

North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

CHAPTER MOTION FORM

Submit before November 1st

- Motions to be considered by the delegates at the Annual Meeting must be submitted by a sanctioned NAVHDA Chapter. In order to be considered at the business session at the Annual Meeting, the motion must be made and seconded by delegates.
- Because amendments often are proposed at the Annual Meeting, a chapter should have a representative at the Annual Meeting empowered to accept or reject amendments.
- Please complete the form online and print it and have it signed by the chapter officer listed on the form. Email, fax or mail to the NAVHDA Office so that it arrives by midnight, November 1 of the year preceding the Annual Meeting at which the motion is to be considered.

MOTION

The Alaska-Yukon Chapter of NAVHDA makes a motion to increase the number of judges from three (3) to four (4) in the Field portion of the Invitational Test.


LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION

The Invitational Test is NAVHDA's premier test requiring the highest standards. The expectations from dogs, handlers, and judging teams are paramount. The field portion of the Invitational requires that two (2) dogs (bracemates) and handlers run simultaneously for one hour in a field comprised of a minimum 100 acres. Under current rules, regardless of the test level (NA, UPT, UT or Invitational), three (3) judges are utilized to judge a single dog and handler in the field and water with the exception of the Invitational's Field portion where only three (3) judges are required to judge two dogs and handlers running simultaneously. Presently, in the Invitational's Field portion, one (1) judge is assigned to each dog and handler leaving the third judge to "float" between the two bracemates and respectively assigned judges. Oftentimes, due to the disparity in judges and unpredictability of circumstances, bracemates become separated leaving one dog and handler to the judgement of a single judge while the floater judge is observing their bracemate and handler. Adding a fourth judge to the Field portion of the Invitational Test would allow for two "floating" judges and would provide equal judgement for each dog and handler throughout the entire Field portion. A fourth judge in the Invitational fields will reduce the stress for judges that are separated in the field from his/her judge team, will add clarity to judgement, will improve accuracy of judgement, and will minimize any disbelief of the judge team. It only makes sense to increase the number of judges to four (4) in the Field portion of the Invitational where twice the number of dogs are being run, where dogs are under judgement for twice the amount of time compared to the UT, fields are much larger with varying terrain, the areas of judgement and expectations of the dogs have increased over the UT, and the number of different circumstances that arise are virtually unpredictable during each brace.

I certify that this motion was adopted by the Alaska-Yukon Chapter in accordance with its bylaws and/or operating procedure.

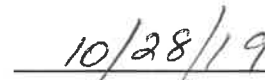
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Date Submitted

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