

STANDING RULES OF THE GDCWW

[ratified September 22, 2026]

1. Nominees for Officers or Directors shall have been a member of the Club for at least one year.
2. Sponsors for new members shall have been a member of the Club for at least one year.
3. Annual membership fees are to be \$25 for individual membership and may be adjusted as needed.
4. Board members may not miss more than three Board meetings a year, unless a valid excuse is received by the President. Board will determine validity of excuses. After three absences, the Board will determine appropriate action as deemed necessary.
5. The Show Chair may exhibit at the Specialty Shows if they have not had show-related business contact with the judges. The Premium List shall state that the Show Chair is allowed to show, but a Show Chair having business contact with any of the judges for the shows will not exhibit.
6. A Judge's Selection Committee consisting of three club members (including the Show Chair) will be appointed by the President annually. The Committee will be responsible for providing the membership with a list of persons approved to judge Great Dane conformation, obtain nominations from that list from Club membership, establish an election amongst the general membership from the list of nominees, tally the results of the election, and provide the Show Chair and general membership with an accounting of the election results. The Show Chair will select conformation judges for the specialty shows from a list of judges elected by the club membership, selecting judges receiving the greatest number of votes.
7. Every effort shall be made to not have a judge repeat a judging assignment at the Club Specialty within a three-year time frame.
8. Every effort shall be made to have at least one judge selected for the Specialties to be a "breeder judge" or have close affiliations with our breed (e.g. handler, author, etc.).

9. Judges chosen will be required to sign a contract restricting them from judging Great Danes in breed competition conformation for five months before their GDCWW assignment in the following states: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Arizona, or Nevada.
10. The President's award may be issued on an annual basis to a club member chosen by the current President who has provided exceptional service or value to the Club during the previous year.
11. Club awards will be provided annually to honor member's dogs receiving a title or award for the previous year. An annual award may be given to members whose Great Dane:
 - a. earns any title or award granted or recognized by the AKC, as may be amended from time to time;
 - b. earns any title or award granted or recognized by the Great Dane Club of America, as may be amended from time to time;
 - c. at the end of the AKC's annual Qualifying Period, earns a placement within the top twenty Great Danes in Conformation, Companion Sports, Title Recognition Program Sports, Performance Sports, or AKC Family Dog Program, as tabulated by the AKC;
 - d. is awarded Best in Show, Owner-Handled Best in Show, Bred by Exhibitor Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show, or 4-6 month Best Beginner Puppy In Show at an AKC all-breed show or at the Great Dane Club of America National Specialty;
 - e. is awarded Best in Show at an AKC-sanctioned specialty breed or group show; is awarded High in Trial or High Combined Score at an AKC Obedience Trial or High Triple Q or High Combined at an AKC Rally Trial;
 - f. achieves the age of ten, and each year thereafter (Venerable Award);
 - g. receives a performance title from NASDA (North American Sport Dog Association), NADD (North American Diving Dogs, and NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work).
12. An annual award is to be given to members awarded for Best Junior Handler received at an AKC all-breed show or at the Great Dane Club of America National Specialty.