

DRAFT STANDING RULES

Siberian Husky Club of America

STANDING RULES

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STANDING RULES (policies) may be adopted by a majority vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors or a majority vote of members present at a General Membership meeting. STANDING RULES are resolutions which shall remain binding until rescinded or modified by a majority vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors or a majority vote of the membership at a general membership meeting. No STANDING RULE can be adopted which conflicts with the *Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and By-Laws, or Roberts Rules of Order*.

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Between 1974 (when policies were first compiled) and 10/92, dates were listed as month/day/year. Beginning in October of 1991, dates were listed first by year, then the number of the motion, i.e., 92.003. Beginning in May of 1993, dates were listed by year/month the number affixed to motion, i.e., 93/3 (1993/May).003 (third motion of the year). November 2003 revision deletes several results that were voted out. New motions/rules listed only by month/year.

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GENERAL INFORMATION	
CLUB CALENDAR January 1: Dues are due and payable annually January 1 – December 31: Club Calendar year June 1 – May 31: Club fiscal year February 15 (Odd Years): Nominating Committee selection deadline July 1: Award applications deadlines (excluding service awards) September 1 – November 1: Annual Meeting/National Specialty Window	
Information included in all charge letters sent to the Committee Chair(s) is incorporated by reference. These letters can be obtained from the Recording Secretary or applicable Committee Chair.	
All committee chairs are appointed in odd years and serve at the pleasure of the board for a two year term, if necessary	
STANDING COMMITTEES	
Name	Description
AKC DELEGATE	To represent the interests of the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc., at the American Kennel Club meetings and reports relevant information back to the SHCA.
AKC MARKETPLACE	Review new Siberian Husky Breeder listings on the AKC Marketplace, specifically to verify SHCA membership is represented appropriately. Work with Corresponding Secretary to communicate inaccuracies with the AKC.
ANNUAL DIRECTORY	To compile information on new titles and publish the <i>Annual Directory</i> .
AREA CLUB COORDINATOR	To serve as liaison between the SHCA and area Siberian Husky Clubs, and to submit timely information on Area Clubs to the <i>Newsletter</i> .
AUDIT	To perform annual audit of the SHCA Treasurer's books, or any additional audit when called upon by the board.
AWARDS	To oversee the SHCA awards programs, the Awards Chair will coordinate various committee awards, submit all winners' information to the <i>Newsletter</i> for publication, present, or coordinate presentation of awards at the National Specialty banquet (with the exception of the Peggy Grant Award). Information for these awards is received from the Companion, Conformation, and Performance chairs.
BREEDER REFERRAL	To receive referrals from the AKC on people inquiring about Siberian Huskies and disperse the appropriate information.
BULLETIN EDITOR	To produce and mail the SHCA Bulletin to all members on a bi-monthly basis. This committee works under the direction of the Recording Secretary
COLUMNS COORDINATING	To coordinate official SHCA columns that are published in general canine publications. To present articles relating to the Siberian Husky for publication in the AKC <i>Gazette</i> when requested.
COMPANION EVENTS	To stay informed of Obedience, Agility and Rally rules and activities and report to the membership. Oversee annual obedience, agility and rally awards program for the SHCA (see Awards). Consult with National

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	Specialty Obedience/Agility/Rally Chair and Specialty Chair on selection of Obedience judges for the National Specialty (Name of this committee was changed to Companion Events by Motion 2010-077.)
CONFORMATION AWARDS	To be responsible for annual "conformation" awards, working with Awards Chair. Keeps record of applicants and qualifications, etc. Reviews "Guidelines" as necessary. Submits names/award to Awards Chair for the Award.
BREEDER/EXHIBITOR/ FANCIER EDUCATION	To serve as the overall chair for all aspects of SHCA Breeder/Exhibitor/Fancier Education programs, both at the National Specialty, on-line, and at locations around the country, with materials available to be utilized at the Area Club level
JUDGES EDUCATION	To serve as the overall Chair for all aspects of SHCA Judges' Education programs, both at the National Specialty, on-line, and at locations around the country, with materials available to be utilized at the Area Club level.
PUBLIC EDUCATION	To serve as the overall Chair for all aspects of SHCA Public Education programs, both at the National Specialty, on-line, and at locations around the country, with materials available to be utilized at the Area Club level
HEALTH/GENETICS	To stay informed in the field of canine genetics, particularly as it relates to the Siberian Husky and to report on current problems and progress in research to the membership.
HISTORIAN and ARCHIVIST	To accrue, maintain and preserve documents of historical significance to the Siberian Husky. This includes documents, artifacts and photographs. This will include an Archivist.
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP	To work with the parent club to create well-rounded individuals, with emphasis on sportsmanship, fair play, showmanship and help obtain a solid educational foundation.
KEEPER OF THE LIST	To maintain an accurate and up-to-date contact list for the purposes of conducting club business (2013/014)
LEGISLATIVE ACTION	To act as a liaison with the Legislation Department of AKC and keep our members informed of legislative problems in the dog world, including Animal Rights concerns, specifically those that might affect the Siberian Husky. (93/10.026) (2019/023)
MEMBERSHIP	To assist the Recording Secretary in processing applications for membership in the SHCA
NATIONAL SPECIALTY LIAISON	To advise National Specialty Chairs on budgets, procedures, regulations, requirements for a successful SHCA National. Coordinate smooth transfer of properties between chairs. <i>Revise and supplement, as necessary, the "Guidelines for Specialty Shows" a.k.a. Specialty Procedures Booklet. Act as intermediary between Board and Show Chair.</i>
NATIONAL SPECIALTY GUIDELINE	To update, correct, and publish the Guidelines for delivery to the Liaison and Board. We could plan for annual (or more often, if the need arises)

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	updates to the existing document, including updating the budgets for the past three Nationals to ensure the most recent information was in the document, and adding any new information that comes through. The Board would require all future national Chairs to submit documentation (contracts, budgets, tallies of novelties sold, rooms sold, entry breakdowns, etc.) to the committee after each national, would allow the committee to collect a useful database of information that could either be incorporated into the guidelines, or delivered to upcoming chairs upon request to help them plan their Nationals.
NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION	To maintain a complete list for the mailing of the SHCA Newsletter to all club members and to Newsletter subscribers.
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	To publish and have distributed the four yearly issues of the official Newsletter of the SHCA, and to manage the subscriptions for non-members.
PEGGY GRANT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD	To administer the program of the Peggy Grant Memorial Service Award. Shall present the award at Specialty banquet, if present. If not in attendance, it shall be presented by the President.
PERFORMANCE	To stay informed of rules and activities for sled dog, working pack dog as well as other AKC Performance events and report to the membership. To oversee the Sled Dog Degree program and the Working Pack Dog program, and administer the Working/Showing Awards program.
RESCUE INFORMATION	To develop and maintain rescue information on the SHCA website 2019/36
SHCA MEMBERS YAHOO LIST and FACEBOOK PAGE (Moderator/Manager)	To coordinate and moderate the SHCA's Yahoo List and Facebook page as well as keep the general public informed as to happenings in the breed and the club.
SHCA TRUST LIAISON	To be the primary contact between the Board and the Trust. To keep the SHCA Board and the SHCA Trusts board informed of the direction and happenings within the parent club and the Trust.
SHOR	To gather and disseminate information about eye and hip information to the fancy as well as to the appropriate outside entities who keep these records (to include the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.)
SUNSHINE	To send cards to members for any appropriate occasion such as: serious illness or injury, death of a member or immediate family member, etc. as well as quarterly cards to HLMs in appreciation of their service. (Motion: 2015-031 and 051) To stay in touch with our long-time members and ensure that they are apprised of happenings in the breed and club
WAYS and MEANS	To promote projects that will provide additional income for the treasury with a minimum of cash output.
WEBMASTER	To create and maintain the web site of the Siberian Husky Club of America

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES	
These are ad hoc committees that are used but not on a yearly basis.	
Name	Charge
CANINE COLLEGE REVISION	
CODE OF ETHICS	To review existing Code of Ethics of the SHCA and, if deciding that improvement or change is needed, recommend such changes to the Board. Final approval rests with the board.
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS	To review specific questions pertinent to the Constitution & By-Laws which will be referred to the Committee from time to time by the Board. Further, this committee may be responsible to refine and compose amendments prior to final approval of the Board and submission to the membership.
ILLUSTRATED STANDARD	To develop a new Illustrated Standard of the Siberian Husky when needed.
JUDGES POLL	To conduct a biennial poll of the membership to secure names for conformation judges at National Specialties. Committee shall be comprised of 3 SHCA members.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	To select the slate of officers and directors for the next term. This committee serves in odd numbered years.
SPECIALTY CHAIRPERSON	To handle all matters pertaining to the activities of the National Specialty, working with necessary committees and within the parameters of the SHCA Specialty guidelines and Standing Rules.
STANDARD REVIEW	To review periodically, the AKC Standard for the Siberian Husky and listen to comments from membership regarding changes that should be made and present same if necessary.
STANDARD REVISION	To review the AKC Standard for the Siberian Husky and to make any recommendations for change to the Board. Further, to coordinate the revision of the Siberian Husky Standard with the AKC.
STANDING RULES	To review and provide input to the board on any substantive changes that are needed to make the Standing Rules a more useable document.
TELLER COMMITTEE	To count ballots for election of Officers and Directors in odd-numbered years, and any special elections when needed.
NATIONAL SPECIALTY EXPLORATORY	To explore current limitations for holding national specialties and increase participation in bidding to host nationals

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

1. Guidelines for holding Annual Meetings are available in the National Specialty Guidelines. (4/2021)
2. The Recording Secretary will work with the Annual Meeting Chairman. (4/2021)

AREA CLUBS

1. All Area Club Specialty repeated events will automatically be approved by the Recording Secretary. A club's FIRST-TIME application request must be approved by the Board. (6/9/84)
2. The SHCA SPECIALTY takes precedence, (over Area Clubs) and NO other Siberian Specialty will be held on the same dates as the SHCA Specialty. (10/21/89)
3. Area Clubs will be permitted to hold their own raffles at SHCA National Specialties, if they so desire. (92/5.043)
4. Mailing lists and labels of SHCA members and non-member **Newsletter** subscribers will be available to Area Clubs, upon request, for \$12.00. (6/23/85)
5. The SHCA will pay area specialty clubs up to \$50 for a full-page National Club ad in their catalogs. Specialty clubs will request reimbursement and provide verification of the ad's publication (2018/12).
6. SHCA will provide area specialty clubs \$100 per show to the trophy fund of area clubs upon request to the Treasurer. Verification with catalog page publication is required (2018/13).

AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. The Awards Chair handles printing and engraving of awards
2. The Awards Committee will be a Standing committee (6/10/84)
3. July 1st is the deadline for all award applications (except service awards). (5/5/87) (amended 3-17-13)
4. All awards are initially announced and presented at the Specialty Banquet. (10/9/90)
5. ALL Award results are to be published in the **Newsletter**. (515/8.7)
6. Each year, we publish in the **Newsletter** a listing of those individuals voted upon by the Board to receive special recognition. (10/22/8.9)
7. All awards are required to spell out American Kennel Club, wherever AKC appear, and Canadian Kennel Club, wherever CKC appears. (9-29-02)
8. A gold gavel will be awarded to all outgoing Presidents. (5/31/80).
9. All retiring-Board members will receive accumulative silver numerals for years of service. (6/10/84)
10. Certificates of Appreciation are to be awarded to members by Board approval. (5/31/80)
11. When a member has given 10 years as chairman of a committee, or 10 years of board service, a plaque will be awarded. (12-2-02)
12. When multiple owners and/or breeders own dogs winning SHCA awards, requests for duplicate awards should go through the Awards Chairman, who is to interface with the trophy company in this regard. (9-29-02) Additional plaques are paid for by owners.
13. There will be no new Memorial Challenge trophies as the old ones are retired. (4-15-02)
14. All trophies are engraved by next year's National chair for display.

a. CONFORMATION

- i. The Conformation Committee will oversee the awards for Top Siberian in Dogs, Bitches, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, and Breeder and Top National Owner Handled Dog (or bitch) (2019/18). Award to be given at the National Specialty Banquet. (6/22/85)
- ii. That a minimum of 5 get finished in one year for Stud dogs, and 3 produce finishing in one year for brood bitches to apply for the SHCA Stud Dog and Brood Bitch of the year awards (beginning 1990). (10/22/89)

b. COMPANION

- i. Companion awards application will be posted on the SHCA website. Changes to these awards and applications will be proposed by the Companion Awards committee and must be approved by the Board. These awards will be presented at the SHCA National Specialty Banquet and published in the Newsletter.

c. PERFORMANCE

- i. The Working Dog Committee will be in charge of the trophy and all matters concerning the working capabilities of, the Siberian Husky. (6/1/80)
- ii. A Sled Dog Degree program will be offered (3/1/84)
- iii. The Working/Showing Trophy will not be awarded unless there are 3 or more applicants. (6/9/79)
- iv. Applicants and results for the "bowl" will go to the Working Dog Chairperson and then the Awards Chairperson. (2/17/87)
- v. There will be a Norris/Lombard Trophy to honor the fastest Sprint team and Mid/long distance team and drivers. (3/1/88)

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- vi. To interpret the requirements of the Sled Dog Degree program as follows: "the finishing date indicated by the last date of the race making the necessary mileage toward a degree must be before the start of a subsequent race." (10/21/89).

d. JUNIORS

- i. There will be an Annual Award for Best Junior Handler. In addition, each Junior Handler who wins a minimum of 8 First Place awards in Open Junior or Open Senior classes, in one calendar year, will be eligible to apply for a certificate. (First awarded for the 2002 calendar year.) (4/30/00, 2018/009)

COMMITTEES (Standing and Special)

1. The President or designee contacts proposed committee members. Upon their acceptance, President sends an email confirming committee appointments & advising Rec Sec to send charge letters.
2. Committee appointments will run for two years, the same as Board terms. (10/21-89)
3. After a full committee has been chosen by the board, the board will then appoint one of the members of the committee as Chair, and another vote will be taken to determine an alternate Chair, in case the first choice does not accept the position. (10/10/98)

EDUCATION

1. Education will consist of three separate committees: Breeder/Exhibitor/Fancier Education; Judges' Education; Public Education. (4/2021)
2. The Education Committees will produce programs to be utilized as a source of visual and/or "hands on" training for prospective judges, breeder/exhibitor/fancier education, public education and area clubs' education. All programs and materials will be submitted to the Board for review and approval before implementation. (4/2021)
3. The Breeder/Exhibitor/Fancier Education Chairperson will act as an advisor to the Specialty Symposium/Seminar Chairperson. (93/4.023).
4. The Judges Education Chair may charge a maximum of \$25.00, to cover our expenses and refreshment breaks, for National Specialty Judges' Seminars. (94/3.081)

FINANCIAL

Treasurer:

1. As a non-profit organization we are required to file a yearly special tax return. (1/76)
2. Change our Tax reporting year to June 1st to May 31st.
3. The Treasurer will be bonded, at the club's expense, at a sum to be no less than the budget balance of the previous fiscal/Club year. (92/4.071)
4. The Treasurer will supply bi-monthly reports to the Board. (9/6/81)
5. Yearly membership renewal functions may be assigned to a member other than the Treasurer. (6/10/84)
6. The Treasurer will review and authorize the incurring of an expense by a member or committee over \$1,000.00. (10/24/86)
7. No reimbursements will be made by the Treasurer without a receipt and/or reasonable explanation of expenses. (92/9.118)
8. All Treasurers will use the software *QuickBooks* for the Treasury. This ensures simplification in transferring the books from one person to the next. (07-11-1)

Audit:

1. There will be a standing Audit Committee established by the Board. (4/15/88)
2. An annual audit (2006) will be done on the books and when there is a change in office (6/15/78)
3. The Audit committee, working with the Treasurer, shall establish written procedures to be followed by the Treasurer. Procedures must be approved by the Board. These procedures, when developed, are to be forwarded to the Recording Secretary, along with the written charges of the committee, to be turned over as a job description to go to each new Treasurer. (97/9.04)

General:

1. Only those in good fiscal standing with the SHCA will be permitted to participate in the Club's financially related activities. (6/24/78)
2. The Board will abide by the Guidelines for the Reimbursement of Expenses. (4/15/88)
3. The SHCA returned check charge will be \$25.00 (11/07 #13)
4. Periodically publish what puts one on the debtors list in the *Bulletin*. (92/4.072)
5. When a donation is requested from the SHCA, a donation application form will be used. (2018/036)

Policies:

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1. No one is allowed to sign a contract on behalf of the SHCA without being given that authority by the Board. At present, only officers may sign contracts on behalf of the SHCA. (9-29-02)
2. Below are the SHCA Policies regarding payment by check, dishonored checks and donations: (4-27-03) (Updated to reflect change in NSF check fee on 4-2010)

SHCA, Inc. Check Policy: All checks or money orders must be made payable in US funds and drawn on US banks. Returned checks will be charged a \$25.00 returned check fee. Repeated returned checks and/or failure to repay debts to SHCA, Inc. will result in being placed on a "cash only" basis with the Club. Any payment received by SHCA for any purpose by an individual, group, or business with an outstanding debt to the Club will first be applied to that debt. What this means, for example, is if your check for \$15.00 for novelty sales is returned, you will be assessed an additional \$25.00 return check fee; and your resulting bad debt will be \$40.00. If you fail to pay this debt, but attempt to enter the Specialty show, and send a check for \$47.00, \$40.00 from that entry check will first be used to pay off your debt, leaving \$7.00 for the entry. In order for your entry to be accepted and processed, you will need to submit an additional \$40.00.

Attention Fanciers Residing Outside the USA: Please notice our change in policy concerning foreign checks. Checks not payable in US dollars and/or not drawn on US banks will not be accepted. Also note that when ordering items to be sent outside the US, shipping charges will be doubled.

Information About Donations to SHCA, Inc.: Although SHCA, Inc. is an IRS non-profit organization; it is not a school, church or charitable organization. Therefore, donations made to SHCA Inc. may not be eligible for deduction on your tax return. You are encouraged to consult directly with the IRS or with a tax preparation professional for advice.

Donations:

3. One third of the money from Purina's Parent Club Partnership Program (PCPP) will go to the SHCA Trust annually for rescue as soon as the money is received. (2016/008)

GENETICS/HEALTH MATTERS

1. The OFA/CERF/SHOR/CAER committee shall be rename the SHOR committee. The chairperson is charged with maintaining the SHOR registry. (4/2021)
2. All references to CERF in the standing rules be replaced with CAER and references to OFA be replaced with OFA-HIP. (4/2021)
3. SHOR will be in effect for registering eye exams. (10/80)
4. ~~OFA/CAER/SHOR numbers~~ - both or either are valid for all SHCA advertising as long as they are current. (7/25/82)
5. SHOR will only issue certification numbers on dogs registered with AKC or their reciprocal international registries. (4-27-03)
6. The SHOR numbers are to be published 2 times per year in the **Newsletter**. (4/14/87, 10/7/12)
7. A member has the right, upon written request, NOT to have the number published. (10/27/87)
8. A pedigree is an optional requirement for SHOR. (5/15/88)
9. Charges for SHOR registration will be \$5.00 (11/2009 #27) for the initial SHOR registration of a dog, no charge for re-SHOR of a dog, and for those registering in excess of 20 new dogs at a time, the initial charge for dogs #21 and above will be waived. (10/4/90)
10. SHOR Chairperson is allowed to send SHOR information sheets to ACVO vets. (10/4/90)
11. The file of SHOR numbers will be uploaded to OFA on a quarterly basis (2009-28)

MEMBERSHIP

1. Board Members will not act as sponsors for SHCA membership applicants. (6/4/76)
2. In addition to all other sponsorship responsibilities, sponsors must be a member of the SHCA for one year before sponsoring an applicant. (2010/39)
3. Lapsed members' names will appear in the Mar/April *Bulletin*. (6/4/82) and the Bulletin mailed to them.
4. Any new application approved on or after October 1 of each year will be considered as paid dues for the ensuing year. (6/10/84)
5. The President will notify all rejected applicants and their sponsors and include reasons for rejection. (10/22/85)
6. As a prerequisite to membership, all applicants must sign the Code of Ethics and Guidelines of Ethical Breeding Practices. Also, anyone who wishes to be listed in the Breeders' Referral Directory must sign the Code of Ethics. (5/17/1986)
7. The Membership Chairperson will investigate any complaints received concerning applicants. (9/4/86).
8. All the info contained in the Membership application packets is to be kept by the Recording Secretary for 5 (five) years, then we purge/destroy all but the signed Code of Ethics and the original application form. (94/3.074a)
9. Dues will be \$25.00 per year, per member. (10-29-00)
10. Reinstatement of Membership, following lapse of membership due to unpaid dues. Lapsed members may be reinstated only when all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. The lapsed membership may be reinstated only during the same calendar year of its lapsing
 - b. The individual with lapsed membership is not in debt to the Club (other than the unpaid dues)

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- c. The individual with lapsed membership is eligible for membership as defined in the By-Laws
- d. The individual makes the request for reinstatement in writing, that must be received by the Treasurer between April 2 and December 31 of the year in which the membership lapsed, and includes a copy of the Code of Ethics signed by the individual requesting membership reinstatement, dues for the year, and a processing fee of \$20.00. (3-18~03)

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOWS

General:

1. Geographic membership divisions are to be used to determine sites for National Specialties:
Area 1: ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, PA, NY, NJ (PA moved to Area 1-9-29-2002)
Area 2: DE, MD, D.C., VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, TN, KY, IN, OH, MI, WV
Area 3: IL, WI, MN, IA, MO, AR, LA, TX, OK, KS, NE, ND, SD, MT, WY, CO, NM
Area 4: AK, WA, OR, ID, UT, NV, CA, AZ, HI
The order of rotation is 1,3,2,4. (3/1/81)
2. Geographic Divisions should be reviewed every five years. (3/82)
3. Dogs owned or co-owned by the President, Show Chairman, or members of their immediate families will be eligible for competition at National Specialties, if the President and/or the Show Chairman do not negotiate or conduct business with any of the judges. (2018/013)
4. For a specific National Specialty, the Show Secretary, Superintendent, or anyone in contact with the judge or members of their immediate families are not eligible to show dogs at that specialty. (2019/13)
5. The National Specialty Liaison will work with the Show Chairman. (9/25/83)
6. ALL National Specialties will take place within a three-day-minimum period. (5/28/83)
7. We limit future National Specialties to five (5) days MAXIMUM. (4-28-96) (94/3.096)
 - National specialties may be expanded past 5 days with Board approval (2016/017)
8. All proposals to host a National specialty be resolved at an in-person Board meeting or by special, one item, e-mail meeting. (4/2021)
9. Guidelines for the transfer and care of Club properties will be in the "Specialty Guidelines". The shipping responsibility lies with the current chairperson for the transfer to the next chairperson within 30 days after the National Specialty. (10/27/87)
10. All National Specialties will include an Educational Symposium. (10/23/85)
11. The SHCA Annual Auction always remains on Friday night of Specialty week. (94/3.076)
12. Assuming approval is obtained from AKC, Weight Pulls may be held at SHCA National Specialties, at the discretion of the Show committee. (94/10.114)
13. At SHCA National Specialties, our Honorary Life Members shall receive a free banquet and a badge recognizing them as Honorary Life Members. (98/10.30)
14. Any SHCA National Specialty dedications must be approved by the Board. (4-15-02)
15. The SHCA Trust be contacted first for any health /education /rescue seminars to be held prior to /during /or immediately after the National Specialty. (11/2009 #B) Modified April 21, 2012 to read as follows: The SHCA Trust shall notify the Show Chair by September 1st of the year prior to the National if it will hold a seminar at the next National. (2012/93)
16. A show chair has the option of holding a Top Twenty Invitational, a Generations Showcase, both or neither.
17. From among the dogs and bitches eligible to compete for Best of Breed at the National Specialties, the Best-of-Breed judge may select up to 8 Award of Merit winners. (12-15-01) (2010/33)

Obedience, Rally & Agility

1. Obedience Brace, Team, and Veterans Class will be offered at National Specialties. (12/81) The Board affirms the desire for Team to be offered, but no longer requires it. (10/2/2003)
2. Each National Specialty shall have One Obedience Trial and One Agility Trial, unless the Show Chairman can show it would be cost effective to have more than one of these trials. (2-19-03)
3. The SHCA Specialty Chairperson MAY/should confer with the SHCA Obedience Chair about Obedience Judges. (10/22/89)
4. Agility H.I.T. will be awarded from the Standard Class, including Regular and Preferred, to the Highest Scoring Siberian. (4-27-03)
5. In the Agility Trial, in the case of a tie in score then seconds under course time weighted as follows will be used to determine HIT. Using the following calculations HIT would go to the Siberian with the highest number:
Novice Preferred Standard: Seconds under course time is multiplied by 1
Open Preferred Standard: Seconds under course time is multiplied by 2
Excellent Preferred Standard: Seconds under course time is multiplied by 3
Novice Standard: Seconds under course time is multiplied by 2 with 5 points added
Open Standard: Seconds under course time is multiplied by 3 with 5 points added
Excellent Standard: Seconds under course time is multiplied by 4 with 5 points added. (4-27-03)
The largest calculated Standard Course Time (SCT) will be used when comparing dogs jumping different heights who have competed against each other in a class at the same level of skill. (2020/013)

Financial

1. The Show Secretaries at all National Specialties will be bonded at club expense. (6/7/79).

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2. The SHCA will fund hospitality at each National Specialty within a budget as established by the Show Chairman. (Suggested allotment - \$1.50 - \$2.00 per dog entered) (10/3/86)
3. SHCA will pay some expenses for a show photographer, but it is expected that the Show Committee will make every effort to shop around for the best possible price. (4/99)
4. SHCA will NOT pay any expenses of a Show Videographer. (4/99)

Judges

1. The Judges' Poll to select judges for Conformation Classes for the national specialties will require a 2-tier vote system, with only eligible judges to be included in the final vote. (9/12/99)
2. ALL judges approved by the AKC to judge Siberian Huskies, should appear on the poll list. (94/1.066)
3. Only AKC approved judges will appear on the poll list. (92/9.108).
4. Provisional judges will not be presented on the first-round judges poll. (2006/170)
5. The second round of the judges' poll will include 50 names. Based on the results of the second poll, a list of 40 names will be given to the Specialty Chairman.
6. Specialty Chairpersons are to choose from only this SHCA list. Chairperson does not have to choose in any order, but MUST choose from this list. (92/9.109)
7. Judges who have accepted a future Specialty assignment will still appear on the list. (92/9.111)
8. Judges for the National Specialty will be requested to refrain from accepting assignments for Siberians for 6 months prior to the show and 500 miles. (At least) (1/15/83)
9. We do not conduct an Obedience Judges' Poll (Contact with Obedience Chair recommended instead). (92/ 9.101)
10. The judge for Junior Showmanship will be selected by the Show Chairperson. (91/12.015)
11. For Sweepstakes/Futurity Judges at SHCA National Specialties. As long as the proposed judge meets the following requirements, no approval is required from the Board of Directors: (97/4.86)
 - Must be a member of the SHCA
 - Must have judged at least 1 Specialty Sweepstakes, of any breed
 - Must have been involved in Siberian Huskies for at least 10 years
 - A person must wait 5 years between judging the Sweeps/Futurity
 - Persons who do not meet these requirements must have Board approval

Catalog - Premium List-Info Booklet

1. The National Specialty Information Booklet, Premium List, and Catalog covers display only the SHCA logo, and not the individual specialty logo. (4/28/96)
2. The SHCA put an Ad in the annual Specialty catalog in the memory of deceased members. For example, "The SHCA mourns the loss of. . ." (10/22/89)

Classes

1. The ages for Sweepstakes and/or Futurities will be 6 months to 18 months. (10/27/88)
2. The minimum age for the Non-Regular Veterans (breed) class will be 9 years. (Veteran Obedience follows AKC age rule.) (10/22/85)
3. We will follow the AKC rules for brace and team ownership (11/2009 #29)
4. Sled Dog Classes will be offered at all National Specialties. There will be a class for Dogs and a class for Bitches. At the option of the Chairperson, separate classes may be offered for: Non-Degreed, SD, and SDX/SDO (dog & bitch). (92/1.031)
5. There will be no entry fee for Junior Showmanship. (2015/25)
6. The SHCA will hold Sled Dog Sweepstakes.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Board selects a Nominating Committee by February 15 in the odd numbered years.
2. The Nominating Committee will be published in the first available *Bulletin* after appointment.
3. Nominating Committee will submit their slate to the Recording Secretary no later than 90 days before the Annual Meeting.
4. Additional nominations, as defined in the By-Laws, must be received by the Recording Secretary on or before 60 days before the Annual Meeting.
5. Ballots are to be mailed or e-mailed to the membership no later than 50 days before the Annual Meeting.
6. No Member of the Nominating Committee, nor member of their immediate family (as defined in the AKC Rules & Regulations) may be nominated by the sitting Nominating Committee.

PEGGY GRANT MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. That the SHCA adopt a new award to be known as the: "PEGGY GRANT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE SIBERIAN HUSKY" to be presented to the person, persons, or organization whose long-term commitment to the breed best exemplifies the spirit of preserving and protecting the Siberian Husky, so close to the heart of Peggy Grant. (92.076)
2. The committee will consist of the Chair, the SHCA President, and the Awards Committee Chair.

PUBLICATIONS

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Advertising

1. Upon a request sent to the Corresponding Secretary, the SHCA will supply an ad to appear in each Area Club Specialty catalog. Following the show, a tear sheet of the ad will be sent to the Treasurer for payment. (1/4/78). (2018/12)
2. In ALL SHCA publications, except for the Newsletter, when OFA-HIP/CAER/SHOR numbers are not provided, it will be so stated in the advertising. When non-current CAER/SHOR number is provided it will be so stated. If the dog is too young for OFA-HIP(2 years) or CAER/SHOR (1 year), it must be specified. Non-identified dogs do not HAVE to have numbers. (4/2021)
3. The SHCA statement on showing dogs with genetic defects will be included in all SHCA advertising in Area Club Specialty catalogs, and any other ads placed in public view. (5/17/86) *"While the Siberian Husky Club of America Board of Directors recognizes that the purpose of all AKC shows is the exhibition of breeding stock, it also realizes the personal nature of the decision to participate in these events. It is the desire of the Board to control, then eliminate, any known defects and therefore does not encourage the showing of affected dogs."*

Annual Directory

1. We allow the *Annual Directory* Editor to enhance the Annual Directory as suggested, including inclusion of non-member titleholders, to this Historical publication and to submit a budget to the Board. (94/3.094)
2. The *Annual Directory* may include non-member title holders. (94/3.094)
3. The price of ALL Annual Directories will be determined by the Board of Directors. (4/2021)

Bulletin

1. The *Bulletin* is to be published on an every-other-month basis. (2/74)
2. All Board motions and individual vote totals, including comments if desired, will be reported in the *Bulletin*. Matters pertaining to personnel will be excluded. Vote totals are recorded by: Yes, No, Abstain, name of Director and comments. (6/10/84)
3. At least once per year, the following reminder shall be included in the SHCA *Bulletin*, "Area Clubs, when planning your specialties, be sure to contact the Corresponding Secretary for a 1/2 page ad copy to be placed in your Catalog, and following the show a tear sheet of the ad is to be sent to the Treasurer for billing purposes." (4-15-02).

Newsletter

1. Back issues of the **Newsletter** will be available for \$10.00. (10-7-12).
2. The **Newsletter** will publish photos of National Specialty winners. (6/6/81, amended 4/28/96, amended 10/7/12) (4/2021)
3. Nonmember subscriptions to the Newsletter shall be \$35 per year in the United States, and \$75 per year in US funds outside the United States (10-7-12)
4. The **Newsletter** will include coverage of Area Club Specialties. (4/2021)
5. We approve limited advertising in the **Newsletter**, which might include four (4) litter announcements per year, Commercial suppliers, non-breeder advertisers, and show win and breeder advertising, all of which are limited to camera-ready art work and typesetting. (93/5.035) Reinstated 10-2-12,
6. Advertising will be allowed in the **Newsletter**. (4/2021)

Referral Directory

1. The *Referral Directory* will be available on the SHCA website. (10/10/98)
2. Honorary Life Members may be published in the *Referral Directory* at no cost.
3. The *Referral Directory* will use a letter code to identify services available from the breeders that are listed in the directory. (4/2021)

Web Site

1. The Website Committee will create, maintain and update the website of the Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc. as directed by the Board. (2021)

Other

1. If any SHCA materials are copied for distribution, credit must be given to the SHCA, no changes may be made in text, and do not charge the people for the information. (9-29-02)
2. In SHCA materials, all references to the AKC (American Kennel Club) and the CKC (Canadian Kennel Club) must be spelled out in full in any SHCA documents to avoid any confusion with other organizations and registries. Effective 12/31/03 (10/5/03)
3. The *Guidelines for Ethical Breeding Practices* and *Guidelines for Sales of Puppies and Adult Dogs* will be posted on the SHCA website.
4. Information on genetic hip and eye problems in the Siberian Husky will be included on the SHCA website under HEALTH. (4/2020)
5. The Illustrated Standard will be available from the Corresponding Secretary. (10/1/8.1)

TELLER COMMITTEE

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1. Where balloting is required by Bylaws or determined necessary by the Board of Directors, the balloting may be done by the Recording Secretary or a Board-approved Teller Committee consisting of three members with full privileges in good standing who are neither members of the current Board nor candidates for election. (4/2021)
2. Teller committee to be selected no later than 50 days before the Annual Meeting.
3. For ballots to be valid, ballots must specify a date to be received by the Chief Teller not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty (40) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
4. The Teller Committee shall immediately notify the Recording Secretary of the results of the balloting. All candidates will be notified of their election results as soon as possible after completion of ballot counting and before the Annual Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

In-Person Board Meetings

1. All meetings of the Club will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order if not covered by the Constitution & By-Laws. (10/23/85)
2. Board meetings will be open to the general membership as observers, except for instances requiring executive sessions. (10/23/85)

Meetings-By-E-Mail

1. In meetings by e-mail, an affirmative vote of the majority of the entire Board shall be required to pass motions. (4/2021)
2. The interval between meetings by e-mail will be 7 days (4/2021)
3. Business of the Board may be sent out by the Recording Secretary via e-mail, on a single topic per e-mail. All replies will be sent to all the Board members. (4/2021)
4. Membership applications will not be discussed or voted on by e-mail. (4/14/01)
5. Topics that would normally require an executive session will not be discussed by e-mail. (4/14/01)
6. The Recording Secretary will second all email motions. The Recording Secretary has the right to not second any motion they do not agree with, but they must alert the board that a second is needed on that motion. (2009)

General

1. Board Liaisons/Advisors may be appointed to assist with major Club activities. (1981)
2. Club members address labels may be obtained ONLY through authorization of the President. (6/9/85)
3. *"The Complete Siberian Husky"*, by Demidoff and Jennings, will be considered the definitive work on Siberian Huskies. (6/22/85)
4. The SHCA will refrain from selling novelty items as this practice infringes on income for Area Club projects. (10/ 23/85)
5. The SHCA will not use a calendar as a fund raiser. (10/27/87)
6. Board approval is required before the publication of any policy statement. (4/15/88)
7. To give the Corresponding Secretary a helper for the mailing of club materials, if so desired. (10/11/90)
8. Unless given prior approval by the Board, all proceeds from ALL items sold at the SHCA Auction under the auction gavel will go into the SHCA general fund. . (93/5.042)
9. All items donated for a "special interest group" may be sold ONLY on Silent Auction basis. (93/5.043)
10. This document is called *THE STANDING RULES* (10/22/89)
11. There will be no personalized stationery at club expense except for the generic SHCA logo stationery. (93/ 10.008)
12. The SHCA does not support entries at all-breed shows. (93/10.006)
13. We support AKC National Championships with medallions (2015/17)

HISTORICAL FACTS

1930	First Siberian Huskies were eligible to be registered in the AKC Stud Book, and 1 was entered
1938	Siberian Husky Club of America was founded.
1946	SHCA became a member of the American Kennel Club
2/1974	Bulletin first published on an every month basis to contain timely club information for members.
6/1976	First Obedience Awards given based on 1975 qualifying scores and point system.
9/14/1974	First Educational Symposium held with National Specialty in Oakland, CA
9/23/1983	First Area Club Symposium held at National Specialty in California.
9/23/1984	First Puppy Sweepstakes approved for 1995 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA (with South Hills KC Show)
6/23/1985	Approval given to hold first SHCA Futurity in Washington DC, at the 1986 Specialty
9/8/1997	First SHCA Agility Trial held at National Specialty, Bloomington, MN

Honorary Life President:

1959-1985 Mrs. Milton (Eva B. "Short") Seeley

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Honorary Life Chairman of the Board:

1973-1991 Mrs. Nicholas (Lorna) Demidoff

Honorary Life Members:

1970	Dean C.F. Jackson
1967	Leonhard Seppala
1981-1990	Dr. Roland Lombard
1981-1999	Mrs. Roland (Louise) Lombard
1985-1990	Mrs. Lyle (Marguerite F.) Grant
1988-1988	Charles A. "Charlie" Posey
1988-1995	Mrs. Charles A. (Carolyn) Posey
1993-2002	Earl Norris
1993-2016	Natalie Norris
1996-2016	Phyllis Brayton
1996-2002	J. Robert "Bob" Page
1996-2013	Mrs. J. Robert (Dorothy) Page
2001-2018	Anna Mae Forsberg
2003-2014	Barbara G. "Bobbie" Palmer
2003-2005	Dr. Charles Belford, DVM
2005-2019	Jean Fournier
2006-2016	Norbert Kanzler, Judy Russell, Joy Graeme Messinger, & Robert Messinger
2006-2019	Kathleen Kanzler
2006-2009	Robert Messinger
2006-	Joy Graeme Messinger
2006-	Judy Russell
2012-	Vince Buoniello
2012-	Janis Church Stadler
2013-2017	Carol Deeks
2014-	Donna Beckman
2016-2019	Howard Hinsey
2016-	Mary Hinsey
2016-	Carol Nash & John Linnehan
2019	Michael Jennings

10/93 First award of Peggy Grant Memorial Service Award:

1993 Recipient	L.S. Cochrane
1994 Recipient	Bob & Dorothy Page
1995 Recipient	
1995 Recipient	Phyllis Brayton
1996 Recipient	Anna Mae Forsberg & Peggy Koehler
1997 Recipient	
1998 Recipient	Natalie A. Norris
1999 Recipient	Kathleen Kanzler
2000 Recipient	Barbara G. "Bobbie" Palmer
2001 Recipient	Jean Fournier
2002 Recipient	
2003 Recipient	Joy Graeme Messinger
2005 Recipient	Gerry Dalakian
2006 Recipient	
2007 Recipient	
2008 Recipient	
2009 Recipient	
2011 Recipient	Natalie Norris (duplicates 1998)
2012 Recipient	Donna Beckman
2013 Recipient	Jan Sigler
2014 Recipient	Trish Kanzler
	Delbert Thacker

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Date: First award of AKC Sportsmanship Award:

Recipient	Debra Fitzgerald and Gale Tench
Recipient	Tim Terella
Recipient	Ron Gagne

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