

Rules for NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship

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The Fall Foliage Championship is the northeast regional open finals competition. The trial is held annually in late summer or early fall and usually moves to a different location each year. The trial format consists of qualifying and final rounds. The NEBCA Open Trials Committee (OTC) determines, and is responsible, for all decisions concerning the Fall Foliage Championship.

Eligibility:

- **The Qualifying Round** is open to any dog and handler but there may be a limit on entries and the number of dogs per handler.
- **The Final Round** is limited to dog/handler teams that meet the following requirements:
 1. The handler must be a member in good standing of NEBCA.
 2. The dog must have earned open points during the regular NEBCA open trial season.
 3. Handlers will be limited to two (2) dogs.

Dates and Entries:

The OTC will set the dates for the Fall Foliage. The OTC will also set the closing date for submitting entries and a deadline for cancellations. If necessary, entries in the qualifying round may be limited.

Qualifying Round:

The qualifying round will consist of two trials on a national style course.

Final Championship Round:

- Fifteen (15) dog/handler teams, that meet the above eligibility requirements, will advance to the championship. The method for selecting the top 15 dogs will be based on qualifying scores with details to be determined by the OTC.
- If conditions permit, the final round course will include a double lift and international shed
- The Final round scores will determine the Champion.