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THE NATIONAL BIRD DOG CIRCUIT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THESE BYLAWS AT ANY GIVEN TIME. ANY MANIUPULATION OF THESE BYLAWS IN A WAY THAT THEY WERE NOT INTENED WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

## **A. REGIONS**

We have divided the country into six (6) geographic regions (“Regions”). They are as follows:

Region 1: Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois

Region 2: Wisconsin

Region 3: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Maryland and New Jersey

Region 4: Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico

Region 5: California, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska

Region 6: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

1. All competitors will represent the state in which the participant lives on January 1st, not the state where the event is held.
2. Standings for all events, in each dog and player division are maintained on the Official BDC website for each Region (“Scores” page).

## **B. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Rules for General Membership**

To become a BDC member, you must complete an application, sign a release form, and send the required dues to the BDC.

Current membership is required of all participants at all tournaments. which includes minors working dogs and their designated shooters be strictly enforced. (Camera Crews, scorekeepers and bird planters do not require membership unless they are competing in the event.)

It is the responsibility of the club or event holder to verify membership of all winners before awarding any prizes.

It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to spell correctly all names on membership forms and entry forms and to confirm names of competitor and dog are spelled correctly on score sheets before they are signed.

BDC Memberships purchased on or after April 1 are good for the new tournament year.

**TRIAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE**

### **C. BDC DOG REGISTRATION**

The following information will be recorded by the BDC:

Declared Major Wins (if a minimum of half points are awarded)  
 Super Major Wins (if a minimum of half points are awarded)  
 Lifetime Championship Points  
 World Rankings

### **D. BDC WORLD RANKINGS**

BDC World Rankings are calculated by the amount of Championship Points competitors and dogs receive throughout their lifetime of competition.

Qualifying competitions, Declared Major competitions, and Super Major competitions are used to weight the number of points awarded to each dog and competitor.

Competitors are able to identify which competitions are Qualifiers, Declared Majors and Super Majors via the Official BDC/NBDCA website on the Events Page.

### **E. PLAYER TITLES**

A Player will be declared “Player of the Year” for achieving the highest accumulated amount of Championship points in both Top Gun and Doubles during the year. This is a National award and comprised of both Flushing and Pointing divisions among all Regions. Only one (1) Player will receive this distinguished honor annually.

Ladies Player of the Year will be awarded based on the highest accumulated amount of Qualifying Points earned in the Ladies Division. This is a National award and comprised of both Flushing and Pointing divisions among all Regions. Only one (1) Player will receive this distinguished honor annually.

Youth Player of the Year will be awarded based on the highest accumulated amount of Qualifying Points earned in the Youth Division. This is a National award and comprised of both Flushing and Pointing divisions among all Regions. Only one (1) Player will receive this distinguished honor annually.

Hunter Player of the year will be awarded based on the highest accumulated amount of Qualifying Points earned in the Hunter Division. This is a National award and comprised of both Flushing and Pointing divisions among all Regions. Two (2) players, one pointing and one flushing, will receive this distinguished honor annually.

Master Player of the year will be awarded based on the highest accumulated amount of Champion Points earned in the Masters Division. This is a National award and comprised of both Flushing and Pointing divisions among all Regions. Only one (1) Player will receive this distinguished honor annually.

## **E. DOG TITLES**

A dog will be declared “Dog of the Year” at the National Championships. The Dog of Year will be determined by taking the top Championship Point earner and the top Qualifying Point earner dog in each of the 6 regions. They will compete at the National Championships for the Dog of the Year title. These dogs must have a minimum of 30 Champion Points or 100 Qualifying Points unless otherwise approved.

The Regional High Championship Point dog (January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>) will compete for Dog of the Year. If the number one dog cannot compete in the run-off due to a death or veterinarian certified injury or illness it will be allowed to slide to the second place dog if this dog cannot compete for the above reasons it will slide to the third place dog. However if the leading dog and/or the second place dog does not compete in the run-off, it will not be allowed to compete in any other stake at the National Championship event. This dog must have a minimum of 30 Champion Points. **If the Regional High Championship Point dog results in a tie, all dogs in that tie will compete for Dog of the Year.**

The Regional High Qualifying Point dog (January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>) will be the dog with the highest accumulation of qualifying points. The qualifying point dog selected will slide until a dog is selected that is not owned by the same owner as the Championship Point dog. An owner can only have one dog competing for dog of the year and a handler can only compete with one dog. This dog must have a minimum of 100 Qualifying Points. **If the Regional High Qualifying Point dog results in a tie, all dogs in that tie will compete for Dog of the Year.**

Each regional qualifier can be handled at the Dog of the Year competition at the National Championship only by an established handler that has run the dog at least twice during the year. In the Doubles portion of the competition, both players on the Doubles team must have competed with the dog at least twice during the year unless approved otherwise.

There will be different fields for Doubles and Top Gun and different fields for Flusher and Pointers. Each competitor may be in each field no more than once during the Dog of the Year competition.

The prize for winning the Dog of the Year competition will be an entry in either Top Gun or Doubles at the immediately following World Championship and one entry in either Top Gun or Doubles at the National Championship the following year.

PUPPY of the Year will be declared at the National Championships each year. The top Championship Point Puppy from each region (Pointers and Flushers) will compete in a run-off at Nationals each year. Puppies must have a minimum of 15 Champion Points to be eligible. **If the Regional High Qualifying Point dog results in a tie, all dogs in that tie will compete for Dog of the Year.** This is a National award and comprises all Regions. Only two (2) dogs or puppies, one (1) in each division, will receive this distinct honor. If there is a tie, the puppy with the highest number of Qualifying Points will advance to the Puppy of the Year Challenge. A Puppy will be selected to compete for Puppy of the Year from its region for achieving the highest accumulated amount of Championship points earned in Top Gun, Doubles Events and Puppy Events. The season is January 1 – December 31. Puppy of the year will follow the same regulations as Dog of the year except puppies will only run a Top Gun run, they will not run doubles. Their prize for Puppy of the Year is the Title of Puppy of the Year only.

TOP DOG SHOOTOUT will be declared at the World Championships each year. The top Qualifying Point dog from each region, with a minimum of 150 Qualifying Points is eligible to compete for this title. Points earned in Top Gun and Doubles will count toward this achievement. Only two (2) dogs, one (1) in each division, will receive this distinct honor. Competitors that have dogs in the top placements in both pointing and flushing must decide which division they want to compete in. The position will then slide to the next dog who meets the criteria of 150 Qualifying Points. The season begins the day after Labor Day and goes through to Labor Day the following year. A run-off for the title will be held at the World Championships. The prize for the Top Dog Shootout will be \$2500 plus prizes as well as the title.

## **G. REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUBS/PERSON(S) HOSTING A BDC COMPETITIONS**

### **Liability**

1. All clubs or event holders shall indemnify BDC against liability for any and all injuries or accidents occurring at their events.
2. All participants (competitors, staff and spectators) must sign all BDC liability waivers and promotional releases prior to each event.

### **Clubs/Competition Organizers**

1. All promoters must be current BDC members.
2. All competitions may include Flushing and Pointing, Top Gun, Doubles, Hunter, Puppy, Masters, Ladies and Youth events, where appropriate. Other stakes may be allowed with prior approval such as mixed doubles and puppy doubles, etc.
3. Clubs and competition organizers must send all payments and fees due to the BDC. This payment must be received by the BDC within ten (10) working days after the competition before scores from that event will be sanctioned.
4. Clubs and competition organizers must send event scores and results to BDC within ten (10) working days after the competition on a form and in a format that will be provided by BDC.
5. It is the responsibility of the club or competition organizer to supply birds, scorekeepers, bird setters, trophies, ribbons, certificates and cash prizes (where required).
6. The BDC must approve the use of designated shooters by a competitor prior to the competition.
7. Clubs and competition organizers must make known to the BDC any additional rules of safety applied to Challenges.
8. Any competition with less than eight (8) entries 48 hours in advance of the competition may be cancelled by the competition organizer and entry fees must be refunded promptly.
9. Competition organizers, their immediate families, and employees may compete in their own competition under the following criteria:
  - a. They must not have an unfair advantage over other competitors through prior knowledge of any aspects of the competition.
  - b. The event must have eight (8) dogs not owned by the promoter and 4 different handlers in Top Gun and Doubles before the promoter's dog's scores can be sanctioned in that event.
  - c. The event must have four (4) dogs not owned by the promoter and 2 different

handlers in Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Hunter, and Youth divisions before the promoter's dog's scores can be sanctioned in that event.

10. If an event at a competition has less than the minimum requirement, 8/4 or 4/2, the competitor/dog team will play for qualifying points only. No champion points will be awarded.
11. Non-sanctioned entries may not run at a competition. Non-members may not run at a BDC fully sanctioned event. In addition, all membership must be purchased prior to the start of competition.
12. It is at the competition organizer's discretion whether or not to make available option pots.
13. Competition organizers must notify BDC of their intent/request to hold a BDC event at least 21 days in advance of the date of the event.

#### **H. ENTRY FEES**

1. All clubs and competition organizers must collect a sanctioning fee (to be sent to the BDC) from each dog's entry before any sanctioned brace is conducted. This fee should be a part of the entry fee.
2. Competitors may not enter a specific stake once it has begun.
3. Entering, dropping or changing of entries will not be allowed after the main event has started. If a competitor begins an event with a particular dog that competitor must complete the entire event with that dog. Under no circumstances will substitutions be allowed. Additionally, all entries must specify ALL of the following; handler/competitor, partner (if required in an event) and dog's name. In addition, handler's and/or partner's cannot be changed once the event begins unless there has been the individual has been injured.
4. Entry fees will not be refunded unless a special situation warrants it.
5. Deposits are non-refundable unless a competition or competition organizer was to cancel the competition prior to it beginning.

#### **I. PRIZES**

1. Clubs and competition organizers who conduct money challenges must post the percent of payout on the website 21 days in advance of the competition.
2. Trophies, certificates, ribbons and plaques are the responsibility of the club or competition organizer. At Super Major Competitions the trophy package will be the current authorized BDC package. BDC will supply the information to Tournament Directors awarded Super Majors.
3. Establishment of a separate "money pot" on the part of the club, competition organizer or competitors is left to the discretion of the club or competition organizer.
4. Prize winners who are not able to remain at a competition for the presentation of awards shall be responsible for making arrangements to pick up or ship their award(s). Awards that are left, will be recycled.

#### **J. DEFINITIONS**

##### **1. Dog Divisions**

Flushers: These dogs "flush" birds or catch birds on a hard flush.

Pointers: These dogs are required to maintain a non-advancing, pointed position for 3 consecutive seconds.

Hunters must determine prior to the beginning of the year what division their dog will compete in. The BDC permits all dogs, purebred and mixed breed to compete in their sanctioned challenges. However, it does not permit a dog that is intended to be a pointer or flusher to compete in the other division (i.e., a German Shorthair may not compete in the Flusher division). If a dog is a mixed breed and looks like a flushing dog, it is required to compete in the flushing division. If a dog is a mixed breed and it looks like a pointing dog, it is required to compete in the pointing division. Determination will be made by the organizations Executive Board. Some confusion has existed in the past in relationship to “Pointing Labs”, due to the fact that the APLA exists and recognizes this as indeed a separate and unique breed, this breed is the only flushing breed that is allowed to compete as a pointer.

Once a dog is entered in a Division (Flusher or Pointer) it must compete in this division for the entire calendar season – crossovers are not allowed.

## 2. Challenges

“*Money Challenges*” are defined as events where prize money and a trophy, certificate or plaque is awarded to the winners and top finishers. The percent of payout must be posted on the website 21 days in advance of the competition.

Competitors competing in “*Money Challenges*” will also be awarded Championship and Qualifying points based on their performance and placement.

The hosting club may or may not permit an optional pot (“*Options*”). This is an at risk wager placed exclusively by the hunter on his/her dog. The collected options pool for each event is distributed to only those who participated in the options pool on a weighted scale (determined by the hosting club or Event Organizer) by order of their dog’s finish. Players are not permitted to join the options pool after the start of the competition.

“*Non-Money Challenges*” are defined as events where no cash prize is awarded but winners and top finishers may receive a trophy, certificate, plaque or combination of such to recognize their achievement. All entries will be given a BDC Nationals qualifying score, and the winners of each event will receive Championship points.

## 3. Challenge Field

The lay of the land and the type of cover will determine field sizes. A minimum of a 12 acre field (140 yards x 415 yards) is the optimum size for competition. If the terrain is steep and has heavy cover, the field can be reduced in size. Cover should be heavy enough to hold the birds yet not too tall or thick so that the hunter cannot see the dog.

The field should be a safe distance from spectators and other challenge fields.

## 4. Scoring

Scores are the points awarded to a dog as determined by a scorekeeper in accordance with the BDC event rules.

Sanctioned scores require a sanctioning fee per entry to be paid to the BDC by clubs and event holders from entry fees collected. Fees must be collected from the club or event holder before the scores will become valid. Scores are entered into a database by dog’s name,

owner's name, handler's name and partner's name (in Doubles), and maintained for that dog's BDC Lifetime World Ranking and possible qualification toward the National and World Championships.

Qualifying points are awarded to all dogs competing in sanctioned events and are the basis for invitations to the National and World Championships. Championship points are awarded to all dogs placing in the top placements. Depending on the event, Top 3 or Top 5 placements will earn Championship points.

High Point Dogs will be based on Champion points and be selected from the Top Gun Events, Doubles Events, Hunter Events, and Puppy Events for both Pointing and Flushing Divisions. High Point Dogs in each division will receive special recognition commemorating this achievement overall and per region.

Regional High Point Dogs, Player of the Year, Puppy, Masters, Hunter, Ladies and Youth awards are based on Championship points from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of that current season.

#### **K. BDC QUALIFYING POINTS**

These points are calculated based on the number of dogs competing in a specific event and awarded based on the order of each dog placement. In a two or three run format it will be determined on combined scores or if one run format as in doubles or masters it will be placement on single run. In events that allow a dog to enter more than once you will only receive points for the highest placement of that dog. Subsequent placement points do not count and do not slide. A dog will only be counted twice.

For example: 20 dogs are entered in your event and division

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 20 Qualifying Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 19 Qualifying Points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 18 Qualifying Points

20<sup>th</sup> Place: 1 Qualifying Points

In a Prelim and finals format it will be the top dogs placement in the finals. In the Preliminary Fields, we will remove the dogs advancing to the finals, score the next point amount and subtract by the multiplier (# fields). In addition, if one field has fewer dogs than the other(s), the last place dog in the shorter field's points will match the final spots in the other field(s). In this instance, there will several dogs that received that certain number of Qualifying Points. For example: 30 dogs are entered in your event and division and 10 proceed to the finals.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 30 Qualifying Points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 29 Qualifying Points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 28 Qualifying Points

10<sup>th</sup> Place: 21 Qualifying points

Two preliminary fields were used. Field A had 15 dogs in it and Field B had 12. The highest placed dog in both fields will received 20 Qualifying Points. We will subtract by 2 from that point. With 5 from each advancing to the finals, the 6<sup>th</sup> Place dog in each preliminary field gets 10 Qualifying Points. The 7<sup>th</sup> Place dog gets 8 points. Because this is the last placement in Field B, all remaining dogs in Field A receive 8 Qualifying Points as well.

For Format where two runs are added (ie: Nationals) to determine who advances to finals would use same scenario as Prelim and finals format but use totals of the two runs together to

determine placements in fields.

For Match Play (ie: Worlds) the following formula will apply  
For example if 72 dogs are entered and 10 advance to finals:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 72 Qualifying Points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 71 Qualifying Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 70 Qualifying Points
- 10<sup>th</sup> Place: 63 Qualifying Points

First round losers 36 minus 1 that advances through loser brackets: add total number of points available for each placement from 1 to 35 and divide by number of dogs 35 which would be 630 divided by 35 equals 18 so each first round loser receives 18 pts.

Second round losers 18: add total number of points available for each placement 36 to 54 and divide by number of dogs 18 which would be 855 divided by 18 equals 47.5 round up so each second round loser receives 48 pts.

Third round losers 9: add total number of points available for each placement 55 to 63 and divide by number of dogs 9 which would be 531 divided by 9 equals 59 so each third round loser receives 59 pts

Qualifying Points will be the criteria used to determine the field for the BDC National Championships and break ties in the BDC World Rankings.

#### **L. QUALIFYING FOR THE BDC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Qualification for the BDC National Championships will begin on January 1 and go to December 31 and is determined in the following order:
  - a. Autobids at Super Majors. Top 5 in Top Gun and Doubles; Champions in Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Hunter, and Youth. Autobids will slide to the next unqualified dog.
  - b. Autobids at Declared Majors. Top 3 in Top Gun and Doubles. Autobids will slide to the next unqualified dog.
  - c. All dogs with sixteen (16) Championship Points or more in a season (January 1-December 31). The top twenty (20) dogs in each Region based on Qualifying Points in a season (January 1-December 31) who do not have sixteen (16) Champion points or an Autobid.
2. Competitors must compete in National Qualifiers, Declared Majors and Super Major competitions to qualify for the BDC National Championships.

#### **M. QUALIFYING & SEEDING AT THE BDC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

1. Qualification for the BDC World Championships will begin the day AFTER Labor Day and go through Labor Day the following year and is determined by:
  - a. Autobids at Super Majors. Top 5 in Top Gun and Doubles; Champions in Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Hunter, and Youth. Autobids will slide to the next unqualified dog.
  - b. Autobids at Declared Majors. Top 3 in Top Gun and Doubles. Autobids will slide to the next unqualified dog.
  - c. All dogs with sixteen (16) Championship Points or more in a Worlds qualifying season (the day after Labor Day through Labor Day). This is done in each division.
  - d. The top twenty (20) dogs in each Region based on Qualifying Points in a Worlds qualifying season (the day after Labor Day through Labor Day) who do not have sixteen (16) Champion points.

2. If an inadequate number of dogs have registered for either the National or World Championships by some period before the event, determined by the BDC executive committee, registration may be opened to other dogs as well, at the discretion of the BDC Executive Committee.

## **N. TYPES OF COMPETITIONS**

1. “*Qualifying*” Competitions are *typically* smaller, local competitions consisting of a number of nearby competitors qualifying their dog for the BDC National Championships.

Championship points for National Qualifying events are awarded to the top three (3) dogs in each event as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 3 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 1 point

Field points will not be allowed at Qualifier events.

2. “*Earned Major*” Competitions are any event that draws 20 unique sanctioned dogs or has 30 sanctioned entries with no dog counting more than twice. These events will bestow Championship Points based upon its top 5 finishing dogs.

Champion points for an Earned Major are awarded to the top five (5) dogs are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 15 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 12 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 9 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: 6 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: 3 points

3. “*BDC Declared Major Championship*” Competitions are selected events that bring together a more diverse and often stronger field than the Qualifiers. A Declared Major will be considered by the board once a promoter has held prior events that have been well attended and successful. Promoters must request approval of the board to host a Declared Major. All Declared Majors must be fully sanctioned BDC events.
  - a. If a Declared Major fails to attract 20 fully sanctioned (different) dogs in at least one stake in any given year, it is put on probation and will be reviewed by the Advisory Board as to the status of the shoot. After review, the Advisory Board may remove the events status as a Declared Major and will not be promoted by the BDC as Declared Major Championship.
  - b. Declared Majors will be reviewed following the event to determine if it will hold its Declared Major status the following year.
  - c. Top Gun and Doubles Top 3 winners of a Declared Major will receive an autobid to the National and World Championships.

Championship points for BDC Declared Major Championship Competitions are awarded to the top five (5) dogs as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 20 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 16 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 12 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: 8 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: 4 points

However, for any Declared Major Championship stake (other than Top Gun and Doubles) that does not meet the minimum threshold of 20 different sanctioned dogs or 30 entries, the top five (5) finishers will be awarded points based on the number of dogs in each class. If an

event attracts a minimum of 20 dogs, full points are awarded. If an event attracts 10 to 19

dogs, half points are awarded, and 4 to 9 dogs will receive points as if it were a qualifier (5,3,1). This is only for the following classes Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Youth, Amateur and One Dog competitions. Regardless of the number of dogs competing in Top Gun or Doubles stakes at a Super Major Championship, full Championship points will be awarded.

In Declared Major events with a run off, all dogs qualifying for the run off that do not place in the top five placements for the tournament, will receive 2 Championship Points, provided that points for competing in a run off shall not be awarded to more than ½ the total number of dogs competing in the stake.

**Field/Day Points (5,3,1) are awarded when multiple fields are used. However, if a stake fails to attract 20 unique dogs, Field/Day Points will not be awarded.**

If an event that allows a dog to enter multiple times in a given stake (either with the same or different handlers), and fewer than 20 unique dogs are entered in that stake, a dog will not receive multiple BDC Championship Points for multiple placements. Moreover, Championship points will be blocked by that dog and will not slide down to subsequent placing dogs.

4. “BDC Super Major Championship” Competitions are our most prestigious and coveted titles, often representing the strongest fields of competition found anywhere. Current competitions recognized in this elite category are listed on the BDC Website under the events section. BDC reserves the right to revoke sanctioning at any time for cause as determined by BDC.

Winners of these competitions in the Main Event events receive an Automatic Bid with that dog to the following year’s BDC National Championships, and the Top 5 dogs in Main and the Champion dogs in Puppy, Masters, Amateur, Ladies, and Youth receive an Automatic Bid to the BDC World Championships.

A winner of a Super Major that attracts 20 unique sanctioned dogs is also eligible to purchase a BDC Black Jacket in Top Gun, Doubles, Puppy, Ladies, and Masters Divisions. In addition, Hall of Fame dogs are eligible to purchase a black jacket.

Championship points for BDC Super Major Championship Competitions (other than BDC Nationals and BDC World Championships) are awarded to the top five (5) dogs as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 30 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 26 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 22 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: 18 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: 14 points

**Field/Day Points (5,3,1) are awarded when multiple fields are used. However, if a stake fails to attract 20 unique dogs, Field/Day Points will not be awarded.**

However, for any Super Major Championship stake (other than Top Gun and Doubles) that does not meet the minimum threshold of 20 different sanctioned dogs or 30 entries, the top five (5) finishers will be awarded points based on the number of dogs in each class. If an event attracts a minimum of 20 dogs, full points are awarded. If an event attracts 10 to 19 dogs, half points are awarded, and 4 to 9 dogs will receive points as if it were a qualifier (5,3,1). This is only for the following classes Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Youth, Amateur and One Dog competitions. Regardless of the number of dogs competing in Top Gun or Doubles stakes at a Super Major Championship, full Championship points will be awarded.

Additionally, if the Super Major Championship allows a dog to enter multiple times in a given stake (either with the same or different handlers), and fewer than 20 unique BDC sanctioned dogs are entered in that stake, a dog will not receive multiple BDC Champion Points for multiple finishes in the top 5. Moreover, points will be blocked by that dog and will not slide down to subsequent placing dogs.

A Super Major that does not draw the minimum threshold of 20 different sanctioned dogs in Top Gun or Doubles will go to the Advisory board for review of the status of that shoot for the next year.

In Super Major events with a run-off, in addition to Field Points, all dogs qualifying for the run-off that do not place in the top five placements for the tournament, will receive 5 Championship Points, providing that points for competing in a run-off shall not be awarded to more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total number of dogs competing in the stake.

Championship points for BDC Nationals and BDC World Championships are awarded to the top seven (7) dogs as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 50 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 44 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 38 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: 32 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: 24 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place: 20 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place: 14 points

At the National and World Championships in events with a run-off, in addition to Field Points, all dogs qualifying for the run-off that do not place in the top seven placements for the tournament, will receive 10 Championship Points, providing that points for competing in a run-off shall not be awarded to more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total number of dogs competing in the stake.

Except that  $\frac{1}{2}$  such points will be awarded in any stake in which fewer than 20 unique dogs are entered. **Field/Day Points (5,3,1) are awarded when multiple fields are used. However, if a stake fails to attract 20 unique dogs, Field/Day Points will not be awarded.**

## **O. FIELD POINTS**

Field Points will be given with the following limitations

- ❖ Field points will not be allowed at Qualifier events
- ❖ Field points will not be allowed at Earned Majors.
- ❖ Field points will be allowed at Declared Majors and Super Majors and the National and World Championships, if otherwise appropriate (i.e. multiple qualifying fields are used or the competition is a two day event format with no run-off).
- ❖ Field points will not be allowed for both morning and afternoon use of field. Only one set of field points will be awarded each day for each qualifying field used.
- ❖ Events awarding field points will be expected to have a normal amount of throughput at each field. However, this requirement may be subject to a heat exception depending on location and time of year. Heat exceptions may be

granted by the BDC Executive Committee, in which case that fact will be noted with the respect to the event on the BDC website.

❖ **Field Points will only be awarded if the stake has 20 unique dogs entered.**

## **P. CO-SANCTIONING**

1. At its discretion, BDC may co-sanction competitions held under the auspices of other tournament sanctioning organizations under the following conditions:
  - a. The host and/or competition organizers must collect a sanctioning fee of \$20.00 from each competition run.
  - b. All competitors are required to have a BDC Membership.
  - c. All BDC rules must be adhered to.

