

National Amateur Championship 2025-ESS

American Kennel Club Licensed Spaniel Field Trial

Wednesday December 3, 2025 (Event# 2025166432)

Event Location:

Terre Haute, IN

Please read below about entry close dates.

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.
www.englishspringerspaniels.org

OPEN TO ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIELS

This Spaniel Field Trial is held under the Rules and Procedures of the American Kennel Club.

OPEN TO ANY ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL SIX MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER WHICH HAS EARNED ONE (1) OR MORE POINTS IN AN AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE AT AN A.K.C. LICENSED OR MEMBER FIELD TRIAL FOR ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIELS BETWEEN THE DATES OF December 5th, 2024 (inclusive) AND November 22nd, 2025 (inclusive) OR HAS EVER PLACED FIRST IN THE NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE FOR ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIELS OR PLACED IN THE 2024 NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE FOR ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIELS.

Event Schedule & Entry Fees: Wednesday December 3, 2025 (AM)

Stake	Fee	Start	Judges	*Denotes Apprentice Judge
National Amateur Championship	\$315	8 AM	George Akkouris	Peter Andersen

1st Entries Close: November 15, 2025 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time(ET) on Huntsecretary.com.

2nd Close November 22, 2025 at Midnight Eastern Time (ET)

Please read below for explanation!

Entries will close with Hunt Secretary at Midnight (Eastern Time) November 15th, 2025 for all dogs earning their qualifying points in a trial held between December 5th, 2024 (inclusive) and ~~November 15th, 2025 (inclusive)~~. ~~Entries will close with Hunt Secretary at Midnight (Eastern Time) November 22nd, 2025 for all dogs earning their qualifying points in a trial held between November 16th, 2025 (inclusive),~~ and November 22nd, 2025 (inclusive). Points awarded between December 5th, 2024 (inclusive) and November 22nd, 2025 (inclusive), will be included in the high point calculations.

ENTER ONLINE AT:



OR

Mail ENTRIES & PAYMENT TO:

Hunt Sec LLC
708 CR 3140
Crockett, TX 75835

CLUB Event Secretary

Elaine O'Keefe
N4509 Kolba Ave
Mauston, WI 53948
(608)853-3183
nacsecemv@gmail.com

For Mailed entries make checks payable to: **Hunt Sec**
For Mailed entries, please include the \$4.00 Service/Entry Fee per dog/ per entry.

**NEW PRICING STARTING FEBRUARY 2025

- *\$4.00 fee per dog/ per stake entry below \$51
- *\$4.50 fee per dog/ per stake entry \$51 - \$99
- *\$5 fee per dog/ per stake entry \$100 - \$144
- *\$6.75 fee per dog/ per stake entry \$145 - \$199
- *\$9.00 fee per dog/ per stake entry \$200 - \$299
- *\$11.00 fee per dog/ per stake entry above \$300

WELCOME STATEMENT

****Important Information****

The National Amateur committee is aware of the recent "kennel cough" outbreak.

We are monitoring the situation. As more information becomes available we will respond accordingly. For now we want to make you aware of the AKC policy regarding entry of dogs exposed to a communicable disease.

Additionally, the committee has decided to **extend the entry window to the second closing date of 22 Nov 2025** to allow for the situation to stabilize. To help ensure the health and safety of all the dogs involved, the NAC committee is requesting that you review the AKC rule below, regarding communicable diseases:

(AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Spaniels, Page 10 - Chapter 8, Section

No dog shall be eligible to compete at any field trial, no dog shall be brought into the grounds or premises of any field trial, and any dog which may have been brought into the grounds or premises of a field trial shall immediately be removed if it: a) shows clinical symptoms of distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, or other communicable disease or b) is known to have been in contact with distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis, or other communicable disease within thirty days prior to the opening of the trial, or c) has been kenneled within thirty days prior to the opening of the trial on premises on which there existed distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis or other communicable disease

The 2025 National Amateur Committee would like to congratulate all the handlers who have qualified their dogs. 2025 marks the 62nd year of the National Amateur.

We have worked hard to develop a new destination for this year's event and are excited to showcase our effort. The community of Terre Haute, Indiana has embraced our presence. The grounds have been donated by Mr. Greg Gipson.

They are a mix of open field mid-east cover, broken upland terrain and traditional hunting edges. Our birds are sourced from the outstanding supplier Elk Ridge Farms of OH.

Mr. Pete Andersen and Mr. George Akkoris are our esteemed judges.

December 2nd will kick off the National's schedule of events by hosting training; the delegates meeting and arrival cocktail party being held later that evening. Series 1 will begin December 3rd.

Times and locations for the schedule can be found in the premium and on the NAC Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you. Travel safe!

Sincerely yours,
Michael J. Pollack
Field Trial Chairmen

3012 Shock Rd. Beaverton, MI 48612
(989) 313-7418

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800. 656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Liz Westring

Vice-President: Dean Koehler

Secretary: Cathy Flanders

Treasurer: Kathy Nestor

EVENT COMMITTEE

Event Chairman

Mike Elsasser

Field Trial Chair: Mike Pollack

Event Secretary

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Elaine O'Keefe

Assistant Field Chair/Committee Member

James O'Keefe

Committee Member

Brian Bilotta

Committee Member

Phil Lincoln

Committee Member

Kevin Martineau

BIRDS

Pheasants for Land & Water Series

PRIZES

Standard A.K.C. Rosettes to all placing dogs

Trophies awarded for all placements

E.S.S.F.T.A. National Amateur Challenge Trophy to First Place Dog

Talbot Radcliff, Esq. Perpetual Challenge Trophy to First Place Dog
Guns Award presented by essft.com to the dog the "guns" would most like to hunt over on a day's hunt.
Don Cande Memorial Trophy for Best Looking Bitch

ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

COURSES AND BIRDS

5 Land Series and 1 Water Series
Maps will be posted and available at the headquarters hotel.
Pheasants for Land and Water Series.

LAND OWNER LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

A signed liability form is being required by the landowner. Once we receive this form we will make it available electronically. Please help us accommodate the landowner's wishes by bringing the form with you and presenting it to Elaine O'Keefe, the National Amateur Secretary.

**Below is a pdf link to the liability release form.

Please fill out form, enter information required (name(s), address, sign, print name, and date), print it, and present it to Elaine at training, delegates meeting, meet and greet, or at the handlers meeting before the 1st series.

Any questions, please contact Mike Pollack or Elaine O'Keefe.

[Land Owner Liability Release form PDF](#)

***** IMPORTANT REMINDER *****

The closing date is fast approaching. For those with limited mobility concerns wishing to be assigned to the **Limited Mobility Vehicle (LMV)**, completion of the **AKC Participants with Disabilities process** is required. Once you have your confirmation from the AKC, please provide it to **Elaine, our National Secretary**.

The **LMV** is the only vehicle authorized to travel back and forth from the field to the parking lot.

This policy will be **strictly enforced**. It is imperative we limit our impact to the grounds. It is our goal to be a "good guest" and receive an invitation to return.

For questions concerning this policy please contact the Field Trial Chairmen.

Michael Pollack

Field Trial Chairmen

[LINK TO INSTRUCTIONS](#)

[Participants with Disabilities – How to Request an Accommodation PDF](#)

FIRST TIME HANDLERS

If you are a first time handler please notify the event secretary.

A blaze orange outer garment or item of clothing worn above the waist and visible from all angles shall be mandatory per AKC and ESSFTA

2025 National Amateur Championship Team
ESSFTA Club Officers

Liz Westring, President, 4735 Yuma Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55446
Dean Koehler, Vice President, 15822 Jocko Ct, Shakopee, MN 55379
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Field Trial Committee

Mike Elsasser, Chairman, 750 Villa Ct, Trenton, OH 45067
Mike Pollack, Field Trial Chair, 3012 Shock Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612
Assistant Field Trial Chairmen, James O'Keefe, Patrick Berry
Elaine O'Keefe, Secretary/Treasurer, N4509 Kolba Ave, Mauston, WI 53948

Committee Members

James O'Keefe, Phil Lincoln, Brian Bilotta

Pat Berry, Elaine O'Keefe

2025 National Judges

George Akkouris

Peter Andersen

Field Marshals

Head Marshal-Amie Pollack

Sabine Wallet, Roxanne Fegley, Elaine O'Keefe

Official Guns

Gun Captain-Lea Ames

Gun Team

Waldo Prock, Alex Stewart, Kevin Stewart, Glen Farrara, Marshall Lussen

Trent Bosse, Chris Jensen, Will Pick, Ryan Grauf, Braedon Grauf

Judge's Steward

Alex Kerr

Judge's Steward Assistant Robin Cyr

Bird Supplier
Oak Ridge Farms
Bird Planter
Billy Alcorn
Game Steward
Brian Bilotta

Merchandise & Fundraising
Kevin Martineau Rick Paquin, Sue Corthell, Connie Kiechefer, Holly Boggess, Jeanne Nabity

Trophies and Ribbons
Mike Pollack Elaine O'Keefe

Hospitality
Ted Lagala

Printer
Digital Edge of Wisconsin
Signs, banner, flags and catalogs.

Catalog
Elaine O'Keefe Connie Kiechiefer Robin Cyr

Advertising
Connie Kiechiefer

Graphic Design
Sue Meyers
Website
Holly Boggess
ESSFT.com
Official Photographer

TBD
Steward of the Beat
Phil Lincoln
Tim Hayes

Training Day Coordinator
Brian Bilotta

DRAWINGS/RUNNING ORDER

Drawing for running order will take place with the Field Trial Secretary at
Noon (Central Time) November 23, 2025

SCRATCHES

Scratches prior to closing date will be refunded by HuntSecretary.com.

After the closing date, all scratches will be handled based on the Club Scratch Policy specified below.

Club Scratch Policy

Refunds will be given for females in season. All others will be at the Field Trial Committee's discretion.

ACCOMMODATIONS

FIELD TRIAL HEADQUARTERS
Home2 Suites by Hilton Terre Haute
2625 Lucy Jane Ln, Terre Haute, IN 47803
(812) 814-4440 Greg
<https://g.co/kg/fQCUfSA>
Link to book a room at \$139 per night
Go to Hilton.com or use the Hilton App.
Enter - Terre Haute into destination box
Enter - Stay Dates
Click on the "Special Rates" button
Enter the code 0003491712 into the "Corporate Account" box
Click the "Done" box
Click "Update"
The rooms will appear at the rate of \$139

- Suites not rooms. Refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, dishes, etc. Gym, pool, outdoor area with fire pit.
- Big field to air out dogs right behind hotel
- Holiday Inn Express NOT PET Friendly as alternative

- 15 minutes to grounds
- Shuttle to Casio provided by hotel. 4 minutes away. Lot's of restaurants in Casio and surrounding area
- 10 Minutes to Golf Course Banquet
- BBQ grill available for use

Restaurants in the area-

- Four Cornered Steakhouse.
- Rockwood Bar and Grill
- Altitude Bar and Lounge
- The Soda Shoppe
- Queens Beans
- Center Bar
- Lobby Bar
- Rockwood Happy Hour

LUNCH INFORMATION

PREPAID Banquet INFORMATION

Cost: \$67.28

Make your Banquet Reservation through HuntSecretary. Banquet cost is \$65 per person (\$67.28 online).

PREPAID Pheasants INFORMATION

Cost: \$21.74

Training Day birds can be purchased through Hunt Secretary for \$21.74 each or \$21(cash only) at the training grounds.
***. Pre-paid preferred.

PREPAID Patron- Single INFORMATION

Cost: \$200

Includes (1) Event Hat and (1) Banquet Ticket.

PREPAID Patron- Couple INFORMATION

Cost: \$300

Includes (2) Event Hats and (2) Banquet Tickets.

Event LOCATION / MAP / DIRECTIONS

Terre Haute, IN

For a fillable AKC Entry form - [Click here](#)**Official American Kennel Club ® FIELD TRIAL**

Club: English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.	Date(s):	Event#
Location:		
Enter in Stake/Test: <input type="checkbox"/> National Amateur Championship		
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign & List Country:	I enclose Entry Fees: In Amount of: (please add \$4 per dog/stake for HS Fees)
Full Name of Dog:		
Breed: English Springer Spaniel	Reg# :	Call Name:
		Sex:
		Date of Birth:
Sire:		
Dam:		
Name of Breeder:		
Actual Owner(s): (Print)		
Owner's Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler: (Print)		
Agent/Handler's Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: www.akc.org AGREEMENT		
<p>I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.</p>		
Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry:		
Tel:		
Email:		

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association

National Amateur Championship

MAIL IN ORDER FORM

Please plan to attend the banquet Monday evening to celebrate with friends and watch the presentation of the Purina Amateur High Point awards.

Training birds are available for \$21.00 each. \$21(cash only) at the training grounds.

ENTIRES --

National Amateur All Age _____ @ \$326 ea. = _____ (\$315 plus \$11 Huntsecretary.com fee)

BANQUET --

- # _____ @ \$65 ea. = _____

Birds

- # _____ @ \$21 ea. = _____

Patron- Single

- # _____ @ \$200 ea. = _____

Patron- Couple

- # _____ @ \$300 ea. = _____

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please make checks payable to : Hunt Sec LLC

Name: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please enclose this order form with your mailed in entry.

Thank You!

Mail Entries and Payment to:***

Hunt Sec LLC
708 CR 3140
Crockett, TX 75835

** Please note: All Mailed entries will be opened randomly the morning after an event opens (for everyone).
Please include \$11.00 per dog/entry.