

The Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair Sheep Dog Trials

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The Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair is happy to host two 1-day Novice and Open Trials, May 26 and 27, sanctioned by the 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 7am 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.

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.

Open / Novice Mentoring

The open/novice mentoring is intended to help novice handlers learn about sheepdog trials from more experienced handlers. Topics can include judging and evaluating runs, sheep handling (sheep pen), spotting and exhaust work. Open and novice handlers will be paired for one-on-one mentoring. If you would like to participate, please check the appropriate line on the entry form.

Rules and Regulations

1. There will be a limit of 2 dogs per handler, regardless of ownership, per class. Third dogs will be accepted on a space available basis. Please send a separate check for any third dogs.
2. Entry fees: US Funds. Open class - \$41/dog. Novice and ProNovice - \$26/dog, Ranch - \$29. USBCHA Nursery \$22/dog. Entries open April 2, 2012 must be postmarked by **May 4, 2012**. Entries mailed earlier will be treated as being received on the opening date. Entries will be accepted until the closing date or classes fill. Running order will be drawn on May 11th. **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 Saturday, May 12th.**
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.

Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair Sheep Dog Trial Entry Blank

May 26 and 27, 2012

All Handlers will be expected to volunteer in some manner.

Please indicate what job(s) you are willing to do.

- Fence set-up
- Fence take-down
- Sheep pen
- Sheep Set-out
- Sheep exhaust
- Announcing
- Scribing
- Secretarial

Handlers name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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Camper Fee (for the weekend) \$20.00

Tent Fee (for the weekend) \$10.00

Dogs name	Age	Sex	Class	Long Road Eligible*	Day	Fee

Camper (please check) \$20 for the weekend Yes _____ No _____ Fee _____

Tent (please check) \$10 for the weekend Yes _____ No _____ Fee _____

Payment must accompany entry form. Total Enclosed: _____

Please specify if dog is owned by a person other than the handler.

*You and your dog are long road award eligible if you have owned and trained the dog yourself from the age of 6 months. Taking lessons does not disqualify you, but sending the dog for training does.

Open / Novice Mentoring

Open and novice handlers will be paired for one-on-one mentoring. If you wish to participate as a mentor or mentee please check. Mentor _____ Mentee _____

I agree not to hold the organizers of this trial, the Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair, or the Hillside Agricultural Society responsible for any injury or damage to myself, my property, or my dog(s). I also agree to be responsible for the actions of myself and of my dog(s), on or off the trial field or property.

Signed _____

Entries open April 2, 2012. Send completed entries postmarked by **May 4th** to:

Denise Leonard, 389 Adams Rd., Greenfield, MA 01301

Make checks payable to: Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair. Send a separate check for third dogs.