

National Judge Selection Procedure

Only STCA members in Good Standing are eligible to nominate judges and cast a vote per STCA bylaws.

1. Judge selection nomination form sent out in 3 QT newsletter and downloadable on STCA website
 - The form contains information of the location of the show; return mailing information, Printed name of STCA member, Printed name of one Judge Nominee, STCA member's signature and date.
 - The form is to be mail to the Corresponding Secretary by October 10th. The Secretary shall forward the nomination forms to the Recording Secretary or Judge Selection Committee chairperson for processing
(Nomination forms can be hand delivered to the National Specialty).
2. Process nomination forms received by mail.
 - Forms received from members will be check for membership status (i.e. Members in Good Standing). Stamped received and separated into two categories: 1) Members in Good Standing, 2) Non-eligibility members.
 - The forms will be sent to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will forward the forms to the Recording Secretary.
 - Forms by mail must be postmarked by October 10th. (*Nominations will be returned after closing date due to processing time and travel to the nationals.*) Forms can be hand delivered to the national show. The date to be announced.
 - The Recording Secretary will create a log sheet of each member and there nomination and any comments.
 - The nominated judge's name will be verified for eligibility to judge American Staffordshire terriers via AKC website or current AKC judge's directory. Ineligible judge's names will be recorded on the nomination log sheet.
 - The name of the judge will be hand written on a piece of paper and attached to the ballot. Judge's names on the paper will be verified to the nomination form by the committee members before the selection process begins.
 - Judges can received multiple nomination and therefore have more than one paper with there name placed in the selection bowl.

2a. Process nomination forms at the Nationals

- Same process as above. The process will be conducted at the National Specialty show General Membership Meeting.
- No nomination forms will be accepted after the cut of date and time (TBD).

3. Selection of the Judges

The selection of the list of judges will occur in a public place for all members and non-members to attend. The date, time and location of the selection process will be posted at the National show and on the website. 10 judge's names and 3 alternate judges will be selected as follows:

- Committee members will place all the verified nominees' names in a container in plain site of everyone.
- Each of the committee members, one by one, will draw a name of a judge.
- The Recording Secretary will record the name of each of the 10 judges and 3 alternates.
- The list will be posted and listed on the STCA website.

4. The Ballot: Preparing

- The committee members will contact each judge from the list of 10 to determine the following:
 1. Is the judge available to judge on the date and location of the show
 2. What are the fees and expenses that will be charged to the club
 3. Will the judge reserved the date until the completion of the voting.
- All judges will be notified at the conclusion as to release the dates if not selected.

5. Ballot Process

- Ballots are to be mailed out by November 20th. The ballot will contain the following:
 - A list of the 10 judges in Alpha order
 - A list of fees each judge will charge the club
 - Judges unable to judge will be listed with comments (there will be no selection box next to their name.
 - Alternate Judge's names and fees will be added to maintain 10 judge list.
- Ballots must be postmark by December 31st.
- Ballots will be mailed to an accounting firm for processing
- The winning judge will be contact by the Corresponding Secretary and contracts sent.
- The accounting firms tally count will be sent to the Recording Secretary recording.
- The selected judge's name will be posted on the STCA website.