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Structure Of Organization

The structure of the BDC organization is composed of two Executive Board members and Six Advisory Board members. All decisions made for changing By Laws and/or rules of the BDC organization are presented to the Executive Board to be voted on by the Advisory board. The two Executive Board members constitute the 7th and 8th placement on the Advisory Board.

BDC Advisory Board

As tradition in the BDC organization, all changes made to the BDC are voted on by the BDC Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is comprised of tournament hunting players throughout the country, each bringing a wealth of diverse experience and a shared commitment to prioritizing the interests of our members. Any improvement or change is brought to the Executive Board in which it gets voted on, signed and dated by the BDC Advisory Board. The "change" will be integrated when the Advisory Board feels the appropriate time is needed. If you have anything you would like to see change or improve, please contact one of the BDC Advisory Board members.

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Article I: Membership Criteria

Your BDC membership runs the same as our Tournament Hunting Season. January 1st to December 31st.

All members pay for their membership and create an account on the BDC Website.

Your account will provide all information needed to track you and your dog(s) history of playing our sport in the BDC organization.

Your account will be inactive until your membership is paid.

You are required to fill out all forms accurately under your account. This enables us to track you as a player and your dog's points throughout the year and beyond.

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.

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.

Article II: Player Code of Conduct

Please read carefully before accepting and agreeing.

All competitors and those affiliated with a competitor agree to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and socially responsible manner. Competitors will not engage in behavior that damages the image of the BDC, its affiliates, sponsors or other competitors.

All competitors agree to refrain from behavior or language that might be perceived as threatening or offensive. This behavior and language should not be hearsay, and must be directed toward the person feeling threatened or offended.

Competitors will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with another teammate, competitor, sponsor, attendee or BDC representative at any time. This includes post event communication via email, social media, telephone, etc.

All competitors agree not to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health or safety of themselves, another competitor, spectator, attendee, sponsor, BDC representative, host or dog at any time.

All competitors agree to respect and support the decisions or rulings as administered by an official, host, marshal or other BDC representative. Once this ruling is made, it is final.

Competitors will not judge from the gallery.

All competitors understand that they are financially responsible for all fees and costs associated with competing and being a member of the BDC.

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

All competitors 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 as determined by the BDC Executive Board along with the BDC Advisory Board.

Violations of the Player Code of Conduct which are determined to be worthy of suspension or banishment will be determined by the BDC Executive Board along with the BDC Advisory Board. These determinations will be made and communicated via conference call and/or personal hearing, and then communicated in writing once a length of time is established. Under no circumstance will a competitor and his dog be allowed to compete in a BDC sanctioned competition during the time of suspension or banishment.

It is the intent of the BDC to host competitions whereby its competitors, participants, hosts, spectators, and the sponsors are able to have the greatest upland experience, to create an environment that is safe while enjoying a valued competition that is highly entertaining, and also exhibits the finest quality of dog work. No individual or party diminishing this intent will be tolerated or welcome within our organization.

Ignorance of the rules will not be grounds for protest. Any situation not covered in these rules or in the rulebook, is considered bad luck for the competitor. If it is in the rulebook that you can, you can; if it is in the rulebook that you can't, you can't; if it is not in the rulebook, you cannot.

Manipulation of these Codes of Conduct in any way that they were not intended, will not be tolerated.

Article III: Dog Breeds Criteria

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.

“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.

Pointing Lab rules:

1. The owner must determine which division (Pointing or Flushing) that dog will run for one calendar year. Once that division is chosen that dog cannot change its status until that season is concluded.
2. The dog may not cross over from each side during that calendar year.
3. The owner may switch the status of the division before competing in the new calendar year with approval from the advisory board.
4. Any Pointing Lab entering in the following National Championships must run in the division that was declared for the year of that National Championships. Ex: Pointing in 24’ they must run Pointing in the 24’ National Championships that takes place in 25’

Article IV: Two Ways to Earn Points

There are two-point systems that run during our yearly calendar year side by side throughout the season.

Champion Point System:

Points are awarded based on the number of points available at the event hosted. Champion points are only awarded to Placements, Finalist and Day/Field Points depending on the status of each tournament.

Qualifying Point System:

Qual points are earned by the number of dogs you advance over at each event.

Article V: Event Formats

Ways to Earn Champion Points

Champion Points are earned by the top 3 or 5 placements based on the number of dogs entered. The number of Champion Points available is based on the number of entries in that division. The more dogs entered, the more points awarded, when the division earns the number of dogs needed for that point value.

Qualifying Events (Q1A, Q1 and Q2)

- Q1A: 4-7 Unique Sanctioned Dogs. Top Gun and Doubles are EXCLUDED from this point system. This point system only pertains to Puppy, Ladies, Master, Youth and Hunter. 3-2-1 points will be awarded for the top 3 placements in the above-mentioned divisions.
- Q1: 8-12 Unique Sanctioned Dogs. Points available to top 3 placements of 5, 3, 1
- Q2: 13-19 Unique Sanctioned Dogs. Points available to the top 5 Placements of 10,8,6,4,2

Qualifying Event Rules

1. At "NO" time may a promoter be able to hold two qualifying events in one day. Each day equals "ONE" qualifying event
2. A Qualifying weekend event can be one of three combinations only: Q1 and Q1, Q2 and Q2, Earned Major and Q1

Earned Major

When an event attracts 20 unique sanctioned dogs or 30 sanctioned entries, in any division, the event earns the right of a "Earned Major". "Earned Majors" points of 15, 13, 11, 9, 7 will be awarded to the top 5 placements.

Earned Major Rules

1. There "cannot" be more than one earned Major in a weekend
2. An Earned Major "must" have a final or two runs combined to be considered a Earned Major
3. An Earned Major can only be paired with a Q1 during a weekend event.
4. There must be 4 days between an Earned Major event in the same area.
5. Earned Majors must be 300 driving miles apart on the same weekend for the points to count.
6. Any events that take place within 300 driving miles of each other on the same weekend cannot earn "Earned Major" status

Declared Majors

When you look at the event schedule and see that the event is a "Declared Major" that means the event was successful with 20 or more unique sanctioned dogs for 3 years running. Therefore, they achieved "Declared Major" status. If the event fails to sustain those entries, they can fall back to a Q1, Q2, or Earned Major Status. This is reviewed by the Advisory Board each year.

Declared Major Points start at 20 and go down by 3's for the top 5 placements: 20, 17, 14, 11, 8

BDC Declared Major Championship Competitions are selected events that bring together a more diverse and often stronger field than Qualifying events. A Declared Major will be considered by the board once a promoter has held prior events that have been well attended and successful for a minimum of 3 years. Promoters must request approval of the board to host a Declared Major. All Declared Majors must be fully sanctioned BDC events.

- If a Declared Major fails to attract 20 unique sanctioned dogs in at least one stake (TG or Doubles) 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 event's status as a Declared Major and will not be promoted by the BDC as Declared Major Championship.
- Declared Majors will be reviewed following the event to determine if it will hold its Declared Major status the following year.

However, for any Declared Major Championship stake (other than Top Gun and Doubles) that does not meet the minimum of 20 unique sanctioned dogs or 30 sanctioned 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 13-19 dogs Q2 points will be awarded, and 8 to 12 dogs will receive Q1 points, 4-7 dogs entered will receive Q1A Points. This is only for the following classes: Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Youth and Hunter.

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 1/2 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 sanctioned dogs, day/field points will not be awarded.

Declared Majors qualify for Day/Field Points of 5,3,1.

- Combined run format: each field receives Day/Field Points
- Bracket Format: Each prelim field receives Day/Field Points
- Match Play Format: Formula for Day/Field Points

Earned Super Majors

An event that holds “Declared Major” status for a minimum of 3 years will be reviewed by the Advisory Board to be awarded “Earned Super Major” status. Earned Super Major status raises the point system to start at 26 and go down by 4’s for the top 5 placements: 26, 22, 18, 14, 10

BDC Earned Super Major Championship” Competitions are selected earned events that bring together a more diverse and often stronger field than Qualifying events. An Earned Super Major will be considered by the board once a promoter has held Declared Major status for a minimum of 3 years. Promoters must request approval of the board to achieve Earned Super Major status. All Earned Super Major events must be fully sanctioned BDC events.

If an Earned Super Major fails to attract 20 unique sanctioned 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 event’s status as an Earned Super Major and will not be promoted by the BDC as a Earned Super Major Championship. The status of the event will be evaluated by the BDC Advisory board.

Earned Super Majors will be reviewed following the event to determine if it will hold its Earned Super Major status the following year.

However, for any Earned Super Major Championship stake (other than Top Gun and Doubles) that does not meet the minimum of 20 unique sanctioned dogs or 30 sanctioned 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 13-19 dogs Q2 points will be awarded, and 8 to 12 dogs will receive Q1 points, under 8 dogs entered will receive Qual points only. This is only for the following classes Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Youth and Amateur.

In Earned Super 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 5 Championship Points, provided that points for competing in a run off shall not be awarded to more than 1/2 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 sanctioned dogs, day/field points will not be awarded.

Earned Super Majors qualify for Day/Field Points of 5,3,1.

- Combined run format: each field receives Day/Field Points
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- Match Play Format: Formula for Day/Field Points

Earned Super Major Awards

All Earned Super Majors are required to have awards. However, the awards are not governed by the BDC

Super Majors

Super Major are the largest events hosted each year with the most points available. All Super Major events listed on the schedule bring a point value of starting at 30 and going down by 4's for the top 5 Placements: 30,26,22,18,14. All finalists at any Super Major are awarded 5 Champion points. Regardless of the number of dogs competing in Top Gun or Doubles stakes at a Super Major Championship, full Championship points will be awarded.

However, for any Super Major Championship stake (other than Top Gun and Doubles) that does not meet the minimum threshold of 20 unique sanctioned dogs or 30 Sanctioned 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 13 to 19 unique sanctioned dogs, Q2 points will be awarded. If an event attracts 8-12 unique sanctioned dogs, Q1 points will be awarded. 4 to 7 dogs 5,3,1. This is only for the following classes Puppy, Masters, Ladies, Youth, Amateur.

Trophy Package

Promoters of Super Major Competitions must acquire the approved BDC trophy package. The BDC will supply all information needed to the promoter, for purchase of the awards prior to the event.

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 events that allow a dog to enter more than once you will only receive points for the highest placement of that dog, the second score will go to lifetime only. 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

- 1st Place: 20 Qualifying Points
- 2nd Place: 19 Qualifying Points
- 3rd Place: 18 Qualifying Points
- 20th Place: 1 Qualifying Points

In a Prelim and finals format it will be the top dog's 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.

- 1st Place: 30 Qualifying Points
- 2nd Place: 29 Qualifying Points
- 3rd Place: 28 Qualifying Points
- 10th 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 receive 20 Qualifying Points. We will subtract by 2 from that point. With 5 from each advancing to the finals, the 6th Place dog in each preliminary field gets 10 Qualifying Points. The 7th 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 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 field placements.

For Match Play the following formula will apply.

For example, if 72 dogs are entered and 10 advance to finals:

- 1st Place: 72 Qualifying Points
- 2nd Place: 71 Qualifying Points
- 3rd Place: 70 Qualifying Points
- 10th 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

Qual points are equally earned at BDC Sanctioned/ BDC Co Sanctioned events based on the number of dogs you advanced over.

Double Entry for Qualifying Points

If a dog enters an event twice:

- Their highest placement will go for yearly and lifetime points
- Their lowest placement will go for lifetime points only

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

Only one set of field points will be awarded each day for each qualifying field used.

Entering a Dog Twice

In ANY event hosted (Q1, Q2, Earned Major, Declared Major, Earned Super Major, Super Major) if the promoter allows the dog to run twice; The highest score will go to yearly and lifetime points. The second score will go to Lifetime Points only.

Article VI: BDC Co-Sanctioned events

Any association may co sanction with the BDC while using a different rule set other than the BDC. It is your responsibility as a player to understand the rules prior to competing at each co sanctioned event.

At the BDC Advisory Board discretion, BDC may co-sanction competitions held under the auspices of other tournament sanctioning organizations or clubs. The host, organizer and/or sanctioning group for such competitions shall indemnify BDC against any liability for any and all injuries or accidents occurring at their events.

The host and/or competition organizers must collect a sanctioning fee of \$20.00 per run from each co-sanctioned dog's entry before any co-sanctioned brace is conducted.

They must also direct the player to the BDC website to purchase a BDC membership for their points to be awarded.

If BDC members choose to sanction their runs they must sanction ALL their runs in that "division" to receive points.

If a dog is running "twice" in that division, with two different handlers, they must sanction BOTH RUNS for points to be earned from either and/or entry. If they fail to sanction BOTH runs points will NOT count for either entry at that event.

These fees must be sent to the BDC within ten (10) business days after completion of the competition.

BDC, with respect to co-sanctioned competitions, is to recognize all Qualifying Points and Champion points earned at the event.

All Co Sanctioned entries will receive Champion and Qualifying Points, from the event based on the total number of unique entries. The point value is determined by the number of unique dogs in each division, for points to be awarded.

“Amateur” events at other Association competitions will be recognized as BDC “Puppy” events. Qualifying Points and Championship Points for the event will be based on the number of unique dogs that qualify as puppies under BDC rules.

Co-Sanctioned Doubles Events

Cowboy Doubles: Is one handler running two dogs in the field simultaneously.

Rules:

1. The handler will receive the points earned
2. Each “individual” dog will receive half of the points awarded
3. One run, with two dogs, is required to pay one sanctioning fee
4. Since one sanctioning fee per two dogs is required that entry is considered one unique entry. Example: One entry (is considered one unique dog) to fall into each points category. Example: 10 unique sanctioned entries is 20 dogs.
5. The number of unique entries determines the points earned.
6. When points are being split between dogs, the number of points will round up
7. Any entry that the player is signed up for, in this division MUST be Sanctioned in order to receive points. Failure to do so will result in NO entries receiving points. Players may NOT pick and choose which runs they want to sanction. They must sanction all runs they are signed up for to receive ANY points.

Two Dog Doubles: Are two handlers running two dogs in the field simultaneously

1. Each player receives half the points awarded.
2. Each dog receives half the points awarded
3. One run with two dogs is required to pay one sanctioning fee
4. Since one sanctioning fee per two dogs is required that entry is considered one unique entry. Example: One entry (is considered one unique dog) to fall into each points category. Example: 10 unique sanctioned entries is 20 dogs.
5. The number of unique entries determines the points earned
6. When points are being split, the number of points will round up
7. Any entry that the player is signed up for, in this division MUST be Sanctioned in order to receive points. Failure to do so will result in NO entries receiving points. Players may NOT pick and choose which runs they want to sanction. They must sanction all runs they are signed up for to receive ANY points.

Any sanctioned dog running in Two Dog Doubles format must have 3 sanctioned events to be qualified for the BDC National Championships. This excludes running twice at the same event, separate events only.

Article VII: Money 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 and Qualifying points.

Article VIII: Qualifying For the BDC National Championships

In order for a dog to be qualified for BDC Nationals the dog(s) must run 3 separate BDC Sanctioned or Co Sanctioned events; They must sanction all their runs per division at BDC Co Sanctioned events, during the seasonal calendar year. Dogs with less than 3 events will NOT be qualified to compete at the BDC National Championships.

Young Puppy Approval

If a Puppy was born (with proof) during the seasonal calendar year, the owner can inquire to the BDC Advisory Board, to be able to run one event in the last quarter of the season to be qualified for the BDC National Championships. The Puppy will only be allowed to compete if it is approved by the BDC Advisory Board. However, the Puppy will NOT be allowed to play for the added money from the calendar year. The Puppy is allowed to play ANY division, as well as play for any division payouts, at the BDC National Championships.

New Member

A new member is described as someone that joins the BDC who has had NO prior affiliation to the BDC. Any player that has had any priory BDC membership does NOT qualify.

If a new player becomes a member late in the seasonal calendar year, they may request approval of the BDC Advisory board to run their dog(s) in one event in the last quarter of the year to become qualified for the BDC National Championships. However, the new members' dog(s) will NOT be allowed to play for the added money from the calendar year sanctioning fees that is awarded at Nationals. The competitor and dog are allowed to play ANY Division, as well as play for any division payouts at the National Championships.

Article IX: Points Earned at BDC Nationals

BDC National Championship Points

All points earned at the BDC National Championships go to Lifetime only.

BDC points earned in the Top Gun and Doubles at the BDC National Championships get added to yearly points to determine Contender Series Point Champions.

BDC Nationals Points; Do NOT count in the current running season.

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

- 1st Place: 50 points
- 2nd Place: 44 points
- 3rd Place: 38 points
- 4th Place: 32 points
- 5th Place: 26 points
- 6th Place: 20 points
- 7th Place: 14 points

At the National 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 1/2 the total number of dogs competing in the stake.

Except that 1/2 such points will be awarded in any stakes 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.

Article X: Four Yearly Awards

There are three yearly awards that run simultaneously throughout the seasonal calendar year. (Jan 1st to Dec 31st) The points you earn in both Champion and Qual, accumulate throughout the year to see if you qualify for one or more of the three yearly awards.

The Invitational

At the end of the season once all the points are in and confirmed, the top 12 spots for the Invitational run off, are determined by awarding the top 6 "Champion Point" dogs and the Top 6 "Qual Point dogs". These dogs are awarded their spot by alternating from "Champion Point" dog to "Qual Point" dog until the top 12 dogs are determined. Those top 12 dogs are invited to the Invitational Run Off, which takes place each year. This event is held at THE OPEN Super Major in which the date is set each year.

If a player(s) declines their spot, the spot will slide down and keep sliding down until all 12 spots are filled.

A player is allowed to run one flushing dog and one pointing dog.

The format in which the Invitational will be determined by the BDC Advisory Board, well in advance, prior to the event.

Dog of the Year Run Off

At the end of the season (December 31st) once all the points are in and confirmed, the top 12 spots for the Dog of the Year title are determined by awarding the top 6 "Champion Point" dogs and the Top 6 "Qual Point" dogs. These dogs are awarded their spot by alternating from "Champion Point" dog to "Qual Point" dog until the top 12 dogs are determined. Those top 12 dogs are invited to the Dog of the Year run off, which takes place each year at the start of the BDC National Championships. (If the last place dog is a tie, all dogs in the tie will compete.)

If any of the top 12 dogs invited cannot attend the event the spot does NOT slide down.

If a dog is unable to compete due to death or veterinarian certified injury or illness it will slide to the next dog on the same point side as that dog qualified in. It will slide as many times as necessary for this reason.

Dog of the Year Run Off Player Rules (Voted Jan 2025)

1. A player may have multiple dogs, in their name, be able to earn a DOY spot(s)
2. A player may only run "ONE" of the dogs that qualify for DOY, per division
3. The player/owner must run the dog with the "Highest" points earned at the DOY run off
4. Any Additional dog(s) owned by the player can be run by anyone who is a BDC member.
5. A player may "NOT" run multiple times in the DOY run off. One time only.

Determining "Dog of the Year" Winner

The winner of the "Dog of the Year" is determined by the dog/player that is required to compete in one Top Gun run and One Doubles run with a chosen partner, who must be a BDC member. Those two runs will be combined to see who will be crowned the "Dog of the Year" Champion.

Dog of the Year Awards

- A BDC Trophy
- A DOY Patch for your black jacket
- A Payout from a portion of the yearly sanctioning fees
- An entry in either the Top Gun or Doubles of the same week Nationals.
- **If you don't attend the same week Nationals you forfeit that entry.

Puppy of the Year_(Changed 01/25)

At the end of the season once all the points are in and confirmed, the top 8 spots for the Puppy of the Year title are determined by awarding the top 4 "Champion Point" dogs and the Top 4 "Qual Point" dogs. These dogs are awarded their spot by alternating from "Champion Point" dog to "Qual Point" dog until the top 8 dogs are determined. Those top 8 dogs are invited to the Puppy of the Year run off, which takes place each year at the start of the BDC National Championships. (If the last place dog is a tie, all dogs in the tie will compete.)

If any of the top 8 dogs invited cannot attend the event the spot does NOT slide down.

If a dog is unable to compete due to death or veterinarian certified injury or illness it will slide to the next dog on the same point side as that dog qualified in. It will slide as many times as necessary for this reason.

Puppy of the Year Run Off Player Rules (Voted Jan 25')

1. A player may have multiple dogs, in their name, be able to earn a POY spot(s)
2. A player may only run "ONE" of the dogs that qualify for POY, per division
3. The player/owner must run the dog with the "Highest" points earned at the POY run off
4. Any additional dog(s) owned by the player can be run by anyone who is a BDC member.
5. A player may "NOT" run multiple times in the POY run off. One time only.

Determining "Puppy of the Year Winner

The winner of the "Puppy of the Year" is determined by the dog/player that is required to compete in two (2) Top Gun runs "combined" to see who will be crowned the "Puppy of the Year" Champion.

Puppy of the Year Awards

- A BDC Trophy
- A POY Patch for your Black Jacket
- Added Money payout, which is a portion of yearly sanctioned puppy runs.

The Contender Series

The Contender Series award is exciting as your yearly points get carried to our year end BDC National Championships. At the end of each season both your "Champion" and "Qual" Points earned during the previous season are carried to the National Championships to be combined with the points earned in the Top Gun Division and Doubles Division that take place at the BDC Nationals. This will decide the Contender Series winner at the conclusion of the BDC National Championships.

3 Contender Series Awards

1. Champion Point Dog: Yearly Champion points, combined with Champion points earned in TG (50 points) and Doubles (50 points) to determine your Contender Series- Champion Point Winner
2. Qual Point Dog: Yearly Qual points, combined with qual points earned (number of dogs) in both the TG and Doubles event to determine your Contender Series- Qual Point Winner
3. High Point Dog: A dog that wins both the Champion Point and Qual point Series at the conclusion of Nationals.

Contender Series Prizes

Each winner of the Contender Series earns a personalized Contender Series Jacket with the handler and dog's name embroidered on it.

Article XI: 'of the Year' Awards

Player of the Year Awards

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. These two National awards are received for the number one player in the Flushing Division (Flushing Player of the Year) and the number one player in the Pointing Division (Pointing Player of the Year)

Ladies Player of the Year

Ladies Player of the Year will be a runoff at Nationals with the Top six (6) ladies from each division based on Qual Points or 5 Events attended. (Ladies must have a minimum of 50 qual points in either Ladies or Top Gun Division or 5 events. If there is a tie for the last spot the most champion points will earn that spot.)

This will not slide if someone does not participate. The winners of each runoff will be determining the Flushing Ladies Player of Year and the Pointing Ladies Player of the Year.

Masters Player of the Year

At the end of the season once all the points are in and confirmed, the top 8 spots for the Master Player of the Year run off is determined by awarding the top 4 "Champion Point" dogs and the Top 4 "Qual Point dogs". These dogs are awarded their spot by alternating from "Champion Point" dog to "Qual" point dog until the top 8 dogs are determined. Those top 8 dogs are invited to the Masters Player of the Year run off, which takes place each year at the start of the BDC National Championships. (If the last place dog is a tie, all dogs in the tie will compete.)

Masters Player off the Year Run Off Player Rules (Voted Jan 25')

1. A player may have multiple dogs, in their name, be able to earn a MPOY spot(s)
2. A player may only run "ONE" of the dogs that qualify for MPOY, per division
3. The player/owner must run the dog with the "Highest" points earned at the MPOY run off
4. Any Additional dog(s) owned by the player can be run by anyone who is a BDC member that qualifies for the Master Division.
5. A player may "NOT" run multiple times in the MPOY run off. One time only.

Determining "Masters Player of the Year Winner

The winner of the "Masters Player of the Year" is determined by the dog/player that is required to compete in two (2) Top Gun runs "combined" to see who will be crowned the "Masters Player of the Year" Champion.

The Master Player of the Year Awards

- A BDC Trophy
- A POY Patch for your Black Jacket
- Added Money payout, which is a portion of yearly sanctioned Masters runs.

Youth Player of the Year

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

Amateur Player of the Year

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

Article XII: Earning a Black Jacket

One of the great accomplishments is winning your Black Jacket in the BDC organization is earning your Black Jacket.

A Black Jacket is earned by the status of BDC prestigious events:

- When you win any Super Major in Top Gun, Doubles, Puppy, Ladies, and Masters Divisions only, provided that division has 20 or more unique sanctioned dogs. Anything less than 20 unique sanctioned dogs in these divisions does not qualify you to earn a Black Jacket
- Any dog that wins the prestigious award of “Dog of the Year” is qualified to win their Black Jacket. The partner does not qualify to earn Black Jacket. The partner will however be awarded a “Dog of the Year” patch for their current or future Black Jacket.
- Any dog that is entered into the Hall of Fame, is eligible for a black jacket for their Hall of Fame status.

Acquiring your Black Jacket

- Contact the BDC to acquire your Black Jacket
- Black Jackets are only awarded at the BDC Nationals. Any other times must be approved by the BDC Advisory board
- Black Jackets require a presentation. Therefore, you must appoint a respected player to present you with your Black Jacket the night of the Banquet at the BDC Nationals.

Article XIII: Hall Of Fame Guidelines

- Every point (champion and qual) earned goes towards lifetime points of the dog
- A dog must be Nominated to The Hall of Fame. A member of the BDC must turn in a Nomination to one of the BDC Advisory Board Members. The Board member will present the dog to the BDC Advisory Board for the nomination. All nominations will be reviewed by the BDC Advisory Board and voted on to see who will be inducted into the BDC Hall Of Fame. The Nominations that did not make the Hall of Fame will have to be resubmitted for Nomination that following year.
- A dog must be retired from competition and/or deceased for two years before induction they can be nominated and/or inducted into the Hall of Fame
- A dog must meet new BDC Criteria once approved
- Minimum of two dogs from each side (Flusher and Pointer) are allowed to get inducted into the Hall of Fame each year at the BDC National Championships. The BDC Advisory board has the right to approve of more dogs on a yearly basis.