

The New England Hunts

Rules and Conditions for Hound Trials

Perpetual Challenge Trophy for Packs

Purpose: There will be held annually during the fall of the year in New England a trial for the purpose of determining the recognized New England Hunt whose hounds are the fastest and truest across New England hunting country.

Conditions;

1. Each Master of a recognized New England Hunt is invited to run not more than two couples of foxhounds from his regular pack in competition for this trophy.

(Note: for the purpose of these rules, a registered Hunt has been considered as Recognized. This is consistent with the MFHA Association policy which regards Registration as a preliminary form of recognition. The exclusion is intended to apply to unregistered or farmer packs.)

2. The foxhounds run in this event must have been owned by the Hunt running them for at least six months prior to the time of the trials. Such foxhounds must be kept and regularly hunt entering them.

3. The course will be over natural hunting country found in New England where hunting is regularly conducted and will be not less than 3 nor more than 5 miles in length and will be laid by conventional drag method.

4. Except at the starting line, hounds cannot be cheered, encouraged, handled, or otherwise dealt with in any way by handlers or spectators. All handlers of the hounds shall remain well away from the finish line until the last hound is in.

(Note: somewhere it should be set fourth that the drag line should extend 50 yards or so beyond the finish line so as to lead the first hounds beyond the finish line and to prevent them interfering with the following hounds.)

5. All starting hounds of a pack must finish within five minutes of the first hound in or that pack will be disqualified.

Scoring: the first hound in shall receive the same number of points as there are number of hounds starting. The second hound, one less point, etc. the pack having the highest combine score shall be deemed the winner and awarded the trophy. If two packs are tied, the team whose first hound finished ahead of the first hound of the tied pack shall receive one additional point.

These Rules were published in the 1956 in Official Rules and Conditions for the New England Hunts annual Events: Championship Hunter Trials(established 1932) and Hound Trials(established 1923). Together with record of past Winners and Trophies. The two notes in Italics were inserted by John B. Glass