

# Ontario Region - GSSCC

## Guidelines and Rules for clubs hosting the Regional Championship and Show

### Host Club

A club or clubs wishing to host the Regional Championship Trial, Show and Breed Survey should apply to the Regional Board no later than two weeks prior to the AGM of the preceding year. The Board of Directors will announce the next year's host club at the AGM.

### Timeline

The Trial Manager should be named, date selected, and judges secured as soon as possible (no later than 60 days after the AGM without Regional Board consent). The trial location and tracking conditions will be announced in a timely manner. Failure to maintain timeline obligations to the satisfaction of the Regional Board can result in forfeiture of the hosting privilege.

### Date

The first or second weekend in June is preferred, as this gives adequate time for competitors aiming to compete at the National Championship. Other trials will not be booked two weeks before - but the hosting club needs to confirm their date and judge as quickly as possible, as the trialing season is short.

### Website

Clubs may generate a new website, or build a new section into their existing site, but the information regarding the trial must be published well in advance of the trial date.

### Facilities

Layout of the field, location of jumps, direction, location of hot blind, etc, must be communicated well in advance and posted on the website.

The judge will mark out the field before practice starts and changes may only be made at the judges' discretion based on field conditions and safety considerations.

A public address system (microphone and speakers) needs to be provided for the judge and announcements.

Adequate portapotties or toilets must be provided and serviced if necessary. If the tracking fields are more than 10 mins drive from available toilets, then a portapotty must also be installed at the tracking field.

### Tracking fields

Tracking fields should be as consistent as possible. Enough space should be available to lay extra tracks should a track be spoiled.

### Membership

All of the host club officiating team, i.e. Trial manager, helpers, track-layers, etc., must be members of

the GSSCC.

All competitors must be members of the GSSCC or an organization with affiliate association (i.e. USA)  
For the show, all owners and handlers of the dogs entered must also be a member of the GSSCC, including entries in the puppy classes.

### **Equipment**

Equipment used must be regulation, clean and in good repair.

As microchipping has become the norm - a club must ensure that a chip reader is on hand (the region has one available for borrowing)

### **AGM Hosting**

If the AGM is to be held with the Regional Event, it must be in a controlled environment, with seating and protection from the weather. Alcohol should not be sold prior to the AGM.

### **Event Catalogue**

A catalogue needs to be made. It should contain

A welcome letter from each of the Region President, Trial Director, and the Show Director

Sponsor ads (local businesses, local breeders, etc.)

Support ads from other clubs

A complete listing of the trial dogs and show dogs entered, including

- Handler name
- dog name
- tattoo or microchip number
- gender
- breed
- date of birth
- sire
- dam
- breeder
- owner
- club
- space to record results

### **Handler Draw**

Handlers with more than one dog must declare which dog they are drawing for before they draw, and may not change after drawing.

Handler-draw items must be indistinguishable from each other with no identifying characteristics or marks. One of the Board of Directors must be on hand to verify this at the draw.

### **Demo Dogs**

Demo dogs, if required, for the IPO competition must be at least an IPO1 dog.

### **Food**

The food concession has the potential to generate significant revenue for the hosting club(s). Food and drinks must be handled in a safe and sanitary fashion.

### **Helper try-outs**

Competitor dogs must not be used for the helper try outs. Ideally - the hosting club will make arrangements for dogs for the helper try outs.

### **Tracking**

Tracks should be laid before the tracking draw is made. IPO3 tracks should be laid first. Track layers may not be the helpers, or members of the family of one of the competitors. Track layers need to be experienced by laying tracks at club trials first.

### **Competitor Clothing**

During competition and practice - competitors will dress to look professional and respectful: no training vests, no military or camouflage gear, no gang or motorcycle club wear, no ripped or torn jeans, no cut-off jeans, no t-shirts with inappropriate slogans or images. T-shirts or polo shirts or similar with club logos are permissible.

### **Entries**

No late entries are permitted. No substitutes are permitted. No refunds after entries close. Entries will open first for members of the Ontario Region, with entries opening later for non-region competitors

### **Bitches in heat**

Bitches in heat will do obedience and protection at the end of the event. They will be permitted a break and a practice session before protection. Tracking will be after the rest of the dogs have tracked. All handlers that potentially will have a bitch in heat during the working trial **MUST** notify the host club at the entry deadline so the schedule can be arranged.

### **Classes offered**

For the Regional event it is not required to offer bH competition  
IPO 1 and 2 is at the host clubs discretion, depending on the number of entries.  
FH competitions are also not required.  
IPO A, and OB and TR are not required and are not eligible for trophies.

### **Trophies**

The following trophies must be offered at a minimum for the trial portion.

- High IPO1 (if offered)
- High IPO2 (if offered)
- IPO3 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- High Tracking
- High Obedience
- High Protection
- High in Trial

Calculating High scores - in the event of a tied score, the higher protection score will prevail, with the

higher obedience score second, if protection is also tied. If all three are tied, the trophy will go to the younger dog.

The following perpetual trophies will be presented, and plaques will be made, but they are returned to the regional board after the photos.

High SchH1/IPO1 - Mike Catteral Trophy

High Club Trophy (see appendix A)

Charlies Haines High SchHIII/IPO3 award

Terry Smith High Tracking award

The Optimal award is calculated using the same formula as the Universal is calculated for the National Championship. Competitors entering for the Optimal Award need to enter both the show and the trial. Late entries to the show will not be permitted.

### **Practice**

Practice will be formalized with a schedule and allotted times. Clubs may combine their allotted time and practice together. The schedule should be drawn up in advance to reflect this and communicated in a timely fashion.

Non-entered dogs are not permitted on the competition field once the official practice starts. Competitor dogs are not permitted on the field after the practice session and violation may result in disqualification.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

Closing ceremonies will include awarding trophies and photo opportunities.

Competitors must stay for the closing ceremonies, awards presentations, and for the photos after. The hosting club will make every effort to ensure that the closing ceremonies happen in a timely fashion.

### **Sponsors**

Every effort should be made to recognize and thank sponsors.

### **Vendors**

Vendors should be encouraged, and adequate vending space provided.

### **Show & Breed Survey**

Practice ring/time need to be made available.

Regulation measuring stick, tape and scale must be available (can be borrowed from the region)

Shows will be governed by the GSSCC national show policy. <http://gsscc.ca/media/125640/show%20regulations%20gsscc%202014%20update%20april%202017.pdf>

### **Breed Survey**

Helper to be picked at the same time as the other helper try outs.

### **Judge(s)**

The judge(s) will be shown every courtesy. Someone should be assigned to ensure that they are transported to where they need to be, i.e. Field, hotel, dinners, etc.

If flight insurance is not arranged for, and the judges flight is cancelled, or the judge is incapacitated

and cannot attend - the responsibility for the lost fees rest with the club.

A Judges' Dinner should be arranged. This can be offered at the field or at a nearby venue or restaurant.

All competitors are welcome as well.

## **Appendix A**

### Calculation of High Club Trophy

High Club score is the average of all successful entries in the Regional Championship

At least two members from the same accredited Ontario Region club must be entered. An official entry does not need to be made.

Members must be members of the said club for at least three months prior to the championship

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Score is calculated as the average of qualifying scores for a minimum of two members from the same club. Must be passing scores. No partial scores are permitted (i.e. Pulled for injury, etc.) In the event of a tie – preference is given to higher scores in the following order

- IPO3 before IPO2 before IPO1
- Protection before Obedience before Tracking
- younger dogs before older dogs.

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