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PART 930
FIELD TRIALS ON NON-DEPARTMENT-OWNED OR -MANAGED LANDS

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Section 930.5 Definitions

Field Trial – a stylized form of hunting for the classifications of dogs commonly referred to as sporting dogs, as well as beagle hounds, fox hounds, coon hounds and squirrel dogs, and that involves competition in which the primary purpose is to evaluate the field performance of the dogs.

Gunner – a person designated by a field trial organization to shoot captive-reared game birds, captive-reared mallard ducks or domestic pigeons during a field trial.

Handler – a person charged with the responsibility of directing and managing the field performance of a dog or dogs during a field trial.

Scout – a person directed by the handler or field trial judge to locate an errant dog being run in a field trial and who may also be temporarily charged with directing and managing the field performance of a dog or dogs during a field trial.

(Source: Added at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.10 Statewide Regulations

All the regulations in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 550 - Raccoon, Opossum, Striped Skunk, Red Fox, Gray

Fox, Coyote and Woodchuck (Groundhog) Hunting Regulations apply to the issuance of Field Trial Permits.

(Source: Amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 12864, effective July 28, 1987)

Section 930.20 Permits

Applications for all types of field trial permits must be received by the Department of Natural Resources (Department or DNR) in writing at least four weeks prior to the date of the trial. Applications received less than four weeks in advance may not be able to be processed prior to the field trial. Applications must be forwarded to:

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Recreation
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield IL 62702-1271

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.30 Responsibility

The officers of the organization sponsoring a field trial will be responsible for the proper conduct of the trial.

Section 930.40 Hunting License Requirements

- a) All resident dog handlers, scouts and gunners are required to have a valid Illinois hunting license and habitat stamp, except as exempted by Sections 3.1 and 3.1-2 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.1 and 3.1-2].
- b) All non-resident dog handlers, scouts and gunners are required to have a valid Illinois non-resident hunting license and habitat stamp or written exemption from the Department waiving the license and stamp requirement, except as exempted by Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code.
- c) Non-resident dog handlers, scouts and gunners with hunting privileges suspended or revoked in another state or Canada are ineligible to participate in Illinois field trials.
- d) A written exemption from the Department waiving the hunting license and habitat stamp requirements will be granted on request to all non-resident gunners, dog handlers and scouts. A request for a waiver of the hunting license and habitat stamp requirements must be in writing.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.45 Furbearer Competitive Events

- a) During the closed period preceding the opening date of the raccoon hunting season and the closed period following the closing date of the raccoon hunting season, the Department may only issue field trial permits for United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, American Coon Hunters Association, Professional Kennel Club, Mid-America Coon Hunters Association, or the National Kennel Club licensed competitive raccoon hunts and those fox hound field trials conducted in fenced

enclosures approved by the Department for the hours of sunset to sunrise.

- b) Field trial permits for competitive coon hound field events and for fox hound field trials, except fox hound field trials conducted in fenced enclosures approved by the Department as fox-proof, will not be issued for the period of firearm deer hunting season as specified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 650.10.
- c) All vehicles associated with competitive live raccoon hunts conducted during the closed periods preceding and following the raccoon hunting season must display an identification card provided with the Field Trial Permit.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.50 Shoot-to-Retrieve Field Trials

- a) Only participants and official gunners will be permitted to take hand-reared game birds during shoot-to-retrieve field trials, and then only on the designated field trial courses.
- b) Hand-reared game birds which have left the designated field trial courses are considered to be lost and shall not be pursued by anyone.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.55 Game Birds

- a) All hand-reared game birds or mallard ducks released and shot at field trials shall be banded on the same day they are taken and prior to removal from the field trial area. Bands shall be purchased from the Department for \$.10 each in increments of 100 bands by calling or writing to: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Commercial License Office, P.O. Box 19458, Springfield IL 62794-9458.
- b) Hand-reared game birds or mallard ducks released at field trials must either be purchased from an Illinois licensed game bird breeder, or if they are purchased from a non-resident game bird breeder, a health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian from the state of origin certifying the game birds are disease free must accompany the game birds or mallard ducks.

(Source: Added at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.60 Future Rights/Appeal Procedures

- a) For violation of Section 2.34 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/2.34] or this Part, the Department will reject all future requests for Field Trial Permits for a period of time not to exceed five years following a finding of guilt.
- b) Organizations denied Field Trial Permits may contest the denial of a permit according to the process delineated in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2530.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.EXHIBIT A Application Form for Field Trials on Non-Department-Owned or -Managed Sites

Field Trial Organization Name: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

Contact Person's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Fax Number: (____) _____

Dates of Field Trials:

Location: _____

County: _____

Property Owner's Name: _____

Distance & Direction From Nearest Community: _____

Type of Field Trial:

- Pointing Dog – Horseback
- Pointing Dog – Walking
- Pointing Dog – Shoot-to-Retrieve
- Beagle Hound
- Coon Hound
- Retriever
- Flushing Dog – Shoot-to-Retrieve
- English Springer Spaniel
- Fox Hound
- Other

Licensing or Sanctioning Sporting Dog Registry or Association if Applicable:

- American Kennel Club (AKC)
- American Rabbit Hound Association (ARHA)
- National Shoot-To-Retrieve Field Trial Association (NSTRA)
- United Kennel Club (UKC)
- The American Field – Field Dog Stud Book (AFDSB)
- Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America (AFTCA)
- National Kennel Club (NKC)
- Professional Kennel Club (PKC)
- Club Sponsored Event

Request must be received at least four weeks prior to the date of the field trial.

Submit Application to: IDNR, Attention: Field Trial Program, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield IL 62702-1271; Phone: (217)782-6752; Fax: (217)524-5612

(Source: Added at 29 Ill. Reg. 8307, effective May 26, 2005)

Section 930.EXHIBIT B Application Form for Competitive Coon Hound Events

Contact Person's Name: _____

Contact Person's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____

Organization Name: _____

Organization Headquarters Location (distance & direction from nearest town): _____

Dates of Field Events, Type of Event (ex: Night Hunt, Field Trial, Water Race or Treeing Contest) and Licensing Organization (AKC, ACHA, NKC, PKC, UKC or Club Event):

County or counties in which these events will be conducted: _____

Signature of the Applicant

Request must be received at least four weeks prior to the date of the field event.

This permit is only valid on properties where permission has been secured from the landowner/tenant to pursue game by individuals associated with the competitive field event and/or their dogs. Failure to comply with this provision is a violation of 520 ILCS 5/2.33(t) which is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by 1-6 months in jail and/or fines of up to \$1,500.

Submit Application to: IDNR, Attention: Field Trial Program, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield IL 62702-1271; Phone: 217/782-6752; Fax: 217/524-5612

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