

2019
National German Shorthaired Pointer Association
National Championships
Preview # 1

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 2019, 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.

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

WHEN: The 2019 National Championships will start at 8:00 AM, Saturday, March 30, 2019 with the National Amateur Championship, followed by the NGSPA Futurity, the National Championship, and will conclude with the National Shooting Dog Championship. Drawing for the Amateur Championship will take place at approximately 6:00 PM on Friday, March 29, 2019. The Championships will take approximately 12 to 14 days total running time – Amateur 3-5 days, Futurity 2-3 days, National Championship 2-3 days, and the Shooting Dog 4-6 days.

RUNNING ORDER: The running order will remain unchanged – Amateur Shooting Dog, National Futurity, National Championship and Shooting Dog.

JUDGES:

2019 National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship:	Bill Monk, Wellsburg, WV Rob Tomczak, Elk Mound, WI
2019 National Championship and 2019 Futurity:	Eldon Hongo, Cheyenne, WY Andy Daugherty, Grovespring, MO
2019 National Open Shooting Dog Championship:	Bonnie Hidalgo, Brighton, CO Mike Eades, Enumclaw, WA

2019 ENTRY FEES: National Amateur Championship - \$200.00

National Championship - \$225.00

NGSPA Futurity - \$175.00

National Shooting Dog Championship - \$225.00

ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING: The Annual NGSPA Delegates Meeting will take place on the field trial grounds after dinner on Saturday, March 30, 2019.

QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR A DOG TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN IN THE NGSPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Qualifications for the National Championship, National Amateur Championship, and National Open Shooting Dog Championship.

(A) Qualification for Life. The following qualify a dog for life, for entry in the National Championship, National Amateur Championship, and National Open Shooting Dog Championship:

1. (a) A win (Champion or RU Champion) in an NGSPA or American Field Championship of an hour in length or more.
2. (b) A win (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) in a broke dog stake in any NGSPA or American Field sanctioned trial.

(B) The current year's NGSPA National Futurity winner qualifies for the next year's Championships (one year only).

(C) The dog must be amateur handled and amateur owned in the National Amateur Championship.

NATIONAL FUTURITY

(A) Dogs eligible for the NGSPA National Futurity must be properly nominated by the

breeder and the owner.

(B) The dog must be registered in the American Field Dog Stud Book.

Recent Changes Adopted by the NGSPA Board of Trustees Affecting the Running of the 2019 National Championships:

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THE NGSPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Dear NGSPA Supporter and Friend,

Our NGSPA Board of Trustees has made one of the most important decisions in our history. We have decided to relocate our National Championships from Booneville, AR, to Grovespring, MO.

We came to Booneville in late February, 2018, with high expectations. The reports from the fall trials were that bird carryover and grounds were the best ever.

We were shocked to find that we could use only one course which some described as a “race track”. It was so muddy that some proposed to cancel the OSD saying that riding was too dangerous. Additionally the birds rarely flew because they were so wet and unhealthy. There was a widespread sentiment that something had to be done. This was the worst, but the last five or six years were also problematic. Over 50% of the time we could only use two courses, and in the “good” years there were parts of courses 2 and 3 that were under water.

We have been happy with the work that Red and Brad have done to improve the grounds, but nothing can be done about the water and the negative impact it has had on the running of what we declare to be the best National Championship in the GSP world.

We reviewed available National Championship quality grounds and identified one that stood above the others, Grovespring, MO. We toured the grounds, met with the three person Board that oversees it, and we all agreed that this venue not only met, but exceeded our search criteria. There is no doubt in our minds that these grounds will test and challenge our dogs in ways that will lead to continual improvement of our breed.

There are three continuous courses offering a variety of groomed open fields with long tree and shrub lined edges that hold birds and show a dog well. Most of the turns flow nicely, but still require the dogs to go with their handlers. There are some hills, mixed cover and shallow creek crossings that add variety and challenge. The cover holds birds and the courses will challenge dogs, handlers and scouts. At the same time the best dogs will show well. The ground drains quickly and mud is pretty much non-existent.

In our search we found that the best venues were nearly fully booked with limited dates available for an event the size of ours. At Grovespring there were only two time slots, and the earlier one was not suitable. Our 2019 Nationals will begin on Saturday, March 30, and run through April 13 depending on entries. The weather patterns should be good for running dogs with evenings in the forties, and days in the sixties or low seventies. Some possibility of rain but no snow or ice. Unlike the drive to Booneville in late February, it is doubtful that any attendees will encounter hazardous road conditions.

The biggest challenge will be that over the past 30 years, the dates of various NGSPA trials and individual training programs have been harmonized with the dates of Booneville. Our new dates will be disruptive in the short term, but in most cases reasonable options exist. We had no choice other than to remain at Booneville, and we considered this to be unacceptable. We trust you will agree.

We are excited to invite you to join us for the historical first break-away at the new home of the NGSPA National Championships in Grovespring, MO.

Best regards,

The NGSPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES (* Note – Additional information regarding what the BOT considered in making this momentous decision is available on the NGSPA website - ngspa.org).

TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Tradition dictates that one BOT duty is to help organize and run the National Championships and in addition select Trustees are task with specific responsibilities. For the 2019 Nationals, the following individuals volunteered for the listed responsibilities.

A Committee of NGSPA Trustees - Chad Inderman, Mark Verdoorn, Dan DiMambro and Dean Crabbs - was appointed to act as the “2019 NGSPA National Championships Committee”.

Lori Rezzardi has again volunteered to be the Field Trial Secretary.

NGSPA Secretary Natalie Inderman agreed to act as the Social Committee, Chair Woman with a committee composed of Trustees, Art Armbrust, Ray Larrondo and Mike Patrick.

Trustee Chris Streitenberger agreed to be Official Scribe.

Stake Manager Duties were assigned as follows: Amateur Shooting Dog – Dan DiMambro, National Futurity– James Messer, National Championship – Art Armbrust and Jody Orndorff, Open Shooting Dog – Chris Streitenberger.

SUGGESTIONS: The BOT takes the running of the National Championships very seriously and is doing everything they can to make the Championships a success, but, in the end, the Championships belong to the participants. If you have suggestions, we welcome them.

UPCOMING PREVIEWS:

We will be sending out several more 2019 NGSPA National Championship Previews. They will be published on the NGSPA Website (ngspa.org), in the GSP Chronicle and in the NGSPA Newsletter.

On Behalf of the NGSPA Board of Trustees,
By the 2019 NGSPA National Championships Committee
Chad Inderman, Mark Verdoorn, Dan DiMambro and Dean Crabbs