

## Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) Draft Tests are a series of standardized exercises through which Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs are judged at GSMDCA-sponsored draft tests in order to obtain GSMDCA drafting titles. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog historically has functioned as a draft dog in various capacities. Accordingly, these exercises have been designed to reflect realistic work situations. Successful performance should demonstrate:

- The dog's inherent drafting ability refined by training and teamwork.
- The dog's readiness to work with his handler to accomplish the exercises efficiently.
- The dog's willingness and enjoyment of his work displayed by the combination of controlled-teamwork with his handler and natural independence.
- The handler's proper understanding of draft work, equipment and regulations.



## Premium List Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America One-Day Draft Test

*Hosted by the*  
**Greater Swiss Mountain Club of the Rockies**



**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Pecos Park:** 17010 S 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ  
(Ahwatukee Foothills, Phoenix, AZ)

### **Judges**

Ruth Nielsen  
Bob Schmidt

Entries close Friday, January 9th at 11:59PM (MST) Please make checks payable to Greater Swiss Mountain Club of the Rockies.

Mail fee with entry form to:

Kelly Stover  
Test Secretary  
1900 W Hillsdale Rd  
Athol, ID 83815  
[k\\_stover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k_stover@sbcglobal.net)

## Officers of GSMDCA

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## Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Equipment check
To follow	Course review & walk-through
To follow	First dog on line
Lunch break	(time at the judges' discretion)

## Entry Information

The entry is limited to 24 teams of all classes. This test is open to all breeds, with the GSMD receiving entry preference. A random draw will be held within 48 hours of closing, all entrants will be notified by email of their entry status. If entries exceed the test limit: the following priority will be used to create four groups which are applied to the test limit in order: 1. Untitled GSMDs. 2. Title GSMDs 3. Untitled other dogs, including brace teams with one GSMD. 4. Titled other dogs, including brace teams with one GSMD. Entries exceeding the total test limit will be assigned to an alternate list in the order in which they were drawn. Alternates may compete if a slot becomes available because a team is absent or unable to compete.

## Close of Entries

Entries close on Friday, January 9th, 2026 at 11:59PM (MDT) at the Draft Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the GSMDCA Draft Test regulations.

## Awards

All participating entrants will receive a ring prize and each dog with a passing performance will receive a ribbon.

## Refreshments

Complimentary coffee, water and muffins will be provided.

## Weather

Average temperature 56 with a high of 67.

## **Spectators**

Spectators, volunteers, and any members wanting to observe a draft trial are welcome. Un-entered dogs are discouraged. All dogs present must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Any dog displaying aggression or being a nuisance to competitors may be asked to leave at the discretion of the Show Chair.

**Please remember to pick up after your dog(s). Thank you!**

## **Additional Information**

**Definitions:** The term “dog” applies to dogs of both sexes. The term “team” means a handler and his/her dog. All terms and instructions and regulations that refer to a single dog also apply to a pair of dogs working together unless otherwise noted.

- Entered dogs must be 18 months or older on the day of the draft test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. Entry fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a veterinary certificate stating an entered bitch is in season at the time of the draft test.
- No dogs belonging wholly or in part to the draft test judge, or the draft test secretary, or to any member of their immediate family, may compete.
- The Basic Control Exercise shall be waived for dogs that have earned an AKC Companion Dog (CD) title if a copy of the CD title certificate is sent with the entry form. In the event the CD requirements were met, but the title certificate has not yet been received, the entrant may so state on the form and in a separate letter attached to the entry. If the dog passes the draft test, the NDD or DD title and certificate will be withheld until after the Draft Work Committee (DWC) Chairman receives a copy of the CD title certificate.
- Handlers must provide the draft rig. Any of the following draft rigs may be used: cart, wagon, sled, toboggan, or travois. Each of these must be equipped so that the draft rig cannot run up on the dog when hauling downhill.

- The handler selects and provides appropriate freight load for the apparatus and the dog.
- Entrants are responsible for obtaining the GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations dated 11/1/2023 and being familiar with them. Regulations are available on the GSMDCA web site ([www.gsmdca.org](http://www.gsmdca.org))

## **Veterinarian**

Foothills Animal Hospital - 3151 E. Chandler Blvd  
Phoenix, AZ 85048  
480.759.9721

Veterinary Emergency Group - 7210 W. Ray Road  
Chandler, AZ 85226  
480.847.2570

## **Lodging**

La Quinta Inn & Suites Phoenix  
15241 S 50TH Street, Phoenix, AZ 480-961-7700

Towneplace Suites Tempe at Arizona Mills Mall  
5223 S Priest Dr. Tempe, AZ 480-345-7889

Ramada Tempe at Arizona Mills Mall  
1701 W. Baseline Rd Tempe, AZ 480-413-1118

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Entry Form**  
**Greater Swiss Mountain Club of the Rockies**

**Entry Fee:** Payable to Greater Swiss Mountain Club of the Rockies  
Competing Entry: **\$40.00 Single \$45.00 Brace for each entry**  
Non-competing: **\$30.00 Single and \$35.00 Brace for each entry**

**Entries Close** at the Test Secretary's address on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:59pm MDT, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

**Send Entries & Fees to:**

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**Please type or print clearly and include your telephone number and e-mail address for notification.**

**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_**

**BREED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS:**    **Novice** ☐        **Open** ☐        **Brace Novice** ☐        **Brace Open** ☐

☐ Check box if dog has earned AKC Companion Dog (CD) title—enclose or attach certificate

**CALL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTERED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AKC REG NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Or OTHER REGISTRY AND NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b> _____	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> USA <input type="checkbox"/> CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN
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**BREEDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIRE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTUAL OWNER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER'S ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No Entry accepted without a signed Agreement**  
**AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event: the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) and the event-giving club or group of individuals, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or lessor of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any Draft Judge (or other judge) judging at this event. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself. Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties. I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE GSMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE GSMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) in effect at the time of these GSMDCA Draft Tests and other events and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for these events. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accordance with them.

**NAME OF PARTICIPANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Filling in your name and submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms above