

PENNSYLVANIA STATE OPEN PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP
Warriors Mark Wingshooting Lodge & Kennels, Ginter, PA
Summary of Scoring and Rules & Regulations

SCORING:

- *20 points for each bagged pheasant in hand (or chukar for puppy divisions)
- *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 245 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.
- 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 and competitors not running will not be permitted near qualifying blinds and must be in designated viewing areas during qualifying runs. All hunters or competitors are required to wear at least the required amount of blaze orange to conform to the local laws of the area in which the event is taking place.
- 6. All GUNS must be kept action opened and unloaded until at the starting line. All dogs must be heeled and on lead to and from fields. Any dog determined by the Field 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. No competitor can run in the same field back to back, whether it is the same division or not.
- 8. All hunters must register at the registration table 60 minutes before qualifying run. Team Captain 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. Teams/hunters will not be permitted to choose which field they want. Teams/hunter 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 teams into the field. Team Captain must sign score sheet upon leaving the field to verify the “count” score, not the total score. Any disagreements must be worked out before Team Caption signs score sheet at the end of the run. There will be unforeseen situations arising, but ALL decisions by Head or Field Judges are **FINAL – NO APPEALS**.

--11. All birds must be the type of bird specified by the event rules and shot in the air, or caught by the dog. This is the only way birds may be counted for qualification. No birds will be shot on the ground. Hunters cannot pick up "dead" birds and count them toward qualification. In the case where a bird is trapped by the dog, the bird is counted as a bag and a shell is forfeited. Hunters must have all qualifying birds in their possession at the end of the run.

--12. There are two classes per TEAM, SINGLE, and PUPPY Divisions: Flushing and Pointing. The TEAM Division will consist of two hunters, one dog, and 30 minutes to qualify. The SINGLE Division consists of one hunter, one dog, and 20 minutes to qualify. The PUPPY Division will consist of one hunter, one dog and 15 minutes to qualify. Maximum entries per event are two entries per dog for each division. Dogs may only compete in one class, Flushing or Pointing, in any division.

--13. There will be two shells per bird per hunter in SINGLE and PUPPY Divisions and one shell per bird per team member in TEAM Divisions. Qualification run ends and time stops when: (1) maximum "bag" points have been awarded and the last bird is in hand; or, (2) qualifying time is expired. "Wild flushes" or "bumped birds" are not counted as a qualifying bird, unless acted upon by team members. 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 hunters will supply their own shells, but the shells must be factory loads, no larger than 5-shot, 2 ¾. NO 3-inch or longer shells.

--14. **POINTER'S RULE:** When a pointing breed dog goes on point, the hunter must call "point" then wait 5 seconds before the hunter can act the bird on. The field judge will keep the time and inform the hunter when it is OK to act on the bird. If the dog relocates the 5-second count will again apply when another point is established. A violation will result in no find points. A Pointing Breed dog cannot be "whoa to find." The dog must establish a point first to be awarded "find" points. The "whoa" command can only be used after the dog has illustrated "point" and "point" is called by the hunter(s). "Whoa" can be used to prevent "creeping." 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 Pointing breed, 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 shot is fired. Moving backwards or laterally is permitted. No training devices can be used to induce a dog to retrieve a bird (tennis balls, retrieving dummies, food, rocks, etc.). A violation will result in NO retrieve points.

--16. Field Judges will explain boundaries before qualifying run begins. Ribbon or other markers will mark your field's boundaries. NO team member is permitted to pursue or shoot outside the boundaries. Hunter(s) can shoot over the boundaries at birds produced inbounds, if standing inside the boundary markers. The dog can retrieve a bird outside the boundaries, but not within the boundaries of another qualifying field. Team members must be inside the markers and the finished retrieve made to within the boundary markers. Any bird produced outside the boundary markers by the hunter(s) or dog will not count toward qualification.

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

--18. NO judge or stocker can compete in any field or division that they have worked at any time during the current event.

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

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

GOOD LUCK!!!