

"Basic Pointing Doubles Division Rules"

- 5 bird challenge -

1. **SCORED FINDS** (*Points*): Fifteen (15) points will be awarded for a find. Pointing dogs must establish a point and have find under control. Handler must flush bird not the dog. A flush occurs when the bird moves from its resting place; takes flight, is walking or running.
2. **RETRIEVE**: Fifteen (15) points will be awarded per retrieve. Dog must deliver bird to within one large step of the handler. A clean kill must be made in order to receive full point credit on retrieve. A clean kill is defined as a shot bird; one whose flight pattern changes abruptly, legs drop or feathers are dislodged after the shot. Un-shot birds retrieved to handler will receive ten (10) points. Judge will make final determination.
3. **BAGGED BIRD**: Ten (10) points awarded for bagged bird. All birds shot and retrieved to handler will count as a bagged bird. Handler must pick up birds not retrieved which will also count as a bagged bird.
4. **TIME**: There will be a maximum of five (5) birds planted per brace and each brace will be for a full thirty (30) minutes. The first brace will be a six (6) bird plant. You are allowed (1) extra minute to complete the work, i.e. dog on point when time expires. You may shoot as many birds in the 30 minute brace as your dog finds.
5. **BACKING POINTS**: Five (5) bonus points will be awarded for a back/honor. Dog must back without command upon seeing brace mate's dog on point and backing dog must be held by handler or judge by collar for a maximum of two (2) minutes. Pointing dog may be relocated within the 2 minute time frame. If a point is stolen or interfered with by a brace mate's dog, that dog must then be lead away from scene by judge or handler so not to interfere again. If backing dog causes bird to flush, the dog with the find will receive the full forty (40) points for that piece of work. A second violation will result in disqualification and the dog must be removed from the field. A bye dog, if available, will be substituted to complete the brace and placed in field where violation occurred.
6. **Tie Breaker**: For the Pointing & Flushing Doubles Divisions the first find will be the tie breaker (reason being everyone runs their full brace time).
7. **Field Size**: Large field (40 + Acres), with 5 zones with 1 bird per zone.
8. **Marked Bird Rule**: Marked bird is a judge's decision. This is a bird (whereby the dog had no opportunity to point bird) that may have been flushed by a judge, handler, either dog, etc., and cannot be pursued for three (3) minutes as a scoreable find. Should a dog point a marked bird in less than three (3) minutes, the gunner must shoot the bird for a non-scoreable find and/or retrieve. The dog pointing marked bird cannot be led off by the collar or called off the marked bird by the handler. A marked bird is marked to both handlers and both should be notified immediately if possible and notified when available. In this situation, if brace mate's dog backs, it will be scored.
 - a. Examples:
 1. Wild Flush, dog pointing - Scoreable
(1) Why? "Dog did have find under control.
 - ii. Wild Flush/Bump bird, Dog did not establish point - Not scoreable (This is a Marked Bird) (1)
Why? "Dog did not have opportunity to point bird".
 - iii. Handler calls safety on a scoreable find, however, the bird lands in the field of play. This is called a "two bird area", and is NOT a Marked Bird. Handler must get two birds in the area to get credit for one bird. Second bird is scored.
(1) Why? "Because one bird had been scored on".