

Suggested Alterations to the Rulebook for AHBA

1. **1st page of Table of Contents**, after HTAD COURSES:

Add: HTAD COURSE #1
HTAD COURSE #2
HTAD COURSE #3
HTAD COURSE #4

2. **1st page of Table of Contents**, after HTAD COURSES section and before JUDGING:

Add: BTD COURSE
BTD I
BTD II
BTD III

3. **2nd page of Table of Contents**, after JUDGING JUNIOR HERDING DOG TESTS:

Add: JUNIOR BOUNDARY DOG TESTS
JBD I
JBD II
JBD III
JUDGING JUNIOR BOUNDARY DOG TESTS

4. **Page 1 under AHBA Herding Trial Program**: Just before the sentence beginning “The Herding Trial Championship . . .”:

Add: The “Boundary Trial Dog” section, using a variety of courses focused on boundary work, leads to the title “BTD” followed by numerals indicating the dog’s level: BTD I (started level), BTD II (intermediate level), and BTD III (advanced level).

5. **Page 1 under AHBA Herding Test Program**: Add language re: JHD. The section should now read:

The Herding Test Program is run on a pass/not pass system. The Junior Herding Dog section leads to the title “JHD.” The Junior Boundary Dog section leads to the titles “JBD I,” “JBD II,” “JBD III.” The Herding Capability Test section leads to the title “Herding Capability Tested” (HCT).

6. **Page 1 last line to top of Page 2, under SANCTION OF EVENTS, paragraph #2** - words were cut off after the last line of page 1 in the last printing. The first sentence should read in full: “2. Clubs or individuals wishing to obtain sanction from the AHBA must complete a sanction form and return it to the AHBA Sanction Coordinator at least 60 days before the event, along with a sanction fee of \$15.00.” etc. [missing section indicated above in blue]

7. **Page 2, #4 line 5**: In the last sentence of #4, change “test” to “trial/test”, so it will now read: The original forms must be kept by the sponsor for a period of six months after the trial/test so as to be available to the AHBA upon request.

8. **Page 2, #5 lines 5/6**: Remove the words “obtained from the AHBA Secretary” and replace with: downloaded from the AHBA website. [or, obtained from the AHBA website] [or, found on the AHBA website]

9. **Page 2 #5:** Add to rulebook that judges need to be separately approved to judge BTAD and JBD courses

10. **Page 2, #6 line 6:** Add Boundary Trial Dog (BTD), so that the last sentence now reads:
It must also include a description and diagram of any HRD or RLF course or HTAD Course number 5 or BTD course offered.

11. **Page 2, #7:** Change to:
After an event is sanctioned, any changes must be sent to AHBA immediately and approved, then sent to all entrants; thereafter, entrants will be allowed to withdraw and receive their entries back in full should they choose not to participate due to the changes made.

12. **Page 7, #8, section (e):** Delete current text, replace with:
(e) in some cases it may happen that a dog is entered in more than one advanced class on the same day, finishes a title and then subsequently, on the same day in another class, earns a score qualifying for a point. Points will be automatically recorded.

13. **Page 4, #9:** Remove “including class start times” from the second sentence.

14. **Page 4, #11:** Add just after the last sentence:
A fine may be assessed for multiple mistakes on the recording forms after trials

15. **Page 5, #7:** Remove entire #7, it is the exact same as #5 above it.

16. **Page 6, #5, line 3 thru 8:** Change the third and fourth sentences to read:
The total score available is 90 for HTD/HRD/RLF/HTAD/BTD I and II (63 or above qualifying) and 100 for HTD/HRD/RLF/HTAD/BTD III (70 or above qualifying). The Junior Herding Dog title (JHD), Junior Boundary Dog titles (JBD I, II and III) and the Herding Capability Test title (HCT) are earned on a pass/not pass basis.

17. **Page 6, #6:** Change the second sentence to read (adding BTD):
“Mixed stock” titles, which may be earned only in HRD, RLF, and BTD classes, are separate titles from individual stock titles such as “geese”, “sheep” or “cattle”; thus, a dog that has a higher level HRD or RLF or BTD title on sheep may be entered at a lower level in a mixed stock class that includes sheep.
In the 19th line, the sentence beginning, “Junior Herding Dog Titles,” should now read:
Junior Herding Dog, Junior Boundary Dog I, II and III, and Herding Capability Test titles require two legs, earned under two different judges. For the JHD and JBD I, II and III titles, the legs must be on the same type of stock.

18. **Page 7, #7:** Change the entire paragraph to read:
From the date a title was earned, a dog in Level I or Level II may continue to run competitively at that level on that course and stock type until it has earned an additional 10 qualifying scores, after which it must move up on that course and stock type; dogs which have finished a title and are continuing to compete at that level on the same course and stock type will not be eligible for High in Trial awards. Dogs which have earned a level III title may continue to run competitively in that class indefinitely and compete for High in Trial awards.

19. **Page 7, (e):** Remove this section as scores are now recorded automatically.

20. **Page 8, 2:** BTD - different stock usage requirements, see BTD section and/or add here as well
3: BTD stock usage, list -- Will hold off on this until the stock numbers are voted on.

21. **Page 8, #4:** After the last sentence:

Add: For any courses, resting or unused stock must have visibility screens between them and the arena. Guardian dogs or animals must be housed so as not to interfere with runs in progress.

22. **Page 8, #6:** Re: Handlers Meeting

Add: Especially for HRD , RLF and BTD courses, the course director and the judge are to provide time before the start of the trial to have a general handlers meeting and walk the course in the order of the flow of the course elements and obstacles, pointing out the draws and any other information that may help the handlers execute the course with their dog. Handlers at all levels should attend the meeting. Judges may also have another brief handlers meeting prior to the start of Levels II & I. The course director will conduct the handlers meeting to explain the course and the judge should tell the exhibitors what they are looking for while judging and different ways they might execute certain elements. Time will also be given to answer questions. All questions should be asked and answered at the general handlers meeting when all exhibitors are present, for everyone to hear all the questions and answers.

23. **Page 9, #7:** Add goggles to acceptable items, and had requirement for carrying a leash, so that it reads:

7. Dogs may wear only plain buckle or snap-lock collars, or may work without a collar; protective boots and protective goggles are acceptable but must fit correctly. Handlers must have a leash or slip-lead on their person at all times.

24. **Page 9, #8:** In the first sentence, add JBD so that it states:

8. Handlers in trial classes, Junior Herding Dog classes and Junior Boundary Dog classes, and second-leg Herding Capability Tests may carry only a standard herding crook or stock stick -- wood,

25. **Page 10, #1:** Change first sentence to read:

1. A minimum of three head of stock must be used for each run for HTD classes, except that for poultry the minimum number is 5

The last sentence should be changed to read:

For HTAD classes, for all stock types except cattle and ducks, a minimum of four head must be used, with five head or more being preferred; the minimum for cattle is three head, the minimum number for ducks is five. .

Will need to add BTD and JBD when that vote is made.

26. **Page 11, #6:** List tie-breakers on scoresheet

27. **Page 12, continuing on from #9 on page 11** – add just before the sentence that beings,

“Exhibition-only runs are allowed . . .”:

Judges may run on the days they judge but they must run FEO or noncompetitively.

28. **Page 14, Before #12, New #11:** The judge will decide where the leash is to be removed for all runs as it may be a long walk; this allows the exhibitor to enter and the previous dog handler team to leave at the same time. The leash must be kept with the handler for all levels.

[Old paragraph 11 now becomes 12, old paragraph 12 now becomes 13:

29. Page 14, old #12, now #13: Change point schedule to:

Outrun/lift HTDI,II/III 15/20

Fetch 15 HTDI,II/III 15/20

Wear/Drive Through 1st Panel 15

Wear/Drive Through 2nd Panel 15

Wear/Drive To Pen 10

Pen 10

Hold HTDI,II 10

Ribbon removal/shed HTDIII 10

30. Page 15, after #6: Add #7:

7. After penning, the animals should be removed from the pen and the gate closed. The dog should hold the sheep to the handler until the judge calls a hold. Once the judge calls the hold, the run is over. The handler then immediately leashes their dog and leaves the field.

31. Page 16, after #4: Add #5:

5. After penning, the animals should be removed from the pen and the gate closed. The dog should hold the sheep to the handler until the judge calls a hold. Once the judge calls the hold, the run is over. The handler then immediately leashes their dog and leaves the field.

32. Page 17, # 3: Remove the word “all” from the second to last sentence, so that it reads:
The gate should not be shut until the stock is penned.

33. Page 17 and Page 18: If possible add all measurements on the diagrams to make it easier for course set up without having to look through book for measurements

34. Page 19, #1: Add after the second sentence:

Preferably , ranch courses should make use of larger open areas.

35. Page 20, #7: Change second sentence, so that # now reads:

7. All courses must include: A gather; a wear/drive/cross-drive (according to level of class); a minimum of three obstacles; a sorting exercise (required for HRD III, optional for HRD I and II); penwork, including repenning at the end of the course. Optional elements may be included which can consist of various obstacles, tasks, or situations. At least one-half of the course must be more than 20 ft. away from a fence.

36. Page 20, after # 11, add new #12:

The premium must state where the leash is removed and where the handler is to re-leash the dog at the end of their run, unless the run is called.

37. Page 23: Add Optional Elements to HRD & RLF Courses AFTER Pen, Including Repen:

OPTIONAL ELEMENTS

Optional elements must be clearly described in the sanction application. The designer should take care that the element is safe and within the practical flow of the course. Optional elements can consist of various obstacles, tasks, or situations, such as: stopping the group at an indicated location; a designated road or path on which the stock must be kept; keeping the group within a designated grazing area; passing by an area to which the stock are strongly drawn; encountering a handcart, vehicle and/or passersby, etc. These are only some examples of optional elements; there are other possibilities.

Skills should increase in difficulty at higher levels where possible.

38. **Page 26, #9:** Add language to subsection (b) such that it now reads:

(b) Ribbon removal/shed: The stock must be moved at least 10 feet after the hold before attempting the ribbon removal. The handler will remove the ribbon from the specified sheep. A shed of two animals may be used with sheep instead of a ribbon removal. For cattle and ducks, a shed is done of two animals rather than a ribbon removal. Where three head of cattle are used, the sort/shed shall be with one animal separated from the remaining two. For ducks, putting a certain number of the ducks into a small carrying crate is an acceptable

39. **Page 27, #12:** List ties for HTAD Courses 1-4 on scoresheet.

40. **Page 27:** Move the HTAD Course 1–4 diagrams and descriptions from Appendix A to here.

41. **Page 28:** Add:

Judges need to be consistent on where judging starts and stops for each obstacle/element. Either as the Course Designer stated on the course description or 1/2 way between each obstacle/element.

42. **Page 30:** Add:

List any out of bounds in premium and on course maps.

43. **Page 30:** Add:

List tie breaks on the scoresheets and in premium for all sponsor designed courses

44. **Page 36:** Add Boundary Trial Dog (BTD) and all the rules

45. **Page 38:** Add if possible all measurements for all stock and placement of panels to this diagram for ease of set up for all stock, arena sizes and panel placement

46. **Page 41:** Before Herding Capability Tests insert Junior Boundary Dog (JBD) and all the rules

47. **Page 49, STYLE:** add boundary and description

A boundary dog may show an inclination to work the side of the flock and may show wearing on the side rather than the rear or the head of the flock. Boundary dogs may also look for visible borders in which to contain the stock from additional movement.

The following section, HTAD Courses 1-4, will be removed from Appendix A and moved to the end of the main HTAD section. Appendix B now becomes Appendix A. But the following will use the old page numbering:

48. **Page 50**, APPROACH: Add: runs along side

49. **Page #60, #2**: Change the last sentence to read:

Scoring for Obstacle 1 ends when the stock are removed from the trailer and the trailer door is closed (if required)

50. **Page 64, #5**: Change the last sentence to read:

Scoring for the pen ends when the stock is removed and the gate is closed.

51. **Page 67, #5**: Change the last sentence to read:

Scoring for the pen ends when the stock is removed and the gate is closed.

52. **Page 70, # 5**: Change the last sentence to read:

Scoring for the pen ends when the stock is removed and the gate is closed.