

# Memo

To: Ruffed Grouse Society Member/Upland Challenge Participant  
From: RGS Michigan Gun Dog Trial Chairs  
Date: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
Re: RGS Gun Dog Trials Rules and Format Changes

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## **RGS Member/Gun Dog Trial Participant,**

We are excited to announce some big changes in the format of the Michigan Ruffed Grouse Society gun dog trials. These changes were made based on the feedback from trial chairs, participants and judges. The end goal is to increase participation and fairness while continuing to create a welcoming and fun environment.

Please review some of the larger changes noted below and look over the attached trial flyer, Introduction information and overall rules.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the trial chair for your event.

We are looking forward to having you and your K9 partner at our upcoming event!

## **Notable Changes**

- Dogs of ALL skill levels are welcomed! (Dog must be handled by its owner)
- E-Collars are allowed (excessive or inappropriate use is a penalty and or disqualification at the discretion of the score keepers)
- Points based scoring system with detailed explanations of how points are achieved and deducted.
- 3 bird contact opportunities per dog!



# LE GRAND TRAVERSE CHAPTER



# 2015 RGS UPLAND CHALLENGE

Top 8 dogs  
Will be Invited to the  
RGS Michigan Gun Dog of the Year Trial

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015**  
**Thundering Aspens Shooting Preserve**  
4612A N. 5 Rd. Mesick, MI 49668  
[www.tcrgs.com](http://www.tcrgs.com)

2015 RGS State of Michigan GDOY Trial  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Location- TBD

### Trial Information

**8:00 AM Start Time (rain or shine)**

**Cost: \$55 per dog**

- You must be an RGS member to participate (sign-up day of event available)
- **Pointing & Flushing** dogs run in the same division and on the same course
- Limited to first 34 of entries
- Three Chukar per dog will be set out each brace
- Lunch included with entry fee
- Only #7.5 size shot or smaller may be used
- Females in heat will be ran in the last brace
- No alcoholic beverages permitted on grounds
- All dogs must be leashed/staked out when not competing
- Hunter orange must be worn & a valid hunting license is required
- Once Draw is made changes will only be permitted at Trial Chair's discretion

All entries must be received **no later** than April 23rd, 2015  
To: Ric Heller, 1707 Green Oaks Dr Interlochen, MI 49643 (616) 240-9000  
Or email [RicHellerII@hotmail.com](mailto:RicHellerII@hotmail.com)

Drawing will take place Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 and posted on –  
[www.facebook.com/MichiganRuffedGrouseSocietyGunDogTrialSeries](http://www.facebook.com/MichiganRuffedGrouseSocietyGunDogTrialSeries)

----- ENTRY FORM (Cut and Mail) -----

*Entry Fee \$55 (make checks payable to Ruffed Grouse Society)*

OWNER/HANDLER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG (1) \_\_\_\_\_ M F BREED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG (2) \_\_\_\_\_ M F BREED \_\_\_\_\_

I SUBMIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ENTRY FEE(S) (\$55 per dog)

# 2015 Upland Challenge Intro

How the game is played:

- Three birds are planted in the field for each dog. Up to two dogs will be run in a brace.
- Dogs must point or flush the 3 birds within the 20 minute time limit.
- Hunters must successfully harvest the birds in a safe manner in accordance to the rules.
- The dog must retrieve the bird to the hunter to within (1) reasonable step.
- The two highest scored birds are combined for your total score
  - o The third birds score is used in the event of a tie
- Points are awarded based on the level of success of the previous steps.
- Safety violations or hunter misconduct will result in penalties. 3 penalties = disqualification

Point Values

- Point/Flush +10pts/bird
- Shells used -5pts/ea.
- Full Retrieve +10pts/bird
- Bird Bagged +20 pts/bird
- Partial Retrieve +5pts/bird
- Drops on Retrieve -3pts/bird
- Penalties -5ea(3<sup>rd</sup> penalty equals disqualification)
- Interference -5ea (counted as a penalty and a bird contact)

Dogs & Handlers

- Dogs of all skill levels are allowed to enter.
- E collars are permitted (excessive or inappropriate use is a penalty and or disqualification at the discretion of the score keepers)
- Dogs entered must be handled in the field by their owner
- Designated shooters are allowed
  - o Shooter may not handle or direct the dog in anyway
  - o Shooter must stay as near the handler as possible at all times

# 2015 Upland Challenge Complete Rules

## I GENERAL

A competition field will not be planted until the competing competitors are in the designated blind. The scorekeeper will direct the bird setter when to set the field.

## II PLAYER CONDUCT

All competitors and those affiliated with a competitor agree to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and socially responsible manner. Competitors will not engage in behavior that damages the image of the RGS, its affiliates, sponsors or other competitors. All competitors agree to refrain from behavior or language that might be perceived as threatening or offensive. Competitors will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with another teammate, competitor, sponsor, attendee or RGS representative at any time. All competitors agree not to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health or safety of themselves, another competitor, spectator, attendee, sponsor, RGS representative, host or dog at any time. All competitors agree to respect and support the decisions or rulings as administered by an official, host, marshal or other RGS representative. All competitors agree not to use alcohol or any other controlled substance (unless prescribed by a physician) prior to or while competing.

## III RULES OF SAFETY

1. A safe shot is always the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER. 2. Running during competition is NEVER allowed. As you leave the gate, scorekeepers will inform competitors of what an acceptable pace is. From that point forward, anytime a scorekeeper has to slow a competitor down or believes the competitor to be moving at an unsafe pace, they will be penalized. First penalty is 2 points, second penalty is 4 points, and third penalty is a disqualification. Any penalty will be communicated at the time of the infraction. 3. No bird may be shot while on the ground. 4. No bird is to be shot in flight unless it is safe to do so. Failure to abide by this rule is subject to immediate disqualification as determined by the scorekeeper. The guidelines for safe shooting are determined as follows: a. The bird must be rising and at a safe distance from the dog. b. The bird must be clear of all personnel, structural property up to and including temporary structures, permanent buildings, vehicles (occupied or unoccupied), roads or traversed paths and all other hazards that present potential liability consequences to the shooter. c. The skyline should be clearly visible to the shooter (below the bird) prior to taking the shot. 5. Blaze orange vests and/or caps must be worn during competition. 6. Firearms are to be free of ammunition and the action or chamber broken or open when not competing. 7. Only OEM produced loads are permissible in competition. Those competitors using a twelve (12) gauge gun are allowed to use shells no longer than two and three quarters (2 ¾") inch in length and loads no greater than size six (6) shot. Competitors electing to utilize a twenty (20) gauge gun and smaller are allowed to use three (3") inch shells and loads no greater than size six (6) shot. Reloads in any caliber or load are not permissible. A Steel shot/Non toxic exception will allow shot size to be no larger than shot size four (4) 8. If a competitor aids a dog across an obstruction such as a fence or other barrier, or leaves the field for any reason, they must unload their firearm and relinquish it to the scorekeeper prior to such activity for safekeeping. While in the possession of the scorekeeper, the gun must remain unloaded and the action or chamber broken or open. 9. Safety is always the responsibility of the shooter and will always be respected. A scorekeeper may call a safety at any time. 10. Any gun placed on the ground prior to the run at the gate or in the competition field at any time will be declared an unsafe action and subject to immediate disqualification.

IV. FIELD CONDUCT: 1. Competitors shall keep their dogs on a leash at all times not competing in a field. Behaving in a manner that may jeopardize the integrity of a competition or reflect poorly on the RGS, its sponsors, personnel or other strategic partners or relationships. 2. All dead birds and bird parts must be removed from the competition field if at all possible prior to leaving that field. Intentionally leaving whole birds or bird parts in the competition field is not allowed. 3. If a scorekeeper is unsure whether or not a competitor fired a shot that placed an individual or property in danger, he or she is obligated to inform the competitor that an inquiry will be conducted at the conclusion of the respective brace. If a scorekeeper deems that indeed an unsafe shot was fired, intentionally or otherwise, that competitor shall be disqualified. 4. If two or more RGS officials or official representatives of the host club witness damage caused by pellets from an unsafe shot, they too have the authority to disqualify that competitor. 5. All competitors, their dogs and gear must be in the blind during the planting of their field and the planting of the preceding brace if so required at the event. 6. Competitors intentionally loading a competition field in an effort to

create an unfair competitive advantage for the next brace will be immediately disqualified. Competitors who are making no effort to bag birds, do not have their dog under control or it is running wild may be disqualified. A competitor who intentionally bags more than the designated quota of birds shall be disqualified. The unintentional harvesting of more than the designated quota of birds shall not result in disqualification. However, a shell shall be counted for each trapped bird and/or shot fired and the extra bird(s) shall not be replaced in the field. 7. Entry fees are forfeited and non-refundable in the event a disqualification is levied. 8. Handler must gain control of the dog and leash the dog after the 3 bird limit is reached. Please exit the field in a safe manner once dog is leashed.

#### V COMPETITOR(S)/SCORE SHEETS

1. All information to the dog and handler on a score sheet is the responsibility of the competitor or dog handler. All score sheets must accurately include the dog's, owner's, competitor's and partner's name. Should the competitor have a protest with a ruling or judgment while in the competition field, he or she should leash their dog, ask the scorekeeper to stop the clock and review the scorekeeper's call. The protest should be noted in detail only if it is over a rule not a judgment call, (i.e. a safety call) on the affected score sheet and the brace should continue. The score keeper will then bring the protest to the attention of the Field Marshall (or otherwise designated individual or individuals) for a final determination. 2. No competitor will be allowed to walk the fields the morning prior to the competition. Upon request scorekeepers will provide to each competitor a description of the competition field. 3. Beeper collars may be used during the competition, but should only be activated at the starting gate. 4. All competitors must be current RGS members. 5. A competitor that is physically unable to walk as determined by a medical professional and possesses documentation stating such, shall request permission of the competition organizer or the RGS to utilize a small ATV or golf cart while competing. Their pace is not to exceed that of a walking competitor and will be monitored by the scorekeeper.

#### VI SCORED POINTS TO BE AWARDED

1. If a competitor does not find a bird during the 20 minute run the score will be total of unused shells 2. Twenty (20) points will be awarded for a three (3) second, non-advancing point in the Pointing division. 3. Twenty (20) points will be awarded for a bird flushed to flight (or caught during an attempt to flush) in the Flushing division. 4. Ten (10) points will be awarded for a full retrieve. 5. Five (5) points will be awarded for a partial retrieve. 6. Ten (10) points will be awarded for each full minute remaining of the total time limit in the OPEN division only. Time is called when the last bird is in hand, the dog is under control and total minutes, seconds and hundredths recorded. 7. Five (5) points will be deducted for each shell used. A trapped bird by a flushing dog will result in one shell used. 8. Ten (10) points will be deducted for a caught or trapped bird in the pointing event. 9. In the Pointing Division, a competitor must make at least 3 good attempts to move the bird to flight. If that effort results in the bird moving at least 10 feet without taking flight, the bird should be declared a non performing bird by the Judge. If the bird is running and runs a minimum of 20 feet, this bird should be declared a non performing bird by the judge. Once a bird is declared a non performer, it will be considered a clean harvest and full points will be awarded for a full retrieve and a bagged bird (with a shell assessed). However the non performing bird must be removed from the field by any means not prohibited by the safety rule (i.e. shooting on the ground). If a non performing bird flies at any time during your attempt to remove the bird from the field, you should shoot it. Any shells used in an attempt to shoot a bird that has been declared by the Judge to be a non performing bird do not count. If this bird becomes a safety, the safety rule prevails and the hunter must stay in place and call the dog back and make physical contact with the dog before proceeding or hunter will be assessed with a partial retrieve. 10. If a non performing bird flies and lands back in the field that was not deemed a safety bird you must pursue it and remove it from the field. 10. Hand tossing is not allowed – the only time a competitor may place a hand on the bird is to remove from the dog's mouth on a retrieve, pick up a bird on a partial retrieve that has previously been in dog's mouth, or pick up a bird deemed "non-performing". In both cases the bird must be placed in the bag and not tossed for shooting. (If a competitor throws a live bird, no further scoring will be allowed on that bird (i.e., no retrieve or bagged bird points will be allowed and points will be deducted for any shells used to shoot at the thrown bird). If a scorekeeper determines that your dog caught or trapped the bird because of a non-performing bird, full points will be awarded. 11. The Scorekeepers decision on non-performing bird(s) is FINAL. 12. No opportunity will be granted, should the dog place the bird in its mouth, to "spit" the bird out and foot or wild flush the bird to receive points. By placing the bird in its mouth it has trapped or caught the bird. Any failed attempt to catch or trap the bird by the dog prior to the flush is allowable, assuming the point was awarded by the scorekeeper.

#### VII DENIED SHOOTING OPPORTUNITY

Denied Shooting Opportunity ("Safety") is called for any unsafe condition involving potential injury to person, dog or property. A denied shooting opportunity can be awarded at any time during an event. 1. The hunter should loudly proclaim "no shot, no shot" or "safety" and keep the muzzle of the gun pointed in a safe position during an unsafe

shooting condition. This alerts the scorekeepers of the unsafe condition. Once the scorekeeper has acknowledged the unsafe condition no shot should be taken. Any shot taken after a safety has been declared and acknowledged by the scorekeeper may be grounds for immediate disqualification. However if an opportunity presents and the shot becomes safe, the competitor may take the shot without penalty. Once a safety has been granted the handler must make physical contact with the dog before advancing further in the run. All points for that bird will be awarded if a three second point had been awarded before the safety was awarded. If the handler fails to make physical contact with the dog before advancing from the location the safety was called this will be scored as a partial retrieve. This is as if the dog was making a retrieve, handler must remain stationary until physical contact is made with the dog for full credit. 2. At any time, a scorekeeper may also call "safety" with the same rules applying. 3. Full points will be awarded for a point or flush, full retrieve if hunters make physical contact with dog before advancing if no contact made scored as partial retrieve, and a shot bird in the bag. 4. If the bird was not pointed, but flushed by the pointing dog or hunter, an additional ten (10) points are deducted from the above denied shooting opportunity score. 5. If the bird stays in the field after a denied shooting opportunity is awarded you may accept the denied shooting opportunity score, pull the dog off the bird for three (3) minutes, and then hunt the bird for full points or produce another bird and then hunt the bird for full points. The scorekeeper will let the hunter know when three (3) minutes have elapsed. 6. If on the "last bird" to be bagged, a denied shooting opportunity presents itself, time should stop when the "safety" is called and the dog is either on leash or the competitor has physical control of the dog (by its collar). The competitor must remain in place as if dog was retrieving bird or it will have to be scored as a partial retrieve. 7. If a cameraman or scorekeeper flushes a bird full points credit will always be awarded. If bird remains in the field it cannot be acted upon for three minutes or another bird being produced in between. The safety rule (touching the dog) does not apply.

#### VIII BAGGED BIRD

A bird (that is the designated species) securely in the possession of the competitor while in the field of competition is a bagged bird. If a bird escapes from a competitor's control and is no longer in his/her possession at the conclusion of the brace, it is no longer considered "bagged". The clock will be restarted and the competitor must either find and place this bird back in his/her bag while the clock is running or find, harvest and retrieve an additional bird to meet the requirement of the event or until the allocated time has elapsed, whichever comes first.

#### IX SHELLS

Five (5) points will be deducted for each used shell. Each competitor will be allowed a total of two (2) shells per bird. Shells are to be divided equally between a team of competitors competing in the Doubles event. 2. One shell will be forfeited for each trapped or caught bird, and/or each denied shooting opportunity.

#### X BOUNDARIES

Time of the brace is stopped when the last bird is in hand and the competitor has full control of the bird and dog in bounds. 2. A bagged bird may be in-bounds or out of bounds when flushed or pointed. The competitor or competitors may not go out off bounds to produce, shoot or bag a bird except as 12 permitted under the partial retrieve rule.. A competitor cannot purposely send a dog out of bounds or go out of bounds to harvest a bird. 3. If a bird is unintentionally pushed into the competition field by an out of bounds dog, full points are awarded as long as the bird is bagged. If a competitor leaves the field to retrieve his dog and accidentally flushes a bird back into the competition field. The competitor must pull the dog off of that bird for three (3) minutes, hunt another area of the field for (3) minutes or produce another bird prior to hunting the original bird. 4. It is considered unsportsmanlike for a competitor to refrain from calling their dog back into the competition field when the dog is out of bounds in hopes that the dog will flush a bird. The scorekeeper will make a judgment for disqualification or deduct four (4) points should the competitor ignore their direction to bring he dog back into the competition field in a timely manner. 5. If a dead bird is found within bounds, the competitor should collar his/her dog and the clock should be stopped by the Scorekeeper while a determination is made as to whether the bird is cold or warm. The Scorekeeper shall immediately determine whether the dead bird is warm or cold. If a cold, dead bird is found in the competition field by the dog, it will be scored as a no bird. If a warm, dead bird is pointed by a pointing dog or retrieved by a flushing dog, full points will be awarded. Once the Scorekeeper has determined whether the dead bird is warm or cold and how it will be scored, time shall be resumed, unless the warm dead bird is the final bird to be bagged, in which case stopped time shall be the final time. 6. It is considered unsportsmanlike for a competitor to injure a bird while attempting to flush a bird. Additionally, a competitor may not, on the discovery of a nest containing multiple birds, impede the flight of any of the birds while flushing another. If the birds are in a resting state, the competitor may attempt to flush them individually, but may not impede the other birds from leaving during the flushing

process. The scorekeeper will make a judgment call for disqualification or deduct four (4) points per offense, whichever they deem appropriate.

#### XI POINTED BIRDS (POINTING DIVISION)

1. Ten (10) points will be awarded for each three (3) second pointed bird of the intended species) up to but not exceeding the quota established, unless a competitor fails to successfully bag a bird his/her dog has previously pointed, and the dog again points the same bird. The dog and the competitor(s) must establish a NON-ADVANCING, FIXED POSITION, (it is permissible for a dog to lift a leg and place it back down). Once the competitor declares "POINT" (and the scorekeeper witnesses the dog on point) this position becomes fixed for the dog and the competitor(s) until the scorekeeper awards the "POINT". If at any time the dog should close the distance between it and the bird (or the competitor(s) moves) before 3 seconds, the scorekeeper will begin the count over at one (1) until the dog and the competitor(s) has remained steady for three (3) consecutive seconds. 2. A competitor may not "whoa" or otherwise command (verbally or non-verbally – including by use of a collar) his/her dog into a point. And, once the competitor has declared "POINT", he or she may not give a command (verbal or non-verbal – including by use of a collar) to steady the dog until the scorekeeper has awarded the point. Should a command be given prior to the point being awarded the competitor has three (3) options: a. Remove the dog from the area and hunt another area in the field for three (3) minutes before returning to this bird. b. Remove the dog from this area and hunt other areas. If in a period of time less than three (3) minutes elapsed, the competitor produces another bird he may waive the three minutes. c. Flush this bird, losing the ten (10) points for a point and resume hunting. These rules apply to all birds whether the infraction occurs on the first bird, the last bird or at any other time in the brace; the options (a, b or c) do not change. 3. Multiple three (3) second points are not awarded each time that the dog relocates whether the bird is moving or remains in the nest. 4. If the dog fails to establish a three (3) second point prior to catching or trapping the bird (which is then bagged), NO SCORE for the point will be awarded as the dog did not establish an approved point, a shell will be forfeited and ten (10) points deducted for caught bird. 5. If the dog establishes a three (3) second point and multiple birds rise on the flush, the dog will receive only the number of points for each bird observed by the Scorekeeper to have been shot at by the competitor. But extra shells used will still be counted for un-harvested birds shot at. 6. If a three (3) second point is awarded and this pointed bird (moving or otherwise) flushes at anytime thereafter for whatever reason (as determined and witnessed by the scorekeeper) full points will be awarded for the point. 7. Both dog and competitor must remain simultaneously steady for three (3) consecutive seconds.

#### XII Retrieves/Partial Retrieves

1. Ten (10) points will be awarded for each full retrieve up to but not exceeding the established quota of intended species of birds. 2. Five (5) points will be awarded for each partial retrieve. A partial retrieve is defined as a hunter who must move his or her pivot foot in order to assist the dog in making the retrieve. The dog must still pick up the bird in his mouth in order to be scored a partial retrieve. 3. A competitor must keep one (1) foot stationary after the bird is shot, or once the dog has released to retrieve a bird, or catch a bird. 4. A competitor may kneel down but MAY NOT lay down to retrieve a bird. The competitor may not place his or her gun on the ground while removing the bird from the dog's mouth. 5. A competitor may not physically assist the dog (beyond the pivot foot distance) during the retrieve to receive full points. 6. A competitor may not use a foreign object to reach a bird the dog has dropped beyond the distance allowed while maintaining his or her pivot foot. 7. If the allotted amount of time for a brace has elapsed and a bird has been shot, the competitor has a thirty (30) second grace period to complete the retrieve. If this grace period elapses and the bird is not yet retrieved, no points will be awarded for a bagged bird or a retrieve. If the bird is retrieved within the 30 second window, the time shall be scored as equal to the allotted amount of time for the brace (i.e. 15 minutes not 15 minutes and 30 seconds). 8. If a competitor fails to cleanly shoot a bird so that it lands in the field of competition forcing the competitor to move for any reason to assist the dog, it will be scored as a partial retrieve as long as the dog picks up the bird in its mouth. If a fence prohibits the dog from making an out of bounds retrieve it should be considered unfortunate and bad luck. Tournament Directors have latitude in the setting of fields and in addressing fence rules prior to the start of a tournament should they wish. 9. If, in the course of attempting a retrieve, a pointing dog appears to go on point on a new or different bird, the handler or competitor is allowed to move to this "new position" to flush the second bird with no penalty. However, this position is now the position that the dog must make both retrieves to in order to receive full retrieve points. Should the handler or competitor move to this position and the scorekeeper does not witness a produced bird, the original retrieve may only be scored as a partial retrieve. If this happens after the last bird has been shot the hunter may move to this new location if the dog has retrieved the shot bird to the location of the new point the competitor must show the scorekeeper that a bird is there they then can take the bird from the dog or pick it up if within one step of the dog and call time and leash the dog. If the dog was on the way to retrieve the final bird and the dog goes on point the competitor can move to this new position and flush the bird but not shot the bird. The competitor must remain

stationary while the dog retrieves the previously shot bird if the competitor must move it must be recorded as a partial retrieve. The bird flushed leaves the competition field the bird will be replaced in either situation. 10. If a shot bird lands in a tree or obstacle out of bounds it is considered bad luck you are charged a shell and are not awarded a bird in the bag. 11. If a shot bird lands in a tree located in the competition field and the scorekeeper determines the bird is dead, full points for the retrieve are to be awarded. If the bird remains alive, the competitor may shoot or throw an object at the bird and if it falls out of the tree, the dog must retrieve the bird to the competitor to receive full retrieve points or the competitor may elect to take a partial retrieve. If the bird dies in the tree but fails to fall to the ground, full retrieve points will be awarded. Competitors may use a foreign object (golf ball, corncob, water bottle, etc.) to toss out to help the dog locate a mismarked bird. No "live" shells should be used to help mark a bird

#### XII Flushed Birds (Flushing Division)

1. Ten (10) points will be awarded for each flushed bird of the intended species, up to but not exceeding the predetermined quota. 2. If a dog flushes multiple birds, flushed bird points will be awarded for only the number of birds observed by the Scorekeeper to have been shot at by the competitor or trapped by the dog. Extra shells used will still be counted for missed birds when acted upon as described above. 3. If a bird is trapped or caught by a dog in the Flushing division, ten (10) points will be awarded in place of a flush, and a shell must be forfeited. 4. A flushed bird is a bird which takes flight due to the action of the dog, if a flushing dog scares the bird to flight, IS WORKING the area that the bird was in and the bird takes flight, full flushing points are to be awarded. 5. A flushing dog must flush or "scare" all bagged birds for a clean run.

#### XIV Interference

Interference is defined as one dog interrupting the point, flush, or retrieve of the other competitor's dog.

1. Interference will result in the following penalties:

- Penalty shall be charged for each occurrence. 3 penalties results in disqualification as previously stated.
- The resulting penalty shall be a deduction of 15 points total. (10 points deducted for supposed 2 shells used, and 5 points for the penalty infraction.)
- Each interference will count as 1 bird contact and be scored as such
- No points will be awarded for the point/flush of the interference bird

2. The competitor is not charged a bird contact if caught in an interference, and may continue the hunt.