

# **2022 Super Singles**

## **CCRCA National Specialty**

### **Oshkosh, WI May 16<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Super Singles is offered as a friendly marking competition. It will be run similar to a Retriever Field Trial with each dog running the first series. Call backs will determine who runs in the subsequent series. The event consists of single marked retrieves of increasing difficulty, on land, using dead birds. The Judges will determine 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place on the basis of **Marking Ability**. Other finalists shall be awarded a JAM “Judges Award of Merit.”

- Two levels will be offered, Steady and Unsteady.
- One dog can only be entered in one level.
- Handlers can run multiple dogs in each level.
- Marks should be clearly visible throws.
- Marks shall not exceed 200 yards.
- A test dog shall be used for each test/series.
- Decoys may be used.
- Gunners shall wear white jackets or shirts.
- Gunners shall precede each throw with a gun shot.
- Gunners shall not use any bird calls.
- Gunners may use wingers to ensure consistency of marks.
- Handlers may wear light or dark clothing

#### **Unsteady Singles Specific Rules:**

*This level is open to any age of Curly-Coated Retriever. Curlies are not eligible if they have earned a WCX or higher, or any leg towards a title that is higher than the entry level of that entity (Higher than AKC Junior, or HRC Started)*

- Dogs may be brought to the line on lead, and should be under the control of the handler.
- Dogs may run wearing a flat buckle collar, without tags or other attachments.
- Dogs may be held gently on line, by the collar or with a line slipped through the collar or D-ring of the collar.
- Dogs shall not be sent for a bird until released by the judges.
- Dogs need not deliver to hand, but must return the bird to an area designated by the judges.

#### **Steady Singles Specific Rules:**

*Steady Singles is open to any age Curly-Coated Retriever. Dogs can be titled in any level or venue.*

- Dogs must come to the line, and leave the line, off-lead and without a collar.
- Dogs must be steady. Breaks or controlled breaks shall result in mandatory disqualification. If a dog creeps or jumps forward as the birds are thrown, the judges may require the dog to be brought back to heel position before releasing the dog to retrieve.
- Dogs shall not be sent for a bird until released by the judges.
- Dogs must deliver each bird to hand.

#### **Mandatory Failures:**

1. Handler releasing the dog to retrieve before the judges signal to do so.
2. “Breaking,” i.e. dog leaves the line to retrieve before being released by the judge

3. Handler noisily or harshly restraining a dog from breaking. Specifically from the time the handler has signaled the judge that they are ready for the mark to be thrown, until the judge signals the handler to send the dog.
4. Loud or prolonged barking or whining in the holding blind or at the line.
5. Dog refusing to leave the line when sent (one recast is allowed, in a case of confusion).
6. Dog returning to the handler without the bird, except when the dog is obviously confused as to whether it was sent to retrieve.
7. Dog stopping the hunt, or requiring assistance from Handler or Gunners; using a signal, a vocal command, or throwing anything to direct the dog to a fall.
8. Dog giving up after a search for one bird and going to the area of a previously fallen bird, i.e. "returning to an old fall."
9. Dog ignoring a bird when found and leaving it, "blinking the bird."
10. Dog badly damaging the bird, "hard mouth".
11. Dog unwilling to release a bird on delivery.
12. Handler allowing a competing dog to watch the location of a fall for another dog before its turn to run. This will be a mandatory elimination of the dog, and possibly an elimination of the handler from the test if the judges or event committee believe the violation is deliberate.