

NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL CHAMPION ASSOCIATION (NFTCA), INC

Standards of Qualifications for the 126th Running of the National Championship beginning February 10, 2025

— Check #5 to make sure the event you attend is listed as a “Qualifying Trial” —

1. All entries must have at least two first place wins in Qualifying Trials as specified in this notice to initially qualify, except for 6 trials which are deemed “One Time Qualifiers”. Those “One Time Qualifier” trials are: 1.) Continental All-Age Championship; 2.) Georgia Derby Championship; 3.) Missouri Open Championship; 4.) Quail Championship Invitational; 5.) Masters Open Championship; and 6.) Tar Heel Open Championship. **The second-place winner in qualifying trials with a minimum of 80 entries, will count as a win towards qualifying status as well.** Dogs which were eligible for the 2024 or earlier National Championships must have a placement (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) since February 10, 2024, to compete in the 2025 National Championship. All entries made with the understanding that **all participants must either be at the drawing and/or have a representative at the drawing to represent that dog’s interest in the 2025 National Championship, and all participants must use a solid barrel gun when flushing during the competition.**

2. The 2024 winner will be eligible for the 2025 National Championship, but must re-qualify for subsequent years.

3. All entries qualified as of December 31, 2024, must be submitted in writing with full particulars, accompanied by the nominating fee, DNA & Registration Certificate, and **must be in the Ames office by February 1, 2025.** Dogs qualifying after the December 31, 2024 deadline must have their entries in before the drawing, February 8, 2025. There is no provision for a dog that is qualified by the December 31, 2024 deadline to “re-qualify” for the 2025 National between January 1, 2025, and February 8, 2025.

4. All entries must be registered in the **UKC/American Field Dog Stud Book** and all wins entered in the permanent files of **UKC/American Field**. Entries may be made only in the name of the owner(s) of record in the **UKC/American Field Dog Stud Book** and a copy of the **Registration Certificate** must be submitted with all entries, as well as an approved and accepted **DNA Certificate** on file with **UKC/American Field** and a photocopy of the same **DNA Certificate and Registration Certificate** must be submitted with the official nomination form. **Starting fees must be paid before the dog competes.**

5. The following trials, when conducted on a minimum of three individual one-hour courses for a minimum scheduled period of one hour per brace in either first or second series, are designated as Qualifying Trials for the 2025 National Championship:

- Alabama Open All-Age Championship
- Alberta Classic
- All-America Derby Championship
- All-America Prairie Championship
- All-America Quail Championship
- American Derby Invitational Championship
- American Quail Classic Open All-Age
- Benton County (MS) Open All-Age
- Bill Andrews Open All-Age (Central Carolina FTC)
- Black Belt (AL) Open All-Age Classic
- Broomhill Open All-Age Classic
- Buck-Tuck Open All-Age Classic
- Cajun Classic
- California Bird Dog Championship
- California Chukar Championship
- California Open Championship
- California Pheasant Championship
- California Quail Championship
- Cascade Open All-Age Championship
- Cecil Proctor Open All-Age
- Continental Derby Championship
- Continental Open All-Age Championship*
- D. E. Hawthorne Open All-Age Border Classic
- Dixie Open All-Age
- Georgia Derby Championship*
- Georgia Quail Championship
- Larry Smith Heartland Open All-Age
- Hell Creek (MS) Open All-Age
- Hobart Ames Memorial Open All-Age Classic
- International Pheasant Championship
- Kansas Prairie Open All-Age Classic (Jayhawk OA-A)
- Kentucky Lake Open All-Age
- Kentucky Open All-Age Classic
- Kentucky Quail Classic
- Lee County (GA) FTA Open All-Age
- Lynn Taylor Open All-Age (Carroll County FTC [TN])
- Manitoba Open All-Age Classic
- Masters Open Quail Championship*
- Mid-America Open All-Age Championship
- Mississippi Open All-Age Championship
- Missouri Open All-Age
- Missouri Open Championship*
- National Chukar All-Age Championship
- National Derby Championship
- National Free-For-All Championship
- National Pheasant Championship
- North Carolina FTA Open All-Age
- North Carolina Open Quail Championship
- North Dakota Open All-Age Classic
- Northwest Chukar Open All-Age Championship
- Oklahoma Open Championship
- Pacific Coast Derby Championship
- Pacific Coast Open Championship
- Pelican State Open All-Age
- Prairie Open All-Age
- Quail Championship Invitational*
- Region 8 Preston Trimble Memorial Open All-Age Championship
- Rend Lake Open All-Age
- Robin Gates Quail Classic (formerly Bluegrass Quail Classic)
- Southeastern Quail Championship
- Southern Field Trial Championship
- Southland Open All-Age Championship
- Southwestern Championship (Central Arkansas FTA)
- Stillwater Open All-Age
- Sunflower (KS) Open All-Age Classic
- Sunshine (FL) FTC Open All-Age Classic
- Tar Heel Open Championship*
- United States Chicken Championship (Northern States)
- United States Open Championship
- West Tennessee Open All-Age
- Western Open All-Age Championship
- Win Ingersoll Memorial Inola Open All-Age

*One-Time Qualifier

Entries in open events must not be restricted due to time limitations. **All Qualifying Trials MUST include the names of the judges in their initial advertisement. REPLACEMENT OF ANNOUNCED JUDGES MUST BE EXPLAINED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, NFTCA, Inc. Failure to comply with this requirement will IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFY the event as a Qualifying Stake for the National Championship.** It is **recommended** that all Qualifying Stakes have a minimum of 15 entries.

6. Qualifying Trials will be reviewed annually in February for eligibility.

7. **Qualifying Trials as designated above that are NOT conducted, for whatever reason, during the time February 10, 2024 to February 8, 2025, must send written notification to the Secretary, NFTCA, to retain “Qualifying Status.” A copy of the Form For Essential Data recognizing the official winners and judges submitted to the UKC/American Field must also be submitted to the Secretary, NFTCA.**

8. **Clubs sponsoring Qualifying Trials as designated above and desire to RELOCATE their running grounds OR experience a substantial change in officers and directors must formally petition the NFTCA for continuation of their qualification status prior to actual relocation or running of their event.** Forms to expedite this process are available from the secretary, NFTCA.

9. Clubs which are not included in the above and approved list of Qualifying Trials and desire to conduct a qualifying event for the 2026 National Championship may request an Application Form from the Secretary, NFTCA, Inc., P.O. Box 389, Grand Junction, TN 38039 or call (901) 878-1067. The NFTCA will receive applications until February 1, 2025, and will announce changes, if any, in the Qualifying Trials and/or standards prior to March 31, 2025.

10. **“Qualifying Certificates” must be purchased before a Qualifying Trial conducts their event for the 2025 National Championship. Cost for the 2025 “Qualifying Certificate” is \$200.00 and may be purchased from the Secretary, NFTCA, Inc., P.O. Box 389, Grand Junction, TN 38039. Clubs not purchasing “Qualifying Certificates” may be dropped from the list of qualifying events for the 2026 National Championship.**

11. To facilitate an increase in the Purse of the National Championship and to fund the many activities that makes **THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** the premier bird dog event in North America, all Clubs hosting National Championship qualifying events will be required to collect a “Participation Fee” of \$20/dog starting in the 2013/2014 Field Trial Year (beginning August, 2013 and forward). This “Participation Fee” is “over and above” each Club’s “normal” entry fee and is not to be included in the club’s purse. Each club will then forward a check to the Secretary of the NFTCA. **Example: a 40-dog stake x \$20/dog = \$800 sent to the Secretary, NFTCA. Clubs NOT submitting their surcharge funds will immediately be disqualified.**

12. Any dog qualified for the 2025 National Championship as a result of placements only in Derby competition may, at the discretion of the owner(s) and with proper notification to the Secretary, NFTCA, can compete in either the 2025 or 2026 National Championships. All Standards for the year elected for competition are applicable.