

AKC GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Information provided from Nancy Anstruther, Chair

Attached is the form our committee came up with for the Good Sport award. We were hoping to have people request the form from either you or our committee, rather than just send in letters. In this way, they should read the AKC code of sportsmanship and keep their submissions a little more concise. The committee will have this information so that it will be available off the CCA website, after this approval.

Nominations will be accepted from **October 1, 2023, and end on February 1, 2024.**

Please send your nominations to: **Nancy Anstruther,
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Collie Club of America Good Sportsmanship Form

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Thank you for your submission. **Every person whose name is submitted should be celebrated for making the world of dog shows, the Collie Club of America, and those around them better for having them in our sport. We applaud them all and wish we were able to award all submissions with this honor. The winner will be announced at the 2024 CCA in Peoria, Illinois.**

Please write a couple of paragraphs on these three key tenets:

1. What does your nominee do, on a volunteer basis, for the Collie Club of America?
2. How does your nominee exemplify Good Sportsmanship at a local level?
3. What does your nominee bring to the breed as a whole? How have they impacted you and those around them in a positive way?

AKC GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD

The AKC states that this award is their way of helping clubs recognize and celebrate the efforts to their volunteer club members. The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program is provided to each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.

AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship.

They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance, and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions, and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- **Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able** appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.