

2014 QF CLASSIC WILD BIRD FIELD TRIAL RULES

Preamble: This QF Field Trial is not intended to be a field trial in the classic sense of those words. Rather, it is held to provide an enjoyable time for dogs, handlers, QF members and guests, and to raise money for QF projects. Therefore, the following rules are minimal and are only intended to provide a reference for participants and judges to ensure that everyone is “on the same page”. The Field Trial Committee takes great pains in selecting experienced judges who subscribe to the foregoing philosophy for this event and it relies on their expertise to see to it that every event is successful.

Rules:

1. The Field Trial will be run on a continuous course on the Babcock/Webb Field Trial Grounds.
2. The Field Trials will be conducted on native wild quail only.
3. The use of blank guns only is permitted – no live ammunition
4. The Field Marshall and Judges will set the pace of braces.
5. Dog locating collars, including telemetry tracking, GPS and beeper collars, are permitted
6. Remote training collars are permitted. Over use is discouraged and will be penalized.
7. No dog shall be advanced on the course on a vehicle or horseback
8. The Judges will have the option to disqualify any dog that the handler fails to present within a reasonable period of time. Judges will normally use this option when, in their opinion, the handler is getting too far off course and the trial may be delayed.
9. The Judges will use the following **Scoring Guidelines**
 - a. Find 0-10 pts
 - b. Back 1-2 pts
 - c. Ground cover/hunting ability 0-10 pts
 - d. Obedience/manners 0-5 pts
10. Finds on birds, considered in the judges’ opinion to be marked birds, **will not** be scored.
11. Backs will be scored only if done naturally without commands from the handler and only one back per dog will be scored.
12. A dog that is steady to wing and shot will not receive extra credit over one that moves with running birds and *vice versa*.
13. Birds flushed intentionally by the dog will not be scored.
14. Judging of a find will end when the bird/birds is/are flushed.
15. **All the Judges’ decisions shall be final.**

Course Etiquette:

- If you want to cross your brace mates path, **please** go behind him, good sportsmanship is appreciated
- Spectators may follow competing dogs, **but must** stay behind handler and judges.
- If you wish to return to the clubhouse, do not go in front of the trial. **Please** ask for directions for the best route back.