

USA-BOX CLUB TRIAL RULES

For all FCI International Utility Dog Trials

Effective Sept. 13, 2019

Refer to the USA-BOX National Working Championship I Rules for *additional* information that pertains *specifically* to USA-BOX National Working Championship events.

1.) The host club shall request, in writing on the prescribed club form(s), the preferred date of trial and that a judge be assigned for the listed event.

A.) Said request(s) must be made *at least* six (6) months in advance of the proposed trial date. Trial Authorization/Judge Request Forms submitted after the six-month window has expired will be considered for approval on a case by case basis. USA-BOX will make every effort to accommodate *reasonable* requests.

1.) The USA-BOX office shall return the approved or disapproved trial/judge request forms to the host club as soon as possible. A copy of all requests will also be maintained in the USA-BOX club files.

B.) Trial authorization requests *must* be completed on the prescribed USA-BOX form(s) and processed through the USA-BOX President. USA-BOX has the final authority to approve or disapprove all trial requests.

C.) Judge requests *must* be completed on the prescribed USA-BOX form(s) and must be submitted to the USA- BOX President with the completed Trial Authorization Form. USA-BOX has the final authority to approve or disapprove all judge requests.

1.) A club may only contact a recognized judge to determine the judge's *tentative availability* for the proposed trial dates. Clubs, on their own, may *NOT* formally request any judge for any event.

Note: Clubs may submit a request to USA-BOX for a specific judge to be assigned to their event, however, due to the restrictions in the scheduling/assignment protocols imposed upon USA-BOX by other organizations, that request may not always be able to be accommodated. Judges are not assigned and/or scheduled by USA-BOX but by the agency under which the judge is licensed. Also, judges may not judge any USA-BOX event without prior authorization from both the USA-BOX President and the judge's own organization.

D.) All scores obtained at a USA-BOX trial under a judge who has *not* been authorized in advance by the USA- BOX President and the judge's own organization in accordance with the aforementioned rules will be considered invalid without exception.

2.) The host club President and Trial Secretary shall have the responsibility and authority to ensure that the host club has the necessary equipment, adequate trial grounds and the experience and knowledge of schutzhund trial rules and regulations before allowing any club to hold a trial.

3.) All trials must have a designated Trial Secretary. The Trial Secretary must be knowledgeable in trial procedures and, most importantly, must be able to fill out all trial paperwork correctly. All USA-BOX forms mentioned below are available from the USA-BOX office, the USA-BOX Secretary or

online at the USA-BOX website.

- A) Judges may use the pre-formatted USA-BOX score sheets for all trial events or another scoring sheet of their choosing.
 - B) The preformatted USA-BOX Trial Summary Report must be used to report the final trial results.
- 4.) The host club/organization agrees to provide liability insurance with at least \$1 million dollars of coverage for the event naming the United States Boxer Association as an additionally insured party. This additionally insured binder from the insurance provider *must* be provided to the USA-BOX office by the host club/organization *at least* thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event.
- 5.) Notification of any trial must be sent to all USA-BOX clubs at least one (1) month in advance of the trial date.
- 6.) All dogs entered in the trial must have an AWDF issued/registered or ATIBOX recognized scorebook.
- A.) Owners and handlers of all entered dogs *must* be members *in good standing* with the scorebook's issuing entity, ie. VDH scorebook holders must be in good standing with the VDH, AWDF scorebook holders in good standing with the AWDF, DVG, etc.
 - B.) All Boxers entered in any USA-BOX event must be registered with an FCI recognized entity. Valid AKC registration satisfies this requirement.
- 7.) The host club shall set their own fees for all trial entries based on what is reasonable and customary for their locality and taking into account projected trial costs. A \$5.00 per dog recording fee is charged to the host club by USA-BOX. Checks must be made out to USA-BOX and sent to the USA-BOX office with the trial results.
- 8.) The host club is responsible for the judge's accommodations and travel expenses:
- A) If traveling by air, all expenses incurred are the responsibility of the host club.
 - B) If traveling by ground, the host club shall reimburse the judge per the IRS Standard Mileage Rates.
 - C) The host club shall offer a per day judging fee, including travel days (if requested by the judge) as compensation in accordance with the fee structure set by the judge's own organization.
- 9.) Within ten (10) days after the trial's conclusion, the host club shall send a copy of the Event Authorization Form together with the complete trial results to the USA-BOX office by Certified Return Receipt mail. (Titles will not be valid unless the listed paperwork is received by the USA-BOX office within the specified time period.)
- A.) The host club shall maintain all copies of the trial paperwork in the host club files.
- 10.) The full results of all events, to include participant names, trial scores (pass or fail) and/or show ratings shall be published in the USA-BOXer Briefs newsletter and/or electronic or social media outlets.

USA-BOX NATIONAL WORKING CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE YEAR TRIAL RULES

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The following rules apply specifically to the USA-BOX National Working Championship and shall be applied *in addition to the aforementioned, general trial rules, where applicable. In the event of a conflict, the USA-BOX National Working Championship rules shall take precedence.*

- 1.) Clubs or organizations that wish to host the USA-BOX National Working Championship must submit a written notice of intent along with a written bid to the USA-BOX Executive Board for consideration. Bids may be submitted at any time.
 - A.) Clubs or organizations submitting a bid to host the USA-BOX National Working Championship *and* a National Sieger Championship at the same time will be given preference.
- 2.) A USA-BOX National Working Championship Committee will be formed consisting of the President of USA-BOX, another USA-BOX member in good standing, and the President of the hosting club/organization/sponsor. This Committee will be responsible for selecting the trial and show judge(s) and trial helpers.
- 3.) The host club or sponsoring organization is entitled to all trial income, including but not limited to, entry fees, raffle sales, and vendors fees and is responsible for paying for *all* expenses and any applicable recording fees incurred as a result of hosting the event.
- 4.) All owners/co-owners and handlers of all Boxer entries for the USA-BOX National Working Championship must be members in good standing of USA-BOX.
- 5.) The USA-BOX National Working Championship trial shall be a Boxer only event when a minimum of 6 Boxer entries are received. In all other instances where there are less than 6 Boxer entries, the trial shall be open to all breeds. The maximum number of entries allowed per judge per day is dependent upon the current judging regulations in effect for the judge at the time of the trial. No qualifying score is required for entry at the trial.
 - A.) The entry fee schedule for all classes shall be set by the host club. (The \$5 recording fee per entry shall apply. Refer to Club Trial Rules entry #7.)
 - B.) USA-BOX member entries shall take precedence over *all* other entries when filling the daily entry limit. 1.)

The host club shall set and must clearly state, in advance, an entry closing date for USA-BOX member trial entries. (For example, USA-BOX member entries must be received at least 30 days prior to the trial date in order to receive preference.)
- 2.) Trial entries received after the initial closing date has passed shall be filled on a first come, first served basis.
- 3.) If received entries exceed the per judge per day limit, a second, separate trial may be held on a different day at the host club's discretion.
 - C.) Any all-breed entries in the USA-BOX National Working Championship shall not be eligible for any USA-BOX National Working Championship awards
- 6.) The following levels of entry must be available to participants: BH-VT, IGP VO, IGP1-2-3, UPr1-2-3, FPr1-2-3. Additional events, including but not limited to the AD, SP1-2-3, GPR1-2-3, StPr1-2-3 IFH1-2 or IGP FH, may be offered at the host club's discretion and if time permits.
- 7.) The USA-BOX Working Champion of the Year title and trophy shall only be awarded to the Boxer with the highest, passing score in the IGP3 category. If there is no passing IGP3 entry, the title and trophy will not be awarded.

B.) The trophies for the highest scores in tracking, obedience or protection will only be awarded to Boxers that have received a passing score in their respective entry category. Boxers entered in UPr, FPr, or FH events are *also* eligible for the awards of highest score in tracking and obedience but *must have received a passing score* in their respective entry category. These same rules will apply to any additional levels offered.

Note: *The host club may elect to offer separate award(s) for any additional all-breed entries that participate during the USA-BOX Working Championship. Those awards, if provided, shall be at the host club's sole expense and shall not be endorsed by or reimbursed, whole or in part, by USA-BOX.*

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