



OPEN POINTING DOUBLES

Events will consist of 15-minute, 5-bird plant (*Quail, chuckar, pheasant, or any combination of these three will be considered fair game to hunt*). (*The trial bird plant combination will be made clear to all contestants prior to their run and remain consistent throughout trial*).

Scoring

- Shells (7 shells max/ team)
- A Point is worth 15 pts
- A Full Retrieve is worth 15 pts
- A Partial Retrieve is worth 5pts
- An Honor is worth 2 pts. Dog must begin honor on its own; it may not be whoed into an honor.
- Each full minute left over up to the 15 minute run is worth 2 pts. EX: If the run is 5:02, there is 9 full minutes left so they would get 18 points. If the run is 4:58, there is 10 full minutes left so they would get 20 points.

Shells:

- 1) 7 shells may be used. Each shell after 5 will be a 3-minute penalty.
- 2) After the 7th shell is used the team will be allowed to retrieve the last bird acted on until time expires
(if judge determines bird not to be the last bird acted on , no bag bird points will be awarded)
- 3) If less than 5 birds have been bagged, time will stop and run will be considered a

full run.

4) Any time there is a retrieve point awarded a shell must be used (Safety and Trapped birds).

5) If 8 shells are used run will be DQ.

6) Each Handler must shoot or be the handler working the trapped (caught) bird on at least one bird or the team will be DQ'd.

Shell sizes: 12 gauge is limited to 2 ¾ inch sizes 9 to 6s for quail and chuckar. 9 to 5s for pheasant. 20 gauge is limited to 2 ¾ or 3 inch sizes 9 to 5s for quail, chuckar and pheasant.

Handlers Distance: Handlers must stay within 50 yards of each other.

Ties: Ties will be determined (i) first by total minutes and seconds used; and (ii) Second by first bird time. If the tie is not broken Dual placements will be awarded or if awards of runoff may be performed if awards of great value are present

Time:

- 1) Time stops when 5th bird is retrieved (the handler has the bird in hand and the dog has ceased hunting, under control at handlers side) (Anytime the dog advances to hunt, time will resume)
- 2) If a Safety occurs on the final bird, time stops when the dog has ceased hunting, under control at handler's side (Anytime the dog advances to hunt, time will resume) (Both handlers must stay stationary where safety was called) (If at any time your dog is not under immediate control after time is called, time will resume until dog is under control. Ask the judge to help in handling firearm if needed). (After run is completed, unload your firearms before exiting field).
- 3)The Dog shall be placed on a lead and walked out of the field. (If at any time your dog is not on a lead walking out of field your time will start again, birds bumped while trying to control dog will not be replaced).(Severe instances could result in a DQ).
- 4)If a handler calls their run early, time will be scored as full, and if no birds where flushed, a five minute flush of field will be performed. (Handler's and dog's performing flush must have completed their run or not have been scheduled to run in field to be flushed).

ALL OTHER RULES WILL FOLLOW
THE OPEN POINTING RULES!