

Summary of Regulations for Competitive Hunting Dog Trials

- 1) A “Competitive Hunting Dog Trial” (sometimes called a “field trial”, “water trial”, “hunt test” or “picnic trial”) means an event that is licensed, sanctioned, or sponsored by an organization; and involves more than one person in testing or exhibiting learned behavior in dogs related to hunting wildlife (including, but not limited to, tracking of scents, flushing, pointing, treeing, ground baying and retrieval).
- 2) To hold a competitive hunting dog trial, a person must possess a “Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit” from the Department:
 - a) If domestically-raised game birds are released.
 - b) If wildlife is used outside the pursuit or hunting season for that species; or
 - c) If the trial occurs between March 16 and August 14 (whether domestically-raised game birds are released or not).
- 3) The applicant (sponsor of the competitive hunting dog trial) must apply for a Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit to the Department’s wildlife district where the trial will take place.
 - a) The application must be received by the Department at least ten business days prior to the start of a competitive trial via hand-delivery, U.S. Mail, electronic mail, or facsimile.
 - b) The District Wildlife Biologist or their designee will respond to permit applications within 10 business days from the received date.
- 3) To issue a Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit, the Department must determine that the proposed trial will not:
 - a) Conflict to a significant degree with other authorized activities, including but not limited to land management actions, other permitted trials, or lawful hunting.
 - b) Result in significant adverse impact to wildlife or wildlife habitat, taking into consideration location, land ownership, designation of site, size, and date of the proposed trial.
- 4) When the Department (District Wildlife Biologist or their designee) receives an application for a Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit, the Department may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the permit.
 - a) When the District Wildlife Biologist or their designee proposes to deny or place conditions on a Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit, the Watershed District Manager for that district will review and approve of that action.
 - b) If the Department denies the issuance a permit, the Department will provide the applicant with a written explanation and an opportunity to request a hearing to appeal that action.
 - c) The applicant may appeal the Department’s decision by submitting a written request for a contested case hearing to the Department within 10 business days after mailing of the Department’s decision.
- 5) If after issuance of a Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit any unforeseen or emergency circumstances necessitate a change to the permit, the Department will, to the maximum extent practicable, work with permittee to exhaust other options to maintain the trial.
- 6) The following species are permitted for release under a Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit: common pheasant (all races of *Phasianus colchicus*, most commonly ring-necked); California (valley), bobwhite, and Coturnix quail; Hungarian (gray), chukar, and red-legged partridge; or mallards, provided all domestically-raised game birds were lawfully acquired and any mallard used must be a marked bird. Wildlife that shows symptoms of sickness or injury, or that is dead from disease, must not be used in competitive hunting dog trials.
- 7) Domestically-raised game birds released under a valid Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit may be pursued or taken during the course of the permitted trial, provided that:
 - a) Any person who takes or attempts to take game birds during a competitive hunting dog trial must meet the hunting license and state bird validation (stamp) requirements contained in the Department’s current Oregon Game Bird.
 - b) All dead animal carcasses from the trial activities must be removed from the field (ORS 164.785 and 164.805).
- 8) Use of recall pens to recapture domestically-raised upland game birds released under a valid Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit is allowed on private lands only if all released game birds were marked (except bobwhite and Coturnix quail, or if there is an exception granted as a condition of the permit) and provided the person operating the recall pen has the original or a copy of the permit.
- 9) The carcasses of domestically-raised game birds which were lawfully released under a valid Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit and subsequently taken during the trial may be possessed in any number by any person provided the person holds a copy of the Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit or a written note from the permittee describing when, where, and for what purpose the birds were taken. Additionally, domestically-raised game birds that have been used for competitive hunting dog trials are considered inedible.

West Region

North Willamette Watershed Wildlife District and Sauvie Island Wildlife Area
18330 NW Sauvie Island Road
Portland, OR 97231

North Coast Watershed District Office
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Tillamook, OR 97141

South Willamette Watershed District Office
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Newport, OR 97365

Springfield Field Office
3150 E Main Street
Springfield, OR 97478-5800

Umpqua Watershed District Office
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Roseburg, OR 97470

Rogue Watershed District Office and Denman Wildlife Area
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Gold Beach Field Office
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Baker City, OR 97814

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