

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

ECSCA FIELD TRIAL--HOST CLUB CRITERIA

In order to encourage and foster the continued involvement of the English Cocker Spaniel in American Kennel Club (AKC) Field Trials for Cocker Spaniels, and in the spirit of the Objects of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc....*"to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection...and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed..."* the ECSCA calls on its field-oriented fanciers and members to sponsor AKC Cocker/English Cocker Spaniel Field Trials under its auspices.

All rules and regulations to the American Kennel Club pertaining to Cocker Spaniel Field Trials must be adhered to.

1. Any field trial held under the name of the ECSCA must be applied for with the AKC Performance Events Department over the signature of an ECSCA officer. All pertinent material must thus be submitted to the ECSCA Field Events Committee for approval well in advance (four to five months) of any submissions to AKC. AKC now requires all trial data applications and questionnaire forms be in their offices NO LATER THAN THREE MONTHS prior to the event. There is a \$50 FINE for late submissions to AKC (AKC Directive 10/16/97), which the Host Club will pay!
2. Depending on the date of the trial, there may, or may not be, a \$15 fee (the first trial of the year does not have a fee). This fee shall be the responsibility of the Host Club. The Club, which has held a field trial or field trials in any one year, shall have first right to claim the corresponding date for its trial or trials to be held in the next succeeding year.
3. The Hosting Club must appoint a Field Trial Secretary to be submitted to AKC. The Field Trial Secretary does not necessarily need to be a member of the ECSCA.
4. The Field Trial Committee shall be comprised of at least FIVE MEMBERS OF THE ECSCA and may include the Field Trial Secretary (but he or she must be a member of the ECSCA to be part of this committee).
5. The Hosting Club will use Judges from a list of Judges provided by the ECSCA Field Events Committee. All judges must now complete the "Judges Affirmation Form" (AKC Directive 5/1/96). The Judges should be aware of all AKC rules pertaining to Spaniel Field Trials and the information from the "*Guide to Conduct and Judging of Cocker Spaniel Field Trials*" (the Green Book).
6. The Club asking to host an ECSCA Trial will agree in writing to the following conditions concerning the trial grounds, facilities and birds: a) the trial will be held on suitable grounds that best demonstrate the cockers' natural abilities and especially their willingness to enter cover; b) areas will not be acceptable if they are only accessible with four-wheel drive vehicles; c) the Hosting Club will provide or contract

to have provided lunch for all handlers, Judges, workers and spectators; d) adequate sanitary facilities are required, either access to a bathroom facility (i.e. Clubhouse or Lodge) or portable toilets shall be provided; e) they will provide birds that are appropriate of the breed, preference to Pheasants (Chukar or Hungarian Partridge may be substituted but no other birds are acceptable; and f) humane care provided for the live birds and proper disposal of dead birds.

7. A complete financial statement shall be maintained and submitted to the ECSCA Treasurer within 10 days of the end of the trial, along with a check for the remaining funds to be maintained in a special account to be used to pay for the insurance for ECSCA Field Trials and other field trial expenses.

8. The official logo of the ECSCA must be used on all documents involved with the Field Trial, such as the front of the premium list and most particularly, on the front cover of the Field Trial catalog. Black and white reproductions (slicks) of the ECSCA logo may be obtained from the ECSCA Corresponding Secretary.

9. At the time that the four copies of the premium list are sent to AKC, at least one copy must be sent to the ECSCA Corresponding Secretary for the ECSCA archives, and one copy to the editor of *"The English Cocker Afield"* for pre-trial publicity.

10. After the event, it is the responsibility of the Field Trial Secretary to complete the AKC required materials in a timely fashion (the Host Club will pay any fines incurred for late submission). Also, a marked catalog MUST be sent to each of the following: the ECSCA Corresponding Secretary, the Editor of *The English Cocker Afield*, the Editor of *Spaniels in the Field*, the National Cocker Championship Field Trial Secretary.

We thank you for your interest and support of the English Cocker Spaniel in the field. Current Addresses you may need:

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