



WELCOME and congratulations to all who have qualified for entry in the 2022 National Open Championship!

This year's trial will be held in Austin, MN where you will have short drives to large properties with excellent, varied and challenging cover to test all entrants.

This year's trial is scheduled to begin on Thursday, November 17th, and run thru Monday, November 21st. We welcome our judges, Kathy Nestor from Michigan and Randy Bartsch from North Dakota.

The Holiday Inn & Austin Conference Center is serving as the headquarters. Their phone number is 507-433-1000. We have a large block of rooms set aside under "NOC" at a discounted rate of \$109 per night. Many of the activities including the delegates meeting, Purina Reception and Banquet will take place here. Additionally, there will be some new, fun and exciting hospitality activities that we anticipate everyone enjoying.

Also, a block away is the AmericInn and we have a block of rooms set aside under "National Open" at a rate of \$105 per night. The Americinn is a bit newer and may have a quieter atmosphere and is still within walking distance of the Holiday Inn.

We have commissioned a local agronomist from the NRCS to survey all grounds and we anticipate posting her report shortly on ESSFT.COM shortly. So far, she has completed surveying two of the properties that we will be using and she has verbally reported NO seeds, or other issues in these fields.

Elmer Kasperson, Gun Captain and Lisa Pyle, Head Marshal, respectively, have put together outstanding and very experienced gun and marshalling teams.

Pheasants are being provided by Blaha Pheasant Farms and will be a 50/50 mix of roosters & hens throughout the trial.

There will be a training day on Wednesday, November 16th, starting at 8:30 am and we will have pheasants available to pre-order for \$17.00 apiece.

Personal UTV's are allowed and communal vehicles will be available to assist with shuttling people and dogs. There will be designated, marked paths that all shuttles will

be required to follow. Shuttles will not be allowed to travel down the center lines so, handlers will need to be prepared to walk their dogs in a short distance from the side.

The premium will be posted shortly on ESSFT.COM as soon as a few, last minute details are finalized.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike McGinty (612-272-6045), Kevin Martineau (651-260-7108) or Mhari Peschel (303-775-1702).

On behalf of the Field Trial Committee and all of the volunteers we look forward to putting a first-class event and we are all excited for what we anticipate to be a great trial! We'll see you there!