

**ACH&BGA WORLD FINAL FIELD TRIAL EVENT
JUDGES MUST HAVE UP TO DATE CPR &
FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS
ALL DOGS MUST BE ACH&BGA REGISTERED**

- Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - First tree - 125 points
 - First line - 100 points
 - Second tree - 75 points
 - Second line - 50 points
 - Third line/tree - 25 points
 - Strike contest - 125 points
 - Accuracy - 100 points
 - Intensity - Judges choice
 - Dash to the tree one hundred (100) yards, 125 points, first dog to the tree.

**ACH&BGA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
BEAR HUNT RULES & REGULATIONS**

- Dogs may qualify for World Championship at any State or ACH&BGA sanctioned trial.
- There will be 4 Bear Finalists in the World Hunt.
- In order to complete any field trial, an ACH&BGA registered dog must be entered and have been placed in a prior trial.
- A one hundred dollar (\$100.00) entry fee to compete in World Hunt is required.
- Trials shall be held February 1st through February 15th, on Saturdays and Sundays, dependent upon snow levels. Dates may vary.
- Deadline for entry into trials shall be 6:00 pm, one day prior to a scheduled trial. Sign up for any trial may be completed up to 60 days prior to World Championship.
- Each Friday at 6:00 pm, a meeting shall take place to discuss rules, regulations and to draw casts.
- Trial time begins at 6:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm.
- No in-heat dogs may compete in World Hunt.
- Judge shall be located in front of the cast in order to judge the tree.
- Trial shall start over if dogs cannot hold game in tree.
- Track locators may find a competition lion track, but aren't allowed to follow track and/or walk track out.
- Poor sportsmanship is not tolerated, and will result in a disqualification of the weekend trial.
Examples include but are not limited to:
 - Beating or mishandling a dog.
 - Fighting amongst the cast.
 - Belittling or harassing fellow competitors.

- Drinking or illicit drug use at trial cast will not be tolerated.
- Judges may use communication devices for safety.
- Cell phones, satellite phones and other communication devices may not be used by competitors until judge declares trial completed.
- The cast shall follow from truck to track until treed.
- Handlers shall not touch their dog, or any other dog, during the trial. Minus points will be given for any dog touch, unless determined as unintentional by the judge.
- Should interference occur by a private hunting party (not affiliated with the trials), a highway determined to be dangerous to dog safety, a railroad, or other deemed dangers to the dog or handler, the trial will be called a time out, and will restart a new track.
- If an injury occurs to a handler, the dog may be handled by the judge, and the dog will be called as disqualified.
- Handler's call on how an injured dog will be taken care of.
- No person is allowed to leave the trial grounds without all handlers and dogs being present and accounted for.
- Handlers must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult to compete.
- Awards shall be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- Handlers must sign a liability waiver, holding ACH&BGA and affiliated handlers harmless from any accident, injury or death that may occur on the field.
- There is to be no harassment of big game animals.
- All State and Federal Fish and Wildlife rules must be followed.
- If handler does not show up for race or drops out, the next highest point dog takes that place.
- If you miss a race, give a 60-day notification before event.

RACE DETAILS

- First Strike must be called by handler and heard by judge to confirm first tree.
 - Handler must turn loose dog that struck.
 - Handler and Judge shall start time clocks.
 - Time starts when dog hits the ground.
 - Dog has 15 minutes to line out track.
 - Handler shall then let loose the pack.

- If you call the first strike and dog does not follow track, you will be disqualified.
- Judge and participant shall ride in back to witness strike.
- Race will be timed by judge.
- Bay up is considered tree.
 - Bear must be completely stopped.
 - No walking bears.
- Any bear is considered game.
- If dog leaves track for any off game animal it shall be disqualified. (*Off game animal is considered any animal that is not bear*).
- If pack leaves tree you shall be disqualified.
- 100 ft backup is required once you call strike.
- If you pull dogs off for any reason other than wolves you shall be disqualified.
- All participants must attend heats both days.
- If dog is not treed by half hour after sunset, dogs must be pulled and clocks stopped.
- If you call tree before dark its a valid tree.
- If dog does not strike, you are allowed a "re-rig".
- Only 6 dogs allowed per pack, including strike dog.
- Two Judges per pack or per truck.
- Every participant is required to have GPS.
- Any questions shall be discussed between the two Judges to make the final call.
 - \$100 required to challenge judge about rules.
- If dog crosses over into the another hunters race, you are allowed a "re-rig".
- Handler is allotted 15 minutes to line out track.

FIGHTING DOGS

- Dogs at fault for fighting shall be disqualified.
- If Judge cannot determine which dog started the altercation, each fighting dog shall be disqualified.
- Praising dog when doing well is permitted.