

PENNSYLVANIA BEAGLE GUNDOG FEDERATION, INC.
 RUNNING RULES AND GENERAL PROCEDURES
 (Last Revised October 2024)

The Pennsylvania Beagle Gundog Federation (PBGF) will follow the American Kennel Club's Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Small Pack Option trials. All clubs should hold, at the most, one (1) All-Age Qualifier and one (1) Derby Qualifier, but all clubs are required to hold at least one qualifier. The exception will be for the following special rules and procedures **(these rules and procedures apply to both all-age and derby qualifying trials except where noted).**

PBGF QUALIFYING TRIALS

- A. Each PBGF Qualifying trial shall qualify hounds who have successfully obtained the necessary placing and points as stated in the running rules for the PBGF Championship Trial.
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 - 1. Entries: Are open to AKC registered Beagles. If not AKC registered, the hound must be part of an AKC registered litter. Exceptions will be allowed for Beagles registered in Canada. Entries are open to anyone whose hound can meet the requirements. Individual membership in the Federation is not required to qualify their hound for the PBGF Championship Trial.
 - 2. Measurement: Standard measurement at AKC sanctioned/PBGF Qualifying trials should occur in accordance with AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures.
 - 3. Entry Fees will be at the discretion of the club. The Entry Fee must be advertised in a monthly periodical or online. All entry forms must be filled out completely.
- C. Field Scoring: The Field Judges will score the first five field placed hounds in each class independently of each other and give their scores to the Roving Marshall or Field Trial Secretary. The field Trial Secretary will add the two judges' scores for each their hounds scoring from 100 points on down. A score of 100 points will be given to the perfect running hound, and a percentage of the perfection awarded to each hound as it pleases each judge.
- D. Conformation Show Scoring: The Conformation Show Judge will score each hound entered in the show. Scoring is based on the AKC Standard for the Beagle using the 100-point scoring: 25 points for head, 35 points for the body, and 30 points for the running gear and 10 points for miscellaneous. The Show Judge will give the scores for each hound to the Field Trial Secretary.
- E. All PBGF Qualifying Trials shall follow AKC procedures and standards for SPO, Gundog Brace, and Small Pack trials

- a. Any hound owned by the show judge will be given the minimum score of sixty (60) points for the show.
 - b. Dogs placing at PBGF observational trials shall be qualified and points earned, as in other PBGF qualifying trials.
- F. Grand Final Winner: At qualifying trials, there will be a single Grand Final Winner to cover all four classes. At the All-Age Championship Trial and at the Derby Championship Trial, a Grand Final Winner prize will be awarded in each of the four classes. The Grand Final Winner typifies the single hound in each class as the complete Beagle, and is given to the hound scoring the highest combined total number of points from both field and show. The Field Trial Secretary will post the results for each class so that all may see the scoring for the Grand Final Winner Award.
- 1. In the event of a tie for Grand Final Winner, the following tie breaker system will be used:
 - a. The hound with the highest field placement shall win.
 - b. If the field place is in a tie, then the hound with the highest field points shall win.
 - c. If field points are tied, then the hound placing in the largest field class **(defeated more starters)** shall win.
 - d. If the field classes are the same size, then the hound placing in the largest show class shall win.
- G. A PBGF member club may hold its all age qualifying trial in conjunction with its AKC Licensed trial. The trial advertisement, either online or in a monthly magazine must be advertised as an AKC Licensed Trial and PBGF All Age Qualifier.
- H. A Conformation show and Grand Final Winner Award will not be required at PBGF member club qualifying trials. It will be at the host club's discretion on whether to hold a conformation show. **A Conformation show will be held at all PBGF Championship Events and Plan A Trials.**
- I. Awards: Awards will be decided at the discretion of each club; however, ribbons must be presented in accordance with the AKC sanctioned event standards.
- J. ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:
 - 1. Color-coded collars must be used. Painted numbers on the hounds may be used at the club's discretion.
 - 2. Alternate packs may be run whenever it is warranted by the Field Trial Committee.

3. Any club may run a combined sex PBGF Qualifying Trial providing the host club advertises that it will be a combined sex trial.
4. Apprentice judges may be used in field and show – apprentice judges to be observers only (in accordance with AKC regulations).

K. Trial FORMAT:

1. It is proposed that each club may hold their all-age qualifying trial using either a Gundog Brace, SPO, or Small Pack format as outlined in AKC rules.
2. No club is required to hold a qualifying trial using the Gundog Brace format; clubs wishing to use the Gundog brace format are still eligible to hold one all-age qualifying trial using the SPO format.
3. Derby and All-Age Championship trials will be run under SPO format.
4. All Gundog Brace, SPO, and Small Pack format qualifying trials, will be required to use gunfire, may include conformation shows and will be eligible for Consistency. Licensed trials will follow their original formats whether it is Gundog Brace or SPO.

L. PBGF CONSISTENCY AWARD:

1. Each year, the two (2) most consistent hounds by sex and class will be honored for their accomplishment in gundog trials that are sponsored by PBFG clubs only. These gundog trials will include PBGF Qualifying trials, the All-Age Championship trial, and Plan A trials. A hound placing in any of these trials will be awarded points on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point system. In the event of a tie with wins, the hound with a win in a class with the largest number of entries shall be declared the winner.
2. At the conclusion of each of these trials, the host club Field Trial Secretary will send the top five (5) placement results that list the name of the owner and name and sex of hounds to the Field Trial Secretary, who is responsible for keeping tabs on all the hounds in the running for the High Point Award. The High Point Award will be announced after the conclusion of the PBGF All- Age Championship Trial each year. Most consistent and runner-up prizes will be awarded in each class (13" dogs, 13" bitches, 15" dogs, 15" bitches).
3. If a club elects to hold its All-Age qualifier in conjunction with its AKC licensed trial: If a person or persons not in good standing with the PBGF enters a hound in a combined PBGF All-Age qualifier/AKC licensed trial, no consistency points shall be awarded for that hound owned or handled by a person not in good standing with the Federation.
4. An overall High Point Award shall be named the PBGF Outstanding Hound Award. The hound receiving this award will achieve the overall High Points among the four classes.
5. **A class of hounds must have 6 starters to be eligible for consistency points.**
6. If a qualifying trial has less than 6 starters in any given class. The classes may be combined. Consistency points will be awarded to the hound, in the class the hound was measured into.

7. All field trial results should be mailed by the Field Trial Secretary within two (2) weeks to the Field Trial Secretary. Any club not submitting results one (1) month will not be included.

M. PENNSYLVANIA BEAGLE GUNDOG FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP:

The **All-Age Championship Trial** will be held on the 40th weekend of the AKC Calendar Year. The All Age Championship Trial will be an **AKC Licensed Trial**. The **Derby Championship Trial** will be held in conjunction with the All-Age Championship Trial. The location of the trial will be voted on by the clubs annually. No PBGF member club will schedule an AKC licensed trial (with the one exception listed below), an AKC sanctioned trial, PBGF qualifier or other events on the date of the PBGF Championship Trials.

1. The PBGF Championship Trial will be hosted by the member club that successfully bids for this trial at the meeting held at the Championship trial for the following year.
2. The judges for the Championship trials will be selected by the delegates through on-line voting at least 3 months before the trial, and the results of the voting will be made electronically available to all clubs prior hiring any judges for that years events. Nominations will be made electronically with each club providing no more than eight (8) names of proposed field judges, one show judge, and two apprentice judges. National judge voting will be done at the October meeting.
3. A club may only have one delegate vote per year for judges through on-line voting and an individual may not be designated as the delegate that votes for more than one club.
4. The judges receiving the highest number of votes shall be asked to judge. The EVP, WVP, and President (as a committee) shall have the right to eliminate any judge in the event that there is a serious concern about their ability to judge effectively (i.e., ability to remain impartial, questionable procedures, judging offense, etc.), due to a scheduling conflict, or due to a judge's desire to enter or handle a hound in that competition. These decisions will be made on a case by case basis.
5. To qualify as a judge nominee to represent the PBGF at the AKC SPO Nationals, the judge must meet the following criteria. Be an active member of a PBGF club for at least the previous 5 years and have judged AKC Licensed Trials for at least 5 years or 50 AKC trials, whatever they accomplish first.
6. The Championship trial will be conducted in the same manner as a PBGF qualifying trial, awards will be at the discretion of the board. **With the exception of AKC Field Champions**, entries must be qualified in a PBGF qualifying trial, derby trial or at an AKC Licensed trial by a PBGF member club the same year prior to the trial for the base entry fee. Hounds that do not meet the qualification requirement may be entered with an entry fee of the base entry fee plus \$10.00 per hound. Owners and Handlers of hounds will be responsible for seeing that their hounds are placed in the right class: 13" bitches, 13" dogs, 15" bitches, or 15" dogs. All hounds will be measured prior to winner's pack as

stated in Section **B.2** unless premeasured or official AKC measurement card is presented at time of entry.

7. The Federation shall handle all expenses incurred for the Championship Trials. All monies received from entries shall be used to pay judges and other expenses incurred on days of trial. All excess monies from entries shall be turned over to the Treasurer.
 8. Host club will be responsible for providing meals and shall receive all profits. The PBGF will pay the host club a per dog per capita at the derby and all age championship trials. This per capita fee will be negotiated by the President and Treasurer with the host club and must be approved by the board prior to the start of the event.
- N. Qualifying Trial Schedule: Each year prior to the annual meeting, the West Region Vice President will give tentative dates for the next year. The clubs will have until the October meeting to respond to the schedule by approving or disapproving these dates. Scheduling will be done by the West Region Vice President. Any changes or disagreements about the schedule should be taken to the person. Any changes or cancellations must be cleared through the West Region Vice President before anything is done. The state shall be divided into two sectors: The east sector, starting at PA-NJ line, west to State College; the west sector, starting at the PA-Ohio line, east to State College.
1. Priority Trials: Selecting of PBGF trial dates will be determined as follows:
 - a. First Priority – Licensed Trials
 - i. AKC Licensed Trials on the schedule as of 2005 shall be given first priority. Any additional second AKC Licensed Trial scheduled after that date will NOT be given any priority.
 - b. Second Priority – 1st PBGF All-Age qualifier
 - c. Third Priority – PBGF Derby Qualifiers
 - d. Fourth Priority – Make your own pack, two couple packs, 2nd all age qualifier.
 2. If a club chooses to hold a combined licensed trial and all age qualifier. The trial will count as their 1st all age qualifier.
 - a. Exception: A member club will be permitted to use this format one time without penalty of forfeiting their original all age qualifier date.
 3. If two or more clubs are in conflict over the same trial date, the following procedure will prevail: The club which has been conducting gundog trials the longest amount of time in years will have preference over another, providing one of the clubs did not hold PBGF Qualifying trials on that date the previous year.
 4. All trial dates must be confirmed with the West Region Vice President no later than 30 days prior to the start of the trial or the results will not count towards any PBGF consistency awards. If it's a Licensed trial conflict, clubs must work it out between themselves.

- O. ANY MOTION TO CHANGE THESE OR ANY SUBSEQUENT RULES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS SIXTY (60) DAYS BEFORE THE MOTION IS TO BE VOTED ON.**