

MEEKER CLASSIC



Sheepdog Championship Trials

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2012 Entry Form

Trial Dates: **September 5-9, 2012** Judge: To Be Announced
 Entry Fee: **\$150.00** per dog (2 dog limit)
 Total Purse: Minimum \$20,000 pay to 20 places
 Course & Rules: USBCHA Guidelines
 Entries Open: March 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012
***** IMPORTANT – DESIGNATE A HOUSEHOLD ENTRY OR SINGLE ENTRY**
 Entry Designation: **Household** _____ **Single** _____

	Dog's Name	Owner (Only if different than handler)	Dog's Age	Sex M/F	Entry Cost \$150/dog
Dog #1					
Dog #2					
Total Due (not to exceed \$300), Payable to "Meeker Classic"					\$

I have read and understand the attached **2012 Meeker Classic Entry Guidelines & Trial Information** and I have made the selection of **HOUSEHOLD OR INDIVIDUAL ENTRY**.

 Handler's Signature

 Date

 Handler's Name (Printed)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____, Email: _____

Please share with us some information concerning you and your dog(s). Things such as your history with border collies, an interesting life story, special awards, or a trial experience are all items that we would like to share with spectators at the trial.

Handlers entered in the 2012 Meeker Classic will be held accountable for knowledge of "2012 Entry Guidelines and Trial Information". Failure to read such is not defensible for failure to comply.

2012 Entry Guidelines & Information:

1. **Entries Due** - Entries will open **March 1, 2012**, and will close **March 31, 2012**.
 - Entries must be mailed to: The Meeker Classic, PO Box 1394, Meeker, CO 81641;
 - No Faxed or hand delivered entries will be accepted;
 - Entries may not be postmarked prior to March 1, 2011 or postmarked after March 31, 2011. Entries postmarked before entries open and after entries close will be returned and not accepted;
 - **Entries postmarked March 1 – March 3, 2012 will be prioritized FIRST**, and subsequent priority (standby list) will be decided by a random drawing for each postmark day/lot. The drawing will be done by **either a HOUSEHOLD of 2 dogs or an INDIVIDUAL entry**; ****handlers must specify on the entry form. Otherwise, all entries will be considered individual entries**
 - Handlers will be notified of their accepted entry (first 130 dogs) or their spot on the standby list by April 15, 2012. This information will be published on the website at www.meekersheepdog.com and will be routinely updated.
2. **Designation of Household or Single Entry** - Each entry must be marked **HOUSEHOLD or SINGLE** entry
 - **HOUSEHOLD ENTRIES** – a household entry can only consist of **2 dogs** – 1 dog belonging to each member of the household; when 4 dogs are entered as a household, the #1 dog belonging to each handler will be drawn for the household. The other dogs will go into the draw on two separate draw tags.
 - **INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES** – These entries will go as one draw tag for the handler.
3. **Entry checks** - All entry checks received with valid entries will be cashed upon receipt. At any time on or before August 31st handlers may request full refund of their entry fees, effectively scratching their dog or removing themselves from the standby list.
4. **Limit 130 dogs** - Each handler may enter as many as two (2) dogs
5. **Scratches** – Refunds are issued for scratches ONLY if trial director is notified by August 31, 2012
6. **Substitutions** -
 - a. Handlers may make substitutions by notifying the trial director on or before 8/31/2012;
 - b. Only in the case of death or veterinary emergency will Emergency **Substitution Requests** be entertained from 8/31/2012 to Tuesday 9/04/2012 at 6:30 p.m.;
 - c. **Emergency Substitution requests** must be accompanied by a veterinarian's affidavit, clearly stating the reason the entered dog is unable to run;
 - d. A dog may be scratched only once, and after that the dog may NOT run.
7. **Draw** – A legal draw will be done according to USBCHA guidelines on August 1, 2012, and posted on the website (www.meekersheepdog.com) shortly thereafter. Running Order disputes will be resolved by Judge's discretion. Preliminary runs are as follows:
 - Dogs 1 – 44 Wednesday 9/05/2012 (44 Dogs)
 - Dogs 45 – 88 Thursday 9/6/2012 (44 Dogs)
 - Dogs 89– 130 Friday 9/7/2012 (42 Dogs)
8. **Standby List** – Handler's meeting the entry deadline, but not making the draw (first 130) will remain on a standby list until 6:30 pm, Tuesday 09/04/2012. Standby handlers will be prioritized FIRST by postmark date. Subsequent priority will be decided by a random draw for each postmark day/lot. The drawing will be done by **household of 2 dogs or an individual entry of 2 dogs**. The Meeker Classic will notify standby handlers of their eligibility for the running order until 8/31/2012, after such time it is the responsibility of the standby handler to notify the Meeker Classic if they are still available to run. Standby entries not placed in the running order by 6:30 p.m. Tuesday 9/04/2012 will receive full entry refund, after the trial. Standby handlers not making the draw will receive full entry refunds, after the trial.

9. **Last Minute Entry Provision** – In the event that there are open slots in the run order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 09/04/2012 and AFTER the Standby List has been exhausted, the Meeker Classic will accept last minute cash entries. Eligible handlers/dogs for Last Minute Entries are:
 - a. Handlers with one (or fewer) entered dogs;
 - b. Handlers must be present, in person or by proxy, to enter (at trial site, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday 09/04/2012);
 - c. Handler must complete entry form and submit fees;
 - d. Handlers are limited to two (2) entered dogs, including Last Minute Entries.
 - e. At 7:00 p.m. on 09/06/2011 a random draw will be done for Last Minute Entries. Entry Fees will be returned on site for those handlers not making the draw in the Last Minute Entry Provision. No changes in run order will be made and Last Minute Entry dogs will have to run in the open slot for which they are drawn.

10. **Semi Final Round to include 30 dogs** – The top 30 preliminary scores qualify for the semi-final round.

11. **Finals to Include 15 Dogs** – The top 15 semi-final runs advance to the double lift finals on Sunday running 8 dogs before lunch and 7 afterwards. Rules and scoring for International Gather will be followed for Final Rounds.

12. **\$20,000 Minimum Purse** – to pay to 20 places, plus added day money (prelims) for first 3 places.

13. **Entry fee includes** (2) tickets for entry into all events including daily preliminary trials, semi-finals and finals, handler's dinner (Friday night), exhibitions, & a trial program. Fee does not include barbeques.

14. **Tie Breakers** - If two or more competitors stand equal in points, the judge will settle their priority by (1st) their combined points for the outrun, lift and fetch, (2nd) by each subsequent phase of the trial i.e... the drive, shed, & pen, and (3rd) by going back to the individual points of the outrun, then the lift, then the fetch.

15. **Time limit for Preliminary Runs** – The preliminary runs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be **13 minutes**.

16. The Meeker Classic Rules Committee reserves the right to review special circumstances as they arise.

These Rules and Guidelines were established by the Meeker Classic Rules Committee, November 8, 2012, and ratified on November 8, 2012 by the Meeker Classic Board of Directors.