

Preview #1

2021 National German Shorthaired Pointer Association National Championships

GREETINGS FROM THE NGSPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT):

The purpose of this preview is to give all of you a quick look at how things are shaping up for the National Championships in 2021, to give you a heads up on changes that were made at the BOT meeting in June and to encourage all of you to let us know if you have ideas to make the Nationals better.

In 2020, as you are all aware, the NGSPA National Championships were cancelled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The cancellation followed the 2019 NGSPA National Championships being moved to new grounds at Grovespring, MO. The move, after more than 25 years running the Nationals at Booneville, AR, was successful in spite of the numbers logistical challenges. 2019 and 2020 are now in the history books and the NGSPA BOT and the National Championships Committee are planning for the 2021 Nationals! Based on the success of the 2019 Nationals and entries for the 2020 Nationals (received prior to cancellation) we expect and are planning for record setting entries! **As this is being written, we have no reason to believe that the 2021 Nationals will not be run as scheduled. Even though the planning for the 2021 Nationals is proceeding with the assumption that the COVID 19 Pandemic will be over, the Committee is well aware that precautions like face masks and social distancing may be necessary and such provisions will be announced if deemed necessary. Participants should also be prepared to not attend if personal health concerns dictate!**

NEW FOR 2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: At the June 2020 meeting, the BOT voted to add an additional stake - the National Amateur Championship. As the 2020 Nationals were cancelled, it will run for the first time in 2021. It will be run following the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. **New bronze trophies similar to the National Championship Trophies have been commissioned for the Winner and Runner-Up placements. Owners and handlers need to be aware that cross-over entries will not be allowed and the Board's decision reads, as follows: "Beginning with the National Championships in 2020, a qualified dog may be entered in only one National Amateur Championship stake, and only one National Open Championship stake. The class of the stake (all-age vs Shooting Dog) may be changed between Amateur and the Open Championships".**

WHEN: The 2021 NGSPA National Championships will start at 8:00 AM, Saturday, March 27, 2021 with the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, followed by the NGSPA

National Amateur Championship, the NGSPA National Futurity, the National Championship, and will conclude with the National Shooting Dog Championship. Drawing for the Amateur Championship will take place at approximately 6:00 PM on Friday, March 26, 2021. The Championships will take place approximately 14-20 days of total running time - Amateur 3-5 days, Amateur All-Age 1-3 days, Futurity 2-3 days, National Championship 2-3 days, and the Shooting dog 4-6 days.

RUNNING ORDER: The running order will be: National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, National Amateur Championship, National Futurity, National Championship and National Shooting Dog Championship.

ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING: The Annual NGSPA Delegates meeting will take place on the field trial grounds after dinner on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

WHERE: Sportsman Association Field Trial Grounds near Grovespring, Missouri.

JUDGES:

2021 National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship -	Jeff Haggis, Glencoe, ON, Canada Harvey Franco, Austin, TX
2021 National Amateur Championship	John Rabidou, Hondo, TX Joe Orndorff, Wardensville, WV
2021 National Futurity	John Rabidou, Hondo, TX Steve Auxier, Lincoln, NE
2021 National Championship	Steve Hurdle, Hickory Flats, MS Doug Meyer, Tonganoxie, KS
2021 National Shooting Dog Championship	Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL Buck Daniels, XXX, SC

2021 ENTRY FEES:	National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship - \$200.00
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	National Championship - \$225.00
	NGSPA National Futurity - \$175.00
	National Shooting Dog Championship - \$225.00

QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR A DOG TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN IN THE NGSPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Qualifications for the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, National Amateur Championship, the National Championship and the National Shooting Dog Championship:

(A) Qualification for Life: The following qualify a dog for life, for entry in the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, National Amateur Championship, National Championship and the National Shooting Dog Championship.

1. A win (Champion or RU Champion) in a NGSPA or American Field Championship of an hour in length or more.
2. A win (1st, 2nd or 3rd) in a broke dog stake in any NGSPA or American Field sanctioned trial.

(B) The current year's NGSPA National Futurity Winner qualifies for the next year's Championship (one year only).

(C) The dog must be amateur handled and amateur owned in the National Amateur Championship, as well as the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship.

NATIONAL FUTURITY:

(A) Dogs eligible for the NGSPA National Futurity must be properly nominated by the breeder and the owner.

(B) The dog must be registered in the American Field Stud Book.

TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Tradition dictates that one BOT duty is to help organize and run the National Championships. In addition, select Trustees are task with specific responsibilities. For the 2021 Nationals, the following individuals have volunteered for the listed responsibilities:

A committee of NGSPA Trustees: Mark Verdoorn, Dan DiMambro, Dean Crabbs, Mike Patrick, Art Armbrust and Robin Lambourn were appointed to act as the "2021 NGSPA National Championship Committee".

Trustee and Nationals Committee member Art Armbrust agreed to head up recruitment of dog wagon and happy hour sponsorships assisted by Trustee Ray Larrondo and Trustee Mike Patrick.

Trustee and Nationals Committee member Mark Verdoorn agreed to coordinate purchase and delivery of quail for the Nationals, to coordinate dealing with the caterer and arrange rentals of a tent during the Amateur stakes.

Trustee and Nationals Committee member Dan DiMambro agreed to arrange for the purchase of hay, rental of portable toilets and coordinate the daily painting of birds during the Nationals.

Trustee and Nationals Committee member Robin Lambourn agreed to take over coordination with the judges and editing the Nationals catalog.

Trustee and Nationals Committee member Dean Crabbs will act as overall coordinator for the Nationals and will be responsible for publishing communications concerning the Nationals.

SOUVENIR DRINK WARE: For the first time in 2021, souvenir drink ware will be available. They are very nicely made in stainless steel with tops and have the NGSPA logo engraved on them. Available in 20 oz tall mugs, 12 oz coffee cups and 10 oz wine cups. They will be priced at \$20.00 each - first come, first served, as long as they last! A picture is attached. If anyone wants one, before Nationals, email or call me (dr crabbs@gmail.com or 208-739-0644).

SUGGESTIONS: The BOT takes the running of the National Championships very seriously and is doing everything they can to make the Championships a success, but, in the end, the Championships belong to the participants. If you have suggestions, we welcome them.

UPCOMING PREVIEWS: We will be sending out several more 2021 NGSPA National Championship Previews. They will be published on the NGSPA website (www.ngspa.org) and in the NGSPA Newsletter.

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For the 2021 NGSPA National Championships Committee,
Mark Verdoorn, Dan DiMambro, Dean Crabbs, Mike Patrick, Art Armbrust, Ray Larrondo and Robin Lambourn
On behalf of the NGSPA BOT



Drinkware