

THE DAVE HOLLINGSHEAD MEMORIAL FALL HUNTING SEASON KICKOFF BIRD DOG CHALLENGE

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Summary of Scoring and Rules & Regulations

A SINGLE RUN CONSISTS OF 1 HUNTER, 1 DOG, 4 CHUKARS, 8 SHELLS AND 20 MINUTES

A TEAM RUN CONSISTS OF 2 HUNTERS, 1 DOG, 6 CHUKARS, 6 SHELLS EACH HUNTER AND 30 MINUTES

A PUPPY RUN CONSISTS OF 1 HUNTER, 1 DOG (under 18 months), 3 CHUKARS, 6 SHELLS AND 15 MINUTES

SCORING:

*20 points for each bagged chukar in hand

*15 points for each "find" (flushed or pointed)

*10 points for each retrieve within one (1) step of hunter(s)

*5 points for each remaining loaded shell

*1 point for each full 20 seconds under the allocated qualifying time limit; time stops when last bird is in the hunter's hand

*390 max. pts. for TEAM Divisions, 260 max. pts. for SINGLE Divisions, and 190 max. pts. for PUPPY Divisions

* Tie scores will be determined by 1st find points; 2nd remaining shells points; 3rd retrieve points; 4th "lowest qualifying time" in each placing

RULES & REGULATIONS

--1. NO RUNNING with a gun; grounds for disqualification.

--2. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; NO competitor or hunter will be permitted to qualify if they have consumed any alcoholic beverage.

--3. No electronic collars whatsoever allowed on any dog while qualifying. A bell or other non-electronic locating device may be used. Also no studded or weighted collars allowed.

--4. NO bitches in heat permitted on grounds. Bitches in heat may run as the last run of the day but must be kept away from all other dogs and out of the staging area until the run begins. Entry withdrawal for heat reasons will only have money refunded if certification by vet is provided that dog is in heat.

--5. All dogs must be kept on lead and away from qualifying areas until time to qualify. Spectators will not be permitted near qualifying blinds and must be in designated areas during qualifying runs. All hunters or competitors are required to wear at least 250 square inches of blaze orange to include a hat (State Law).

--6. All GUNS must be kept cased and unloaded until at the starting line. All dogs must be heeled and on lead to and from the fields. Any dog determined by the judge to be "out of control" will be subject to disqualification.

--7. Qualifying days and times will be assigned in the order the entries are received. This will permit early entries to choose from a larger pool of qualifying days and times. The DEADLINE is the Saturday, one week before the event is run. ALL entry fees must be paid before deadline to secure qualifying days and times. Entries received after the deadline will be placed in time slots at the discretion of the host club.

--8. All hunters must register at the registration desk at least 60 minutes before qualifying run. Hunters will pick up field assignments.

--9. When birds are being set, the next hunter/team up must be behind blinds before previous qualifying run begins. Any team/hunter not in the blind will be disqualified. If there is more than one field is available for that division the hunters will run the next available field or the field will be decided by a coin toss. Hunters will not be permitted to choose which field they want. Hunters must enter the field and time will start at the point closest to the blind. All teams/hunters that are not

currently qualifying are ONLY permitted to watch the fields from the designated viewing areas for spectators. All birds must be carried by the hunter(s) at all times and cannot be dropped off in the field.

--10. Field Judges will accompany all hunters into the field. Hunter must sign score sheet before leaving the field. Any disagreements must be worked out before leaving the field. There will be unforeseen situations arising, but ALL decisions by Field Judges or Head Marshall are **FINAL - NO APPEALS**.

--11. All birds must be chukars and shot in the air, unless caught by the dog. This is the only way birds may be counted for qualification. Hunters cannot pick up already dead birds and count them toward qualification. In the case where a bird is trapped by the dog, the bird is counted and a shell is forfeited (pointing breeds catching a bird will result in a 3-point penalty). No birds will be shot on the ground (safety violation). Hunters must have all qualifying birds in their possession at the end of the run.

--12. There are two classes: Flushing and Pointing. The SINGLE Division will consist of one hunter, one dog, and 20 minutes to qualify. Maximum of two entries per dog for each division. Dogs may only compete in one class, Flushing or Pointing, in any division.

--13. There will be 8 shells per hunter in the SINGLE division. Qualification run ends and time stops when: (1) maximum "bag" points have been awarded and last bird is in hand (4 chukars in SINGLE division); (2) qualifying time has expired or; (3) if hunter(s) are out of shells and maximum "find" points have been awarded, the run will end and score will show the maximum time. "WILD" (not acted on by dog) flushes are not counted as a qualifying bird, unless acted upon by hunter(s). Multiple "find" points will be awarded in the case of multiple flushes from one find, but each individual bird will be scored on its own merits for "bag" and "retrieve" points. All shells must be factory loads, maximum 5-shot, 2 3/4" and supplied by each hunter.

--14. **POINTER'S RULES**: A Pointing Breed dog cannot be "whoa" to a "find." A dog must establish a point first to be awarded "find" points. "Whoa" can be used to prevent "creeping." A Pointing Breed dog cannot catch or trap a bird. If the dog moves in on a bird and flushes or catches the bird before the hunter(s) has (have) a chance to flush the bird, NO "find" points will be awarded. There will be a three-(3) point penalty assessed for each bird caught or trapped by a Pointer, that the hunter(s) could not get to flush or shoot.

--15. "Retrieve" points (10 pts.) will be awarded when the dog retrieves each bird a minimum of within one (1) step of the hunter(s). The hunter(s) cannot move toward the dog once the bird has been shot. Moving backwards or laterally is permitted. No artificial objects can be used to induce a dog to retrieve a bird (tennis balls, retrieving dummies etc.). A violation will result in NO retrieve points.

--16. Field Judges will explain boundaries before qualifying run begins. Ribbon, flags or other markers will mark field boundaries. **NO** team member is permitted to pursue or shoot while outside the boundaries. Hunter(s) can shoot over the boundaries, if standing inside the boundary markers. The dog can retrieve a bird outside the boundaries, but not within the boundaries of another qualifying field. Hunters must be inside the markers and the finished retrieve made to within the boundary markers. Any bird produced outside the boundaries will not be counted for qualification.

--17. In the event a "SAFETY" is called due to an obstruction, such as a bird flying toward the gallery, the bird is scored in full and a shell is forfeited (hunters must have a remaining shell to forfeit in order for a safety bird to be counted). If the hunter shoots after a safety is called, the team is subject to disqualification.

--18. NO organizer or host hunt or preserve club's stockers, employees, or their kennels will be permitted to compete in that division.

--19. For any further clarification or questions about any of the rules, refer to the master rulebook. A master rulebook will be at Registration and with each Field Judge and the Head Marshall.

--20. Safety and sportsmanlike conduct are first priorities. This Hunting Dog Championship is designed to be competitive and fun. The event objectives are "good" dog work, "good" marksmanship, a bit of luck, and lots of fun.

GOOD LUCK!!!