



Bluegrass Classic SDT
Masterson Station Park
3051 Leestown Road, Lexington, KY 40511
www.bluegrassclassicsdt.org

May 12-16, 2021

Entry Open Date: March 9, 2021
Open Entry Fee: \$225.00 per dog, 2 dog limit (Entry for both rounds; no single round entries accepted)
Entry Fees Per Class: Nursery - \$45; Open Ranch - \$50; Pro Novice - \$45; Novice - \$40
Classes Offered: 2 Open trials over 4 days; 130 dogs per trial; USBCHA Sanctioned
4 Nursery trials over 4 days; USBCHA Sanctioned
2 Open Ranch trials over 2 days
2 Pro Novice trials over 2 days
2 Novice/Novice trials over 2 days
Class descriptions are located on the website: www.bluegrassclassicsdt.org

Class Schedule is listed below.

Open & Nursery Judges: TBD (updated as needed)
Open Ranch Judge: To be announced by May 1, 2021
Pro-Nov & Novice Judge: To be announced by May 1, 2021
Trial Coordinator: Marianna Schreeder, mcs@theashcroftgroup.com

Handlers entered in the 2021 Bluegrass Classic will be held accountable for knowledge of the "2021 Entry Guidelines and Trial Information". Failure to read such is not defensible for failure to comply.

2021 Bluegrass Classic Entry Guidelines & Trial Information

1. Entries Due –

- Entries open March 9, 2021.
- Entries will be accepted through Handlers Post, www.handlerspost.com.
- The initial window for entering the 2021 Bluegrass Classic SDT will be **March 9-11** (noon through noon EST)
- All entries submitted during that time will be prioritized first and processed as "initial entries" in regard to the draw and waiting lists. Entries submitted after that time, until the closing date on April 20th, will be placed at the bottom of any wait lists.
- 1st open dogs will be drawn prior to 2nd open dogs.

2. Payment –

- Checks must be postmarked within **3 (three)** days of entry submission. Failure to do so may result in entries dropping to the bottom of waiting list(s).
- Please send separate checks for each Open dog entered, [do not combine Open entry checks with lower class checks](#), merchandise purchases and KBCA memberships.
- Payment information and the mailing address for checks will be on the printed entry forms.

- Upon receipt of checks & entries, email confirmations will be sent. If you do not get a confirmation for receipt of your check in a reasonable amount of time, please contact Tresa Laferty at away2me@tds.net.

3. Refunds/Withdrawals –

- Accepted Entries: Checks will be deposited on April 20th. There are no refunds for any accepted entries after midnight on April 19th, regardless of wait lists.
- If accepted entries and wait list entries are combined in one check, checks will be deposited and refunds will be issued after the trial.
- Wait List Entries: If an entry does not move off the Wait List, in any class, the check will be destroyed or the entry refunded after the trial.

4. Important Dates –

- March 9: Entries open
- April 6 - 8: Open entry and wait list published
- April 13 - 15: Novice Field entry and wait list published
- April 17: Merchandise pre-orders & Program ad deadlines
- April 19: Cancellation deadline for full refund of “accepted” entries; no refunds after this date
- April 20: Checks cashed for all “accepted” entries
- April 30 – May 2: Running orders posted

5. Open Field Information –

- A standard will be imposed in the Open class.
- Judges will follow a lack of progress policy at all times.
- Handlers may not leave the post in order to walk up the field to assist their dog in locating the sheep.
- The KBCA Board will evaluate standards and make modifications as the need arises
- Judges have the authority to call off any dog/handler team if the dog appears to be overheated.
- Course Directors, with Judge approval, have the authority to call off any dog/handler team if the dog appears to be overheated.
- The KBCA Board will have the authority to remove any overheated dog from competition.

6. Entry Changes –

- Changes for canceling a dog, swapping an Open wait-listed dog with an accepted dog, or changing the class of a Novice field dog may be made on line, prior to the trial. Go to your online entry and make the changes. If the change requires a check, print the new entry and send it with a check.
- Please follow any changes with an email to HandlersPost for confirmation of the change.
- Open handlers may change the dogs they are running up until 7:00 pm on Tuesday evening, May 11th (Open 1) and 7:00 pm on Thursday evening May 13th (Open 2); afterwards, no changes are possible. Health emergencies will be considered.
- Novice Field handlers may change the dogs they are running up until 7:00 pm the evening before their scheduled class. If a handler has multiple dogs in a class, the handler may not swap the order of dogs.
- Wait listed entries will not be added to a class after 7:00 pm the evening before the scheduled class.

7. Novice Field Information –

- Depending on the number of entries received, Novice Field classes may be limited to 2 dogs per handler.
- Novice Field entries and wait lists will be “class specific”. For example, if a Nursery dog is accepted in the Nursery class, the dog will be accepted in all four (4) Nursery classes. The wait list will not allow a dog to be accepted in two (2) nursery classes and be wait-listed in the other two (2) classes.
- Entries will be allowed to enter by class. For example, a Nursery dog will be allowed to be entered in two (2) classes. It is not mandatory to enter all four (4) classes.
- Entries for the Novice Field will be drawn at random with any 3rd dogs being drawn at the end of the wait list.
- If a dog cannot locate the sheep with several attempts, handlers will be excused by the Course Director & Judge.
- Handlers may not leave the post in order to walk up the field to assist their dog in locating the sheep.
- If a handler persists in ignoring the Course Director & Judge, the handler may be asked to forfeit future run(s) in current or future classes at the discretion of the KBCA Board. The forfeiture may apply to any class at the Bluegrass Classic.

- Handlers may enter separate dogs in Open Ranch & Pro Novice, or they may enter separate dogs in Pro Novice & Novice. Handlers may not enter dogs in all three (3) of these classes. Please read Class Descriptions at www.bluegrassclassicsdt.org.
 - Novice/Novice handlers are required to wear, not drive. Please read Class Descriptions at www.bluegrassclassicsdt.org.
 - A lack of progress policy will be in effect at all times.
 - Judges have the authority to call off any dog/handler team if the dog appears to be overheated.
 - Course Directors, with Judge approval, have the authority to call off any dog/handler team if the dog appears to be overheated.
8. Tie Breakers – If two or more competitors stand equal in points, the judge and the KBCA Board will settle their priority: 1) by the combined points for the gather, 2) by each subsequent phase of the trial [i.e. the drive, shed & pen], and 3) by going back to the individual points of the outrun, then the lift, then the fetch. If the tie is not broken by this process, then run-off for 1st place will occur if daylight permits.
9. Double Lift Final –
- The top 20 combined Open scores will advance to the Double Lift Final on Sunday.
 - Appropriate attire is suggested for the double lift finals. Collared shirts for men, blouses for women; no sandals, shorts, t-shirts or athletic attire (i.e. sweats). Suitable outerwear is allowed, weather permitting.
10. Weather – Please note the weather in Lexington during the month of May can vary greatly from day to day. There is a high probably the temperatures will be in the 80's with high humidity. All handlers are encouraged to protect their dogs from overheating at all times and in all classes. There will be multiple water stations on both fields for this use.
11. Merchandise –
- Apparel can be ordered via the Entry Form, after printing, or at www.bluegrassclassicsdt.org via PayPal
 - Shipping options are available on line, or you may pick up your order at the trial. Samples of merchandise will be located on www.bluegrassclassicsdt.org.
 - Please pre-order to ensure size and style preferences.
 - Deadline for **all** pre-orders is April 17, 2021.
 - Merchandise will be available for sale at the trial. Quantities will be limited. Post-trial orders are not available.
12. Volunteers –
- **Please consider lending us a hand as a volunteer!! Please consider at least ONE shift per handler!!**
 - There are an overwhelming 161 three-hour volunteer shifts that must be filled.
 - Please contact Sherry Smith sherrys819@live.com for the volunteer spots or visit <https://bluegrassclassic.org/volunteers>.
 - When contacting Sherry, please let her know when you will arrive at the trial, depart and which classes you have entered.
13. Camping –
- All campers must fill out and submit the Lexington Parks Camping Form no later than May 6, 2021.
 - Receipt of the Camping Form will be required prior to parking at the trial.
 - Campers will not be allowed to park at the trial site until 12 pm (noon) on Tuesday, May 11th, without exception.
 - Camping at the trial is reserved for handlers and volunteers. Spectators may park at the KY Horse Park.
 - Violators will be asked to move until parking is open or be relocated to the KY Horse Park for the duration of the trial.
 - The KY Horse Park provides potable water & a dump stations, free of charge for use before or after the trial.
 - Camper dumping will be provided for \$20 per camper on Thursday & Saturday.
 - Potable water will be provided for \$20 per camper on Thursday & Saturday.
 - Water containers can be filled at the Wash Racks along Shamrock Lane. The 1st wash rack is on the north side of the Lane near the parking lot for the Hunter Ring. The 2nd wash rack is on the south side of the Lane across from the Indoor Arena.
 - Do NOT use these hydrants for filling your entire RV tank! Do so at the KY Horse Park.
 - Alternate camping suggestions may be provided upon request to Leigh Anne Tucker at tripletbordercollies@gmail.com.

- Propane fill: Tractor Supply, 305 Connector Rd, Georgetown, KY.

14. Hotels -

There are a multitude of hotels to choose from at Exits 113 & 115 off I-75. Below are a few favorites of those who have competed in past Bluegrass trials:

- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Lexington Northeast: 1780 Sharkey Way, 800-HOLIDAY or 859-231-0656. They do NOT accept pets in the room; closest to the trial site; off Leestown Road.
- Residence Inn by Marriott, 1080 Newtown Pike, 859-231-6191.
- Staybridge Suites: 125 Louie Place, 859-233-2300, also off Leestown Road.
- Red Roof Inn North: Exit 113 on I-75/64, 1980 Haggard Court, 859-293-2626.
- La Quinta Inn: Exit 115 on I-75/64, 1920 Stanton Way, 859-231-7551.
- Four Points Sheraton: Exit 115 on I-75/64, 938 Stanton Way, 859-259-1311 or 1-800-325-3535.

Please check pet policies!

15. 2021 Schedule –

- Tuesday, May 11th
 - 5:00 pm Open Ranch 1 Handlers Meeting
 - 6:00 pm Open 1 Handlers Meeting
- Wednesday, May 12th
 - 6:30 am - Open Field: Dogs 1 - 65
 - 6:45 am - Novice Field: Open Ranch 1, Nursery 1
- Thursday, May 13th
 - 6:30 am - Open Field: Dogs 66 – 130
 - 6:45 am - Novice Field: Nursery 2, Open Ranch 2
 - Open 2 Handlers Meeting – 1 hour after the last open run**
- Friday, May 14th
 - 6:30 am - Open Field: Dogs 1 – 65
 - 7:00 am - Novice Field: Nursery 3, Pro Novice 1, Novice 1
- Saturday, May 15th
 - 6:30 am - Open Field: Dogs 66 – 130
 - 7:00 am - Novice Field: Novice 2, Pro Novice 2, Nursery 4
 - 7:30 am – Pancake Breakfast
 - 7:00 pm – Handlers Dinner & Awards Ceremony
- Sunday, May 16th
 - 7:30 am – Pancake Breakfast
 - 7:45 am – Double Lift Handlers Meeting
 - 8:00 am – Double Lift Final
 - 10:30 am (approximately) – Presentation of Handlers
 - 4:00-5:00 pm – Double Lift Awards Ceremony

16. The KBCA Board of Directors reserves the right to prohibit any individual from attending this event and review special circumstances as they arise.