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To Enter Online: Pay Entry fee online using Zelle to gcsbmddc@gmail.com and email the completed Entry Form and Weight Certificate (if required) to Mark Henning, phxazhenning@cox.net. Please remember that the club needs **Entry Form, Weight Certificate and Payment to be complete by 5 PM (Arizona Time) 1/7/2026** in order to be accepted.

To Enter By Mail: Make checks payable to **GCSBMDC** and mail fee with Entry Form and weight certificate (if required) to: Mark Henning, Draft Test Secretary, 10810 S. Mandan Street, Phoenix, AZ 85044-1539. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

Premium List Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test



**Hosted By
Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Club
(GCSBMDC)**

**PECOS PARK (new Location for test)
(Ahwatukee Foothills Regional Park)
17010 S. 48TH Street, Phoenix, AZ**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026
Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**Draft Judges: Both Days
Ruth Nielsen and Bob Schmidt**

This Is an All Eligible Dogs Draft Test

These tests are held in accordance with the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

Officers of the Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain dog Club:

President: Carroll Love
Vice President: Sharon Phillips
Secretary: Nancy Stewart
Treasurer: Janet Nelson
Directors: Val Normandin, Nadine Alfonso, Cathy Gushulalk

Draft Test(s) Committee

Draft Test Chair:

Name: Janet Nelson
Email: JanetNelson1946@cox.net

Secretary:

Name: Mark Henning and Meryl Bergstein
Address: 10810 S. Mandan, Phoenix AZ 85044
Phone: 480-861-3818
Email: phxazhenning@cox.net, meryl@bergsteinaz.com

Committee Members:

Paula Henning, Carroll Love, Nadine Alfonso, Nancy Stewart

Location

Pecos Park, 17010 S 48th Street (must enter park via 48th St and Chandler Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85048

Pecos Park

Pecos Park is a large regional park that features a skate park, swimming pool, dog park and several athletic fields.

- **Draft Equipment cannot be left in park overnight.**
- There are restroom facilities.
- No Electric or Running Water
- No Entry Fees
- Very Good Parking
- Shade is limited so please bring your own cover. Our permit specifies no stake so you will need to provide other weights to anchor a tent.
- There is a small Ramada at our location.

Directions: (You cannot get to the park off of Pecos Road)

- Take I-10 to exit 160 /Chandler Blvd
- Drive west to 48th St South and turn left!
- Follow 48th St to the Park entrance (48th street ends at park)
- Enter the park and take a right at the second round- about and go to the West end of the park. Look for the Test set up.

Schedule

- The site (Pecos Park) open each day at sunrise.
- **Self-Check In - time to be determined at close of entries.**
- Equipment check - to follow Check-in.
- Walk-through of maneuvering course and freight haul path to follow.
- Judging begins as soon as possible after check-in and walk-through.
- Lunch break time is at the Judges' discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of tests each day.

Refreshments & Lunch

Lite Morning hospitality will be provided. Lunches can be ordered for \$15.00. Lunch will include drinks, chips and sandwich. You must place your order in advance to reserve lunch. There are no facilities close to buy your lunch. If you will not be purchasing lunch from the club please plan ahead.

January Weather

- Average temperature: 56
- Average high temperature: 67
- Average low temperature: 46
- Warmest ever: 86
- Coldest ever: 29
- Average precipitation: .91

Veterinarian

Day of Test

Dr. Alex MacKenzie

Foothills Animal Hospital

Friday, Jan 17th 8 am until 5 pm,
Saturday Jan 18th, 8 am until noon,
3151 E. Chandler Blvd
Phoenix, AZ 85048
480-759-9721
(2.9 miles, 7 minutes)

Emergency 24-hour Vet

Veterinary Emergency Group

7210 W. Ray Road,
Chandler, AZ 85226
480-847-2570
(3.1 miles, 12 minutes)
Please call if possible, prior to arriving.

Spectators

We welcome spectators! Un-entered dogs may also be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping all dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring, and do not allow them to foul the freight haul. Remember to always pick up after your dogs.

Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests are a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs in a working capacity involving hauling. The Bernese Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both inherent ability and training which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. It is also desirable that the dog evidence willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) and being familiar with them.

Waiver of Rights

Animals in Distress: The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive any claim for damages against the clubs for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety and life of any dog on the show grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

Awards

Each titling team will receive an award/trophy and a rosette. All other qualifying teams will receive an award/trophy and a qualifying ribbon. Each participant will receive a ring favor. Participants qualifying for advanced titles will receive a rosette for that Advanced Title. Please notify secretary at with entry if you might title.

Refreshments & Lunch

Morning hospitality will be provided. Lunches can be ordered for \$15.00. Lunch will include drinks, chips and sandwich. You must place your order in advance to reserve lunch. If you will not be purchasing lunch from the club, please plan ahead. See Lunch Order Sheet at the end of Premium List.

Hotel Information Please call for specific rates and to verify pet policies. They change....

La Quinta Inn & Suites Phoenix

15241 South 50th Street, Phoenix, AZ 480-961-7700

Cowne Place Suites Tempe at Arizona Mills Mall

5223 South Priest Dr. Tempe, AZ 480-345-7889

Ramada Tempe at Arizona Mills Mall

1701 W. Baseline Rd Tempe AZ 480-413-1188

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
- Entry fees are \$ 40 for each single dog team and \$ 50 for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then submitted together. Even Though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.
- If more than 24 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled BMD's in the entered class
 2. Titled BMDs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 3. Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 4. Untitled other dogs in the entered class

- 5. Titled other dogs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
- 6. Titled other dogs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 - *Note: For brace teams, the dog with the lowest level title in the entered class determines the team's priority. If a brace has a BMD and a non-BMD, it is considered a "BMD team" for the above.*
 - *Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.*
- Running Order: A separate random draw to determine the running order for each class for each test.
- Entrants must notify the Draft Test Secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.

Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Brace Novice, Open and Brace Open.
- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must bring their own weight. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. Refunds will be given for bitches in season or injured dogs with a vet cert required at the discretion of the club.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Un-entered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs that are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.
- Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s).

Weight Certificates

Each Open or Open Brace entry shall include the DWC weight certificate or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC WC (available on the BMDCA website) and be signed and dated within 60 days prior to each Draft Test date. The handler is solely responsible for having a valid Weight Certificate. An incorrect Weight Certificate may result in the loss of any qualifying runs.

Entries and Payment

Entries close at 5pm (Arizona Time), Wednesday, January 7, 2026

- After which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.

To Enter Online USE ZELLE: (there are no banking fees with Zelle)

ZELLE Entry: Email where to make payments gcsbmdc@gmail.com.

Please pay for each entry form (page) on a single transaction. (including any lunches ordered).

- Single Dog Team \$40.00
- Brace Dog Team \$50.00
- **Email Completed Entry Form to: Mark Henning, phxazhenning@cox.net**

ZELLE ENTRIES MUST BE REQUESTED 24 HOURS BEFORE CLOSING TO ENSURE THE PAYMENT IS PROCESSED PRIOR TO CLOSING

Entries By Mail:

- Make checks payable to **GCSBMDC**
 - a. Single Dog Team \$40.00
 - b. Brace Dog Team \$50.00
- Complete Entry Form for each dog/class entered.
 - Please type an entry form using the fillable entry form)
 - (Multiple days for **one** class can be marked on one entry form)
- Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered.
- Mail Completed Entry Forms & Fees to:
 - **Mark Henning, Draft Test Secretary**
10810 S. Mandan St.
Phoenix, AZ 85044

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GCSBMD DRAFT TEST 2026 ENTRY FORM

Close of Entries

- Entries close at 5 PM (AZ zone), **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.
- Entrants will receive confirmation via e-mail.
- **One form per dog/class entered.** Multiple days for the same class can all be marked on one entry form.
- **Entries will not be processed until all forms and payment are submitted.**

Breed:				Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female	
Class:	☐ Novice	☐ Brace Novice:	☐ Dog 1 ☐ Dog 2	☐ Open	☐ Brace Open: ☐ Dog 1 ☐ Dog 2
☐ Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		In Entered Class Dog Is:		In Entered Class:	
		☐ Titled ☐ Advanced Titled		☐ Dog Could Earn Advanced Title	
☐ Test 100 Sat, Jan-17-2026		☐ Test 200 Sun, Jan-18-2026			
Registered Name (please include titles)					
Call Name				Berner-Garde # (required)	
Date of Birth				DNA # (Nationals Only)	
Registration #				☐ American Kennel Club ☐ Canadian Kennel Club	
Breeder					
Sire					
Dam					
Actual Owner(s)					
Owners Address					
City				State	Zip
Telephone			E-mail		
Name of Participant					
I have read, understand, and agree to the Entry Agreement. Check Box:				 ☐	
				Date	
SUBMITTING THIS FORM CONSTITUTES YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AGREEMENT					

ENTRY 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 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and the event-giving club, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or leaser of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any BMDCA Draft 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 BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA 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 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) in effect at the time of this BMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. **I also certify that all the information I provide with this entry is true and correct.** 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 accord with them.

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

I verify on _____ : _____ : Weighed _____ lbs.
(date) (dog's call name) (insert weight)

(Print name of Vet employee signing this form) (Clinic Phone #)

VET STAMP HERE:

**MEAL RESERVATION
DRAFT TEST
January 17th and 18th 2026**



Sub sandwich, chips, drink and dessert

Saturday Lunch -Sub sandwich, chips, drink and dessert

_____ Quantity

_____ @ \$15.00

\$_____ Total amount due

Sunday Lunch - Sub sandwich, chips, drink and dessert

_____ Quantity

_____ @ \$15.00

\$_____ Total amount due

We will have a list of local restaurants that are Dog Friendly for dinner plans if you choose to gather.

Name and phone number.

Lunch reservations to:

- **Mark Henning, Draft Test Secretary**
10810 S. Mandan St
Phoenix, AZ 85044

**Make checks payable to GCSBMDC
or
ZELLE
payment to gcsbmdc@gmail.com.
Then email Mark your lunch order form.**