

Boykin Spaniel Society Upland Hunt Test Guidelines

HUNTS

A licensed Boykin Spaniel Society (BSS) hunt may be hosted by any club approved by the Boykin Spaniel Society. Boykin Spaniel shall be the only breed allowed to participate in a BSS approved hunt. All hunts must include Novice, intermediate and Open classes. The BSS will only approve Upland Hunt Tests with a minimum of 20 dogs entered. Exceptions to this will be considered by the BSS Hunt Test Committee on a case by case basis.

Who can participate?

Upland Hunt Tests are open only to BSS registered Boykin Spaniels. All persons entering a dog in or running a dog at a BSS sanctioned event must be a member of and in good standing with the Boykin Spaniel Society.

Test standard

BSS approved clubs will conduct tests that simulate an upland hunting day afield. The dogs will compete not against each other but rather against specific test standards.

Points

The BSS will maintain records of each dog's achievements (passes and points earned). In order to receive BSS Title achievement points an individual must be a member of and in good standing with the BSS. All dogs must be registered with the BSS.

Novice:

Five (5) achievement points per hunt shall be earned for those dogs that pass a Novice Hunt. A pass in the Novice class shall be referred to as a Novice Pass.

Four (4) Novice passes (20 points) are required to earn the Upland Novice (UN) title. Once a dog has achieved his UN title it may continue to run in the Novice Class, but additional points will not be awarded.

Intermediate:

Ten (10) achievement points per hunt may be earned for those dogs that pass an Intermediate Hunt.

Four (4) Intermediate passes (40 points) are required to earn an Upland Intermediate (UI) title. Once a dog has achieved its UI title it may continue to run in the Intermediate Class but additional points will not be awarded.

Open:

Twenty (20) achievement points per hunt may be earned for those dogs that pass an Open Hunt.

Four (4) Open passes (80 points) are required for the Upland Open (UO) title. Once a dog has achieved its UO title it may continue to run in the Open class and accrue additional points.

BSS National Upland Field Trial:

Dogs that have earned an Upland Open (UO) title will be eligible to obtain additional achievement points at the BSS Upland National Field Trial. Upland Open (UO) titled dogs, that earn a placement, in the Open stake at the BSS Upland National Field Trial shall be awarded points as follows: First Place 40 points, Second place 30 points, Third place 20 points and Fourth place 10 points.

BSS Upland Grand Champion:

The title of BSS Upland Grand Champion (UGCH) shall be awarded to any Boykin earning 500 or more points.

General guidelines for scheduling a Boykin Spaniel Society approved Licensed Hunt Test:

After a club gains acceptance by the BSS to host events, the approved club may then apply for a BSS permit to host a test. New clubs must be approved by the BSS Hunt Test Committee and recommended to the BSS Board of Directors for approval at one of its scheduled board meetings before the hunt is scheduled. A new club's hunt test must be held under the observance of a Regional Hunt Test Committee Advisor approved by the BSS board. Forms for club and test approval are available on line.

FEES:

Clubs that submit an application for a hunt must include a \$ 100.00 licensing fee per Hunt.

At the conclusion of the sponsoring club's Upland Hunt the club secretary will send to the BSS a summary of all Boykin Spaniels entered and all that pass. The sponsoring club shall remit to the BSS a \$10 processing fee for each dog entered in the Upland Hunt.