

# Rooster Heaven 2010 Chukar Tournament



## Event Date

February 20, 2010    **Entry deadline is Saturday, February 13, 2010 (No Exceptions)**  
This event will be co-sanctioned with The National Bird Dog Challenge Association.

- ◆ Running orders will be posted at [www.roosterheaven.com](http://www.roosterheaven.com) the Wednesday prior to the trial date
- ◆ Cost will be \$170 for the two runs. An additional \$15 fee is needed per entry for NBDA sanctioning fees for NBDA members.
- ◆ Trophies and cash payouts will be awarded for 1st. thru 3rd places in each division's class.
- ◆ Payouts are as follows: Regional's - \$40 from each entry will be awarded as 50% to 1<sup>st</sup>, 30% to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 20% to 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

## Dogs

1. All dogs must remain leashed at all times prior to and immediately following their runs.
2. Dog owners assume 100% liability for the actions of their dogs.
3. Electric, beeper and dummy collars, as well as bells, will be allowed in all divisions.
4. Abuse of training collars will not be tolerated and disqualification will result.
5. Dogs in heat will not be allowed for entry unless placed last in the day.
6. There are divisions for pointers and flushers.
7. The two classes will be adult and puppy.
8. Dogs competing in puppy division must be 2 years old and under and must provide registration papers with entry.
9. You may only enter the same dog once per event.

## **Rooster Heaven Chukar Championship Rules and Regulations**

### **Pre-event and pre-run**

1. All competitors must arrive at Rooster Heaven's clubhouse and check in 1-hour prior to their first run.
2. You will pick up your scorecards at the clubhouse and be directed to your fields.
3. All entries must arrive at the field check-in area no later than 15 minutes prior to their run and check in with the judge
4. The on deck team must enter the ground blind as their birds are being planted and if the next team in line is at the field, they too, must be in the blind for the other team's plant. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
5. Give your scorecard to the judge before the start of your run.
6. If you are late for your run, you forfeit that run.

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## Safety

1. All guns must be 12 gauges or smaller, no shells over 2 3/4" and no shot size larger than #5.
2. Hunters are responsible for the safe use of their firearms.
3. All guns must remain cased and unloaded except during their runs.
4. A gun malfunction a field shall be considered bad luck. And the run will not be stopped.
5. Hunters will not be allowed to run with their firearms. Teams will receive one warning for running after which the team will be disqualified. **No exceptions.**
6. No spectators will be allowed into the field.
7. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
8. All hunters must wear a solid blaze orange hat and vest while in the field.
9. Sportsmanlike conduct is expected from everyone. The judge's decisions are final. Abusing a judge, dog or failure to obey the rules will result in automatic disqualification of participants.
10. You are not allowed to shoot a bird on the ground, stomp or hard kick birds or shoot over your limit of birds.

## Fields and birds

1. A 10-acre field will be used for all divisions and classes.
2. Each field will be numbered.
3. Each field will have flags marking its boundaries.
4. Four chukar will be stocked for each run. Chukar will be hand planted, **not shackled.**
5. The first run of the day in all divisions will receive 1 extra bird per field.
6. Fields will not be stocked without an on deck team. Any bird leaving the field after the stockers have left the field will be considered luck of the draw and will not be replaced.  
Birds entering the field from out of bounds during the run will be considered legal game and luck of the draw.
7. In the course of a bird plant, if a bird escapes the planter, it will be replaced in a timely manner. If a planter would happen to bump a bird already in the field, that is considered bad luck and the hunt would go on.
8. No dead birds or bird parts are to be left in the field. Judges will count all harvested birds at the end of the run.
9. Bird explosion: a judge may, upon examination of a shot bird may access a 3 point penalty if the bird was shot at extreme close range and viewed as inedible.
10. Scoring will be limited to chukar finds only..Pheasant and quail may not be shot and will not count towards your score.

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## Scoring

1. Each division is allowed 25 minutes in the field
2. The clock will stop when the fourth bird is in the hunter's hands or when time has run out.
3. Teams will consist of one dog and one or two gunners, your choice.
4. If hunting as a two-person team, gunners must remain within 30 yards of each other.
5. Each team, one gun or two guns, will be allowed a total of 12 shells. If hunting as two guns, each gunner will be allowed 6 shells. **Shells will not be interchangeable between gunners.**
6. If a gunner shoots more than his allotted shells their run will be disqualified
7. Points are scored as follows:
  - Birds in bag: 25 points each
  - Find/qualified point: 15 points each
  - Full retrieve: 15 points each
  - Partial retrieve: 5 points each
  - Shells remaining: 10 points each
  - Minutes remaining (rounded up or down to the nearest minute): 2 points each
  - Tie breaker: seconds of your finishing time will be calculated
  - Tie breaker#2: time the first bird was bagged
8. Penalties are scored as follows:
  - Running in the field (2nd warning): 3 points
  - Trapped bird: 10 points each
  - Bird explosion: 3 points each

Example of scoring: 4 birds were bagged:  $4 \times 25 = 100$

The dog found/ pointed all 4 birds:  $4 \times 15 = 60$

The dog made 1 full retrieve:  $1 \times 15 = 15$

The dog made three partial retrieves:  $3 \times 5 = 15$

Your team used 8 shells:  $4 \times 10 = 40$

Your finishing time was 18:42 rounding the time to the nearest minute (19):  $25 - 19 = 6$  ( $6 \times 2$ ) = 12

You had 1 bird explosion:  $1 \times 3 = (-3)$

Total points will be: 242

Penalty points: -3

Total points = 239

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## Calling a safety bird

1. A safety may be requested in the event of an obstruction such as the judge, cars, spectators, and buildings or paved roadways prevents the bird from safely being shot.
2. The gunner may request the safety or the judge may call for it.
3. A safety cannot be called on the second gunner or the dog.
4. The bird for which the safety has been awarded to will received full points for the find/point (if it was earned), bagged bird, and retrieve as was earned on the previous bird. If the safety was called on the first bird of the set then the retrieval points will be based on the next bird's retrieval score. If the safety is called on the final bird of the set, the time will stop upon the judge's conformation of the safety and a one minute penalty will be added to the official time to allow for the dog's retrieval time
5. A bird for which a safety has been awarded shall be scored as Appropriate and the hunter that requested a safety will forfeit a shell.
6. A safety request can be denied by the judge if:  
One of the team members had a clear shot and failed to take it, the bird was shot at before or after the safety was requested, the bird relocates in bounds or the hunter intentionally flushes the bird toward an obstruction.
7. In the event of a bird being shot at and turning toward an obstruction, after being missed, it shall be considered luck of the draw and a safety cannot be called.
8. In the event of a safety being requested where the dog has failed to establish a find, safety points shall be awarded in full less the points for the find.
9. The judge's decision on calling a safety is final.
- 10. In case inclement weather (rain or wet snow) possibly causing poor chukar flight conditions, we will allow a safety over a dog. A sign will be posted at the clubhouse if this safety will be allowed. If this safety is allowed the day of the event, only if the bird does not get to a safe shooting height within gun range will the safety be scored. If this same bird is eventually trapped by the dog, no trapped bird penalty points will be assessed: full points will be awarded as per "safety" described above.**

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## **Birds bagged**

25 points awarded for each bird in your possession after your run is complete.

## **Finds/qualified points**

1. Flushers-15 points shall be awarded when, in the judge's opinion, the bird was trapped or caused to take flight by any action of the dog or by a hunter in close proximity to the dog making game.
2. Pointers-15 points shall be awarded when, in the judge's opinion, the pointing dog has established a solid point (creeping in will not be considered a point) for 3 seconds and a bird is produced.
3. A whoa or command to point on a bird found by the hunters and not by the dog is not a find.
4. The maximum number of finds/points shall not exceed (4) four.
5. Holding of the dog in the pointing division while flushing the bird (to prevent trap penalties) will not be allowed. A 2nd warning will result in loss of (quality point) points.
6. When a dog goes on point, the hunter should yell "point" to draw the judge's attention so it will be scored. Remember the judge will only score what they see!

## **Full retrieve points**

1. To obtain full retrieve points:
  - The gunner/gunners must remain stationary after the bird is shot or once the dog is released to make the retrieve.
  - The dog must bring the bird within one step of the gunner to be considered a full retrieve.

## **Partial retrieve points**

1. A partial retrieve is defined as the dog finding and picking up the Bird and attempting to bring it back to the handler.
2. Once a handler or their partner takes more than one step towards a dog during the retrieve it automatically becomes a partial retrieve.

## **Retrieves**

1. A competitor may kneel down but not lay down to retrieve a bird.
2. If a pointing dog goes on point or a flushing dog gets birdie while making a retrieve, the handler and shooter may move to flush the second bird with no penalty on the first bird. However, they must use the second flush as a stationary position for both retrieves, and if no bird is produced (seen by the judge) the first bird can be scored no more than a partial retrieve.

## **Shells remaining**

Each run is allowed 12 shells

1. If running by yourself you can carry 12 shells into the field.
2. If you are hunting with a partner, each of you is allowed 6 shells apiece.
3. You cannot exchange shells with your partner.

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## **Minutes remaining**

Each run is 25 minutes long

Your finishing time will be rounded up or down to nearest minute. In case of tie, the seconds will be calculated. If there still is a tie, the time that the first bird was bagged will be used.

## **Penalties**

Running in the field, a 2nd warning will deduct 3 points from your final score. You will be carrying a loaded weapon, a trophy and bragging rights are not worth some one getting hurt!!

## **Trapped birds**

1. Pointing: if a dog breaks point and traps or catches a bird he will receive all scores witnessed by the judge for pointing and retrieving if earned. The team will be assessed one shell used and a Penalty of 10 points will be deducted from their final score for each trapped bird. **NO**

### **EXCEPTIONS**

2. Flushers: same as pointers with the exception that there will only be a 5-point penalty for each trapped bird.

## **Following the completion of your run**

1. Immediately following the clock being stopped or time expiring, unload your guns and leash your dog.
2. Competitors will use the least intrusive route out of the field.
3. Competitors must be able to produce all "bagged birds" once out of the field
4. Your judge will review your scores, penalties or other information with you.
5. The team caption will then sign the score sheet in the appropriate space.
6. Once the score sheet is signed, its information shall be considered final.

## **Your final score**

The score that will be used for your standings will be the total of your two runs.

Example:

- First run produced a score of 205
- 2nd run produced a score of 330
- Total score will be 535

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We will start at 8:00am sharp  
There will be food and beverages served at the clubhouse.  
Shoot some five stand between rounds.

Rooster heaven is 90 minutes southwest of Chicago on route 47 south of Dwight,  
Illinois

## **Driving Directions:**

### **From I-55:**

Exit Route 47 (south) to Dwight;

### **From I-57:**

Exit Route 116 (west) to Saunemin,  
Turn south on Route 47;  
Once on Rt. 47, go south to 1200 N Road,  
Turn left (east) on 1200 N Road,  
Turn left (north) 2900 E Road,  
Rooster Heaven Lodge is first drive on right.

Questions call Patrick Harms at (815) 674-8792

Or

Join us at the Premiere Hunt Club in Illinois **Rooster Heaven**

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Visit: [Http://www.roosterheaven.com](http://www.roosterheaven.com)

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## Rooster Heaven Chukar Tournament Entry Form

Division (circle one) Pointer - Flusher  
Class (circle one): adult or puppy

Dog's call name \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog breed \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Hunter's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

National Bird Dog Association Sanctioning fee(\$15) per entry included  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Running order will be posted on Rooster Heaven's website the Wednesday before the event.

Make checks payable to Rooster Heaven

**Phone entries will not be accepted**  
**Send entries to:**

Rodger Robak  
7744 Wheeler Drive  
Orland Park,IL.60462

**Hunting Participation Agreement  
Consent, Release, Waiver & Indemnity of Liability**

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For and in consideration of being permitted to hunt and/or visit with Patrick Harms, or Rooster Heaven Hunt Club on any of the properties they manage, lease and/or own.

Participant hereby executes this Consent and Release to the party above, his agents, servants, employees and any other persons connected with them in said activities of Patrick Harms, Rooster Heaven Hunt Club, which voluntarily releases, discharges, waives and relinquishes any and all actions or causes of action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to Participant arising as a result of engaging in said activity or any activities incidental thereto wherever or however the same may occur and for whatever period said activities may continue, and Participant for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns hereby releases, waives, discharges and relinquishes any action or cause of action, aforesaid, which may hereafter arise for himself/herself and for his/her estate, and agrees that under no circumstances will he/she or his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns prosecute any of the parties above, or any of their agents, servants, employees and any other persons connected with said activity of Patrick Harms, or Rooster Heaven Hunt Club, whether the same shall arise by the negligence of any said persons or otherwise.

Participant also agrees for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that in the event any claims for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against Patrick Harms, or Rooster Heaven Hunt Club or any of his agents, servants, employees and other persons connected with Patrick Harms, or Rooster Heaven Hunt Club for any act or acts of Participant, he/she shall indemnify and save them harmless from any and all said claims or causes of action by whomever or wherever made or presented.

Participant acknowledges having read the foregoing paragraphs, that he/she has been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental to the hunting activities, and is fully aware of the legal consequences attendant to signing/executing the Consent and Release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Hunter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hunting license number