

## **Bluegrass Classic Cluster Supported Entries & Specialty Plan Contract**

The Bluegrass Classic Cluster (the BGC) is a FIVE day Cluster of shows held generally during the Labor Day weekend. (Exceptions being when our AKC weekend does not fall on Labor Day weekend as is the case this year) This Event is set up at the elegant Kentucky Horse Park. Enjoy the beauty, history, and southern hospitality of Kentucky.

All conformation shows are held indoors in the Altech Arena as well as Obedience and Rally. Reserved grooming as well as free grooming space is offered. Out on the Horse Park grounds Barn Hunt and Lure Coursing is offered. Stall rental is available right outside of Altech Arena by the Barn Hunt area. The BGC is always open and interested in adding more events.

Full-service Camping is available at the Kentucky Horse Park Campgrounds. Closer to the Altech Arena Primitive Camping is available as well.

Blue Grass Airport (LEX) is only about 10 minutes' drive to the show site. Other airport Options are Louisville International (SDF) which is about an hour 15 minutes' drive or Cincinnati International (CVG) which is about an hour 17 minutes' drive to Lexington, KY. Both are great options for those looking for a great airfare rate.

Lexington offers a wide range of Hotels as well as wonderful Eateries to suit any taste and budget.

While in the area exhibitors might wish to visit the many wonderful exhibits at the Kentucky Horse Park. Be sure to stop by the Hall of Champions! Tours of the many famous Horse Farms, where legends are born, as well as the new Secretariat Monument are worth the trip. Historic Keeneland Race Track is right across from Blue Grass Airport.

There are many wonderful wineries in the area including Equus Run, Jean Farris, Castle Hill, Black Barn, and many more. Kentucky is known for its world-famous Bourbon. Exhibitors might enjoy visiting Woodford Reserve or go on the Bourbon Trial.

There are many more historical landmarks in and near Lexington, KY to enjoy.

Kathy Garcia,

Lexington Kennel Club Secretary of Show Affairs

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Thank you for your Club's interest in the Bluegrass Classic Cluster. We would love for your Club to join us. There are FOUR types of breed club events that can be held in conjunction with the Classic all breed shows.

**Supported Entry:** Specialty Clubs may support another Club by providing the Trophies. This is a great way for Breed Clubs to encourage entries and build majors. No application to AKC is required. The Club must comply with the AKC rules regarding prizes and trophies offered, and they must be properly listed in the premium list and catalog. NOTE: A specialty club that is not sanctioned or licensed cannot be listed as supporting the entry. They can be listed in the Premium as the club donating the trophies.

**Supported Entry with Sweepstakes:** Specialty Clubs offering Supported Entries can also sponsor Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes. The specialty club must complete an AKC form requesting permission and submit the name of the Judge. The host club must grant permission for the specialty club to offer Sweepstakes and that permission must be submitted to AKC. The host club must have the Judge's name and all contact information as well as the list of trophies to be included in the premium and catalog.

**Designated Specialty:** A Specialty Club may designate the regular judging at an all-breed show as its specialty show. This is a good choice for smaller specialty clubs on a limited budget with limited workers. The specialty club must submit an event application for the designated specialty. The specialty Club does not submit a judge's panel; the judge for the breed is submitted as part of the panel of the host club's all-breed show. The host club must provide permission to the specialty club to hold a designated specialty and that permission must be submitted to AKC. The specialty club may offer sweepstakes and special attractions as part of their designated specialty. No limit on entries for designated specialties is required. Trophy list must be submitted to the host Club for inclusion in the premium and catalog.

**Concurrent Specialty:** Specialty clubs may offer an independent specialty on the same date and at the same location as an all-breed show. Specialty clubs must submit an event application and a judges panel for the concurrent specialty. The host club must grant permission to the specialty club to hold a concurrent specialty and that permission must be submitted to AKC. The specialty club may offer sweepstakes and special attractions as part of their concurrent specialty. There is a limit of one hundred (100) total entries for the concurrent specialty. The limit includes any entries in sweepstakes and special attractions. There is a limit of one hundred (100) total entries for the breed judging in the host show.

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#### **General Benefits and Responsibilities for Supported and/or Specialties.**

1. Per AKC requirements, the specialty club must request permission to hold an event from each host club for its day of the Classic.
2. The Bluegrass Classic offers each Designated Specialty and Breed Supported Entry \$3.00 per dog entered in the regular classes. Sweepstakes are not included.
3. The Bluegrass Classic offers Rosettes to each Designated Specialty and Breed Supported Entry. Rosette placements offered are Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Selects, Winners, and Reserve Winners. Should the specialty club wish to offer additional Rosettes (Example: Owner Handler, Veteran, Best Bred By, etc), the Breed Club may purchase these rosettes from the Superintendent at the Breed Club's expense. Should the Breed Club wish to have upgraded rosettes they may request them from the Superintendent and the Breed Club will pay the difference. If your Breed Club wishes to provide your own Rosettes you must inform the Superintendent as well as the Host Club to avoid the cost of duplicate Rosettes. The Breed Club will be responsible for the cost of duplicate ribbons.
4. The Bluegrass Classic requires each Breed Club to offer, at the minimum, one trophy for Supported Entry. Most offer a Best of Breed trophy. There is no limit to the number of trophies a club may offer. The host club MUST have your list of trophies for inclusion in the Premium List by deadline as designated by the Superintendent and as required by AKC. The earlier this list is received, the better to avoid rushed mistakes.
5. Clubs are responsible for having their Trophies available for presentation ringside. Clubs will be responsible for any fines that may be incurred due to missing trophies that Breed Clubs have committed to provide. Breed Clubs are to turn in their Trophy list to the Superintendent as well as the Supported Entry/Specialty Chair.
6. The Bluegrass Classic will coordinate ring assignments and judging times with the Superintendent, at the Breed Club's request, although it cannot guarantee specifics.
7. The Bluegrass Classic will share the judge panel and will do its best to take into consideration requests for specific judges on the panel, although it cannot make guarantees for specific judges.
8. The Bluegrass Classic can arrange with the Superintendent to have Premium Lists mailed/e-mailed to all members of the specialty club provided these addresses are provided to the Superintendent by the Breed Club.
9. If a Breed Club wishes to hire its own judge (designated &/or supported), the specialty club picking up all additional expenses.
10. It is the responsibility of the specialty club to hire its own sweepstakes judge and pay that judge's fees and expenses. The specialty club MUST furnish the Sweepstakes judge's name, judge number, address, and phone number to the Classic host club

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involved at LEAST 26 weeks before the closing date of the Classic. This must be selected before required Judges list is sent to AKC and the Superintendent.

11. The Bluegrass Classic will publicize in our Premium List information on specialty club meetings and seminars if it arrives in time for inclusion.

Let us know well in advance if your Specialty Club would like to be part of our Bluegrass Classic Cluster!

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address:  
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Supported Only [ ]      Supported with Sweeps [ ]

Regional Specialty [ ] Designated [ ] or Concurrent [ ]

National Specialty [ ] Designated [ ] or Concurrent [ ]

**Date(s):** Supported all 5 days [ ] or select which day(s) for supported

Wed/Mid-KY KC [ ]      Thurs/Lexington KC [ ]      Fri/Northern KY KC [ ]

Sat/Lexington KC [ ]      Sun/Northern KY KC [ ]

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**Trophy Offered Best of Breed and date(s):**  
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List any other Awards you will offer by Placement, then Trophy. Use another page if needed  
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**JUDGES:**

The Classic is willing to entertain judge suggestions from Breed Clubs for future events providing the judges are able to judge at least 2-3 groups and can be added without overloading the number of judges on the panel.

Deadline will be no later than the last day of the current Bluegrass Classic Cluster. If your Club would like to share your **Preferred Judges List** for the Bluegrass Classic's future events please send us your List at this time. List Judge Name and Judge Number as well as what Groups and Breeds they are approved for. This is not a guarantee that we can use them, however, we will take them into serious consideration.

Please send your Club's Preferred Judges List (ONE List) by US postal mail or by email to Kathy Garcia (Contact information listed below). **Do not send by messenger or text.**

Supported Entry/Specialty:

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this Form to:**

Kathy Garcia  
Bluegrass Classic Specialty/Supported Entry Chair  
Lexington Kennel Club, Secretary of Show Affairs  
1478 Meadowthorpe Ave  
Lexington, KY 40511  
[kathygphotos@aol.com](mailto:kathygphotos@aol.com)  
502-541-1478

***For BGC Cluster Use only***

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

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**Specialty/Supported Entry Chair:**

Kathy Garcia, KathyGPhotos@aol.com

**Assistant Chair:** Rachel McClister, PetEFXS@hotmail.com

Wednesday, August 26, 2020: Mid-KY Kennel Club

Jeremy McClister: j.mcclister@icloud.com

Thursday, August 27, 2020: Lexington Kennel Club

Anne Kemp: anneckemp@hotmail.com

Friday, August 28, 2020: Northern KY Kennel Club

Megan Strickland: megways@gmail.com

Saturday, August 29, 2020: Lexington Kennel Club

Kathy Garcia: kathygphotos@aol.com

Sunday, August 30, 2020: Northern KY Kennel Club

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