

SANCTIONING SHOWS

With a new year upon us and show season in full swing, I would like to address the subject of obtaining official sanctions (ARBA as well as Jersey Wooly) for your shows:

ARBA

There are 4 sections of the ARBA Show Rules addressing sanctions for clubs that warrant special attention. The ARBA Show Rules can be found on their website at www.arba.net, then under the FORMS link on the left side of the page.

Section 17 – basically states the fees and date parameters in order to apply for and receive ARBA sanctions.

Section 18 – “No ARBA chartered specialty club may issue a sweepstakes sanction TO ANY SHOW unless the show is first sanctioned by the ARBA.”

This simply means that in order to obtain a Jersey Wooly sweepstakes sanction for a show, the show must first be sanctioned by the ARBA. Please keep in mind that EACH show, in order to be officially sanctioned by the ARBA, must have its own ARBA sanction number. Because a club has obtained one sanction from the ARBA for their primary show does not mean that any other shows held in conjunction with the primary show, are ARBA sanctioned. EX: If a club wishes to hold a double open and youth show, that would require 2 Open sanctions and 2 Youth sanctions (one for each individual show), be obtained in order to also be eligible to receive Jersey Wooly sanctions for all 4 of the shows. The same holds true for Specialty shows a club may wish to hold. Each individual Specialty show must also have its own ARBA sanction number for both Open and/or Youth.

Section 20 – “Specialty club and ARBA sanctions may only be issued to ARBA chartered clubs or associations.”

This means ALL sanctions should be requested by the ARBA Chartered Club which is sponsoring the show. We have many individuals that agree to pay for Jersey Wooly sanctions if perhaps a sponsoring club has not obtained a sanction from the NJWRC. This is fine and perfectly legitimate. However, any sanction requested from the NJWRC should be sent for by the show sponsoring club, and not by the individual that has agreed to pay for the sanction. Sometimes in an effort to save time, an individual will send for the Jersey Wooly sanction, and say they are sanctioning the breed for such and such a club. This may be agreeable with the show sponsoring club (which is also a requirement of the ARBA), however without the club or club official actually sending for the sanction, it is not confirmed that the club has indeed agreed to accept the sanction.

I have had occasions where an individual will send for a sanction, stating they were told by a member of the show sponsoring club that it would be OK, only to have a club official later say that they were not aware of the agreement. This is why it is best for all concerned, for the sponsoring club to send for the sanction directly. If you wish to sanction the Jersey Wooly breed and a club has agreed to let you do so, you should make payment directly to the club, and the club should send for the sanction themselves.

Section 21 – “Sweepstakes to be legal and count must be approved and issued by the ARBA chartered club sponsoring the show.”

This simply confirms what was mentioned above, that the ARBA Chartered show sponsoring club has agreed to all breed sanctions, and the club itself has completed and submitted the show results for the breed club sweepstakes. I am unable to accept a show report from an individual that is not a part of the show sponsoring club or show committee.

NJWRC

The above ARBA Show Rules must be adhered to in order to also receive a NJWRC sweepstakes sanction. The rules are pretty specific and self explanatory, so they should be easily followed.

In issuing Jersey Wooly sanctions, the policy has been that I will honor any sanction request, provided it is received in an envelope that is POSTMARKED PRIOR TO the date of the show.

There is a Jersey Wooly sanction request form posted on the club website, and I would also be happy to furnish one directly to anyone requesting same.

Information on the form must be complete and correct. That is one of the reasons it is requested that the show sponsoring club send for the Jersey Wooly sanction, and not an individual. In many cases, if an individual sends for the Jersey Wooly sanction, they are unaware of pertinent information regarding the sponsoring club, show secretary, ARBA sanction number, etc. This simply causes delays in issuing a Jersey Wooly sanction, and requires additional correspondence that would not be necessary had the original request been made directly by the show sponsoring club.

Sometimes an individual will send me a personal check with a note saying "I am paying for a sanction for the XYZ club.", and that is all of the information provided with the check. Receiving over 5,000 sanction requests per year at this house (we do sanctions for 3 National Specialty Clubs), it becomes very cumbersome and difficult trying to hold such materials and match them up with other materials that may, or may not be sent at a later time directly by the show sponsoring club. Please help me to help both you and the show sponsoring clubs, by paying the club directly for any sanctions you wish to sponsor, and having the club send the information and payment to me directly.

Please feel free to contact me at any time you may have a question regarding the issuing of sanctions for the NJWRC, or shows which may already have NJWRC sanction. It is always a pleasure to serve the NJWRC and its membership.

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