



1) **THE JUDGE'S RULING IS FINAL.** Only the contestant, involved persons, field marshal, or club host will discuss any ruling up to the point the JUDGE declares his/her ruling is final.

2) **No interference or harassment of the Bird Planter or Judges will be allowed.**

3) **BHU, the club host, and/or the judge reserve the right to disqualify any person or persons for any violations of club rules. Disqualifications may be for a run, an event, and/or participation in any future BHU events. Disqualifications may include forfeiture of any moneys paid.**

**Dogs are to be on a lead at any time they are not hunt in a field. This include to, from the field, and in the gallery area. Host is encouraged to designate an off leash area. Handler is responsible for any damage caused by their dogs.**

**(The club host may increase or decrease the run time due to weather and/or number of entries.)**

**PBR: Braces will be 15 minutes the 1<sup>st</sup> two rounds, 10 minutes the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, and 20 minute finial round. 3 bird plant for all braces in first 3 rounds. 4 birds set on finial round. , 15 to 20 acre field. Two dogs competing against each other in the same field. Dogs will be scored on POINT, BACK, RETRIEVE, and timed BIRD in hand. Brace winner will advance too the next of 4 rounds. Brace losing dog is out of the tournament and their entry pays for the brace. With uneven number of dogs, the last dog drawn that round will get LUCKY DOG bye. 1 bye per dog per trial. *Quail, chucker, pheasant, or combination (the combination will be made clear to all contestants).* **(The club host may increase or decrease the run time due to weather and/or number of entries.)****

**Point:** Dog points, handler calls point, dog remains stationary (dog does not advance) for 6 seconds. (The dog may shift its weight to a different foot, sit, or stand, BUT THE DOG CAN NOT ADVANCE) If the dog advances, the judge will stop the count and indicate no point established. When the dog stops (reestablishes a point) the handler can then call point and a new 6 second count will start. Handler cannot command (verbally or with collar) the dog to point. Dog can be relocated any time after 6 second point is completed.

**Exception:**

A point will be awarded if the handler calls point and after 2 seconds the bird pop's/flies and the dog has not moved and the handler did not flush the bird. The handler is still required to shoot the bird to get credit for the retrieve and bagged bird. Exception applies only on the initial point.

**NO** point will be awarded if the handler calls point and the dog advances before a 6 second point has been established causing the bird to flush.

**NO** point will be awarded if the handler flushes the bird before the 6-second count is complete.

**NO** point will be awarded if a bird is not produced

**If** a bird lands in the field, the dog may work the bird with no time delay. The dog will be required to establish 6-second point before the bird can be shot. The Exception will not apply on this bird

**A Back** is defined as a dog seeing another dog on point, the backing dog stops, does not pass the pointing dog, and holds its back for 3 seconds. Dog cannot be commanded to back, but can be commanded to come to the area. When pointing dog completes 6 second point and backing dog completes a 3 second back with no bird being produced. There is no point scored. Back will score full points. After scoring a back handler can lead backing dog away from pointing dog in pursuit of other birds, or hold dog on back. After a 2 minute back if bird is not produced it is fair bird for both dogs. If backing dog interferes with brace mates, pointing, retrieving, and or bird the back is lost and brace mate will receive full points on point, retrieve, and bird.

**Exception:**

A back will be awarded if and after **2** seconds of backing the bird pop's/flies and the backing dog has not moved.

**Full Retrieve:** The dog picks up the bird and brings it to the handler and the handler takes the bird from the dog's mouth. The bird cannot be picked up off the ground. The handler may pivot on one foot but cannot take a step after the shot. (If a dog stops and points a bird during the retrieve, full credit for the retrieve will be given if a bird is produced). If a judge cannot determine if the bird was taken out of the dogs mouth, he may ask you to have your dog retrieve a bird after the run is complete. Full retrieve points will not be awarded on a safety if your dog has not shown its ability to retrieve.

**Partial Retrieve:** Is when the dog picked up the bird but the handler did not take the bird from the dog's mouth. The handler must find and bag the bird to get the points for a partial retrieve and bagged bird.

**Non-Retrievable bird:** After a bird is shot, it will be deemed non-retrievable if a bird lands across a road, on unsafe ice, across an impenetrable fence, dead in a tree or on top of an obstacle (the bird must be dead as witnessed by the judge) or other predetermined area before the event starts.

**Bagged bird:** A bird is considered a bagged bird when the bird is dead and placed in the judge's game bag. This includes all safety and trapped birds. (All cripples will be killed before being placed into the game bag. **No cripples will be carried out of the field.**) We have the public watching, it is bad publicity and illegal in most if not all states. No birds will be in competitor's game bags coming in the field or out of field. **Bags will be checked!!**

### **Scoring**

A Point is worth 10pts

A Full Retrieve is worth 10pts

A Partial Retrieve is worth 5pts

A Bagged Bird is worth 10pts

A Back is worth 10pts

A Trapped Bird is a 15 pt deduction (-15pts)

**Trapped Bird:** Any bird in a dog's mouth that has not been shot at. Even if the dog drops the bird. (Exception: Safety birds). To receive a full retrieve you must throw a bird, shoot, and take bird out of dog's mouth.

**Shells: 5 shells per handler per brace. Shells left after brace do not score points.**

**Shell sizes:** 12 gauge limited to 2 ¾ inch sizes 9 to 6's for quail & chucker. 9 to 5 are for pheasant.

20 gauge limited to 2 ¾ or 3 inch sizes 9 to 5's for both quail, chucker, & pheasant.

**Ties:** Determined by highest number of scored [pointed/retrieved] birds in brace, then time of first bird in hand. If no birds are retrieved the time of the first scored points wins the brace.

**Time:** Full 15 minute brace the first two rounds, Full 10 minute brace third round, Full 20 minute brace final round. Time will be kept on 1<sup>st</sup> bird in hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> bird in hand for ties breaker. At the end of a brace dogs will be placed a lead and walked out of the field. No points will be awarded after time has ran out.

**If** a bird lands in the field, the dog may work the bird with no time delay. The dog will be required to establish 6-second point before the bird can be shot. The Exception will not apply on this bird.

**If** a safety was called and granted on a bird, and bird lands in bounds? This bird will be considered dead for the brace. The area the safety bird lands will be a two bird area. The next bird pointed in this area will not score. If a second bird in the 2 bird area is pointed it will score.

**No communication with the dog after the point is called until the judge states the point or back has been completed. If communication is made on point you must relocate your dog and call point again. If communication is made with backing dog before back is completed the back will not be scored.**

**Safety:** May be called by the Judge or the Handler. A safety will be awarded if taking a shot might cause harm to any person, automobiles, buildings, or in anyway be deemed as dangerous. Judge must immediately approve or deny a safety when called by handler. Everyone is encouraged to identify any areas prior to starting a run that would be cause to call a safety. Full points will be awarded on a safety bird and that bird cannot be scored on again during the same run. (The dog may retrieve the bird for no additional score. If at any time, the gun is pointed at a judge, brace mate, or dog the handler may be warned and/or disqualified at the judges' digression.

**No Shot will ever be made after a safety has been called.**

**Safety on the Dog:** May be called by the Judge or the Handler. The bird has to be flying, traveled at least 10 yards and be dangerously close to the dog.

**Pulled Shot:** At no time will a handler willfully discharge a firearm off to one side of a dog or in air for any reason.

**Firearm Safety:** The only time a firearm may be discharged is in the field while safely attempting to shoot a legal game bird, or in a designated area with the host approval.

**No Running Rule:** Running will not be allowed. 1<sup>st</sup> time warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> time 10 pt loss, 3<sup>rd</sup> time disqualification.

**Out Of Bounds :** Handler cannot go out of bounds with a firearm.( dog can work birds on the boundary line).

**Non-performing bird:** After a dog has established a 6 second point, a handler may request from the judge that a bird be deemed a non-performer if a bird will not fly after several gentle attempts to move the bird or roll the bird out of the nest, hop/flies less than 10 yards, or runs refusing to fly. With the judges approval the bird may be picked up, thrown, and shot.

If the bird is missed and gets away, only points for the point will be awarded. If this bird lands in bounds it will be a two bird area. A bird can only be scored once per brace.

Bird stomped or harmed on purpose will result in disqualification.

Running birds are considered a bad break and if caught by dog, result in a trap.

**Reruns:** with the Judge and Host approval.

**Hunter orange vest and orange hat required by anyone in an event field. Youth have a mandatory safety glass requirement. The host may require safety glasses for all handlers in the field.**

**Interference in the field by non brace mate dog:** The hunt will not stop; any birds produced by the interfering dog will be score full points for both brace mates for that bird. The judge may stop the run if the safety becomes an issue. The Judge and Host may determine that a rerun is needed. A rerun will be given at the expense of the interfering dog's owner. If you shoot a bird that lands in an adjacent field and retrieving that bird would cause interference in that field, the Judge may tell the handler to call his/her dog back and receive full retrieve points. Partial retrieve points will be awarded if the dog has not or cannot prove it will complete a full retrieve.

**Unsportsmanlike conduct** will result in a warning and/or disqualification.

Example:

Intentionally flushing a bird towards the gallery, judge, or other unsafe area.

Abuse of the safety rule. Dog abuse. Abuse of the judge, bird planter, host, handler, or spectator. Cursing (Bar talk) in front of the gallery. Etc.

BHU has the following goals:

To display outstanding sportsmanship.

To teach the kids, women, and those new to the outdoors about our sport.

To come together as friends who love to watch the dogs work birds in the field and share a little friendly competition. Lets all have fun!

FIELD 1

FIELD 2

7:30 AM

DRAW

CLEAN FIELDS

8:00 AM

**1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND**

4 x 15 MIN. BRACES

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Brace winners of field 1 run

1<sup>st</sup> Brace, Field 2, Round 2,

3<sup>rd</sup> Brace w/ 4<sup>th</sup> Brace, Field 2, Round 2

4 x 15 MIN. BRACES

9:20 AM

**2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND**

2 x 15 MIN. BRACES

Winner 1<sup>st</sup> Brace field 1 will brace

With 1<sup>st</sup> Brace winner field 2.

Winner 2<sup>nd</sup> Brace field 1 w/ 2<sup>nd</sup>

Brace field 2. Highest/fastest total  
score has field choice Round 3.

2 x 15 MIN. BRACE

10.00 AM

**ROUND 3**

1 x 10 MIN. BRACE

1 x 10 MIN. BRACE

10:10 AM

End of third round

15 minute rest period

**10: 30 AM**

**Finial round**

**1 x 20 min. BRACE**

**DONE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINS \$ 130.00 W/ 16 ENTRYS**

**10:50 AM**

CLEAN FIELDS

**11: 00 AM**

**START OPEN AND AMATURE POINTING, SAME FIELDS**