Exhibition of Dogs at National Specialty by Show Chair and Club Officers

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A. Permitted Participation with Restrictions

The designated Show Chairman for the National Specialty and Club Officers **are permitted** to enter, handle, and exhibit dogs owned or co-owned by them or members of their immediate household in any regular or non-regular class, subject to the strict administrative and procedural restrictions outlined below.

B. Mandatory Safeguards and Administrative Restrictions

- **Independent Selection of Judges:** Judges for the National Specialty will be chosen via a vote of the Club Membership, with the contract negotiation to be handled by the Judges Selection Committee Chair.
- **Insulation from Judges' Hospitality:** The Show Chairman and the Officers planning to exhibit are strictly prohibited from interacting with the National Specialty Judges prior to the event, including making travel arrangements, or arranging hospitality or personal entertainment. All hospitality and judge-handling duties must be handled by a Judges' Hospitality Committee comprised of individuals who do not plan to exhibit to those judges.
- **Prohibition of Ring-Side Involvement:** No one shall act as a steward for any class or breed competition in which they or their dogs are entered.

- **Emergency and Complaint Recusal:** If a formal complaint, protest, or AKC event committee hearing arises involving a class, dog, or exhibitor within the Show Chairman's direct breed or competitive discipline, the Show Chairman must recuse themselves entirely from the processing, investigation, or adjudication of that issue, delegating it fully to another member of the Event Committee.

C. Transparency and Disclosure

- **Premium List Notification:** The club shall include a clear, prominent disclosure statement in the National Specialty Premium list stating:

  "The Show Chairman and Club Officers are permitted to exhibit dogs at this event under the restrictive guidelines of the Club's Exhibition Policy.

- **Board Notification:** The Show Chairman and any Club Officer must provide a written declaration of their intent to exhibit to the Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to the event.