



STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE FOR ABC FIELD FUTURITIES (Revised 12/2008)

There shall be four places awarded in each stake. Placements should be awarded to the “*Best Dogs*” in the stake. Finding birds on the course is not a primary concern as these field events are conducted under rules of the American Field and not AKC. As such, the five minute out of judgment rule does not have to be applied, and the judges so advised.

ALL-AGE (Optional Horseback)

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship All Age Brittanys. They shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds.

The dog must locate and point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished All-Age manner.

The dog must respond to the handler but shall not be penalized for being more independent than an adult dog. A dog that handles at the extreme edges of the course shall be preferred over one that needs a scout to keep him on course, but both shall be preferred over a dog that does not have sufficient range for an All-Age dog.

GUN DOG (FOOT HANDLED ONLY)

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship Gun Dog Brittanys. They shall exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold, attractive style, intelligence in seeking objectives, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds.

The dog must locate and point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence and consistency of application in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished manner, indicating their future potential as a high class Gun Dog. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times at a range suitable for a handler on foot. It must cover adequate ground but not range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a class hunting dog.”

