

2021 National German Shorthaired Pointer Association National Championships Preview # 3

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.

Items listed in red are either new information or are really important for you to be aware of.

Planning for the NGSPA National Championships is always a mind numbingly detailed process and 2021 has been particularly difficult due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Nationals Committee has always been cognizant of the virus and is fully confident that a safe and fun event is possible. We will be stressing common sense preventative measures be followed and we ask for your full cooperation. In preparing for your travel we urge you all to get vaccinated and most of all if you have been exposed to the virus or are feeling sick – Stay HOME!

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

Driving Directions: From Interstate Highway I-44 at Lebanon, MO turn South on Missouri Highway 5 and follow it approximately 17 miles. Watch for the NGSPA National Championships sign and turn right (West) on Meadow Lark Lane. Follow it for approximately 1 ½ miles to the Sportsman Association Clubhouse on the right. Check in at the Clubhouse for parking assistance. There is limited parking behind the clubhouse and the new parking area is approximately ¼ mile past the clubhouse on the right. All turns from the intersection of Missouri Route 5 and Meadow Lark Lane to the grounds will be well marked with highly visible signs.

For those of you that want directions that you can plug into your GPS the below address is about 1/2 mile further to the west of the Grovespring grounds: **10321 Parks Creek Road, Grovespring, MO.** The directions will take you right past the Grovespring Field Trial grounds if you are traveling from Lebanon, MO.

Note: If using this address in your GPS routes you from I-44 cross country rather than through Lebanon, MO **use at your own peril.** The State and County roads are narrow, hilly, have many curves and road shoulders that are narrow to non-existent! It is highly recommended that you go to Lebanon, MO and take Missouri Highway 5 south. In other words, use GPS once you reach Lebanon, MO.

Grounds at Grovespring: There will be a parking fee on the Grovespring grounds. The fee will be \$10.00/night for parking with electricity/water. Payment will be collected by the NGSPA. For 2021, there will not be a charge for parking without hookups.

When:: The 2021 National Championships will start at 8:00 AM, Saturday, March 27, 2020 with the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, followed by the 1st NGSPA Amateur National Championship (All Age), the NGSPA National Futurity, the NGSPA National Championship, and will conclude with the NGSPA 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 approximately 15 to 16 days total running time – Amateur 4-5 days, Amateur All Age 2-3 days, Futurity 2-3 days, National Championship 3 days, and the Shooting Dog 4-6 days.

Running Order: The running order will remain unchanged (except for addition of the National **Amateur** All Age Championship) – Amateur Shooting Dog, National Amateur All Age Championship, National Futurity, National Championship and the National Shooting Dog Championship.

Online Entry System: The online entry system is our preferred way of accepting championship entries and is up and running on our new website. Our website developer, Anthony Rusciano asked to include the following statement about the system be posted:

NGSPA ONLINE ENTRY FORMS Nationals and Championships

Participants may submit their entries online from the NGSPA website for both the National Championships as well as all individual Championships. The online entry forms are emailed directly to the Championships' corresponding secretary. National Championships online entry forms links are located on the Home and Nationals pages of the website. Online entry form buttons for the Championships are located on each individual championships page. The benefit of using the online entry form is that once your dog's information is entered for the first time, the information will be saved to the NGSPA database. The next time that a participant enters that same dog, in any NGSPA event, all of the entry forms information is recalled from the FDSB number, all form fields will automatically populate and will not need to be re-entered.

JUDGES:

45 th National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship:	Tom Davis, Sylvania, OH Harvey Franco, Austen, TX
1 st National Amateur Championship:	John Rabidou, Hondo, TX Joe Orndorff, Wardensville, WV
62 nd National Futurity:	John Rabidou, Hondo, TX Steve Auxier, Lincoln, NE
68th National Championship:	Steve Hurdle, Hickory Flat, MS Doug Meyer, Tonganoxie, KS
51 st National Shooting Dog Championship:	Mark Johnson, Winnebago, IL Buck Daniels, Yemassee, SC

2021 ENTRY FEES:

National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship - \$200.00
National Amateur All Age Championship - \$200.00
NGSPA Futurity - \$175.00
National Championship - \$225.00
National Shooting Dog Championship - \$225.00

MEALS:

We plan to have 3 meals catered each day starting with Pizza on the evening of March 26, 2021 (Preceding the Amateur drawing) and continuing through completion of the National Futurity. During the National Championship and the Shooting dog Championship participant number will have dropped to the point where it is not financially feasible to have a commercial caterer and participants will need to make their own arrangements

ADVERTISING:

Please take note of the separate advertising flyers for the Nationals Catalog Ads and Dog Wagon/Happy Hour Sponsorships.

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