

ACH&BGA WORLD FINAL FIELD TRIAL EVENT JUDGES MUST HAVE UP TO DATE CPR & FIRST AID CERTIFICATION.

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 - second place
 - Intensity - Judges choice
 - Dash to the tree one hundred (100) yards, 125 points, first dog to the tree.
- Dogs shall be able to qualify for World Championship at any State or ACH&BGA sanctioned trial.
- There will be 6 Lion Finalists in the World Hunt.

ACH&BGA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LION HUNT RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 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 not limited to the following:

- Beating or mishandling a dog.
- Fighting amongst the cast.
- Belittling or harassing fellow competitors.

- Drinking or illicit drug use at trial cast is not tolerated.
- Judges are permitted to use communication devices for safety.
- Cell and 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.
- No person is allowed to leave the trial grounds without all handlers and dogs present & 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 place.
- All handlers must sign a hold harmless waiver, holding ACH&BGA and affiliated handlers harmless from any accident, injury or death that may occur on the field.

FINDING AND IDENTIFYING TRACK

- Handlers shall not disturb track to the extent that it is not recognizable.
- Track spotters are allowed on the field two hours prior to the start of the trial.
- Numbers shall be drawn at the Friday night meeting to determine "track-walkers" who will lead dog on track first. The hunt master shall line up handlers and dogs, and give count down to release.
- Handlers' tracking collars shall be programmed to the judge's GPS device.
- Handlers may use their own GPS during trials, but official competition results and readings are to be taken from the judge's GPS only.
- Handler's may use e-collars set on "tone only".

THE RACE

- "First Tree" must be called by handler and heard by cast and judge to confirm first tree. Judge may also verify by use of his GPS hand-held device.
 - Dogs may circle tree one time to check track.
 - If dog leaves tree before two minutes the dog shall be disqualified.
 - If dog leaves track for any off-game it is disqualified. (*Off game is defined as any animal not a mountain lion*)
 - No handler may pass the judge, and only walk as fast as the slowest member of the trial. No one may left behind.
 - Dog is required to stay and bark tree for two minutes after game is seen.
 - Once treed for two minutes, judge shall call for handlers to handle their dogs.
- There will be two judges per cast in finals.

UNEXPECTED EVENTS

- If wolves enter a trial, all dogs shall be called back to group as quickly as possible.
- If game leaves tree, the tree shall be determined to be a dead tree, and a new run will begin. First tree must be called by handlers.

SPLIT TREE

- Should a split tree call occur, the cast shall proceed to first called tree.
- If it is determined that there is no game in first tree, dog shall receive minus 125 points.
- Cast shall then proceed to second tree.

BAY UP IN CONFINED AREAS

- Confined area is defined as a cave, rockshelf, or any area with only one exit.
- Once a confined area has been determined, trial will be called a time out and judges will call for the dogs to be handled.
- Circle points will be given to the dog.
- Once dogs are handled, the trial will be cancelled and a new trial shall begin.
- If handler decides to pull his dog from bay-up and majority of cast vote to try to tree game, handled dog shall be called as disqualified.
- Should a dog become wounded, that dog may be pulled at handler's discretion. Dog shall then be determined to have been pulled from the entire days trial.

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.