

10th Year Anniversary



"A Decade of D.O.G.S."

2008 ~ 2018

2018 Year of the D.O.G.

RULES & REGULATIONS 2018

WELCOME TO THE DAKOTA OUTDOOR GUNDOG SERIES

Get out & Run with the Big "D.O.G.S."!

D.O.G.S. was created for the Upland Bird Hunter & Dog to compete and demonstrate their level of skill and abilities against others with the same desire.

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.

The purpose of these rules and regulations in this book is to keep the up most fairness between each Player and Dog in all D.O.G.S. events and competitions.

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Section 1 – Membership, Entry Fees, Payback, Options, Pre-Run Requirements:

- * To enter and compete in the D.O.G.S., it is mandatory that everyone pays \$25 membership per year. This membership goes toward the Division Winner’s black jackets and patches every year and to maintain the lifetime points for each Player and Dog.
- * Masters, Amateur, Puppy, Lady, & Youth Divisions will not be able to receive a Black Jacket going forward.
- * D.O.G.S. is sanctioned and maintains all the lifetime points for each Player and Dog.
- * Scoring will be under D.O.G.S. rules and format.
- * "The DOG of the Year" is awarded to the Player and Dog with The Best Top 3 out of possible placing's in each Division for the Series Year "The DOG of the Year" at the Series Year-End Championship Event.
- * The Top 3 placings per Division will advance to Run-off at the “Battle of the Borders” at the end of the Series Year.
- * Series year will run from June 1st to June 1st.

Entry Fees, Paybacks, Buy In Options:

- * Tournament entry fees are listed below. All entry costs include the following: General run cost (lodge/field usage, birds, Bird Setters, Scorekeepers, trophies, administration costs, sanction fees), and maintaining the lifetime points.
- * Division payback is the % of the total dollar amount in runs entered. This amount, being based on the number entered, can then change at each event. Tournaments will list the Payback % if included and the details.
- * The Buy-In Option is a dollar amount that the Player has the choice to enter per Division. The total amount of the Option “Pot” will go to the fastest, cleanest run per Division that paid the extra option. Tournaments will list the Buy-In Option if included and the details.

Tournament Event Divisions

Big Dog Singles	Doubles	Puppy	Amateur	Masters	Youth /Ladies
\$150 per run	\$175 per run	\$80 per run	\$100 per run	\$125 per run	\$75 per run
1 hunter/1 dog	2 hunters/1 dog	1 hunter/1 dog	1 hunter/1 dog	1 hunter/1 dog	1 hunter/1 dog
4 Bird Set	5 Bird Set	3 Bird Set	4 Bird Set	3 Bird Set	3 Bird Set
2 Classes - Flusher /Pointer	2 Classes - Flusher /Pointer	2 Classes - Flusher /Pointer	2 Classes - Flusher /Pointer	2 Classes - Flusher /Pointer	1 Class - Flusher /Pointer
30% Payback	30% Payback	No Payback	No Payback	30% Payback	No Payback
Trophies to Top 3	Trophies to Top 3	Trophies to Top 3	Awards to Top 3	Awards to Top 3	Awards to Top 3
* Number of Run off Qualifiers is determined by total entries per Class	No Run off	No Run off	No Run off	No Run off	No Run off

Tournament entry fees can be sent to:

Dakota Outdoor Gundog Series (D.O.G.S.)
 PO Box 66
 Hitchcock, SD 57348

Contact by phone, text or email:

Darik (605) 350-1966 or Angie (605) 354-4809 or (605) 350-9276
 Website: www.dakotadogseries.com

Email: info@dakotadogseries.com

* Championship entry fees will be priced accordingly.

Reserving Entries and Run Scheduling:

* Please try to have all entries with the Player(s) and Dog name(s) called in on the Wednesday the week of the event. Payments may also be made at this time for runs. This will be considered the event deadline.

* There are a limited number of entries available per Division per Event and there is no guarantee for “walk-ons” available.

* Run times will be randomly drawn with special attention given to proper spacing in order to give a Dog rest between runs.

* Once run times have been established, no changes may be made unless an emergency should arise or has been cleared with the Event Organizer(s).

* Entries may be added after the event deadline if run times are available and no conflicts will be created.

Pre-Run Requirements:

* All Players must arrive at the host club, check in, and give full payment prior to their first run time.

* Players may be escorted to their field or asked to report to a staging area.

* Players with female Dogs in heat must be announced before the time of registration and will run last that day.

D.O.G.S. Committee:

* The purpose of the D.O.G.S. Committee is to make sure the series is fairly and honestly ran and regulated for all Players involved.

* The D.O.G.S. Committee Members will communicate with fellow Players, any comments, concerns, issues or questions which should first be brought to the attention of the D.O.G.S. Committee Senior Staff.

* The D.O.G.S. Committee Members will serve to promote participation as well support the Series.

* The D.O.G.S. Rules & Regulations may be changed or amended at any time.

* The make-up and duties of the D.O.G.S. Committee may be subject to change.

The D.O.G.S. Committee Members include:

- * President: Darik Tschetter (Senior Staff)
- * Series Coordinator: Angie Olmsted (Senior Staff)
- * Field Marshall:
- * D.O.G.S. Representative: Raistlan Tschetter
- * W.A.G.S. Representative: Mike Skadsem

Section 2 - Classes:

Flushers: These Dogs “flush” birds or catch birds on a hard flush. It is not required that these Dogs simulate a point prior to flushing a bird.

Pointers: These Dogs are required to maintain a non-advancing, point position for 3 consecutive seconds. Players must also maintain a 3 second non-advancing stance until the Scorekeeper calls good point.

* Players must determine prior to the beginning of the Year Series what Class their Dog will compete in.

* D.O.G.S. allows all Dogs, purebred and mixed breeds to compete.

* Any breed of Dog such as (Pointing Labs) can compete in the Pointer Class.

* Any mixed breeds with pointing characteristics and/or bloodline must compete in the Pointer Class. Any Dog with these characteristic and/or blood line wanting to compete in the Flusher Class must get prior approval with D.O.G.S. Senior Staff. It is recommended to have this pre-approved no later than 24hrs of that competition. **If D.O.G.S. Senior Staff gives prior approval the Field Marshall may veto this decision after watching the Dogs first run.**

* Once a Dog has entered its Class, Flusher or Pointer, this Dog will stay in this Class for the entire Series Year.

* Flusher and Pointer Classes may be mixed runs in the same field but will be scored and awarded separately unless stated so prior.

Section 3 - Divisions:

* First run of the day in all Divisions will receive one (1) extra bird in per field.

* For Singles and Puppy Divisions, Players may only run twice at each Event (additional fees will apply on the second run) with the same Dog and only the highest point run will be counted. The same Player may run another Dog and points will accumulate for that Dog only, with highest point run counting for D.O.G.S. but both will be kept for the lifetime points. The same Dog may run with a different Player and again (if a second run is desired, additional fees will apply) only the highest point run will count for that Dog for D.O.G.S. but both will count for the lifetime points.

* For the Doubles Divisions, each team may run twice with the highest score counting for D.O.G.S. but both will count for the lifetime points. Changing one (1) or two (2) Players or the Dog will change the team. Teams should try to keep the same Team elements such as Partners consistent throughout that whole Series Year for scoring and filming purposes.

* For the Singles Divisions, each Class will have a run-off of at least the Top 3 placings per field to determine the Final Top 3 winners for that Event.

* General Run-off Guidelines for Tournaments:

* 1 to 15 Entries will have a Runoff of the Top 3 players per Class

* 16 to 20 Entries will have a Runoff of the Top 4 players per Class

* Over 20 Entries will have a Runoff of the Top 5 players per Class

* Names are drawn for the Run-off Order. The 1st Run-off player's drawn set card will be the same set for each player. If a player qualifies twice for the run-off (must be with a different Dog), a 2nd set card will be drawn and set for that player's 2nd run.

* Chukar Partridge are usually used at the Events but other species such as Pheasant, Quail or Hungarian Partridge may also be used or any combination, as long as the quantity and combination are consistent for all Players.

* All scores in every Division will be kept and maintained by D.O.G.S. for the lifetime of every Player and Dog.

Big Dog Singles:

* Consist of one (1) Player and one (1) Dog. This Division will have a predetermined amount of time of twelve (12) minutes to harvest four (4) birds. The Player is allowed eight (8) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division includes two (2) separate Classes, Flusher and Pointer. The Top 3 placings per Class after the run-off will receive payback and trophies for this Division.

Doubles:

* Consist of two (2) Players and one (1) Dog. This Division has a predetermined amount of time of fifteen (15) minutes to harvest five (5) birds. Players will be allowed ten (10) shells per run, five (5) shells per Player and awarded points for unused shells. 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 should try keep the same Partners consistent throughout that whole Series Year for scoring and filming purposes. The Top 3 placings per Class receive payback and trophies for this Division.

Puppy:

* Consist of one (1) Player and one (1) Dog whose age was twenty-four (24) months or younger on the first of the year (January 1), of the D.O.G.S. competition season. A Dog meeting this criteria, is allowed to compete as a puppy this entire year, its birthday has no significance until January 1 of the competition season. This Division will have a predetermined amount of time ten (10) minutes to harvest three (3) birds. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division includes two (2) separate Classes, Flusher and Pointer. The Top 3 placings per Class receive trophies but there is no payback in this Division.

Amateur:

* Consist of one (1) Player and one (1) Dog. This Division will have a predetermined amount of time twelve (12) minutes to harvest four (4) birds. The Player is allowed eight (8) shells and awarded points for unused shells. This Division is ideal for "the beginner" who would like to try it out at a lower cost per run with no payback. The Top 3 placings will receive awards. Any Player who has previously won a "Dog of the Year" Title will not qualify to compete in this Division.

Youth:

* Consist of one (1) Player that must be under the age of 17 and must have a Gun Safety Certificate and one (1) Dog. This Division will have a predetermined amount of time ten (10) minutes to harvest three (3) birds. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. The youth player must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or mentor over 18 years of age that is allowed to assist the youth if needed. There is no payback in this Division. The Top 3 placings will receive awards.

Ladies:

* Consist of one (1) Player and one (1) Dog. This division will have a predetermined amount of time ten (10) minutes to harvest three (3) birds. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. There is no payback in this Division. The Top 3 placings will receive awards.

Masters:

* Consist of one (1) Player and one (1) Dog. This Division will have a predetermined amount of time ten (10) minutes to harvest three (3) birds. The Player is allowed six (6) shells and awarded points for unused shells. The age requirement is fifty (55) year of age or older to compete in this Division. The Top 3 placings per Class receive payback and trophies for this Division.

Section 4 - Scoring:

Scoring:

* Scores are the points awarded to a Dog as determined by a Scorekeeper in accordance with the D.O.G.S. events rules and format.

* A penalty of minus ten (-10) points will be deducted from a Player's run for each bird that is mutilated while shot during their run, there will be no warnings given for this.

* A "Shot Point" will be awarded for each bird that was actually shot (does not apply to the safety rule). One (1) point in the Pointer Classes only.

Big Dog of the Year Award:

* "The DOG of the Year" is awarded to the Player and Dog with The Best Top 3 out of 4 possible placings in each Division for the Series Year "The DOG of the Year" at the Year-End Championship Event. Each Winner will receive a black embroidered jacket with their embroidered Division and Dog and Year on it. (except Master, Amateur, Lady, & Youth will not receive a black jacket). 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.

The Battle of the Borders:

* The Top 3 placing's in each Division for the Series Year will advance and compete in the Battle of the Borders at the Series End.

* Series year will run from June 1st to June 1st.

Accumulating Points:

* Points will be earned as follows:

1st place: Receives twenty five (25) points.

2nd place: Receives twenty (20) points.

3rd place: Receives fifteen (15) points.

4th place: Receives ten (10) points.

5th place: Receives nine (9) points.

6th place: Receives eight (8) points.

7th 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:

1st place: Receives nineteen (19) qualifying points.

2nd place: Receives eighteen (18) qualifying points.

3rd place: Receives seventeen (17) qualifying points.

And so on to:

19th place: Receives one (1) qualifying points.

Section 5 - Player Conduct:

Conduct:

* All Players and those affiliated with a Player agree to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and socially responsible manner. Players will not engage in behavior that damages the image of D.O.G.S., it's affiliates, sponsors and other Players. All Players agree to refrain from behavior or language that might be perceived as threatening or offensive. Players will not engage in un-sportsmanlike conduct with another teammate, Player, sponsor, attendee or D.O.G.S. representative at any time. All Players agree not to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health or safety of themselves, another Player, spectator, attendee, sponsor, D.O.G.S. representative, Host or Dog at any time. All Players agree to respect and support the decisions or rulings as administered by an Official, Host, Marshal or other D.O.G.S. Representative.

* All Players understand that they are financially responsible for all fees and cost associated with competing in the D.O.G.S.

* All Players agree that they are required to be punctual and on time for posted brace times in order to maintain the intentions and integrity of a competition.

* All Players agree not to use alcohol or any other controlled substance (unless prescribed by a physician) prior to or while competing.

* Absolutely no running in the field will be tolerated what so ever.

* No skipping runs or “braces”. We will follow the Run Order at each Event the best that we can.

* Dog owners (not D.O.G.S. Staff, Volunteers, Host Lodge, or Series and Event Sponsors) assume 100% liability for the actions of their Dogs.

* All Players agree that they will abide by the definition and expectations of Player Conduct as it is outlined above. Failure to do so will be subject to immediate disciplinary action up to and including the following:

- Verbal warning
- Score Penalty (time added) or Point Deduction
- Disqualification (from that competition)
- Suspension
- Banishment

* Shells allowed to use are 12 gauge, 2 ¾ no bigger than 6 shot or 20 gauge, 2 ¾ or 3 inch no bigger than 6 shot. ****No hand loads are allowed.**

* The D.O.G.S. Committee will determine violations of the Player Conduct code, which are determined to be worthy of a Suspension or Banishment, or another individual appointed. These determinations will be made and communicated via conference call, personal hearing and communicated in writing once a length of time is established.

* Additionally, any and all fees and points accumulated will be forfeited for that year series should a Player be suspended or banished for any length of time.

Section 6 – Game and Safety Rules:

* Good sportsmanship is required at all times.

* Players, spectators, and their vehicles may be limited to designated areas only.

* Players must not communicate with the spectators while in the field.

* All Dogs need to be either leashed or kenneled at all times when not in a competition field.

Firearm safety:

* Players (not the D.O.G.S. Staff, Volunteers, Host Lodge or Series and Event Sponsors) are responsible for the safe use of firearms at all times.

* Players must wear blaze orange clothing.

* Eye protection is strongly recommended for all Players and Spectators in or near competition fields for your own safety. Players and spectators (not D.O.G.S. Staff, Volunteers, Host Lodge, or Series and Event Sponsors) assume 100% liability for injury.

* Players may not run with firearms, loaded or unloaded, at any time. NO EXCEPTIONS! Teams will be given one warning for running, after which, at the Scorekeeper’s discretion, a 3-point penalty will be assessed on the second infraction. The third occurrence will result in disqualification. Scorekeepers may regulate the speed at which Players may walk as field conditions may dictate. Not running means one foot on the ground at all times.

Harvesting birds:

* Upon physical examination of a shot bird, Scorekeepers may assess ten (10) penalty points without discussion or appeal, for any bird shot at close range that is caused to explode or that has been mutilated.

* All Players are responsible for maintaining a positive public image. Harvested birds shall either be deposited in designated collection areas or transported to and from fields in a concealed manner. If birds are field dressed, all remains must be disposed of in proper containers. Dogs need to be leashed before entering field and when last bird is bagged.

* When a Safety is called by either the Scorekeeper, the Player must call back their Dog to them and make physical contact with their Dog before proceeding on to harvesting the next bird.

* The Safety Rule on the last bird is the clock stops when Dog has been leashed.

Setting of Birds:

* Birds will be randomly set no closer than thirty (30) feet from the edge of the competition field. The distance of the closest and the farthest birds from the starting gate will be the same for all Players.

* First run of the day in all Divisions will receive one (1) extra bird per field.

* Fields will not be stocked without a Player(s) "On Deck".

* Any bird leaving the field after Bird Setters have left the field shall be considered luck of the draw and will not be replaced.

* Birds accidentally released from crates or by Bird Setters that land in bounds shall be considered part of the "set".

* Birds entering the field from out of bounds during the run shall be legal game and considered luck of the draw.

* In the event a bird is bumped out of the field by a Bird Setter, an additional bird will be planted to replace the bumped bird. Replacement birds will be set as quickly as possible in the approximate location of the bumped bird.

* If the run begins before the Scorekeeper is notified of bumped bird(s) out of the field, the run shall stand as scored, and a re-run will not be allowed.

Competition Fields:

* The minimum size of all competition fields at any D.O.G.S. sanctioned event will a minimum of at least 120 yards wide and 250 yards long.

* Electronic training collars will be permitted in all divisions. Abusive use of training collars may result in disqualification.

* Players and Dogs may go out of bounds at the Scorekeeper's discretion without their guns, provided they stay on hunt property and will not be permitted to enter into other Player's fields.

* Birds may be found and retrieved with full credit for find and bird, but Players cannot take their guns out of bounds. Guns must be unloaded and left in bounds with a judge or their partner. No exceptions.

* Guns are never to be laid on the ground (loaded or unloaded). Guns should be given to the Scorekeeper if assistance is needed. Violators maybe disqualified at the Scorekeeper's discretion.

* In the case of one-Player Divisions and with the Scorekeeper's permission, birds pointed out of bounds may be flushed, shot, and retrieved for retrieve points.

* In the case of a partial retrieve on the last bird, the clock does not stop until the Player and the Dog return in bounds.

* Any bird flushed out of bounds that is shot from in bounds is a legal bird.

* Shells are not interchangeable between Players. Once the total amount of shells allotted for the run have been used, the run shall stop and full time shall be assessed. The Player(s) must leash the Dog and leave the field immediately. The effect of the run finishing early on the next run(s) shall be considered luck of the draw.

Find points:

Flushers:

* Ten (10) points shall be awarded when, in the Scorekeeper's opinion, the bird was trapped or caused to take flight by any action of the Dog or by a Player in close proximity to a Dog making game.

Pointers:

* Ten (10) points shall be awarded, when, in the Scorekeeper's opinion, the Dog establishes point (fixed feet) for three (3) seconds and a bird is flushed by a Player or flushes on its own. If, in the Scorekeeper's opinion, the Dog advances by way of taking a step(s) before the three seconds have been counted, the three (3) second count may be restarted when the Dog again establishes point.

* Ten (10) points shall be deducted and a shell lost when, in the Scorekeeper's opinion, the Dog "traps" or "catches" the bird after a ten (10) point find has been awarded. A "trapped" or "caught" bird is considered a bird in the Dog's mouth and brought to the Player.

* A "whoa" or other command to point a bird found by Players, but not by the Dog, is not a find.

* In the Scorekeeper's opinion, if the Player makes an honest attempt to gently foot flush the bird three (3) times and it does not fly, it can be considered a non-performing bird with no penalty.

* The maximum number of finds shall not exceed the number of birds in the set.

Retrieves/Partial Retrieves:

* Ten (10) points will be awarded for each full retrieve up to the established quota.

* Five (5) points will be awarded for each partial retrieve. A partial retrieve is defined as the Dog finding and picking up the bird, and making an attempt to bring the bird to the Player.

* To receive full retrieve points, a Player, and his/her Partner, must keep one foot stationary after a bird is shot, or once the Dog is released to retrieve.

* A Player may kneel down but not lay down to retrieve a bird.

* A Player may not physically assist a Dog (outside the one-step distance limit) in a retrieve and receive full points.

* Objects thrown to direct a Dog toward a downed bird shall be limited to objects naturally found in that particular field (i.e. snow, dirt, small stones, etc).

* A Player may not use any objects (a stick, gun, hat, jacket, etc.) to reach a bird dropped past the single-step distance limit.

* If the time limit has elapsed and a bird has been shot, the Player has a thirty (30) second grace period to complete the retrieve. If the retrieve is not completed within the allotted time limit, no points will be awarded for a bagged bird or a retrieve.

- **"NEW" Tie Breaker will be the time of Player's 2nd Bird bagged.**

* In the event of a shot bird dropped or crash lands in another Player's field, the retrieve will be allowed at the Scorekeeper's discretion.

* If a pointing Dog goes on point or a flushing Dog gets birdie while making a retrieve, the Dog Handler and Shooter may move to flush the second bird with no penalty on the first bird. However, he must use the second flush as a stationary position for both birds, and if no bird is produced (seen by the Scorekeepers) the first bird can be scored as no more than a partial retrieve.

* A gun malfunction by either teammate shall be considered bad luck. It is the option of the Player to get another gun, and the Player cannot appoint someone else to leave or enter the field in his/her place. The remaining gun may be shared.

* Should an errant Dog from another field enter the legal field after the clock has started, all birds flushed out of the field shall be scored in full at the time of the flush. In the event a bird flushed out of the legal field is the last bird for that run, the clock shall stop and a two (2) point penalty shall be assessed. If the errant Dog flushes more birds that what would end

the run, those birds will be replaced on the next run that day. If an errant Dog enters the field before the clock starts, only those birds flushed out of the field shall be replaced.

* Should a Scorekeeper cause a bird to flush during the course of the run, the bird shall be scored as a "Safety Bird" (see Calling a Safety) and all points shall be awarded in full with a shell taken from the Player. If a Player shoots at a bird flushed by a Scorekeeper, the safety is "off", and points shall be awarded as earned. Note: If the dog was not making game at the time of the flush, and a shot is fired, find points shall not be awarded.

* Birds must show life at the beginning of the find to be scored in any way.

* In situations not specifically covered under the rules, the Scorekeeper will use common sense to arrive at a decision. Scorekeeper's decisions can be appealed to the D.O.G.S. Committee Senior Staff **only** if the Player hasn't signed the score sheet, after the completed run. The D.O.G.S. Committee Senior Staff shall have the final say in all Series matters or rules, written or not written.

* A Player may not follow himself into the field. If a Player must run back to back, and the first run does not harvest all the bird(s), any bird(s) left from the set must be removed from the field prior to the second run.

* Rules and scoring may vary at Championship events.

Calling a Safety:

* In the event of an obstruction resulting in a safety, the appropriate points shall be awarded for all birds, including the final bird as determined by the Scorekeeper. In the case of a final bird safety, the clock will not stop until the Dog is leashed.

* A safety may be requested in the event of an obstruction, such as a Scorekeeper, Dog, vehicle, spectator, paved roadway, or building but final approval is determined by the Scorekeeper's discretion.

* Players intentionally flushing birds toward obstructions shall be disqualified.

* Safety points cannot be awarded on a partner.

* A safety may be awarded even though only one (1) member of the team is in a position to shoot at the bird. Should the other member of the team be, in the Scorekeeper's opinion, in a position for a clear shot and fail to do so, the request for safety shall be void.

* If at any time prior to or following the request for safety, the subject bird has been shot at, the safety is off.

* A bird for which a safety has been awarded shall be scored as appropriate and a shell forfeited by the Player that requested a safety.

* In the event of a bird being shot at and turning toward an obstruction after being missed, it shall be considered luck of the draw.

* In the event of a request for safety where the Dog has failed to establish a find, safety points shall be awarded in full less the points for the find and less point for the shot.

* If a flush involves multiple birds flying towards an obstruction, the maximum of two (2) birds shall be allowed as safety birds. All other safety requirements must apply.

* When a Player calls a safety that is approved by the Scorekeeper do to an unsafe shot on the bird, they will have to stop and call their Dog back to them and make physical contact with their Dog before they can resume hunting again for the next bird.

Following the Run:

* Immediately following the clock being stopped or time expiring, guns will be unloaded and the Dog brought to leash.

* Players will use the least intrusive route leaving the field so as not to disturb any remaining birds.

* If any birds are **accidentally** bumped out of the field from the time the run is over until the Bird Setters plant the next run, those birds shall be replaced, in addition to the set.

* If any birds are **intentionally** bumped out of the field from the time the run is over until the Bird Setters plant the next run, penalties and/or disqualification may be applied at the discretion of the Scorekeeper.

* Players must be able to produce the "birds bagged" at the end of the run. In the event bird(s) are missing from the bag, and time allows, the Players will be returned to the field and the clock will resume to find or bag missing or other bird(s).

* Players must review the score, penalties, or other information on the score sheet. The Player will then sign the score sheet in the appropriate space. Information on the signed score sheet shall be considered final.

* Scorekeeper's decisions can be appealed to the D.O.G.S. Committee Senior Staff, **only** if the Player hasn't signed the score sheet after the completed run. The decision of the D.O.G.S. Committee Senior Staff to support, overturn, order a re-run, or any other considerations shall be final.

Scoring:

* Scoring in all divisions shall be:

Find – Ten (10) points

Caught Bird (pointing only) – Ten (-10) point deduction and a loss of a shell

Shells Remaining – Ten (10) points

Shot Bird – One (1) point (awarded for actually shooting the bird in the Pointer Classes Only)

Full Retrieve – Ten (10) points

Partial Retrieve – Five (5) points

Bird in Bag – Twenty (20) points

Penalty Points – Ten (-10) point deduction (Penalty points may be issued for bird mutilation, Player running, etc.)

Remaining Time – Two (2) points per minute (Clock stops when the last bird is in hand, with the exception a final bird safety.)

* Big Dog Single and Amateur Division runs will last twelve (12) minutes and will be allowed eight (8) shells per run.

* Double Division runs will last fifteen (15) minutes and 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.

* In the Double Division, 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.

* Masters, Puppy, Youth and Ladies Division will last ten (10) minutes and will be allowed six (6) shells per run.

* Rules and scoring may vary at Championship events.

Other General Rules:

* D.O.G.S. Staff, Scorekeepers, or Bird Setters will not be allowed to compete in a Division that they have judged or set.

* D.O.G.S. staff will return score sheets from the field to the check in area(s).

* Individual and team sponsor promotional displays are limited to Player clothing, vehicles, and trailers. Vehicles and trailers with sponsor promotional displays must remain in the regular designated parking and travel areas. Displays other than those mentioned above may be permitted at the discretion of the D.O.G.S. Committee for a marketing fee determined by the D.O.G.S. Committee.

D.O.G.S. is always open to and welcomes your comments, questions, and concerns. Please direct them to Darik at (605) 350-1966 or Angie (605) 354-4809 or (605) 350-9276, or any of the D.O.G.S. Committee members.

D.O.G.S. reserves the right to make changes to the above information at any time.