



# SO YOUR CLUB WANTS TO HOLD A REGIONAL SPECIALTY

## WHAT EVENTS IS THE HOST CLUB REQUIRED TO HOLD?

- Specialty Show (conformation and junior showmanship)
- Obedience Trial
- WC and WCX

## WHAT EVENTS ARE OPTIONAL (AT THE HOST CLUB'S DISCRETION)?

Sweepstakes  
Agility Trial  
Rally Trial

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)  
Tracking tests  
Hunting Tests

In addition, educational programs, health clinics, parades and hospitality functions are at the discretion of the host club. The size and complexity of the list of events to be offered should be based on the interest of the club members and the available resources of sites and workers. Don't try to do more than your club can reasonably handle.

Many clubs also hold their independent specialty on a day preceding or following a Regional Specialty. Clubs can also use the resources of other Golden Retriever clubs within close proximity, retriever field trial clubs, agility clubs, etc.

## WHAT TIME OF YEAR MUST THE REGIONAL BE HELD?

Regional specialties may be held anytime during the year (except they cannot conflict with the National Specialty). Most are held in spring or early summer.

## HOW MUCH WILL GRCA LOAN A HOST CLUB?

GRCA will loan each Regional host club up to \$3,000 interest free. This must be repaid within 90 days of the event. Requests for the loan should be made in writing to the GRCA Treasurer. About \$1,000 of additional working capital should be available from the host club. This money, plus any requested from GRCA, will be needed to cover expenses incurred prior to the receipt of the entry fees. When all bills have been paid, the host club will declare a profit or a loss. GRCA will receive

20% of the profit; the host club will retain 80%. Should a loss be suffered, GRCA will pay the host club for 20% of this loss.

### **WHAT ELSE WILL GRCA PAY FOR?**

Financial Aid. GRCA will provide financial aid in a variety of ways. These funds should be requested in writing from the GRCA Treasurer. GRCA requires a complete financial statement within 90 days after each Regional, so it is important to keep thorough, accurate records. Samples of previous Regional Specialty statements can be found at the end of this handbook. • Trophy donation: GRCA will donate \$300 for trophies for each Regional.

- Printing Costs: GRCA will donate \$500 toward the cost of printing the premium list.
- Clean up: GRCA will donate \$150 toward hiring people to clean up the exercise area at the motel.
- Educational program: An educational program is not required at Regional Specialties. However, if a host club wishes to offer one, GRCA will donate up to \$150 for such a program.
- GRCA also provides an additional \$1,200 through its member clubs to be used at the discretion of the host club of a regional specialty.

### **WHY SHOULD YOUR CLUB HOLD A REGIONAL SPECIALTY?**

A Regional Specialty typically draws a larger entry than a local, independent specialty, but is considerably smaller and less labor-intensive than the GRCA National Specialty.

A member GRCA club which has successfully hosted independent specialties, obedience and/or agility trials, as well as working certificate tests, is more than qualified to host a Regional Specialty. Clubs who might be thinking of hosting the National in the future and even clubs with a small but highly-motivated membership can host a Regional. In reality, any GRCA club can host this event.

### **WHAT'S THE FIRST STEP IN APPLYING TO HOLD A REGIONAL SPECIALTY?**

Once a club has decided to host a Regional, has selected a highly qualified General Chairman and a specialty committee, a letter or email needs to be sent to the appropriate GRCA Regional Vice President. (Contact information can be found here: <https://www.grca.org/about-grca/officers-andcontacts/>)

The letter should include the proposed dates and detailed information on the show site and field grounds as well as the names of the key chairmen. The Regional Vice President then submits this request to the GRCA Board of Directors in the form of a resolution. The club will be notified by the GRCA Secretary as to the Board's decision.

### **MORE QUESTIONS??**

The National Specialty Committee is always available to answer any questions a host club may have. This committee can be reached by emailing: [GRCANationalSpecialtyCommittee@groups.io](mailto:GRCANationalSpecialtyCommittee@groups.io). For planning purposes, it is best for a club to apply to host a Regional at least two (2) years in advance of the event.