

# Promoting a BDC Event



# **Rules and Guidelines for BDC Promoters**

**The following information was standardized in order to ensure that BDC events being held around the country are consistent and fair to all players and their dogs.**

**BDC has come up with this handout to give existing and new promoters an outline to follow when planning an event.**

**As in any organization, it is impossible to put every scenario in print. Some details will be left to the common sense and ethics of the promoter. The information provided here has seen countless hours of scrutiny and discussion by the BDC advisory board. The board has always taken the players opinions in to account before making decisions and this document is an example of that.**

**As a promoter it is your responsibility to ensure that everyone attending your events is treated fairly and that they enjoy the time spent with you and your staff.**

**Prior to hosting an event and at any time during your event, you will be able to contact someone from the list below to answer questions or help make a rules decision. It is always better to question sooner than later.**

**At no time will a promoter be allowed to alter any of the formats listed in this document. The formats listed are approved and are the only formats that will ensure consistency in our great sport. Failure to comply could result in suspension and/or banishment from hosting events.**

**BDC would like to let you know how much we appreciate your participation as a promoter. Please call one of the following board members with any questions or concerns during the course of planning or hosting your event.**

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# **BDC Promoter Requirements**

## **BDC promoters must complete the following:**

All BDC promoters must be BDC members prior to submitting an event.

Any event must be advertised on the BDC website no less than 21 days prior to the start of the event. All details of the event must be provided which include, specific stakes and the format for each stake, day each stake is competing, bird species, entry fees, and payout (if any). Promoters must offer both Flushing and Pointing stakes.

Weekday events are not permitted unless approved by the BDC executive board. Weekday events are allowed if the event leads up to a Declared Major or a Super Major, but the event must be held within 100 miles of the Declared or Super Major. There are no guarantees that these events will be permitted however.

No entries in any stake can be accepted once the first competitor enters the field for the first run of that stake.

Full results and sanction fees (\$20.00/entry) must be submitted to BDC on the standard form within 10 days of the completion of the event. These results must include scores and times. Promoter penalty is incurred for every week past the 10 days the results and sanction fees are not submitted.

All contestants in any BDC event must be current BDC members in good standing.

Every person (players, bird setters, judges, spectators, etc.) on the grounds of a BDC sanctioned event must sign a waiver releasing NBDCA from any liabilities that may arise from injury or property damage.

To protect BDC promoters from having out-of-pocket expense due to competitors who do not show up or decide at the last minute that they are not going to attend, the BDC is implementing a NO SHOW AND LATE CANCELLATION POLICY. This will be a penalty that is incurred to competitors who enter an event and do not show up and/or do not give a promoter any notification that they are not attending. No show penalty will result in the competitor paying 100% of their entries fees to the promoter. Late cancellation is defined as a cancellation made to the promoter within 3 days or less of the event. Penalty incurred for a late cancellation is 50% of all entry fees. Promoters should inform the BDC of these penalties. Following this communication, competitors will be unable to participate in BDC related events until the promoter is paid in full.

## AVAILABLE DIVISIONS TO HOST

**Top Gun (Singles):** consists of one (1) hunter and one (1) dog. This team has a predetermined amount of time established by the promoter to safely harvest a minimum of three (3) qualifying birds.

**Doubles:** consists of two (2) hunters and one (1) dog. This team has a predetermined amount of time established by the promoter to safely harvest a minimum of four (4) qualifying birds.

**Puppy:** consists of one (1) competitor and one (1) dog whose age was twenty-four (24) months or younger on the first of the year (January 1). A dog meeting these criteria is allowed to compete in this event the entire year – its birthday has no significance until January 1 the following year and it is now recognized as a three (3) year old and is no longer able to compete as a puppy, with the exception of the National Championships the following year if qualified. This team has a predetermined amount of time established by the promoter to safely harvest a minimum of three (3) qualifying birds.

**Ladies:** consists of one (1) Lady Competitor and one (1) dog. This team has a predetermined amount of time established by the promoter to safely harvest a minimum of three (3) qualifying birds. If an event does not have a Ladies Division, competitors can enter the Top Gun Division and declare it as a Ladies competition run and earn qualifying points toward Ladies Player of the Year. If there is a payout in the Top Gun Division, promoters have the option of removing the pay-out percentage allowing a lesser entry fee for the ladies player. However, each lady player, has the option to keep the payout percentage in her entry fee to try to win it.

**Masters:** consists of consists of one (1) competitor and one (1) dog. A competitor in this division must be 50 years and older. This team has a predetermined amount of time established by the promoter to safely harvest a minimum of three (3) qualifying birds.

**Youth:** consists of one (1) competitor qualified as a youth (17 or younger) and one (1) dog. This team has a predetermined amount of time established by the promoter to safely harvest a minimum of three (3) qualifying birds. Youth competitors must provide a copy of their gun safety certificate prior to participation at a BDC event. If an event does not have a Youth Division, competitors can enter the Top Gun Division and declare it as a Youth competition run and earn qualifying points toward Youth Player of the Year. If there is a payout in the Top Gun Division, promoters have the option of removing the pay-out percentage allowing a lesser entry fee for the youth player. However, each youth player, has the option to keep the payout percentage in his/her entry fee to try to win it.

**Hunter:** consists of one (1) “Hunter” competitor and one (1) dog per brace. This team has a predetermined amount of time established by the promoter to safely harvest a minimum of three (3) qualifying birds. If an event does not have a Hunter Division, competitors can enter the Top Gun Division and declare that they want the qualifying points earned to go toward the Hunter Player of the Year Title. A player is able to enter this division up to four times, and a dog can enter twice. In the event that does not offer a Hunter Division and competitors choose to enter the Top Gun Division, a dog can only enter twice if there are two separate fields running. If the competitor has two separate dogs however, they can compete with one dog in Top Gun and one dog in Hunter if they choose to do so. If there is a payout in the Top Gun Division, promoters have the option of removing the pay-out percentage allowing a lesser entry fee for the Hunter player. However, each Hunter player, has the option to keep the payout percentage in his/her entry fee to try to win it.

Promoters can only host 1 stake/event.

Members that have sons or daughters that want to compete are able to enter their children in the Top Gun event with the same dog a second time. This is allowed until the child turns 22 years of age. In events that allow a dog to enter an event twice, the dogs are only allowed to enter twice and the second entry must be used by the child if that is how they choose to utilize it.

## **WHAT POINTS COUNT TOWARD EACH END OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Dog of the Year: Champion AND Qualifying Points earned in Top Gun and Doubles Divisions

Puppy of the Year: Champion Points earned in Puppy, Top Gun, and Doubles

Player of the Year: Champion Points earned in Top Gun and Doubles.

Masters Player of the Year: Champion Points earned in the Masters Division

Ladies Player of the Year: Qualifying Points earned in Ladies Divisions as well as Top Gun if Ladies Division is not offered at an event. Competitor must declare their runs at Ladies competition runs. Competitors can only declare in one division/entry.

Youth Player of the Year: Qualifying Points earned in Youth Divisions as well as Top Gun if Youth Division is not offered at an event. Competitor must declare their runs at Youth competition runs. Competitors can only declare in one division/entry.

Hunter Player of the Year: Qualifying Points earned in Hunter Division as well as Top

Gun if Hunter Division is not offered at an event. Competitor must declare their runs at Hunter competition runs. Competitors can only declare in one division/entry.

## Approved Event Formats

### Qualifiers

There are three types of format options:

**THE TOP GUN (SINGLES) DIVISION MUST USE OPTION 1 or OPTION 2.**

**1.) 2- runs added together with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event – Awards 5,3,1 to the best combined score.

2-day/1-event – Awards 5,3,1 to the best combined score.

**2.) 1-preliminary run plus run-off with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event - Awards 5,3,1 to the run-off winners.

2-day/1-event – Awards 5,3,1 to the run-off winners.

A minimum of 3 dogs will be taken to the run-off, more than 3 dogs is up to the promoter.

**3.) A single run with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event - Awards 5,3,1 to the best score/time of the day.

2 events in one day is not permitted. There can be numerous “stakes” within an event on the same day. (TG, Amateur, Doubles, etc.)

The BDC requires that there be 4 different handlers and 8 dogs not owned by the promoter to make a Top Gun (singles) or a Doubles division. In all other divisions, 2 handlers and 4 dogs not owned by the promoter, will be required. If the minimum number of dogs is not met, the competitor/dog team will play for qualifying points only. Competitors will no longer be able to play for champion points less than 5,3,1.

A competitor’s entries cannot make up the entire number of entries in any stake. (No competitor will be awarded points in an uncontested stake) In “Doubles” there must be at least one team with a unique competitor, one player cannot be a teammate on all competing teams!

### **Earned Major**

An Earned Major is a qualifier that attracts either a minimum of 20 unique sanctioned dogs or a minimum of 30 unique sanctioned entries with no one dog competing more than twice in a single day.

The promoter does not have a choice of which day is the Earned Major, if the earned major status is reached on Saturday, then Saturday is the Earned Major. The second day will earn qualifier points accordingly.

As with a qualifier, there are three types of format options:

#### **THE TOP GUN (SINGLES) DIVISION MUST USE OPTION 1 or OPTION 2.**

1.) **2- runs added together with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event - Awards 15,12,9,6,3 to the best-combined score.

2-day/1-event – Awards 15,12,9,6,3 to the best-combined score. Day points are not awarded

2.) **1-preliminary run plus run-off with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event – Awards 15,12,9,6,3 to the run-off winners. Field points are not awarded.

2-day/1-event – Awards 15,12,9,6,3 to the run-off winners. Field points are not awarded.

A minimum of 5 dogs must be taken to the run-off, more than 5 dogs is up to the promoter.

3.) **A single run with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event - Awards 15,12,9,6,3 to the best score/time of the day.

**No day or field points will ever be awarded during a qualifier that becomes an “Earned Major”. In addition, a dog cannot double place unless there are 20 unique sanctioned dogs competing.**

### **Declared Major**

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.

There are three format options available at a BDC Declared Major unless previously approved by the BDC Executive Committee.

### **THE TOP GUN (SINGLES) DIVISION MUST USE OPTION 1 or OPTION 2.**

#### **1.) 2- runs added together with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event - Awards 20,16,12,8,4 to the best-combined score.

2-day/1-event – Awards 20,16,12,8,4 to the best-combined score.

#### **2.) 1-preliminary run plus run-off with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event – Awards 20,16,12,8,4 to the run-off winners.

2-day/1-event – Awards 20,16,12,8,4 to the run-off winners.

A minimum of 5 dogs must be taken to the run-off, more than 5 dogs is up to the promoter.

#### **3.) A single run with a specified number of competition birds (no less than 3).**

1-day/1-event - Awards 20,16,12,8,4 to the best score/time of the day.

The BDC requires that there be 4 different handlers and 8 dogs not owned by the promoter to make a Top Gun (singles) or a Doubles division. In all other divisions, 2 handlers and 4 dogs not owned by the promoter, will be required. If the minimum number of dogs is not met, the competitor/dog team will play for qualifying points only. Competitors will no longer be able to play for champion points less than 5,3,1.

If the event draws 10-19 unique dogs in any stake other than Top Gun or Doubles, ½ points (10,8,6,4,2) are awarded for that stake. If the event draws 4-9 unique dogs, the event awards points as if the event is a qualifier (5,3,1). If the stake draws fewer than 4 dogs, competitors/dog teams will play for qualifying points only. Top Gun and Doubles will always be awarded full points at a “Declared Major” as long as the minimum requirement is met.

If a Declared Major Championship 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 event. The Advisory Board after review may remove the events status as a Declared Major Championship and will not be promoted by the BDC as a Major Championship.

In events that have a run-off, each of the dogs placing outside of the top 5 will earn 2 Champion Points not to exceed more than half of the entire field competing.

Events that offer the Lucky Dog or Buy Back option must declared this information on the BDC website. Dogs in those positions are only eligible to win money and trophies. Any points received  
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will go to Lifetime Points of the dog and the player.

**Field Points will only be awarded if the stake attracts 20 unique dogs.** In addition, the board reserves the option to re-distribute day points in the event that the number of dogs per field is questioned in the instance that multiple fields are used.

### **Super Major**

A Super Major is considered the highest level of tournament. All Super Majors are fully sanctioned BDC events and are held annually.

There are many formats held at these events and all have been approved by the BDC Executive Committee.

Champion Points awarded at Super Majors (excluding Nationals) are: 30,26,22,18,14. Day/Field Points are awarded in stakes that have multiple fields. Dogs placing outside of the top 5 in a run-off will earn 5 Champion Points. Stakes that have a run-off must take 5 or more dogs to that run-off. Champion Points awarded at Nationals are: 50,44,38,32,26,20,14. Dogs placing outside of the top 7 will earn 10 Champion Points. **The BDC World Championships is no longer a 50 point event.**

The BDC requires that there be 4 different handlers and 8 dogs not owned by the promoter to make a Top Gun (singles) or a Doubles division. In all other divisions, 2 handlers and 4 dogs not owned by the promoter, will be required. If the minimum number of dogs is not met, the competitor/dog team will play for qualifying points only. Competitors will no longer be able to play for champion points less than 5,3,1.

If the event draws 10-19 unique dogs in any stake other than Top Gun or Doubles, ½ points are awarded for that stake. If the event draws 4-9 unique dogs, the event awards points as if the event is a qualifier (5,3,1). If the stake draws fewer than 4 dogs, competitors/dog teams will play for qualifying points only. Top Gun and Doubles will always be awarded full points at a “Super Major” as long as the minimum requirement is met.

Events that offer the Lucky Dog or Buy Back option must declare this information on the BDC website. Dogs in those positions are only eligible to win money and trophies. Any points received will go to Lifetime Points of the dog and the player.

**Field Points will only be awarded if the stake attracts 20 unique dogs.** In addition, the board reserves the option to re-distribute day points in the event that the number of dogs per field is questioned in the instance that multiple fields are used.

### **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's placement. In a two 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 an event that allows 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.

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 be 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 receive 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 the 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 losers 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.

### **CO-SANCTIONING**

1. At its 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.
2. 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. If BDC members choose to sanction their runs they must sanction all their runs. These fees must be sent to the BDC within ten (10) business days after completion of the competition.
3. BDC's only obligation with respect to co-sanctioned competitions is to recognize Championship Points and Qualifying Points earned at the event. Championship and Qualifying Points for the event at the competition will be based on the total number of entries and not just BDC sanctioned entries. Points will be recognized only after receipt by BDC of sanctioning fees for the competition.
4. "Amateur" events at the United Field Trials Association competitions will be recognized as BDC "Puppy" events. Qualifying Points and Championship Points for the event will be based on sanctioned runs for dogs that qualify as puppies under BDC rules.