

# **North East Border Collie Association Requirements for Qualifying Open Trials**

(Approved at 2003 annual meeting)

The results of qualifying open trials will be applied to NEBCA's two seasonal competitions: the High Points Competition and the Fall Foliage Championship. To be a NEBCA qualifying open trial the trial must meet the following requirements:

1. Trials must be located in the NEBCA region (see bylaws).
2. Trial dates and intentions must be agreed to by the Open Trial Committee a least 30 days before the actual trial date.
3. The trial must be listed in the trial schedule appearing in either the NEBCA newsletter or on the NEBCA web site. "Points trials" and "Time trials" must be listed as such.
4. The trial must have a minimum of 15 dogs competing.
5. The trial must report trial results to the Open Trial Committee within 30 days of the trial.
6. The NEBCA trial season ends on the Tuesday after the third weekend in September. Qualified trials occurring after this date will be applied to the next trial season.
7. The Open Trial Committee can vote to remove NEBCA qualifying status from any trial that does not follow what are considered standard/accepted practices; or where conditions are not conducive to the health/welfare of all animals involved.