

COLORADO GUN DOGS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL RULES & CHUKAR TRIALS AND HUNTS RULES AND SCORING

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GENERAL RULES: (1-27-2012 REV.)

1. Members must fill out a membership application and indemnification waiver form each year when they renew their membership. Non-members must fill out an indemnification waiver form when on CGDA grounds.
2. If you use the field for training, you must clean up after yourself. Do not leave trash, dead birds, cans, etc. behind.
3. Club ATV's.
 - a. One (1) person per ATV.
 - b. Due to insurance regulations, no one under 16 may operate a club ATV.
4. No driving vehicles (except ATVs) in the fields.
5. Children.
 - a. No children under age 8 allowed in the fields.
 - b. Any child between the age 8 and of 16 with a Hunter's Safety Card and accompanied by an adult may work dogs and/or shoot.
 - c. Young children must be supervised by an adult that is not working the trial.
6. ANY ABUSE OF DOGS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!! When in the field, if your dog yelps from an E-Collar or abuse, you may be eliminated and asked to leave. Judges have full discretion and decisions are final.
7. One (1) current Board Member MUST be present at all trials from start to finish.
8. No smoking in the clubhouse or in the trial fields.
9. All members need to read and abide by the By-Laws and rules.
10. No drinking of alcoholic beverages (BY ANYONE) allowed until the trial is over and all equipment is put away.
11. Everyone should respect and understand boundaries and varying behavior and temperament of all animals including dogs. Please do not approach any dog or animal that you are not completely familiar with. Any dog exhibiting over aggressive behavior including but not limited to biting, attacking or becoming a threat on or off the field may be disqualified and subject to club disciplinary actions outlined within the bylaws.

TRIAL ENTRY RULES:

1. Enter no sooner than one (1) month prior to trial date.
2. One (1) current Board Member MUST be present at the draw for each trial.
3. You must complete the entry form and attach payment at the same time. Send these to the trial chairperson, or if no chair, then to the President.
4. A dog may only run (1) one brace in a field, up to (2) fields total. There are no exceptions to this rule. Unless the same dog with a different hander in the youth division can run on the same field.
5. A Member may only have (1) one brace per field and (2) _____ total braces for all hunt fields unless a Trial is not full
(2) two weeks before the trial date.
6. A Member may have up to (2) two Novice braces (runs) in a Hunt trial in addition to the Chukar Hunt braces (runs) allowed. However, the same dog can only run once in the Novice field.
7. A Member may request additional braces by placing a dog(s) on the Trial wait list.
8. Braces will be filled from the wait list as follows.
 - Wait list entries with attached payment will be taken in the order received by the Trial Chairperson.
 - All Members on the wait list will be given (1) one additional brace as possible before a second additional brace is given to any Member.
 - If Trial braces are not full after awarding (1) one additional brace to all requested Member entries a second or subsequent brace(s) will be awarded in the same manner as the 1st wait list braces.
9. Any member may enter his or her dog(s) in CGDA sponsored field trials. Members may handle another member's dog at the member rate. Non-member dog entries will be charged the non-member rate even if run by a member.
10. Cancellations - If there is no wait list, you are responsible for finding a replacement. No refund is given if no replacement is found.
11. Dogs in heat are not allowed at the trials or on grounds during trials.

12. Braces are drawn and assigned by dog's name. Trading or change requests are not allowed. The trial chair may change a brace in order to facilitate the trial.

13. Priority of field cleanup of birds after a trial is given to those who WORK the trial and AFTER the trial chores have been completed. Once they have been given the opportunity, others will be allowed into the fields.

14. All birds taken off the trial fields are the member/handler's responsibility to dispose of properly.

FIELD RULES:

1. Everyone in the fields must wear a blaze orange cap or vest.

2. You must check in with the desk before and after your brace.

3. NO RUNNING IN THE FIELDS!!!

4. Guns must be broken or unloaded (no shell in the chamber) until the dog establishes point.

5. Safeties – Anyone in the field may call a Safety and you may NOT shoot. Gunners MUST call a safety if person or dog is in the line of fire. See field trial rules for detailed information on safeties.

6. Dogs must be on a leash until the judge gives permission to release at the start of the brace. Once time is called for your brace, dogs must be placed back on the leash and you must leave the field promptly. If the dog is on point and time runs out, you may finish the dog work, including retrieve but no credit will be given.

7. Any questions on scorecards must be addressed immediately after your brace. Trial chair has final ruling on all disputes.

8. Scorecards must be initialed by the hunter and the judge when turned into the desk. Once initialed, you have agreed to the score. The trial chair is responsible to check and validate all scores.

9. No shot size larger than # 7 may be used. No high brass magnum loads are

allowed. Judge may check and verify the load at any time.

10. Trainers and others in the field are not allowed to handle the dog. Only the person signed up for the brace as the handler may handle the dog.

11. A safety may be called by the handler/shooter if a bird will not take flight after a flush. See field trial rules for details.

12. If a dog interferes in another field, the entrant in the field will have the option of a rerun or may continue to run. If the entrant chooses to continue a rerun will not be an option later. A dog that interferes with another brace in another field or exhibits aggressive behavior will be disqualified from the event.

13. READ AND UNDERSTAND EVENT RULES BEFORE RUNNING YOUR BRACE!

CHUKAR TRIALS AND HUNTS SCORING AND RULES

The Colorado Gun Dog Association hosts this event. In order to hold a qualifying sanctioned event, all rules set forth must be adhered to:

FIND: Fifteen (15) points will be awarded for each bird pointed (Max. of 5). Dog must hold point for a minimum of three (3) seconds, and remains standing and not cause or influence a flush.

Only 10 points will be awarded for the find if the dog is held or leashed after the mandatory three (3) seconds.

RETRIEVE: Fifteen (15) points will be awarded for each retrieve (Max. of 5). The dog must bring bird to within one large step of the handler.

BAGGED BIRD: Ten (10) points will be awarded for each bagged bird. A bird is considered bagged if retrieved either by the dog or handler.

TIME: A brace shall be for thirty (30) minutes. One (1) point shall be awarded for each full minute remaining out of the thirty (30) minute brace. Seconds (partial minutes) will not be included in the total time. **Example:** A brace of 22 minutes and 35 seconds would be scored at 22 minutes. A handler must have 5 birds totally scored (Find, retrieve and bagged) to receive any credit for remaining minutes.

SHELLS: Eight (8) shells are allowed per handler/shooter. The brace is over once all eight (8) shells have been expended. No points are awarded for unused shells.

Gun safety is required at all times.

1. An entrant will be disqualified by the judge or chairman for committing an unsafe act. After disqualification that handler/shooter will be asked to leave the field immediately. Disqualification will preclude the disqualified person from running in any other event on that day. Any action that occurs anywhere on the grounds that endangers any person, dog or property will be cause for disqualification. There will be no refund for any disqualification. There will be no running in the field and no shells are to be chambered until the dog has established point. The chairman or committee reserves the right to refuse entries from anyone who has displayed unsafe gun practices in prior events.
2. All people in the field are required to wear a blaze orange vest or a blaze orange hat to promote visibility & safety.

THE FIELD

1. The field shall be approximately 40 acres. The rules committee must approve exceptions to field size. Water containers, large enough to submerge a dog will be present in a minimum of two (2) places within the field. Either flagging or mowing will mark the field's boundaries.

THE BRACE

1. A Handler/shooter (also known as a brace) shall consist of either; one or two people (handler & shooter) and one dog. No dog is permitted to run more than once in the same field. In the case of a separate shooter, the shooter must stay within 15 to 20 feet of the handler.
2. Bitches in season cannot be run. If a bitch comes into season after the draw it is up to the entrant to find another dog or forfeit the entry fee. If a bitch comes into season prior to the draw it is the responsibility of the entrant to notify the chairman of the trial. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of entry fee. The entrant will have the option to advise the chairman of a substitute dog.
3. Braces will be drawn before the trial. Entrants will be notified of their brace position, by either phone or email, no later than the Thursday prior to the event. Entrants should check in with the trial chairman one hour before their brace. If entrants are not present at the time of bird planting, he/she forfeits their brace and entry fee.
4. A brace is considered over when thirty (30) minutes has elapsed. The dog will be scored on the work completed within the thirty (30) minutes. Even though time has expired a bird must be produced in order to score the find. That bird has been scored upon and should be removed from the field.
5. A dog must be leashed prior to and immediately after its brace is concluded.

SCORING

1. The Judge's job is to accompany the handler/shooter in the field and record what happens (points, retrieves, birds bagged, shells and time expended). The judge will enforce the rules pertaining to safety and the running of each brace. The judge is expected to act in a prudent and fair manner in accordance with the rules. A judge will not officiate in the two braces immediately preceding his/her own run. If possible, each judge will be asked to officiate in four braces. The judge will take control of all birds while in the field (place in basket on ATV).
2. Placements will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place. All dogs placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be qualified for the Championship Trial. In the event that additional dogs are needed for the Championship Trial, the committee will look to 4th place dogs starting with the first trial of the season. CGDA OPEN do not qualify for the Chukar Hunt championships. We have a CGDA OPEN Championship of its own.

3. Tie breakers for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place will be decided by using the time of the earliest qualifying point (find) of the first bird in their respective braces. A bird must be produced to qualify.

THE BIRD PLANT

4. Chukar Partridge will be the bird used in this event. The birds will be planted in a random pattern so that each quadrant of the field will contain birds. Care will be taken so a build-up of birds does not occur in one area. Consideration will be given to the cover to prevent birds from walking out of the field. The two (2) quadrants nearest the starting gate will be planted in a fashion to make the first find equitable for all contestants.
5. There will be 6 Chukar planted in the first brace and 5 in each brace thereafter. A brace will end (a) when 5 birds have been bagged and are in the possession of the handler/shooter or (b) when 5 birds have been driven from the field as a result of actions of the handler/shooters or the dog, or (c) when the handler/shooter expends their allotted shells, or (d) when 30 minutes have lapsed; whichever occurs first. All work must be completed in the allotted time. Bonus points will be awarded for time remaining, in accordance with the scoring rules. This will be calculated from the time that the 5th bird is in hand. Handler will promptly leash dog and lead it from the field.

THE FIND

1. In order to receive any score the dog must establish point on its own and hold point for the 3 seconds. No signal of any kind (oral, visual, whistle or stimulation) may be used to whoa a dog to establish a point. After the 3 seconds have elapsed you may steady the dog with commands and with lead. Judge may not hold your dog for you, however dog may be held by either the handler/shooter member. If the dog is restrained only 10 points will be awarded for the find. All dogs must be stationary at the time of the flush. After 3 second period has elapsed, an attempt by handler/shooter member that dislodges the bird from its resting place (flush) shall allow the dog to move from its stationary stance. Once the bird moves it is considered a flush.

SCENARIO #1

1. Assuming legal find and flush
 - a. Shooter hits bird and gets retrieve, full score
 - b. Shooter misses bird and gets retrieve, full score
 - c. Shooter misses bird and no retrieve, find only

scored find. Only pointed, scored birds may be shot. It was not a controlled point, and will be considered a contact against the dog and no bagged bird since it was not a legal find

- b. Dog stops and bird lands in the field

The bird may be reworked for a full score.

2. **Wild Flush**

- A. Flush not influenced by the dog.

If the bird lands within the field, then it may be worked for full credit if the bird leaves the field it will not be replaced

- 3. If a judge, on or off an ATV or handler walking in the field causes a bird to flush it is ruled a wild flush and will not counted against the dog. If the bird flies out of the field it will not be replaced.

THE RETRIEVE

- 4. Retrieves must be within one large step of the handler (one foot must remain stationary). The Handler must remain at the spot where he/she was at the time of the shot. The other team member (shooter) may get behind him/her in order to give the dog one location to retrieve. The only exception to the above is to allow the handler to move left or right to clear an obstruction, but at no time is handler to advance toward the dog.
- 5. A hunter found to be intentionally cleaning or loading the field for the next run will be disqualified.
- 6. Ignorance of the rules will not be grounds for protest.

BAGGED BIRDS

- 1. In the case of a failed retrieve on a scored bird a handler may retrieve the bird by hand and that bird will be counted as a bagged bird. Un-scored birds (not pointed) shot will not count as a bagged bird.

TRAINING AIDS

- 1. E- Collars may be used. In the braces designated as **Novice**, there will be no deduct for use of leads as these braces are designed for training and for handler and dog to learn. Anyone abusing a dog (in the opinion of the judge or chairman), whether with an electronic collar or physically will be disqualified and removed from the field. Anyone disqualified for abusing

a dog is subject to sanction from the rules committee, including the possibility of barred from future events. (If the dog yelps you are out!)...**judge's discretion.**

2. Any entrant or judge may call a safety. Once called, no guns shall be fired without permission of the judge. Failure to abide by this rule may cause the judge to disqualify the entrant. **It is the judge's discretion to allow a safety.** If in the judge's opinion the safety is allowed, that bird will count for the retrieve & bagged bird. It is considered a scored bird and cannot be scored on again. If the scored bird lands within the field, two (2) birds must be produced from that area to receive a scored bird. The judge or handler should make every effort to remove it from the field. If a safety is called on the last bird of the brace, time is called once your dog is under control on lead.
3. Birds cannot be shot on the ground. If the bird will not fly (will occasionally happen with pen raised birds), the entrant will pick up the bird (if possible) and throw it in the air. If the bird cannot be caught and thrown to complete the dog work, the judge will call safety and full credit will be given. Shooting a bird on the ground constitutes immediate disqualification. Judge should make every effort to remove the bird from the field.
4. A shell per bird will be charged in the case of each safety.