

NATIONAL CATTLED OG ASSOCIATION



NATIONAL FINALS ENTRY FORM

JUNE 14-18, 2017 AFTON, WYOMING

Handler Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

OPEN CLASS

DOG NAME	OWNER (other than handler)	AGE	BIRTHDATE	BREED	FEE
					\$250
					\$250

NURSERY CLASS

DOG NAME	OWNER (other than handler)	AGE	BIRTHDATE	BREED	FEE
					\$250
					\$250

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

DOG NAME	OWNER (other than handler)	AGE	BIRTHDATE	BREED	FEE
					\$250
					\$250

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 21, 2017.

Entries received without payment or handler/dog profile will be rejected. Please make checks payable to the National Cattle Dog Association (NCA). Mail completed entry form and payment to: National Cattle Dog Association, 1175 58th Avenue, Suite 100, Greeley, Colorado 80634.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the National Cattle Dog Association National Finals (hereafter referred to as the "Event"), I hereby release, waive, discharge, and agree to hold harmless the National Cattle Dog Association, any/all members associated with this trial, and volunteers and their agents from any loss, liability, damage, or costs that might occur due to my participation in the Event or my presence in or upon the property used in connection with the Event. My payment and signature below acknowledge that I have read this and that I accept full responsibility for any costs incurred as a result of any damages caused by me, or any animals owned by me or in my care, to the premises, other animals and/or individual person or groups, including, but not limited to, actual veterinary/hospital costs and/or full market value of any animal seriously injured or killed by me, or any animals owned by me or in my care. I further acknowledge that this is a release of all liability, including asserted negligence and is a contract I am signing of my free will.

Signature _____ Date: _____

2017 National Cattledog Association National Finals Entry Rules

1. To be eligible for the NCA National Finals, all dogs and Intermediate teams must have earned points in NCA sanctioned trials in the 2016-2017 qualifying year (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017).
2. Entries must be postmarked on or before April 21, 2017.
3. Only NCA members are eligible to run dogs in Finals.
4. All entry fees are \$250 per dog or team.
5. Please submit a copy of the dog's registration papers or proof of age with all Nursery class entries.
6. Dogs and Intermediate team entries will be accepted in order of points earned.
7. Any dog with any NCA points is eligible to enter. If more dogs or teams than the number allowed in a class is entered, a waiting list will be established. The waiting lists will be kept open until the first day of the finals (June 14, 2017.)
8. Refunds will be given for withdrawal until May 10, 2017. After that time, refunds will be given if another dog from the waiting list is available to take the vacated position.
9. Full refunds will be given to any dog or team on a waiting list, if a place does not open for them to run. A handler on the waiting list may ask to be removed from the list at any time and receive a full refund.
10. **Open Class**
 - a. 50 dog limit
 - b. 2 dogs per handler limit
 - c. Dogs qualify, not handlers. A qualified dog may be run by any NCA member.
11. **Nursery Class**
 - a. 30 dog limit
 - b. 2 dogs per handler limit
 - c. Dogs qualify, not handlers. A qualified dog may be run by any NCA members.
12. **Intermediate Class**
 - a. 45 team limit
 - b. 2 teams per handler limit
 - c. Dog/Handler teams qualify, not dogs or handlers.
13. **ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE FILLED OUT HANDLER/DOG PROFILE. Entries without the form will not be accepted.**

2017 NCA Finals Rules

Entries and Substitutions

A handler may enter up to two qualified dogs per class in the NCA Finals. Any dog (or team for the Intermediate class) is qualified to be entered if they have earned any NCA points during the qualifying year. (Point totals and rankings per class are listed on the NCA website at www.nationalcattledog.com.) Among those dogs or teams entering, the top 50 dogs in the Open Class, the top 30 dogs in the Nursery Class, and the top 45 dogs in the Intermediate Class will be eligible to compete. Those dogs or teams entering, but not eligible to compete, will be put on a waiting list to become eligible to compete if there are withdrawals. Waiting list dogs are ranked in descending order of points earned.

A handler may substitute a qualified dog for an entry at any time prior to the beginning of the Finals. Substitutions must be within the class. However, if the substituted dog has not earned sufficient points to be eligible to compete in that class, it will be added to the waiting list.

For example, if a handler initially enters Open dogs ranked 3rd and 27th among the entries, but then wishes to substitute a dog that would be ranked 55th, the substituted dog will not be eligible to compete until there are additional withdrawals.

Course Rules

- Course is points and time.
- Handler to send dog from, and is free to move anywhere behind handler line.
- Time begins when cattle leave trailer or set-out panels, or when handler sends dog, whichever occurs first.
- The outrun will not be judged, and points will not be awarded or deducted based on the outrun.
- Must get one head through each obstacle before proceeding to next obstacle.
- Handlers may retry any obstacle before moving on, but once it's obvious to the head scorer that a retry is being attempted, previous points earned at that obstacle are forfeited. Handlers may retry obstacles as many times as they wish.
- After cattle have mixed, handler must either be retrying or moving to the next obstacle.
- Runs will receive full time unless all cattle exhaust.
- Running on the course is not allowed. Violations will result in points for that obstacle being forfeited.
- A stock stick may be carried.
- Handlers may not enter, reach into, or put any object into obstacles. Violations affecting the outcome of the run will result in points for that obstacle being forfeited.
- If cattle leave the course and the dog was not responsible, a rerun may be given at the discretion of the head scorer. If a rerun is not given, the head scorer may allow points earned to be scored with full time allotted. If the dog is responsible for the cattle leaving the course, a full DQ with no score may be given at the discretion of the head scorer.

- A handler may retire their dog for points earned and a maximum course time at any time during their run. Intention to retire should be indicated clearly to the head scorer.
- During their run, handlers may question scorer as to completion of an obstacle, time used, clearing of obstacle, etc. Scorers will not provide information unless asked.
- If a dog appears out of control and is abusing the cattle, the head scorer may instruct the handler to retire. Dog will receive points earned to that point in the run and maximum time.
- Instructions given at handler's meetings take precedence over these rules.
- Grievances must be directed to the course director. Course director may consult with scoring committee. Decisions of the course director and scoring committee are final.

Finals

- Top 40% of dogs in each class, based on sum of scores in two preliminary runs, will qualify for the Final round. In the event of tie scores, the dog/team with the fastest combined times will be taken.
- Run order for the Final round will be from lowest to highest combined score.
- Champions will be determined by sum of scores in highest scoring preliminary run, plus the Final round (cumulative scoring). Ties will be broken by:
 1. Scoring in other preliminary run
 2. Placing in Final round

Standards of Conduct

The following are not permitted at NCA National Cattledog Finals.

1. Inappropriate language or conduct directed at the head scorer, trial secretary, timekeepers, course director, or any other trial official. The handler may be given a warning from the head scorer, course director, or trial management. Handlers may contact the course director in a courteous manner for a clarification of a rule or the accuracy of a score sheet in a timely manner that does not interfere with the competition. The maximum penalty that a head scorer or course director may impose is single run disqualification.
2. Inappropriate language or conduct directed at fellow event participants or spectators. All competitors and NCA members are expected to show exemplary sportsmanship at all times. An allegation of improper use of language or conduct toward participants and/or spectators reported within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence will be investigated by the NCA directors and appropriate penalties imposed.
3. Attempting to aid by coaching or distracting another competitor while they are competing. A person attempting to aid by coaching or distracting another competitor will be given a warning from the head scorer, course director, or an NCA director. Failure to comply after the warning may result in disqualification or other penalty. If the individuals providing aid to a competitor are not themselves a competitor, they may be expelled from the current event and/or banned from future events.
4. Tampering with, or attempting to alter competition livestock, the draw, and/or trial course facilities. The NCA directors will investigate allegations of tampering with the livestock, the draw, and course facilities and impose appropriate penalties.
5. Inhumane treatment of dogs or livestock on the trial field or grounds.

Penalties for violations may include a warning, the loss of points, disqualification of specific run, expulsion from the event, forfeiture of all entry fees and prize monies, voiding of membership privileges, and/or any other sanctions deemed appropriate by the NCA Board of Directors. Every effort will be made by the NCA Board of Directors to investigate and consult with all parties involved in each case prior to imposing penalties.

HANDLER/DOG PROFILE

2017 National Finals



Handler Name: _____

Address: _____

Owner Name (if different): _____

Address: _____

Dog Name: _____ Sex: F M Age: ____ Class: OP NUR INT

Dog Name: _____ Sex: F M Age: ____ Class: OP NUR INT

Dog Name: _____ Sex: F M Age: ____ Class: OP NUR INT

Dog Name: _____ Sex: F M Age: ____ Class: OP NUR INT

Awards or Honors: _____

How many years have you been trialling? _____

Handler/Dog Information. Please include information you would the announcer to mention about yourself or your dog during your run. Suggestions include how you got into trialling, how you use your dogs at home, listing your mentors, or information about your dog's strengths.

