

Chapter 3

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIELD TRIALS

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

Section 1. This corporation shall record the winners in stakes sponsored by active members of the corporation and shall issue certificates, signed by the President and Secretary of this corporation, to owners of such winning dogs, provided however:

- a. The sponsoring club shall have paid to this corporation, membership dues for the year in which the trial is held, and the sum of four (\$ 4.00) dollars, per dog entered in its trial.
- b. The club conforms to the "minimum requirements as set out herein Chapter 4, in conducting said trial; and
- c. The club appoints a stake manager to oversee the running of the trial; and
- d. The sponsoring club certifies the winner. or winners of its stakes to the Secretary of this corporation within thirty (30) days after the close of the trials at which said win, or wins, was made, giving such information as may be required by the Secretary of this corporation; and
- e. That in stakes with three or fewer dogs competing, one win certificate will be issued. In stakes with four or five dogs competing, two placements only will be recognized. In stakes with six or more dogs competing, three placements, with no division of any place will be recognized.
- f. Clubs have the option to give monies as awards in any stake.

Section 2. Drawings will be for order of running only and not for any particular course. A dog that is absent from the place at which he is to start may be disqualified at the discretion of the judges. The duty to have a dog at the place and time where it is to start rest solely upon the owner or handler.

Section 3. Any owner who refuses to pay an entry fee for his or her dog shall be subject to being barred from competition in member club trials. If an entry is called in by phone, and the entrant does not show up, he or she will be liable for the entry fee if he or she does not cancel before the drawing. If a female comes in season after the drawing and cannot be run, the entrant will so be charged.

Section 4. Objectionable entries will not be allowed to start if the following conditions prevail:

- a. Dogs afflicted with any disease which the Stake manager may regard as contagious will not be permitted to start or to be handled in close proximity to other entries.
- b. Objections to entries will be given consideration by the Stake Manager prior to the running.

Section 5. The judges shall be in general charge of the running of the dogs and how the same shall be handed, subject only to the rules and regulations for field trials of this corporation. After the first series has been completed, if the judges shall deem a second or additional series necessary, they may call the dogs wanted in whatever manner or order and for the length of time they may deem expedient.

Section 6. HANDLER

- a. An individual handler must be designated at the time of the drawing, and such handler, if present and physically able to must handle the dog as drawn.
- b. If two dogs handled by the same handler should be drawn in the same brace, the second dog so drawn shall change place with the next dog to be handled by another handler.
- c. Any person under suspension by this corporation or any person barred from competition in trials by corporation shall not be permitted to handle a dog.
- d. No one other than the handler of a dog may give a dog, while in competition, any command or direction except with the permission of the judges.

Section 7. HANDLING DOGS

- a. During the running of a heat, no dog in competition therein shall be removed from the ground for an appreciable length of time, placed on leash, or worked otherwise than in an accepted manner of handling by voice, whistle and/or hand signals,
- b. Handlers handling his or her dog at a running pace instead of a walking pace is prohibited,
- c. The use of any device attached to the dog for communication or which will, in any manner, influence the dog's action during the handling of a dog in competition in a field trial is forbidden.
- d. There will be no reading or working of dogs on a course or areas that conflict with a trial in progress.
- e. Any handler violating this section may be barred from further participation in or attendance at such trial by the Stake Manager.
- f All collars greater than 1" in width must be reversible, two color, and of elastic construction.

Section 8. SCOUTING

- a. No scouting is permitted in a NALBA Stake, except that a person, with the position of a judge, may be designated to go and see if the dog is on point at a specific location. That person shall in no way handle the dog.
- b. Lagging behind the field trial party for the purpose of locating dogs shall constitute scouting to the same extent as leaving the field party to go in any other direction.

Section 9. CONDUCT OF HANDLERS

a. All handlers must conform to any and all regulations and rules and directions of the judges which do not conflict with the rules and regulations for field trials of this corporation; and should any such regulation be disregarded the judges shall have authority to disqualify such handler and/or his dogs, or they may leave the matter to the Stake Manager for his action.

b. The judges are expected to prescribe and rigidly enforce a strict rule upon the interference of handler or dog with the braced dog.

c. Handlers shall be at liberty to inquire of the judges at any time as to any regulations within their province or of the Stake Manager concerning any rule beyond the jurisdiction of the judges.

Section 10. COMPLAINTS

A handler may make verbal complaint to either the judges or the Stake Manager concerning the conduct of his opponents provided that such complaint be made Promptly upon the alleged commission of the offence, thus affording proper official opportunity of observing the immediate situation.

Section 11. IMPUGNING JUDGES

Any person who has, to the satisfaction of the Stake Manager, impugned the action of a judge officiating at any stake, or who has otherwise annoyed such official in connection with or because of his Official action in connection with the trial either during or after the, running of a trial, may be barred from further participation in or attendance at such trial by the Stake Manager and such disbarment may be made permanent by subsequent action of the Board of Directors.

Section 12. CONDUCT UNBECOMING A GENTLEMAN

If a complaint is made by an active club of this corporation or by an individual associated with such active club, that a person entering a dog in, or attending any field trial held by an active club of this corporation itself, has acted in a manner contrary to good sportsmanship and detrimental to the best interest of field trial generally, such complaints shall be in writing and a hearing had in the same manner as is provided in by-laws, Article III, Section 1, (a),(b),and (c). If a majority of the Board of Directors shall find and decide that the complaint is well founded and that the accused has acted in a manner contrary to good sportsmanship and detrimental to the best interest of field trials generally, the person so accused shall be barred from attending and being in any event sponsored by this corporation or by any active club of this corporation, and no certificate of win made by a dog entered or handled by such person shall be issued by this corporation. The Secretary shall notify both the accused and accusing party in writing of this decision of the Board of Directors.

Section 13. FIELD MARSHAL

One or more Field Marshals shall be appointed by the Stake Manager, and the Field Marshal or Field Marshals shall have the full authority to control the movement of the gallery or other spectators. The Field Marshal shall prevent interference with the judges' handlers and dogs.

Section 14. BACKING STANDARDS

- a. In a Shooting Dog Stake, it is mandatory that a judge order a dog up, if that dog, in the opinion of the judge, demonstrates conclusively that it refuses to back its brace mate.
- b. Should the dog not have the opportunity to back, it is mandatory that the dog get its qualifying back before the next brace, with a situation set up naturally,
- c. No dog shall be on a leash while demonstrating he or she will back. A dog will back on its own without command.
- d. The judges will only ask to see a dog back, if that dog is in contention.
- e. During the running of a brace the backing dog may be collared in order that the pointing dog can demonstrate its ability to retrieve.
- f. A handler may request permission from the judge to move a backing dog so as not to use up his allotted time, if in the judge's opinion, the pointed dog's handler is taking too much time to flush.
- g. At the National Walking Shooting Dog Championship and the National Walking Shooting Dog Championship Call Back Series, and anywhere a second series is held, the dogs must demonstrate that they will back.
- h. Derby and puppy winners are not required to back.

Section 15. RETRIEVING STANDARDS

- a. Should a bird fly toward a judge, participants, or the gallery, the handler should not shoot at the bird, as safety is of prime importance; however, no penalty will be given for the failure to shoot.
- b. To be placed in a Shooting Dog Stake, the dog must demonstrate that it will retrieve. If no other opportunity arises during the brace, then a retrieving situation will be set up as near as natural as possible immediately following that dog's brace to determine that the dog will perform as required.
- c. At the National Walking Shooting Dog Championship and the National Walking Shooting Dog Championship Call Back Series, and anywhere a second series is held dogs must demonstrate that they will retrieve.
- d. It isn't mandatory for derby and puppy winners to retrieve.

Section 16, LLEWELLIN SETTER SHOOTING DOG STANDARDS

A Llewellyn Setter Shooting Dog should possess an intense desire to find birds and adjust to the terrain for its handler; a keen nose to detect the presence of game, and to locate it accurately and promptly; staunchness on point, without false pointing or blinking; bird wisdom, intelligent ground work and the pace and range most effective for the work at hand; stamina; speed, industry and independence at work and intensity in searching; quickness in locating his handler and in

seeing and hearing his commands, biddable handling is a must, and good manners, and backing his bracesmates point; and prompt, tender retrieving, and willingness to face unflinchingly heavy cover, brier or other handicaps; style of carriage and grace of movement, searching up well on point with head aloft and tail level or above. Dogs are required only to be steady to flush.

Section 17. DERBY STANDARDS

Derbies are judged on their demonstration of potentially becoming a Finished Shooting Dog showing some bird sense, speed and stamina, hunt to the course, locate and point quickly and accurately and be staunch. Derby winners are not required to back or retrieve.

Section 19. PUPPY STANDARDS

Puppies are judged on the natural qualities they should possess, instinct to hunt, instinct to point, intelligence, good constitution, nervous energy, courage, good conformation, style and appearance. Puppy winners are not required to point, back, or retrieve,

Section 19. COURSE. GAME AND GUN LAWS AND RULES

- a. All events must be held on one course under natural conditions.
- b. It is recommended that supplemental birds be liberated on the course, but must be liberated in widely separated area of the course to stimulate natural conditions, and replaced on a put and take basis.
- c. All participants will adhere to all state gun laws, rules, and safety, according to the state in which they are Participating. Permission to load guns on the back course, only when dog goes on point, must be given by the judges. Permission should be given by the judges as to when to load their guns upon entering the birdfield.
- d. If the participant does fire in the direction of the judge, participant, or too close to the gallery, he will be asked to pick up his or her dog. Firing at a judge, participant, or gallery will be grounds for disqualifying the participant and his or her dog in that particular brace or stake.
- e. Only one shell at a time may be loaded in a gun in any stake.
- f. If a shot is to be fired over a pointed dog in any NBHA Stake, It must be a shotgun or a blank pistol of at least .32 caliber.
- g. A handler may use shotgun blanks or live ammunition in any NALBA stake.