

Sheepdog Trials

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The Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair is happy to host two 1-day Novice and Open Trials, May 29th and 30th, for Northeast Border Collie Association. This trial will also be USBCHA sanctioned (both Open & Nursery). A USBCHA Nursery Class will run at the conclusion of the day on Saturday, if time allows and a minimum of 5 eligible dogs are entered.

Novice Classes will start at 7 am and will run in order as follows: Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch. Each class will be preceded by a handlers meeting. Classes will be run according to the current NEBCA Novice Guidelines. The Open Class will start at the conclusion of the novice classes each day preceded by a handlers meeting.

A limited lunch will be available in the trial area from 11 am to 1 pm Saturday and Sunday. All handlers are invited to a Pot Luck Supper after the trial (in the trial area) on Saturday. The fair will hold an ice cream social after the dinner—all are invited!

In order for the trial to run smoothly, we will need the help of the handlers. Please volunteer for one of the following work areas: set-up of fencing, take-down of fencing, sheep pen, setting out sheep, exhausting sheep, announcing to the public, scribing for the judge, and secretarial duties.

Rules and Regulations

1. There will be a limit of two dogs per handler, regardless of ownership, per class. Third dogs will be accepted on a space available basis.

2. Entry Fees (US Funds):

- Open Class: \$37 per Dog
- Novice and ProNovice - \$23 per Dog
- Ranch - \$25 per Dog
- USBCHA Nursery - \$17 per Dog

Entries open April 5, 2010 must be postmarked by May 15, 2010. Entries will be accepted until the closing date or classes fill. Running order will be drawn on May 15th. Receipt of completed entry blanks and fee constitutes entry. No emailed entries will be accepted. Entry fee from cancelled entries will be returned provided notification of cancellation is made before, Thursday, May 21st.

3. Ribbons will be awarded in all classes (except USBCHA Nursery). Open class top 10 winners will receive prize money.

4. Any damage done to the sheep by the dog, on or off the course, will be the responsibility of the handler.

5. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

6. Dogs will be under control at all times. Handlers are asked NOT to walk their dogs in the vendor and sheep barn area. Handlers are asked to clean up after their dogs.

7. No puppies will be displayed for sale.