. Must follow up on all questions from any participant who needs more specific information either by referring him/her to other people or researching the information requested.
7. Must be willing to attend a training session if requested.
8. Must obtain the names and addresses of attendees at presentations or individuals tutored.

B. Judges’ Education Presenters and Tutors

In addition to the items listed above (Section III A), the following applies specifically to all judges’ education presenters and tutors:

1. Must be familiar enough with the breed, its history and the AKC breed standard to speak about it for two hours or more as may be required in some programs.

2. Must be familiar enough with basic canine anatomy to discuss details such as point of shoulder, over-reaching, foot-timing, etc. and to discuss how various faults contribute to specific problems.
3. Must have significant depth of knowledge regarding structure, type, and function. This can be demonstrated through extensive study of the breed standard by attendance at multiple seminars or study groups, or membership on educational programs/committees.
4. Must be able to pass a basic test on the Golden Retriever breed standard and canine anatomy if requested.
5. Must be able to set aside personal preferences such as color, size, coat, etc. from others that are well within the parameters of the breed standard.
6. Must be willing to sign a Program Presenter/Tutor Consent Form.
7. Must be able to assemble a small group of Golden Retrievers, both dogs and bitches that represent a variety of acceptable styles, ages, and color and coat types. These dogs should come from a variety of breeders to represent a broad picture of the breed as a whole. Champions who are being campaigned will not be part of such discussion groups. Except in the case of visits to breeders with tutors, the identity of all dogs, owners, and handlers will remain anonymous, including any information on the wins or accomplishments.
8. Must not be a professional handler who might be showing Golden Retrievers or other breeds under the student judge.
9. Must not be campaigning a Champion.
10. It is desirable, but not required, that presenters and tutors have a working knowledge of other sporting breeds.

C. Judges' Education Presenter Levels

1. Level One Presenters

Lead presenters of judges' education programs, or any presenter who uses the breed standard as the basis of a presentation, must be eligible as a Level One Presenter by meeting the minimum requirements as follows:

- a. have a minimum of 15 years of active participation in Golden Retriever events, including some field activity, and 15 years membership in the GRCA
- b. have bred five (5) litters of Golden Retrievers and produced four (4) AKC champions of record from those litters
- c. preferably have judging experience minimally at the sweepstakes level
- d. have attended at least five (5) National specialties, two (2) of them within the past five (5) years in order to have seen dogs from all over the country, and to have observed them from the puppy through veteran classes.

2. Level Two Presenters
A GRCA member in good standing for 8 years with significant knowledge of the subject, and who meets or nearly meets most of the requirements for a Level One Presenter as described in Section III C 1 above. Level Two Presenters must work with a Level One Presenter until such time as they complete the requirements of a Level One Presenter.

- D. Judges' Education Tutors
In addition to the requirements in Sections III A and III B, Judges' Education Tutors need to fulfill the requirements for Level One Presenters in Section III C.

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