



STCA STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

PERFORMANCE SPORTS COMMITTEE (PSC)

In recent years, the AKC has approved several new companion/performance sports events, or established title recognition programs with other venues. These include therapy dog, barn hunt, lure coursing, and scent work. This committee was created to capture the breadth of sports now available for Scotties and STCA members participation, although certain core sports, such as agility, earthdog, and Obedience/Rally, will still have their own independent chairs due to these being events actively being sponsored by the STCA on a regular basis, and needing trial chairs and other coordination.

The membership of the PSC will include the three core sport committee chairs (Agility, Earthdog, Obedience/Rally), and two(2) to four (4) other STCA members who are active in multiple sports, and not predominately participating in only one sport. The sports these other individuals compete in include, but are not limited to: scent work, barn hunt, lure coursing, therapy dog, etc. These individuals may volunteer to serve or are suggested by the core three chairs, and are appointed for a two-year term by the STCA Board of Directors at the Board meeting following the STCA Annual Dinner and membership meeting in October. A chair from within the PSC will be recommended by the PSC members before the end of the current calendar year they were appointed, and will be confirmed by the STCA Board of Directors at their first meeting (whether by conference call or face-to-face) the following calendar year. The chair will serve a 1-year term, but the term can be renewed if the other committee members and Board approve.

The members of this committee will be charged with keeping abreast of the evolution of dog sports in AKC and reporting back to the STCA Board the important changes, educating non-STCA Scottie exhibitors in dog sports about the club to try and increase membership, and educating the public about training and the versatility/sporting nature of Scotties. Finally, in conjunction with good conformation, the committee will promote and encourage the working “go to-ground” instinct in the Scottish Terrier so that our breed does not lose the drive and purpose for which it was bred.

General Duties of the PSC

1. Keep abreast of the evolution of dog sports in AKC and report back to the STCA Board important changes that may impact our members or Scottie exhibitors who participate in these sports.
2. Educate non-STCA Scottie exhibitors in dog sports about the STCA, its functions, and benefits to members.

3. Encourage non-STCA Scottie exhibitors to consider membership in the STCA.
4. Educate the public about training and the versatility/sporty nature of Scotties through coordination of various demonstrations at dog fancy events and/or other canine venues.
5. Promote and encourage the participation of STCA members in multiple dog sports.
6. Submit a report to the Corresponding Secretary for review by the STCA Board of Directors by the deadline prior to each scheduled Board meeting.
7. Coordinate publicity for upcoming events, using resources such as Bagpiper ads, National Sweeps catalog, and Wrap-up emails, for STCA sponsored sporting events, demos, and seminars.
8. Endeavor to create new collaborations between the STCA and other dog clubs, if it benefits the Scottie fancy.
9. Propose to the STCA Board new venues/trials in sports that would benefit the Scottie fancy.
10. Encourage STCA performance handlers to apply for the club's performance awards, and help individuals craft language for new awards they wish to sponsor.
11. Tally points for the STCA performance awards and SFBSTC versatility award.
12. Coordinate articles for Bagpiper with Bagpiper Editor.