

TROPHY REGULATIONS (NS 91-18), Revised (MY 06-26 & NS '06)

1. DEFINITIONS

- a. The term **Challenge Trophy** shall mean any trophy which may be awarded for permanent possession after winning the trophy three times, providing the trophy is replaced as detailed in these regulations. Individual trophy requirements will specify if the three wins must be with the same dog. The trophy is the property of the GRCA until retired.
- b. The term **Perpetual Trophy** shall mean any trophy which has been offered for permanent and/or continuous competition regardless of the number of times it has been awarded. This trophy shall remain the property of the GRCA.
- c. The term **National Specialty Trophy** shall mean any trophy which is awarded for competition or participation at the annual GRCA National Specialty.
- d. The term **Year-End Trophy** shall mean any trophy which is awarded for 12-month competition (January 1 through December 31) at AKC licensed or member events on the basis of standings on December 31 of the competition year. These trophies are awarded at the next GRCA National Specialty.
- e. The term **Competition Year** shall mean that calendar year (January 1 through December 31) in which wins toward Year-End trophies are accumulated.

2. RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY

- a. **National Specialty Trophies.** The recipient of a National Specialty Trophy must be a GRCA member in good standing as of the first day of events at the National Specialty.
- b. **Year-End Trophies.** Recipients of Year-End trophies must be GRCA members in good standing as of January 1 of the competition years and, in addition, they must be a member in good standing as of the first day of events at the National Specialty.
- c. **Official Date of New Membership.** The official date of membership is 30 days after the applicant's name is presented to the Board for approval, at which time the applicant is recorded in the official membership records.
- d. **Annual Renewals.** Membership Dues are due on or before the first day of January each year. A membership shall be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of January. If such member's dues are paid prior to 90 days after the first day of January the membership and trophy eligibility shall continue uninterrupted. The Board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to delinquent members in meritorious cases.
- e. **Lapsed Memberships.** Once their membership is lapsed,
 - (1) those individuals will not be eligible for GRCA Year-End Challenge or Perpetual Trophies of that Competition Year to be awarded at the subsequent year's National Specialty and
 - (2) in order to regain membership, those individuals whose membership has lapsed must reapply for GRCA membership through the GRCA Member Administrator.
- f. **Co-Owned Dogs.** In the case of co-owned dogs, unless otherwise specified in the individual trophy description, only one co-owner need be a GRCA member in good standing to be eligible for GRCA Challenge and Perpetual Trophies.

3. TIES

In the event of a tie which is not provided for clearly in the individual trophy criteria, the challenger winning awards in the more advanced stakes or classes shall be declared the winner as follows:

a. Field Trials.

(1) A dog placing in Amateur or Open takes precedence over one placing in Qualifying or Derby.

(a) The highest placing dog in these two stakes takes priority, i.e. first place in Amateur over the second place in Open.

(b) If two dogs receive the same placement in the two stakes, the Open placement takes precedence over the Amateur placement.

(2) If there are no placings in major stakes then Qualifying placements take precedence over Derby placements, i.e. a fourth place in Qualifying takes precedence over a first place in Derby.

(3) If there are no placements in Qualifying, the highest placing Derby dog takes the award.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a JAM is not considered a placement.

b. Conformation Shows.

Best in Show awards precede placements in the Group which in turn precede Best of Breed Awards.

c. Obedience.

The Utility results precede the Open results which in turn precede the Novice results, etc.

If a tie cannot be broken in this manner, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall make the final determination.

The above shall also be used to determine the “highest placing dog in trial” when not clearly defined in individual trophy criteria.

4. TROPHY RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

Due to the fact that GRCA’s collection of Challenge and Perpetual trophies have significant historical and monetary value and some of them cannot be replaced, each member awarded a GRCA Challenge or Perpetual trophy at the National Specialty is required to sign the Trophy Recipient Agreement and pay a **\$250.00** damage deposit to the Treasurer of GRCA before being allowed to take possession of the trophy. This deposit will be refunded in full when the trophy and its custom-made shipping crate are returned undamaged to the following National Specialty. If the trophy is damaged while in the custody of the recipient, he/she shall forfeit the deposit and will be held responsible for the repair or replacement of the trophy as detailed in Number 5 of these regulations.

A copy of the GRCA Trophy Recipient Agreement as established in Res. 87-14 and herewith amended, is included with these regulations as Attachment 1.

5. TROPHY DAMAGE

a. **While in Recipient's Care:** Once awarded, recipients are financially responsible for any damage to a trophy, except during shipment by commercial carrier, including total replacement if the trophy is destroyed. Recipients are expected to obtain insurance in the amount of the current appraised value for any shipping. Any recipient returning a trophy in damaged condition will be eligible to win a GRCA trophy, but might not be permitted to take possession of that trophy. Rather, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, that trophy may be required to remain in the possession of the Trophy Curator for that year.

b. **During Shipping by Commercial Carrier:** Responsibility for damage occurring during shipment by commercial carrier shall be determined by the following:

(1) When a trophy is received by the Trophy Curator or specialty host club, it must be noted if the trophy was properly packed, padded and crated in its own shipping crate.

(2) When a trophy is received in damaged condition but the trophy was properly packed, padded and crated in its own shipping crate, and the condition of the crate indicates that the damage occurred during transit, the cost of any necessary repairs to the trophy, not covered by the shipper's insurance, will be paid for by GRCA, as long as the shipper obtained proper shipping insurance.

(3) If the trophy was not properly packed, padded or crated, or the recipient did not obtain insurance on the shipment to GRCA, the cost of the necessary repairs or replacement of the trophy will be the responsibility of the recipient returning the trophy.

6. CHALLENGE TROPHY RETIREMENT

a. **Eligible Recipient Options.** When a trophy recipient becomes eligible to retire a challenge trophy, that recipient may:

(1) Choose to take permanent possession of the trophy provided he/she replaces the trophy with one of similar type and value, and which does not change the intent of the original trophy and otherwise meets all regulations herein, as required in Res. 80-21. If the trophy is retired, the recipient is required to provide GRCA, at his/her own expense, a suitable plaque which includes engraving of the original names of the trophy and the names of all winners as required in Res. 80-21. The plaque will be kept in the possession of the Trophy Curator and brought to each National Specialty for display.

(2) Choose to redonate the original trophy as provided in these regulations, or

(3) Choose not to retire the trophy and return it to competition at the next National Specialty. If the eligible recipient chooses not to retire a trophy, he/she will not be entitled to that option again unless he/she wins the trophy again.

b. **Notification of Intent to Retire a Trophy.** The eligible recipient must notify the GRCA Secretary in writing of his/her intent to retire a Challenge Trophy and include a written Trophy Retirement Proposal within 90 days of notification by the Trophy Curator regarding eligibility to retire the trophy.

c. **Trophy Retirement Proposal.** The recipient's Trophy Retirement Proposal must meet all the requirements under these regulations for Replacement or Redonated Trophies, must maintain the intent of the original trophy, and must be approved by the Board of Directors. Any replacement proposals with changes to the original trophy's requirements not meeting the

approval of the GRCA Board of Directors will not be accepted and the original trophy may not be retired under those conditions.

If the Trophy Retirement Proposal is approved by the Board of Directors, the replacement or redonated trophy must be properly prepared and all engraving accomplished and the trophy delivered at the next National Specialty.

d. **Names for Replacement and Redonated Trophies.** The eligible recipient may name a replacement trophy or rename a redonated trophy in honor of the dog who has retired it.

Replacement Trophy Requirements. If the eligible recipient chooses to replace the trophy, the replacement trophy nameplate shall carry only the name of the dog who retired the previous trophy without the need for an additional nameplate attached setting forth the previous trophy name(s) and winner(s); however, the recipient must provide a separate plaque bearing the previous name(s) of the trophy and the winner(s) in accordance with Res. 80-21. This plaque will be placed in front of or near the replacement trophy while on display at the National Specialty.

Redonated Trophy Requirements. If the eligible recipient chooses to redonate the same trophy, it may be renamed and a new nameplate prepared provided that all previous trophy names are listed on the nameplate. (See example). Names of previous winning dogs and owners previously inscribed shall be left intact.

Example: The Ch. Fernwood Triple Play CDX, WC Trophy
Previously The Ch. Strander's Aurora UD Trophy
previously The Willowridge Streamer WCX Trophy
originally the Tailwind Tiffany TDX Trophy

e. **Withdrawal from Competition.** The dog which retires a Challenge Trophy shall not again compete for the award for which the challenge trophy was offered.

7. NEW TROPHIES

GRCA's trophy collection is extensive and requires careful management. Additions to the collection may be considered on rare occasions, providing they are not duplicates of an existing award, on the merit of each individual offer. Only trophies offered for highly significant accomplishments should be submitted.

The intention of the National Trophies is to honor dogs or members that have had a major impact on the breed and their accomplishments have withstood the test of time. It is not the intention to have a trophy for every class offered at the National Specialty, nor for every possible area of competition. In the event the GRCA Board of Directors determines that a new trophy proposal does not merit National status, they may recommend to the donors that the proposal be for a Regional or Local Club Trophy.

- a. **Donor Eligibility.** No person may be a donor of more than one trophy at any given time. No other trophy may be offered by him or his or her immediate family until the previously offered trophy shall have been retired or withdrawn.
- b. **Trophy Ownership.** Any trophy donated shall become the property of GRCA until permanently retired, if so stipulated. If any trophy has not been challenged for five (5) years in succession, the Board of Directors may, where possible with the consent of the donor, change the original stipulations.
- c. **Written Proposal.** In order for consideration, the Board of Directors must be furnished with a written New Trophy Proposal which gives a full description of the proposed trophy; its official name, value, clearly defined and easily determined award criteria and, if possible, a photograph or drawing.
- d. **New Challenge Trophies.** All new Challenge Trophies must meet the retirement and replacement provisions provided herein.
- e. **New Perpetual Trophies.** All new Perpetual Trophies must merit perpetual status by virtue of the accomplishments of the person or dog after which the trophy is to be named and the quality and unique artistic value of the proposed trophy.
- f. **Trophy Name.** New trophies which are named after dogs or people should be “Memorials”, i.e. named after deceased dogs or people. New trophies should not include a specific “kennel name” or kennel prefix/suffix except as part of an official AKC registered name if the trophy is named after a dog. The Board of Directors will consider proposals in contradiction to either of these in unique and unusual situations.
- g. **Materials.** The GRCA Board of Directors does not discourage ingeniously conceived trophies of different materials provided that plates are included for engraving dates and winners' names.
- h. **Value.** New trophies should be assessed at no less than \$500 or more than \$7,000 exclusive of engraving and shipping crate.
- i. **Engraving.** The donor shall be responsible for the engraving of the trophy name plate. Engraving of the annual winners, dates, etc. shall be done by the recipients and, if requested, reimbursed by GRCA.
- j. **Shipping crate.** The donor shall provide a suitable shipping crate with the donated trophy. This should be either wood, plastic, metal or any sturdy or permanent materials which would lend itself to the abuses of annual transcontinental shipping. The crate should be lined and have the necessary restraints to hold the trophy firmly in place.

8. TROPHY DISPLAY AND PRESENTATION.

Trophies which are offered only to members of a specific organization, such as GRCA's Challenge and Perpetual trophies, are not to be publicized in premium lists or presented in the show or obedience ring.

All trophies may be displayed during the National Specialty at some other location, such as the headquarter hotel hospitality room, and shall be on display.

All trophies won, both Year-End and National Specialty trophies, which can be awarded at the National Specialty shall be so awarded at that time.

9. TROPHY CURATOR

The duties of the Trophy Curator shall be:

- a. Obtain data from Show, Obedience, Field and Junior Showmanship Statisticians to determine winners of Year-End trophies, confirm their membership eligibility with GRCA Treasurer and submit a report to the Board of Directors for approval.
- b. Upon approval of the Year-End Trophy winners by the GRCA Board of Directors, notify the recipients of their win and advise them of presentation at the National Specialty and details regarding a Trophy Recipient Agreement and trophy deposit.
- c. Contact all current year's recipients with instructions to ensure delivery for display and award at the next National Specialty.
- d. Attend the annual GRCA National Specialty and:
 - unpack, inspect and display the trophies
 - coordinate recipient deposits and the signing of the Trophy Recipient Agreements at the conclusion of the Annual Awards Dinner.

- ensure that new recipients receive instructions on trophy care and engraving
 - repack all trophies for travel at the conclusion of the Annual Awards Dinner
 - arrange for shipment of any trophies not hand-carried home by the new recipients, and
 - store and engrave any unawarded trophies or unclaimed trophies and store any trophy plaques from retired and replaced trophies
- e. Keep complete up-to-date records of all GRCA trophies. These records shall include the official description and photograph of each trophy.
 - f. Assist eligible trophy recipients in the retirement of a Challenge trophy.
 - g. Provide inquirers with trophy regulations and related information.
 - h. Review New Trophy Proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
 - i. Submit Trophy winner information to the GRNews editor and the person issuing Certificates to the winners.