



ARIZONA
POINTING DOG CLUB

**2010
Field
Trial
Rules
AZPDC**

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Rules**

INTRODUCTION

AZPDC Field Trial Events are for the hunter who wants to do more than just hunt with his or her dog during the hunting season. These trials promote the training and use of pointing dogs in the sport of upland bird hunting and the opportunity to succeed in other local and national sanctioned venues.

AZPDC is considered a working club which involves the participation of its membership.

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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 AZPDC FIELD TRIAL ENTRY FEES

1.1.1 Entry fees are set by the board and reviewed periodically.

1.1.2 The Trial Chairperson will be responsible for processing the entries/memberships and assigning an experienced club member as a mentor to walk with the new member (if desired).

1.1.3 In the case of a new member who only entered for the first day of a two day trial: If the new member decides that they would like to run the second day after experiencing the first day, then the member fee will be charged and the

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chairperson shall make the necessary changes to the braces. Suggestion would be to add the person to the end of the day, or take the place of any bye dog or scratched dog.

1.1.4 The Trial Chairperson will be responsible for the assignment of mentor(s)/trainer(s) for the Training Class.

1.2 GENERAL RULES

1.2.1 All participants (handlers, gunners, and judges) must be current AZ Pointing Dog Club members. Prospective members sponsored by current APDC members cannot gun, judge, or handle a dog.

1.2.2 All persons involved with, participating in or observing any event will be treated with RESPECT and SPORTSMANSHIP.

1.2.3 There will be a required safety meeting one half hour before the first brace. All trial participants are required to attend. Participants are as follows: Handlers, gunners, chairman, judges & any potential gallery members.

1.2.4 Roll Call / Judging Assignments - The field trial chair will be responsible for the list of entrants and the number of dog(s) entered.

1.2.5 Handlers that do not have experience judging will be assigned a veteran who will mentor the judging assignment. It is the responsibility of the trial chair to assign the mentor.

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1.2.6 The trial will not commence until all participants have signed up for the required duties.

1.2.7 Qualified gunner

1.2.7.1 MUST BE A CLUB MEMBER

1.2.7.2 Persons(s) who have demonstrated to club members while in the field that they can safely handle a shotgun.

1.2.7.3 Persons less than 18 years of age must have completed a hunter safety course.

1.2.8 The bird field boundary will be forty (40) acres minimum.

1.2.9 Two dogs per brace limited to the number of braces able to be completed during daylight hours.

1.2.10 Braces will be 20 to 30 minutes and will be left to the discretion of the chairperson and marshal, as the number of entries will permit.

1.2.11 Handlers, dogs and gunners must be in the blind prior to the end of the previous brace and remain in the blind while birds are being released.

1.2.12 Judges/ Marshals' are responsible for being at the marshal's table 10 minutes before their judging and marshal duties.

1.2.13 If handlers do not fulfill their scheduled duties; such as judging, planting, marshaling, etc. they run the risk of having their dog scratched

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from the event with no refund given and no points awarded.

1.2.14 Eight (8) birds will be released in the field before the first brace of EACH day.

1.2.15 Six (6) birds will be added to the field each brace thereafter.

1.2.16 Dogs must locate birds in accordance with the characteristic of the breed. All birds that are caught on the ground that have not been scored upon shot at or a safety called on shall not be scored.

1.2.17 Birds must be shot in the air, unless instructed by the judge to do otherwise. To promote safety, the judge shall encourage the bird to be safely shot on the ground, when a reasonable attempt to get it to fly has failed. A bird ordered by the Judge to be shot on the ground will be scored as if Steady to Wing

1.2.18 If a dog is on point when the official brace time ends and the handler has called point, the handler will be given (1) minute to complete all bird work, including the retrieve. If the retrieve is not finished at the end of this one (1) minute period; no retrieve points will be awarded. Points will be awarded for the work that was actually completed within the one (1) minute period after the official brace time ended. The dog cannot be relocated during this one (1) minute period.

1.2.19 The handler may move clear from an obstacle for the retrieve, but cannot make

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forward or backward movement for the purpose of encouraging the dog to complete the retrieve without the permission of the judge.

1.2.20 The dog must be inside the boundaries to score points. The bird may be outside the boundaries and it must be alive. The bird may be retrieved from out of bounds to score points for the retrieve.

1.2.21 NO Points will be awarded toward Bye Dogs.

1.2.22 Bitches in season may not enter any stakes. Bitches that come into season after the draw of braces will be scratched and entry fee will be refunded.

1.2.23 All grievances and protests shall be made to the trial chair person by the judge within 30 minutes of the end of the brace. Grievances will be reviewed **AT THE EVENT** by the grievance committee consisting of the chairperson/s, marshal, judges, and available board members. The findings of this committee will be final.

1.2.24 Any verbal or physical harassment of a dog while on the field event grounds may be cause for ejection from the event or its grounds. Any earned points for the dog involved will not be officially recorded if ejection occurs.

1.2.25 Horses will be compensated for the weekend as follows: Compensation is to be \$60 per day or 2 entries. The person bringing the horse is responsible for planting the birds for all

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the braces. The bird planter must find someone else to plant birds for the braces in which he will be handling/gunning a dog. In order to be compensated for the horse the owner of the horse MUST get authorization before the trial from the trial chairman. The chairman will only compensate one horse per day. Other horses are very welcome.

1.2.26 ALL shot birds will be given to judge at the end of the brace.

1.2.27 If a handler does not complete the brace without the judge's consent, the points scored in that brace will not be recorded.

1.2.28 Tie Scores

1.2.28.1 Tie scores will result in a sudden death run-off at the end of that day's trial; unless conditions warrant a change as determined by the trial chairman. One bird per dog will be released in the bird field prior to the runoff. The dogs with the tie scores must be present for the run-off brace and the same handler must handle the dog. Handlers will remain in the blind until they are notified to start the run off.

1.2.28.2 Handlers and dog will be assigned a judge.

1.2.28.3 Handlers will carry blank gun. No birds will be shot.

1.2.28.4 First established point with confirmed bird will be given the 1st run off position. Next

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established point with confirmed bird will receive 2nd run off position etc.

1.2.28.5 Once the bird find has been confirmed, the handler will leash the dog and handler, dog, and judge will immediately leave the trial field.

1.2.28.6 Handlers not present at time of run-off will forfeit to their placement to the last run off position.

1.2.29 Marked Bird

1.2.29.1 Marked birds will be timed for three (3) minutes; handlers are encouraged to hunt away from the direction of any marked bird(s) before returning to score upon the marked bird(s).

1.2.29.2 A Stop to Flush Bird that has been scored upon is a marked bird.

1.2.29.3 A bird that has been flushed by the handler, judge or other participant and has not been scored upon is a marked bird.

1.2.29.4 Birds that have flushed in or back into the event field and are so noted by the judge(s), handler or gunner are marked birds.

1.2.29.5 Handlers will be notified by the judges to the general location of all marked birds in the bird field.

1.2.30 Training Sessions

Training Sessions for dogs and their handlers to be held at each trial event.

1.3 CLASSES

1.3.1 Hunter

Any dog which has been so designated by its owner. Training/Tracking devices may be used in this class.

1.3.2 Gun Dog

Any dog which has progressed to a level of training where it should point, be steady to Flush, steady to wing, steady to shot, and steady to fall. Dog should retrieve to hand.

NO Training/Tracking devices may be used in this class.

Once you have placed in a gun dog field trial event during the current or past trial season, you will not be qualified for ribbon placement or TOC in the hunter class field trial events.

2.0 FIELD TRIAL SAFETY

2.1 Calling Safety

At any time the judge, gunner or other person in the event field may call "safety". Safety may be called after the first shot. Safety means **DON'T SHOOT**.

2.2 These safety rules shall apply to all field events.

2.3 All participants (judges, handlers, bird planters and gunners shall wear a minimum of a blaze orange hat and vest while in the bird field.

2.4 Any unsafe shooting or handling of firearms shall be prohibited. No loitering allowed with

firearms. All firearms must be secured while on the trial grounds.

2.5 Running with a firearm anywhere in the gallery or trial grounds shall be prohibited.

2.6 All actions shall remain open at all times until the handler calls POINT.

2.7 Gunner must always keep safety mechanism on and finger outside of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

2.8 For safety and insurance reasons, there will be NO alcoholic beverages consumed before or during the actual field event.

2.9 Firearms are restricted to shotguns no larger than 12 gauge. Shot shells shall be equal to or less than the major manufacturers' current standard field or game loads, 2 ¾" factory ammunition, maximum 1-1/8oz of 7-1/2 shot. NO MAGNUM LOADS. NO MORE THAN TWO (2) SHELLS IN ANY FIREARM AT ONE TIME.

2.10 Dogs are required to be staked prior to their brace or when unattended in the camp area. Chain, cables, or other types of restraints should be able to withstand being chewed through by the dog. Crating of the dog will satisfy the staked requirement. Attachment to motor vehicles is not recommended.

2.11 Violation of any or all of the above safety rules may result in disqualification or eviction from the event grounds by the field events committee.

3.0 GUN DOG CLASS

3.1 Rules for a Find

3.1.1 No training devices are allowed except for whistles.

3.1.2 A live bird must be pointed and produced to score points for a find.

3.1.3 A bye-dog will be selected if an entrant is not present (10) minutes before brace time or if a dog is out of the bird field for more than ten (10) consecutive minutes. A bye dog will be a dog that has already run its brace or a dog that is not in contention for points. Bye-dog must be of gun dog quality.

3.1.4 If a handler does not complete the brace without the judge's consent, the points scored in that brace will not be recorded.

3.1.5 Handler must indicate to judge by raising hand or verbally when the dog is on point in order to score points for the find.

3.1.6 Judge can advise the handler that a dog may be on point only if the handler is not in view of the dog. The handler must confirm to the judge that a dog is indeed, on point in order to be scored for that find. In the case of a divided find the judges will determine which dog will receive credit for the find.

3.1.7 The dog must be inside the bird field but the bird can be outside the bird field. The bird must be alive.

3.1.8 A Handler must request permission from the judge before a dog can be relocated and must call point again to re-establish the find.

3.1.9 Tapping of dog for release purposes is permissible.

3.1.10 Whoa may be used moderately and quietly once point has been established.

3.1.11 Only one (1) bird in a covey will be scored; all other birds seen by the judge, handler or gunner are marked birds

3.1.12 Dead Bird: Any bird that has been scored on from an established point (killed or not killed). A six (6) minute clock will be applied before the bird may be worked.

3.1.13 Safety is the average of the other finds, maximum 4 points if all finds are safeties.

3.1.14 Stolen birds will be the average of the other birds found in the brace scored on a 0-5 scale. If no other birds were found, stolen bird is given a three (3) or handler has option of a demonstration to upgrade.

3.2 Scoring for a Find

3.2.1 **0 pts** – Dog on point that is touched, blocked, or verbally/physically harassed.

3.2.2 **1 pts** – Dog Points (Figure 1).

3.2.3 **2 pts** – Dog is Steady to Flush (Figure 1).

3.2.4 **3 pts** – Dog is Steady to Wing (Figure 1).

3.2.5 **4 pts** – Dog is Steady to Shot (Figure 1).

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3.2.6 **5 pts** – Dog is Steady to Fall (Figure 1).

3.3 Rules for a Retrieve

3.3.1 The handler must attempt to shoot the bird to score on the retrieve (except in the case of a safety)

3.3.2 The handler may move clear from an obstacle for the retrieve.

3.3.3 The handler may not make forward or backward movement during the retrieve without permission from judge.

3.3.4 Should a safety be called, the retrieve shall not be judged.

3.3.5 Handler has the option to release dog for a retrieve.

3.3.6 A no opportunity to retrieve shall be an N/O and not a zero (0) and will not be counted in the averaging for a safety or stolen bird.

3.3.7 The bird may be retrieved from outside the bird field to score points for the retrieve.

3.3.8 A safety or a stolen retrieve will be the average of other retrieves during the brace. If no other bird is produced for scoring a retrieve, the dog must demonstrate a retrieve immediately following its brace on a freshly killed bird. The retrieve shall be scored on that bird.

3.4 Scoring for a Retrieve

3.4.1 **0 pts** – Dog will not retrieve. Handler calls off the retrieve.

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3.4.2 **1 pts** – Dog releases bird from mouth during the retrieve. Dog retrieves bird to within 15 feet of handler. Handler may pick up bird from the ground.

3.4.3 **2 pts** – Dog releases bird from mouth during retrieve. Dog retrieves to within 5 feet of handler. Handler may pick up bird from the ground.

3.4.4 **3 pts** – Commands “are” used during the retrieve. Bird is not released from mouth after initial pickup nor during the retrieve. Bird is retrieved to hand and not released from mouth until properly secured by handler.

3.4.5 **4 pts** – Commands “are not” used during the retrieve. Bird is not released from mouth after initial pickup nor during the retrieve. Bird is retrieved to hand and not released from mouth until properly secured by handler.

3.5 Rules for an Honor

3.5.1 Handler must declare honor to judge, prior to scoring dog. Judge will start a two (2) minute clock.

3.5.2 Handler must inform judge of intent To Collar or Not to Collar the dog.

3.5.3 To achieve a maximum score for the honor, the honoring dog must be steady to flush, wing, shot, fall and completion of the retrieve, “with out” use of commands.

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3.5.4 A live bird MUST be produced in order for an honoring dog to receive a score.

3.5.5 A dog can receive only one (1) score for an honor but the score can be upgraded to a higher score later in the brace.

3.5.6 The honoring dog will receive a score of four (4) points when it remains steady "without" commands for two (2) minutes as timed by the judge.

3.5.7 There shall be no callbacks to demonstrate an honor.

3.5.8 In the event that the brace ends while a dog is honoring it will be given a one (1) minute clock.

3.6 Scoring for an Honor

3.6.1 **0 pts** – No points for a stolen retrieve or stolen point. Dog is blocked by handler or gunner.

3.6.2 **1 pts** – Dog honors pointing dog "with" use of commands. Non-collared dog is physically touched or severely harassed.

3.6.3 **2 pts** – Dog makes forward progress after honor is declared and prior to the dog being collared.

3.6.4 **3 pts** – Dog honors pointing dog "without" use of commands. Dog makes no forward progress after the honor has been declared and prior to being collared. Non-collared dog is given commands during the find.

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3.6.5 **4 pts** – Dog stops to honor a pointing dog "without" the use of commands. Dog is given commands through the completion of the find.

3.6.6 **5 pts** – Dog stops to honor a pointing dog "without" the use of commands. Dog is given commands through the completion of the retrieve.

3.6.7 **6 pts** - Dog stops to honor a pointing dog "without" the use of commands. Dog remains steady "without" the use of commands during the find and retrieve.

3.6.8 Handler has the option to terminate the honor after two (2) minutes (as timed by the judge) and receive a score of four (4) points for the honor with an opportunity to upgrade.

3.6.9 If a safety is called or a no opportunity situation arises, a maximum of three (3) points will be awarded to the honoring dog with an opportunity to upgrade.

3.7 Rules for Stop to Flush

3.7.1 Only one stop to flush per dog per brace shall be scored.

3.7.2 The bird will become a marked bird, not a dead bird.

3.7.3 There will be no callbacks to demonstrate a stop to flush.

3.8 Scoring for a Stop to Flush

3.8.1 **0 pts** – Dog does not Stop to Flush.

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3.8.2 **1 pts** – Dog is commanded to Stop to Flush or dog delay chases. Handler may collar the dog or heel the dog out of the area after a stop to flush in order to minimize the chance of the dog having a delayed chase.

3.8.3 **2 pts** – Dog stops to flush without use of commands. Dog is not collared to prevent a delay chase.

3.9 Additional Scoring for Brace

3.9.1 **1 pt** – Given to each dog completing its brace.

3.9.2 **1 pt** – Given to the winner of each brace.

4.0 HUNTER CLASS

4.1 Rules for a Find

4.1.1 Training devices/aids may be used. Silent tracking collars are allowed.

4.1.2 Handler must indicate to judge by raising hand or verbally when the dog is on point in order to score points for the find.

4.1.3 A live bird must be POINTED to score points for a find.

4.1.4 Judge can advise the handler that a dog may be on point only if the handler is not in view of the dog. The handler must confirm to the Judge that a dog is indeed on point in order to receive points for that find. (In the case of a divided find the Judges will determine which dog will receive credit for the find.)

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4.1.5 Handler may use commands to establish a point or reinforce steadiness. Physical restraint is not allowed.

4.1.6 Only one (1) bird in a covey will be scored; all other birds seen by the judge, handler or gunner are marked birds

4.1.7 A safety or missed birds are marked birds.

4.1.8 The dog must be inside the bird field but the bird can be outside the bird field for a find. The bird must be alive.

4.2 Scoring for a Find

4.2.1 **1 pts** – Dog Points (Figure 1).

4.2.2 **2 pts** – Dog is Steady to Flush (Figure 1).

4.2.3 **3 pts** – Dog is Steady to Wing (Figure 1).

4.2.4 Stolen birds will be the average of the other birds found in the brace scored on a 1-3 scale. If no other birds are found, a stolen bird is given a two (2) or handler has the option of demonstration to upgrade.

4.2.5 A Safety will be the average of the other finds. If all finds are safeties, a maximum of two (2) points will be awarded.

4.3 Rules for a Retrieve

4.3.1 The handler may move clear from an obstacle for the retrieve, but cannot make forward or backward movement for the purpose of encouraging the dog to complete the retrieve without the permission of the judge.

4.3.2 A dead bird may be retrieved from outside the bird field to score points for the retrieve.

4.4 Scoring for a Retrieve

4.4.1 **1 pt** – For each retrieve to within fifteen (15) feet.

4.4.2 Safeties will be the average of other retrieves. If there are no other retrieves, a demonstration will be required.

4.5 Rules for an Honor

4.5.1 Handler may use commands to establish an honor.

4.5.2 A bird does not have to be produced in order to receive an honor score if the brace mate points within the characteristics of the breed.

4.5.3 Only one (1) honor will be scored per brace.

4.5.4 Honoring dogs will be collared during bird work or until released by the Judge.

4.6 Scoring for an Honor

4.6.1 **1 pt** – For one honor

4.7 Rules for a Stop to Flush

4.7.1 Only one (1) stop to flush will be scored per dog per brace.

4.8 Scoring a Stop to Flush

4.8.1 **1 pt** – For Stop to Flush

4.9 Additional Points for Brace

4.9.1 **1 pt** – For completing the brace

4.9.2 **1 pt** – For winning the brace.

5.0 AWARDS

5.1 Hunter

Awards will be given any time a dog places. Placements will be for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

5.2 Gun Dog

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th placements.

6.0 Tournament of Champions

This is a two day event in which Round 1 is held Day 1 and Rounds 2, 3 and 4 are held on Day 2. Hunter and Gun Dog classes have their own respective TOC.

6.1 Qualifications

6.1.1 Qualified invitees will have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in their class during the current trial season.

6.1.2 The number of invitees in each class shall be limited to 16 dogs based on each class's "high point standing" at end of the trial season.

6.1.3 Braces will be seeded for each class based on "high point standing" for each dog. Must have (16) invitees. Example: seed 1 against seed 16 and seed 2 against seed 15 and so on. In case of non accepted invitations; the seeds will be filled by the next high point qualifying dog until 16 seeds are filled.

6.1.4 If handler ends up being braced against him/herself the handler has the choice of

handling both dogs or appointing a handler for one of the dogs. Both dogs must run.

6.1.5 Dogs with the following qualifications **CANNOT** qualify for the Hunter Class T.O.C.:

- Any past gundog high point dog
- Any past gundog T.O.C. champion
- Any dog with a gundog placement in the current year
- AKC Master Hunter title
- American Field Champion
- NSTRA Champion
- AKC Field Champion (FC or AFC)
- NAVHDA Versatile Champion

6.2 Entry Fee

6.2.1 Price of the TOC entry shall be determined by the chairman of the event and the board of directors prior to the event.

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TRIAL EVENT COORDINATOR:

Heads up the Trial Event Committee. Determines the number and type of field events including the Quail Invitational, Chukar Challenge etc. Determines the date and location of the annual field trials. Applies for and provides permits for the events. Responsible for the procurement of trophies, awards and ribbons for the trial season. Provides upcoming event information to the membership through the Club Newsletter, E-Mail, and Website. Arranges for the necessary amount of birds to be used for the trial season.

TRIAL CHAIR PERSON(S):

Provides the Board Directors with financial statement after the event. Has full responsibility for the event activities. Responsible for the list of entrants and the number of dog(s) entered and Brace sheets. Braces may be between 20 or 30 min. and will be left to the discretion of the Chairperson as the number of entries will permit. Chairperson shall make the necessary changes to the braces. Responsible for setting up of the Bird Field Boundaries and flag placement. Responsible for Roll Call, Safety Meeting, and Judging assignments. The chairperson must also have a marshal(s) designated before the first brace. Trial will not begin until assignments are completed. Trial Chairperson determines who will deliver birds and Club trailer to the event. Ensures that drinking water, batteries, snacks, gas for generator, coffee is provided.

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Ensures approved event location permit is onsite. Assigns an experienced club member as a mentor to walk with a new member (if desired) during his/her first brace and coach him/her. Chairperson shall assign a mentor for handlers that do not have experience judging. The Chairperson must also have a volunteer for the novice training before the start of each day. Provides handlers with placement awards and arranges for photos. Attends Grievance meetings.

TRIAL MARSHAL(S):

Have full responsibility for the activities related to the running of each brace and the communication with the Judges. Provides Judges with scorecards and radios. Ensures that Handlers and dogs are in the Blind 10 min. prior to their Brace. Coordinate the activities of the Bird Planters and ensure that the Bird Field is planted in a timely manner. Monitor the run time of each Brace and time limits for Marked Birds, Honors, and Dead Birds. Marshals must be at the Marshal's Table 10 Min. prior to the Brace.

JUDGE(S):

Must be present at least 10 min. prior to the Brace. Communicates by radio to the Marshal regarding time. Notifies Marshal to start the clock to begin each brace. Notifies Marshal to start the clock on a marked bird, honor, and/or Dead Bird. A Judge may be required to monitor time for marked birds, honors, and/or dead birds in the event of communication issues with the Marshal's Table.

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Informs the handler on time remaining in the brace and when time is up in the brace. The Judge observes all activity of the dog, handler and gunner during the brace. Utilizing the current Trial Rule Book the Judge records the scoring of the performance of the dog. Monitors the activity of the handler, gunner, and other participants and notifies them of any hazards which may jeopardize safety. When the Judge is notified by the handler that the dog is on "Point" the Judge will communicate with the gunner and handler as to their safest position. Informs the other Judge that the dog is on point and asks if the handler would like to Honor. Judge will then notify the handler of the dog on point if an Honor has been requested. Judge for the Honoring dog will notify the marshal to start the clock after the handler has declared Honor. Judge will then begin scoring for the Honor. In the event of a divided find the judge will determine which dog will be scored. Judges will notify handlers of the general location of a marked bird. The Judge will use discretion in order to determine when to remove dead birds (scored upon), bird in tree, bird in obstacle and all poorly flying birds from the field. Scores shall be immediately recorded after the dogs performance on the score card. Notations regarding questionable events, which occur during the brace, are recommended. Judges will notify handlers to leash dogs at the end of the brace. Judges will secure all dead birds and deliver scored cards to the marshal's table. Judge will attend meeting for grievances, which may have arisen during the brace.

GUNNER(S):

Must be an AZPDC CLUB MEMBER in good standing. Gunners are person(s) who have demonstrated to club members while in the field that they can safely handle a shotgun. Gunners less than 18 years of age must have completed a hunter safety course. Gunners are responsible for flushing the bird located by the dog on point as well as shooting said bird for the dog to retrieve.

BIRD PLANTER(S):

Bird planters are responsible for planting birds before each brace. Bird planting technique can vary depending on terrain, weather, individual birds, and the planter's personal discretion. Planters can dizzy the bird and tuck it's head under a wing (often stroking the bird's chest to relax the bird) for a tight plant. The bird can also be tossed/placed without dizzying into a bush for a much looser plant. Most birds tend to move towards trees, so planting near the edge of a bird field with trees nearby and outside the boundary of the bird field will often result in birds migrating out of bounds.

HANDLER(S):

Handlers are responsible for handling, guiding, and/or controlling a dog during a brace. This is often the owner of the dog performing this task, but is not required to be. The handler must sit with the dog in a blind before his/her brace as well as collar the dog when required. Handler is responsible for indicating to judge when their dog is on point. A

handler can also perform gunner duties for themselves if so desired.

GLOSSARY

Audible – Verbal or whistle.

Bird Field Boundaries-The bird field boundary will be the area between the flags (forty {40} acres minimum (approximately 1/4 mile by 1/4 mile), square or rectangular with corner flags having special markings. To increase safety, the chairperson will establish a buffer zone between the gallery/camp area and the bird field. The buffer shall be a minimum of 70 yards from the Gallery to the starting line. If there are two fields, then there shall be a buffer between them.

Bird Planter – person(s) designated by Field Marshal to randomly disperse birds within the boundaries of the Bird Field. Must wear blaze orange hat and vest. Planter will avoid placing birds in large obstacles.

Blind – A barrier, which prevents the handler and dog visibility of the bird field during the time it is being planted. Normally, the Club trailer will be provided.

Blocking - When handler/assistant is positioned such as to restrict or interfere with the dogs natural tendencies. Occurs during honoring.

Board of Directors – Group of elected officials comprised of the President, Vice - President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Board Members as

defined under Article III, Sect. 1 of the AZPDC Constitution.

Board Member –Nominated and elected persons, which serve on the board of directors per Article III, Sect. 1 of the AZPDC Constitution.

Brace – Is comprised of two dogs, which run together and compete against each other during a field trial event.

Bye Dog – Replacement dog of the same class, which is used to complete a brace. (Sect. 1.2.20 and 3.1.3)

Collared – Handlers physical restraint of the honoring dog during the completion of the find and retrieve by the pointing dog.

Command –Order given to dog by handler.

Covey – Multiple birds, which are located in the same immediate vicinity within the bird field.

Dead Bird – Any bird, in Gun Dog Class only, which has been scored upon except for a stop to flush. (Sect. 3.1.12)

Delayed Chase – A dog running in the direction of a moving (flying/running) game bird. Occurs without a handlers command after a point, honor, or stop to flush.

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Divided Bird – Occurs during the brace when both dogs are on point.

Entrant – Participant of field trial event.

Field Marshal – Individual(s) who monitor the activities, which occur during the running of each brace. (AZPDC TRIAL POSITIONS).

Find – Point after which a bird is produced.

Firearm - Restricted to shotguns no larger than 12 gauge. Shot shells shall be equal to or less than the major manufacturers' current standard field or game loads, 2 ¾" factory ammunition, maximum 1-1/8oz of 7-1/2 shot. NO MAGNUM LOADS. NO MORE THAN TWO (2) SHELLS IN ANY FIREARM AT ONE TIME.

Flush - Birds that have moved from their point of rest due to the actions of a dog, handler, participant, or judge and so noted by the judge.

Gallery – Anyone who is not participating within the boundaries of the event field.

Grievance – A disagreement registered by a handler to the judge regarding a decision made by a judge during a brace. (1.2.22)

Grievance Committee - Consists of the Chairperson/s, Marshals, Judges and available Board Members. Convenes immediately after the brace in order to resolve a grievance.

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Gun Dog Class - Any dog which has progressed to a level of training where it should point, be steady to Flush, steady to wing, steady to shot, and steady to fall. Dog should retrieve to hand.

Gunner – Individuals assigned to perform shooting/flushing duties for the handler during a brace. (AZPDC TRIAL POSITIONS)

Handler – Person assigned to manage the activity of a dog during the brace.

Harassment - To strike, to trouble, or to worry the dog either audible or physically.

Honor– Occurs when a dog recognizes the point of its brace mate and stops.

Hunter Class - Any dog, which has been so designated by its owner. Training devices and tracking devices may be used in this class.

Judge – Individual(s) assigned to the administration of the current AZPDC Field Trial Rules during a brace. (AZPDC TRIAL POSITIONS).

Leashed - All dogs are required to be leashed if not staked in or around the trial grounds. Dogs are leashed prior to their brace and immediately after the brace.

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Marked Bird – A bird determined by the Judge to be unhuntable for a period of time. (Ref. To Sect. 1.2.32)

No Opportunity - A missed bird, a bird falling in, or ending up in an irretrievable location. Situation where the handler of the pointing dog does not release dog for the retrieve.

Obstacle – Object located within the boundaries of the bird field, which may impair access to a planted bird(s). May include, rock formations, trees, bushes, etc.

Officers – President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer as defined under Article III, Sect. 1 of the AZPDC Constitution.

Placement – The ranking based upon the points scored in the Gun Dog or Hunter Class events. Dogs, which finish first, second, third, or fourth, are qualified for placement.

Point – Situation occurs when a dog indicates the presence and position of game bird(s) by standing immobile with its muzzle facing the general direction of the bird.

Relocate – Dog may be commanded to move while on point. The request to relocate is made by the handler and is approved by the judge.

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Retrieve – A retrieve begins when the dog is given a command after the Shot and after the Fall.

Run Off –Method used to determine trial placement in the event of a tie. (Sect. 1.2.28)

Safety – Occurs at a point in time when it is determined to be potentially dangerous to humans, other animals, or property, to shoot at a bird in the field event area. The judge, gunner or any other person in the field may call "Safety". Once a safety is called "**DO NOT SHOOT**". Safety may also be called after the first shot. (Sect. 2.1)

Staked – The act of restraining a dog to prevent free roaming or unwanted entry into the bird field.

Steady – Act of remaining in position.

Steady to Fall – Begins when the bird hits the ground and ends when the dog is sent for the retrieve. (Figure 1)

Steady to Flush – Begins when the dog is aware of the presence of the handler. Steady to flush ends when the bird leaves its point of rest. (Figure 1)

Steady to Shot –Begins when the gun is fired and ends when the bird hits the ground. (Figure 1)

Steady to Wing –Begins when the bird leaves the ground and ends when the gun is fired. (Figure 1)

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Stolen Point – Is committed after a handler has verbally indicated point and the second dog moves in front of or within 5 feet of the dog on point. A bird must be produced in order to be scored as a stolen point. Dog must be collared until completion of the find and retrieve by its brace mate.

Stolen Retrieve – Is committed by the dog not on point. The Pointing dogs brace mate attempts to retrieve or does retrieve bird after the Shot and Fall.

Stop to Flush – Occurs when a dog becomes aware of a game bird(s) in flight and remains steady.

Tie – Occurs when a dog and its brace mate receive equal scores at the end of their brace.

Training Device – Any means to provide correction i.e. E-Collar, check cord, pinch collar, tracking collar, bird call etc. A whistle is exempt.

Trial Chairperson – Coordinates the activities of a field trial event. (AZPDC TRIAL POSITIONS).

Trial Classes – Are comprised of the Gun Dog Class and Hunter Class.

Trial Event Committee – Group which determines the upcoming trial event schedule.

Trial Event Coordinator – Heads up the Trial Event Committee. (AZPDC TRIAL POSITIONS).

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Verbal Command – Voice used to provide a command or correction.

Whoa – A command used to cause a dog to stop and stand.

ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1

