



FIELD TRIAL PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER
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NEW FIELD TRIAL REGULATIONS

Revised administrative rules governing field trials went into effect in June 2005. A copy of Administrative Rule 910 - Field Trials on Department Owned or Managed Sites and Administrative Rule 930 - Field Trials on Non-Department Owned or Managed Lands are included with this newsletter. Field trial club officials are encouraged to thoroughly review the revised regulations.

FIELD TRIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS

DNR Field Trial Permit application forms must be used when applying for Field Trial Permits. Copies of the new application forms are included with this newsletter. The new application forms are required. Club officials need to discard previous versions of the application forms.

FIELD TRIAL PERMIT FEES

Among the changes in the regulations, Field Trial Permit Fees have increased for field trials conducted on DNR owned and managed sites. The new fee schedule follows:

- ◆ Pointing breed, horseback fox hound, retrieving breed and flushing breed field trials - \$70.00 per day or part of day
- ◆ Beagle and coon hound field trials - \$25.00 per day or part of day

Field trial clubs with Field Trial Permit applications pending need to forward the appropriate fees to the Department's Field Trial Program at their earliest opportunity. If club officials are uncertain about the amount due, please call or e-mail.

HUNTING LICENSES AND HABITAT STAMPS

Hunting licenses and Habitat stamps are now required of all field trial dog handlers, scouts and gunners. These licenses and stamps are available from license vendors, over the internet from the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us/admin/systems/index.htm> or

from Bass Pro by calling 888/673-7648.

Field trial clubs may apply for a waiver exempting non-resident dog handlers, scouts and gunners from the hunting license and Habitat stamp requirement. A waiver form letter is include with this newsletter.

GAME BIRD RELEASES

Hand-reared game birds or mallard ducks released at field trials must either be purchased from an Illinois licensed game 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.

FIELD TRIAL WEBSITE

A website for field trials is available. Field trial club officials can access field trial regulations and policies, applications and forms, and related information on the website. The website is available at:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/>

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

Field trial club officials with questions or problems can write, call, or e-mail. Business hours are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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