



## Content of the Game

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The Dakota Outdoor Gundog Series (D.O.G.S.) is an off season, hunting competition for upland bird dogs which can gain them the recognition they deserve. It's an excellent way to show off your dog's talents along with your shooting skills in a friendly, competitive atmosphere.

A set number of birds (usually chukars, others are quail and pheasants) are planted in each 10 to 15 acre field. The goal of this timed event is for the Dog to hunt, point, or flush, then retrieve to hand. Points are awarded flushes, points, retrieves, for birds bagged, unused shells, as well as minutes remaining. Awards and prizes are given to the top 3 places in most Divisions.

### **DOG of the Year ~ Awarded in each Class per Division**

"The DOG of the Year" is awarded to The Best Top 3 out of 4 possible placing's in each Class in each Division for the Series Year. Each Winner will receive a black embroidered jacket with their embroidered Division and Dog and Year on it. If the Winner has already won a black jacket previously, they will receive an embroidered patch with Division and Dog and Year on it to add to their jacket.

### **Big Dog Singles Division ~ Flusher & Pointer Classes**

This one (1) Player and one (1) Dog Division has a four (4) bird set to be harvested with a twelve (12) minute time limit. The Player is allowed eight (8) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division includes two (2) separate Classes, Flusher and Pointer. Includes awards and payback to the Top 3 places per Class after the Run-off.

*\* The Number of Run off Qualifiers is determined by total entries per Class.*

### **Doubles Division ~ Flusher & Pointer Classes**

This two (2) Player and one (1) Dog Division has a five (5) bird set to be harvested with a fifteen (15) minute time limit. Players will be allowed ten (10) shells per run, five (5) shells per Player. Team Partners in the Double Divisions, are not allowed to exchange shells with each other during their run. This Division includes two (2) separate Classes, Flusher and Pointer. Players for Doubles are encouraged to keep the same Partners consistent throughout that whole Series Year for scoring and filming purposes. Includes awards and payback to the Top 3 places per Class.

*\* The 2nd Player or Partner needs to shoot at least one (1) out of the five (5) set birds, otherwise a minus ten (-10) deduction will be taken off their run, even if all the birds are trapped or scooped by the Dog.*

### **Puppy Division ~ Flusher & Pointer Classes**

This one (1) Player and one (1) Dog Division has a three (3) bird set to be harvested with a ten (10) minute time limit for any Dog under twenty-four (24) months as of January 1st of the D.O.G.S. competing season. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division includes two (2) separate Classes, Flusher and Pointer. Includes awards to the top 3 places but no payback and no run-off.

### **Amateur Division ~ Flusher & Pointer Classes combined**

This one (1) Player and one (1) Dog Division has a four (4) bird set to be harvested with a twelve (12) minute time limit. The Player is allowed eight (8) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This competition is for "the beginner" who would like try it out at a lower cost per run. This Division includes two (2) separate Classes, Flusher and Pointer. Includes awards to the top 3 places but no payback and no run-off.

### **Masters Division ~ Flusher & Pointer Classes**

This one (1) Player and one (1) Dog Division has a three (3) bird set to be harvested with a ten (10) minute time limit. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division includes two (2) separate Classes, Flusher and Pointer. Includes awards and payback to the top 3 places.

\* The Player must be 55 years of age or older to compete in this Division.

### **Ladies Division ~ Flusher & Pointer Classes combined**

This one (1) Player and one (1) Dog Division has a three (3) bird set to be harvested with a ten (10) minute time limit. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division has one (1) combined, Flusher/Pointer class but is scored separately. Includes awards to the top 3 places but no payback and no run-off.

### **Youth Division ~ (Must have gun safety certificate) ~ Flusher & Pointer combined**

This one (1) Player and one (1) Dog Division has a three (3) bird set to be harvested with a ten (10) minute time limit. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division has one (1) combined, Flusher/Pointer Class but is scored separately. Includes awards to the top 3 places but no payback and no run-off. Ages 12 to 17 years old.

**Pointer Class** ~ The Dog must establish a solid three (3) second point before the Player can flush and shoot the bird. After the shot, the Player cannot move and the Dog must retrieve to the Player. If the Player takes a step or more after the shot, they are only granted a partial retrieve.

**Flusher Class** ~ The Dog hunts and flushes the birds. They also must retrieve to the Player after the shot. They are allowed to "trap" or catch the birds.

### **Scoring System as follows:**

#### **Accumulating Points:**

\* Points will be earned as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Receives twenty five (25) points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Receives twenty (20) points.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Receives fifteen (15) points.
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: Receives ten (10) points.
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: Receives nine (9) points.
- 6<sup>th</sup> place: Receives eight (8) points.
- 7<sup>th</sup> place: Receives seven (7) points.

#### **Qualifying Points:**

\* These points are calculated based on the number of Dogs competing in each Division and each Class and awarded based on the order of each Dog's placement.

\* In a two run format, it will be determined on combined scores.

\* In an event that allows a Dog to enter more than once, you will receive points for the highest placement of that Dog.

\* Subsequent placement points do not count and will slide to the next Dog.

\* Therefore a Dog will receive one (1) qualifying point for every Dog it beats out.

*For Example: 20 Dogs are entered in your Event and Division:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Receives nineteen (19) qualifying points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Receives eighteen (18) qualifying points.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Receives seventeen (17) qualifying points.
- And so on to:
- 19<sup>th</sup> place: Receives one (1) qualifying points.

D.O.G.S. is an up and coming sport entering its 10th season. D.O.G.S. mission is to uphold a respectful image dedicated to its competitors, spectators, and their beloved four-legged hunting companions. While carrying on the time-honored tradition of upland hunting that everyone in our great country deserves.