



Barn Hunt Training Notes



Basics

- Remove leash and collar from your dog. Dogs must run “naked”
 - Once you have removed your collar and leash, give them to the leash holder or scribe. Do not give your leash to the judge, and do not leave your leash on the ground.
- Start in the start box. Your time starts the second you or your dog leave the start box.
 - You can not leave the startbox until you are directed to do so by the judge
 - If the judge asks if you are sure you are ready, I would check to be sure that all collars and leashes are off of your dog. 😊
 - You can not leadout or put your dog in a stay in the box to call them through the tunnel.
 - Do not scruff your dog in the startbox.
- You can not touch your dog unless you are restraining so that the rat tube can be removed.
 - When you are restraining to have a tube removed, do not scruff your dog, do not hold them by the tail. Hold your dog around the chest. Like a nice hug. Restrain humanely and with respect for your dog.
- You can not touch the bales in an effort to get your dog to climb
- You can not push your dog through the tunnel
- When calling rat, call it with confidence. Don't ask a question, make a statement. Make sure the judge can hear you when you call rat.
- No cell phones in the ring or the blind at all
- No treats in the ring
- No toys in the ring
- No training aids of any kind may be brought into the ring.
- If your dog eliminates in the ring, your run is over, and you will receive an NQ. (Non-Qualifying Score)

How do I know when it is my turn and what is the line up process?

- There will be a list posted with blind numbers and orders. Each blind will have five dogs in the group.
 - For example, if you are Blind Group 3 Run 2, you would be the second person to go in group three.
- If you are in Blind 3, potty your dog during group 1. During group 2, you will be staged. Staging means that you will be seated in chairs waiting to go into the blind.
- Someone will escort you or tell you to go into the blind when it is time for your group to be in the blind.
 - If you are the last dog in the blind, you could be in the blind for 20 minutes. It may seem like it is taking forever.