

## Southern California (Field Trial) Tournament Rules – December 29, 2017

The entry fee is \$17 per dog. Sixteen (16) dogs will compete in the tournament. The Winner of the Tournament will receive a Rosette and \$100 cash. The Reserve Winner of the Tournament will receive a Rosette and \$25 cash. The remaining revenue will be retained by the club to cover site fees, rosettes, catalogs, score books, bookmarks etc.

The following procedure is designed to allow as many different owners as possible to compete in the tournament:

Entries and fees may be turned in to the Secretary (Cheryl Shultz) at the November 25-26, 2017 Field Trials or may be sent to the Secretary by U.S. Mail. Owner(s) may enter more than one dog but the entry forms (**please: one entry form for EACH dog**) must be submitted together in the same envelope and prioritized in the box provided on the entry form. ("1" on one entry form only, "2" on one entry form only, etc.) If 16 entries with "priority 1" are not received by 12/27/2017, "priority 2" entries will be considered, then "priority 3" etc. until 16 entries are received. Four (4) alternates will be determined in like fashion. Entry fees for alternates that do not get to run in the tournament will be refunded on the day of the tournament. Entry fees for dogs that are received after the alternates have been selected will be refunded immediately. **Bitches in season may not run in the tournament.** Another dog (or bitch) of the same ownership may be substituted for a bitch that goes into season and therefore cannot compete in the tournament.

Email notification will be sent out on our list as soon as the 16 contestants are determined. A program/catalog will be emailed to the 16 contestants and the 4 alternates listing roll call time (8 AM) and other information necessary. There will also be catalogs available on the day of the event containing the names of all contestants and alternates and past winners.

The 16 dogs that compete in the tournament will be braced after roll call for the first two series. All further bracings will be held in the field. The bracings in the field will be executed by the Tournament Secretary or Chairman. The Tournament Secretary or Chairman will track all wins and losses.

There are two judges for all the odd series runs and two judges for all the even series runs. The judges will absent themselves from the field for series that they do not judge.

Judges, or members of their household, may not own or co-own dogs competing in the tournament.

The dogs are judged simply WIN/LOSE on their runs. By participating the entrants agree that the judges' decisions are final, indisputable and irrevocable. The judges will announce the winner of the brace after each run.

The bottom line is two losses and the dog is out. Once a dog has been defeated twice, he will be presented with a "bookmark" to commemorate participation in the tournament, and excused. The dog that lasts the longest is the winner. The last defeated dog is the reserve winner. All judges (4) will judge the final brace to determine the winner and the reserve winner. They must concur by majority (3 out of 4) on the winner of the final brace to complete the tournament.

Rule for bye (odd) dogs: The bye dog will be placed at the top of the next series as brace 1, dog 1. (Yes they get a freebie series) The dog will remain in that place for the rest of the series he/she competes in. No dog will ever be a bye dog twice. If there is another bye dog, he/she will be braced as brace 2, dog 1 for the rest of the series he/she competes in. This procedure repeats for any additional bye dogs.