

# Criteria for Establishing or Adjusting Divisions

Any specialty club may seek the approval of the Board Of Directors to join in the Annual National Show. Such approval must be obtained prior to the Spring Meeting of the Board Of Directors.

Specialty Clubs approved by the Board Of Directors for participation in the Annual National Show shall be bound by the rules and regulations established for the show and shall recognize the Board Of Directors as the governing Board Of Directors in the decision making process over all issues relating to the show, including the classification system used, standards for judging, and the standards for the selection of judges.

Elected representatives of any specialty club approved by the Board Of Directors must submit in writing any recommendations or suggestions with respect to their participation in the Annual National Show at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Spring Meeting of the Board Of Directors.

Each specialty club approved by the Board of Directors may be entitled to nominate three (3) judges for the division including their specialty at the Director's annual meeting held in conjunction with the Annual National Show. The names and addresses of their nominees shall be provided to the Secretary of the Corporation.

When requested to do so by the Board of Directors, each approved specialty club may provide assistance in the way of show secretaries and stewards. Each specialty club may also provide financial assistance to help pay the judging fees relating to the division including their specialty. Such amounts are to be paid to the treasurer of the Corporation.

Specialty clubs may also be requested to provide assistance in the solicitation of division and section sponsorships for show awards. With the prior approval of the Board Of Directors, specialty clubs may also award special trophies and ribbons for the division including their specialty.

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- a. At each spring meeting the directors, under the category of new business, shall address the subject of establishing and adjusting divisions. The chairperson for this task shall represent the number of entries in each division for the previous ten (10) years.
- b. An existing division shall average ninety (90) entries. This shall be for an average of five (5) years. Sections will also be reviewed and must show continued exhibitor interest. Any division that falls below the established average, or any section failing to show continued exhibitor interest, shall be combined with another division or section as described below.
- c. For a new division to be formed from within an existing division, the original division must be in agreement. This is to be indicated by the requesting division stating the agreement in a signed letter to the NCBS Specialty Club Liaison thirty days prior to the spring meeting.
- d. The requesting division must have had at least ninety (90) entries for the prior three years. The original division shall not be left with less than ninety (90) entries. The requesting division is to show its support for the added cost of judges and awards. Classifications and awards will

be assigned by the Directors upon review of the applicant's request. This will also hold for an existing division. A representative from the requesting specialty club is asked to attend the spring board meeting to answer any questions the NCBS Board may have.

e. The sponsor of the top division award will be asked if that person or corporation will include this new division in their award donation. If not, the NCBS Board will pick an award that they feel is appropriate.

f. A situation may arise where a bird may appear that is not already part of the National show. At this time the sponsoring club may, at the pleasure of the NCBS Board, be given Exhibition Status. This will apply for a period of three years. The same entry criteria as above shall apply. After the trial period, the NCBS Board will review the request and determine whether or not this is in the best interest of the National, serves the overall good of the fancy and is financially possible and prudent. In no way does the trial status guarantee full division status in the future.

g. After reviewing all criteria listed above, the Directors shall discuss whether such a change is financially prudent, whether the request meets the needs of a significant portion of the membership, and whether it will provide for the overall good of the fancy and the National.

h. Any changes to the above shall require a vote. To effect a change, a two-thirds majority is required.

a. After the vote is tabulated, the President shall instruct the Specialty Club Liaison to inform the applicant of the Board's decision. The President will also instruct the Specialty Club Liaison to send the specialty club a notice if there is a danger of them losing their division status after three years. This will allow them time to adjust. The President may appoint a director to do any of these items.

b. Any existing division may request inactive status for a maximum of three (3) years. Per request, the re-affiliation will be reviewed at the Spring Meeting.