

# Pheasant Valley Farm Chukar Challenge April 10 & 11, 2021

## 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 partial retrieve
- 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, dog is leashed and hunter calls time
- 490 max. pts. for TEAM Divisions, 360 max. pts. for SINGLE and PAIR Divisions, and 245 max. pts. for PUPPY Divisions
- Tie scores will be broken 1st by retrieving points; 2<sup>nd</sup> by remaining shell points; and 3<sup>rd</sup> by lowest qualifying time.

## Rules and Regulations:

1. NO RUNNING with a gun; grounds for disqualification.
2. All dogs must be kept on lead and away from running area until time to run. Spectators will not be permitted near starting area and must be in designated spectator area in front of the barn during event runs. NO DOGS OR PEOPLE ALLOWED IN THE BARN OR DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE BARN ENTRANCE.
3. All hunters or competitors are required to wear at least 250 square inches of blaze orange to include a hat (State Law).
4. All GUNS must be kept unloaded until at the starting line and handled safely at all times. Gunners will not shoulder guns until bird is in the air. Guns should be carried muzzle up in the field.
5. All dogs must be heeled and on lead to and from the field. Any dog determined by the judge to be "out of control" will be subject to disqualification. Electronic collars will be permitted. Handlers should carry water for dogs.
6. 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 days and times. The **DEADLINE** is Sunday, April 4. **ALL** entry fees must be paid at the time of the entry to secure days and times. Entries received after the deadline *may* be placed in time slots at our discretion if space allows. Total number of entries will be limited to 36.
7. All hunters must check in at the registration desk at least 60 minutes before run time.
8. The next hunter(s) up must be in the staging area behind the small garage before the previous run's birds are being stocked. **Any team/hunter not in the staging area will lose 10 points.** The dog may be brought to the staging area any time during the previous run.
9. All birds must be carried by the hunter(s) at all times and will not be permitted to be dropped off in the field. Bird cleaning will be available for \$2.
10. Judges will accompany all teams into the field. Handler 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 Judges 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 scoring. Hunters cannot pick up already dead birds and count them toward their score. In the case where a bird is trapped by a flushing dog, the bird is counted and a shell is forfeited (pointing breeds catching a bird will result in a 3-point penalty). A bird that does not flush or fly may be considered a "Non-Productive Bird" at the judge's discretion and will count for full

- credit and a shell is forfeited. Only one Non-Productive bird will be called per run. "WILD" (not acted on by dog) flushes are not counted as a qualifying bird, unless acted upon by hunter(s).
12. There are two classes per SINGLE, PAIR, TEAM and PUPPY Divisions: **Flushing** and **Pointing**. The SINGLES Divisions will consist of one hunter, one dog, and 20 minutes run time. The PAIR Divisions will consist of one gunner, one handler with one dog, and 20 minutes run time. The TEAM Divisions will consist of two hunters, one dog, and 30 minutes run time. The PUPPY Divisions will consist of one hunter, one dog under 18 months, and 15 minutes run time. Maximum of two entries per dog for each division. Dogs can only earn one prize in a division. Dogs may only compete in one class, Flushing or Pointing, in any division. Divisions may be combined to provide competition.
  13. There will be 16 shells (8 per hunter, not interchangeable) in TEAM Divisions, 12 shells per hunter in SINGLE and PAIR divisions and 8 shells per hunter in PUPPY divisions. All shells must be factory loads, maximum 6-shot, 2 ¾" and supplied by each participant.
  14. Run ends and time stops when:
    - a. Maximum "bag" points have been awarded and last bird is in hand (8 in TEAM Divisions, 6 in SINGLE & PAIR, 4 in PUPPY), dog is leashed and handler calls TIME.
    - b. Time has expired.
    - c. 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.
  15. POINTER'S RULES: A Pointing Breed dog cannot be "whoaed" 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 without pointing, 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 did not have the opportunity to flush or shoot. The dog can still earn the retrieve points for this bird. If the chukar runs **after** the dog has established point and dog resets or makes bird fly no penalty will occur.
  16. Full "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.** A violation will result in NO retrieve points. Partial "Retrieve" points (5 pts) will be awarded if the dog brings the bird to at least half the distance back to the handler.
  17. Field Judges will explain boundaries before run begins. NO participant is permitted to pursue or shoot 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 with the finished retrieve made to within the boundaries.
  18. In the event a "SAFETY" is called due to an obstruction, such as a judge in the field, 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.
  19. Bitches in heat will run at the end of the day.
  20. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; NO competitor or hunter will be permitted to participate if they have consumed any alcoholic beverage.
  21. Safety and sportsmanlike conduct are first priorities. This Hunting Dog Challenge is designed to be competitive and fun. The event objectives are "good" dog work, "good" marksmanship, a bit of luck, and lots of fun.

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**GOOD LUCK!!!**