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for important and up-to-date information regarding these trials!

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...and more!

Thank you!

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Saturday May 28-Sunday May 29-Monday May 30, 2022
THREE DAYS! SIX TRIALS!!

Reference current Barn Hunt COVID Protocols at:

<https://www.barnhunt.com/covid-19.html>

@ Billings K9 Coaching (through Mountain West Storage)

2815 S 48th S West, Billings, Montana 59106

(Temporary gate codes will be posted on the website Thurs. before the trials.)

Judges:

Judge Pam Opanowitz (BHAJ-100A) of Allen, TX

Additional judges may be added to load balance, split, and/or relief judge.

Any of the Judges of Record for this event may be used to judge any of the classes at this event at the discretion of the Club under the rule provisions for Load Balancing, Relief Judging, and Splitting. Qualifying scores are assigned to the official Judge of Record for that class.

Permission has been granted by the Barn Hunt Association, LLC for the holding of these barn hunt trials under BHA Rules and Regulations.

Open to all Breeds and Mixed Breeds of all sizes!

A Barn Hunt Registration Number **IS REQUIRED** to enter this trial.

Opening Date: April 18, 2022

Entries received before this date will be destroyed.

Pre-Entry Closing Date: May 16, 2022 or when entry limits are reached.

****Late & day of show entries will be accepted for an additional fee if space allows.**** Late and Day of Show entries are not a guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits. Confirmations will not be sent for late entries.

Any changes to your entry (besides move-ups) must be done in writing before closing! Please email Entries@RockyMountainRatters.com.

ENTRY LIMIT:

220 MRV per judge, per day. unless further restricted or expanded by BHA.

CLASSES OFFERED:

Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8's

Dogs may enter both the Instinct class and Novice class in the same Trial until the dog has earned the RATN title and then they cannot enter the Instinct class any longer.

Crazy 8's is open to ALL LEVELS.

PRELIMINARY RUNNING ORDER: (subject to change based on entries):

Sat/Sun: Instinct1&2, Novice1&2, Open1&2, C81, Senior1&2, Master1&2, C82

Mon: C81, Master 1&2, Senior 1&2, C82, Open 1&2, Instinct 1&2, Novice 1&2

MOVE UPS:

*From another event can be made up until 24 hours prior to the start of the trial.

Requests must be in writing. Email Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com.

*All days if you title in Trial 1 you can move up for Trial 2 plus all future days. If you title in Trial 2, you can move up for all future days. Move-ups must be submitted no later than the end of the day that you titled.

Please see the last page for more information regarding move-ups, titling, & B classes!

BLIND INFORMATION:

Blind will be approx. 200sq ft and located 20' away from the ring.

Instinct/Novice/Open will be blinds of up to 6 dogs. Senior & C8's will be blinds of up to 5.

Master will be blinds of 4-5.

FEES:

Pre-Entry (received on or before pre-entry closing 5/16): \$10 Instinct! \$27 N/O/S/M/C8's.

Day Of (received on or before pre-entry closing 5/16): \$15 Instinct. \$32 N/O/S/M/C8's.

Day of Entries must be submitted no later than 30 minutes prior to the morning briefing (i.e. if the briefing is at 9am, DOS entries must be submitted by 8:30am).

HALF PRICE Entries for Junior Handlers (18 & under)! *Please note on entry form.

Checks Payable To: **Rocky Mountain Ratters**

Send Entries & Fees To: Jen Giacchi, 13120 Raritan St, Westminster CO 80234

DO NOT MAIL OR DROP OFF ENTRIES TO MATRIX DOG!

ONLINE ENTRY AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE AT www.RockyMountainRatters.com

All entries must be accompanied by full entry fees to be valid. A returned check does not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$50 fee for all returned checks. No entries will be taken over the phone or electronically. Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope. For day-of-show entries please bring cash or check along with a completed entry form.

Trial Chair: Sharon Fletmetis

Trial Secretary: Jennifer Giacchi

Address: 13120 Raritan St, Westminster CO 80234

Email: Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com

Cell: 720-523-3647 (Matrix Dog, LLC)

Trial Committee: Pamela Pfau, Sharon Fletmetis, Jennifer Giacchi, Judy Katz, Lindy Phillips

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE: (check the welcome letter for confirmed times)

Sat/Sun/Mon:

Building to open around 8am for set up.

Briefing at 9am. Trials to follow briefing.

Building will close no sooner than 30 minutes after the last dog of the day has run.

Judge of Record and Event Official dogs may be judged prior to the official start time or as the first blind(s) of the Event.

HEIGHT DIVISIONS:

- Dogs 13" and under - Small
- Dogs 13.1 to 18" - Medium
- Dogs over 18" - Large

VOLUNTEERS:

We need your help! A Volunteer Sign-Up sheet will be on site. We will need Gate Stewards, Rat Wranglers, Course Builders, Leash Runners, Scribes, and Sheet Runners. Information about each position is available at www.BarnHunt.com.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

All dogs must be at least 6 months of age to compete in a Barn Hunt event.

All dogs must be on a short leash and under control while on trial grounds except while showing. **FLEXI LEASHES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON TRIAL GROUNDS.**

Per BHA rules: electronic collars, bark collars (including citronella), head halters, and muzzles are not allowed to be used on the trial grounds. **Dogs are required to run "naked" and should be brought into the ring with collars/harnesses/slip leads which can be easily and quickly removed and replaced.** Please see page 10 section 14 of the competitor rulebook for further information regarding collars and leashes.

TRIAL GROUNDS:

There is **NO SMOKING** in this facility or on the grounds. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in appropriate containers outside the building.

The trial will be held indoors, on packed sand/dirt. There is heating in the building but please dress appropriately for the outside weather.

There is a porta-potty on site.

FOOD:

There are numerous fast food restaurants around 5 minutes from the trial site.

CRATING:

Crating inside the building will be limited to all day dedicated workers only. There are limited spots available. Preference will go to people who can work the most days. Contact Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com if you are interested in being an all day dedicated worker.

It may be HOT. Please bring adequate shade.

BITCHES IN SEASON:

Bitches in season are eligible to compete but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and will be run at the end of their class/trial and must wear pants. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the trial secretary prior to the trial and inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing.

REFUNDS:

Refunds will be made/mailed in the time frame of ten days before to ten days after the event.

Any entries pulled prior to pre-entry closing will be refunded minus any PayPal/Transaction fees. You must pull in writing (email or in person).

Any entries pulled after pre-entry closing will only be given a credit in the form of a voucher (minus a \$10 administrative fee per day) if there is:

- a) an entry on the waitlist that can take your spot (*refund issued minus admin fee)
- b) an injury to the entered dog, in which case a veterinary note may be required
- c) a death or hospitalization of an immediate family member, in which case a doctor's note may be required
- d) an emergency weather declaration (i.e. road closure due to weather, national weather emergency)

You must pull in writing (email or in person) before 7 am on the day of the trial.

If you wish to re-enter another day with your voucher you will pay the current entry fee rate.

TREAT VOUCHERS LIKE CASH. THEY WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST.

Entry fees will not be refunded/credited in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee or BHA.

Entry fees will not be refunded/credited in the event that a handler is ill or injured.

Entry fees will not be refunded/credited for bitches in season as they are eligible to compete.

Every attempt will be made to hold this event as scheduled. In the event of an "act of God" such as flood or fire, or civil disturbances or any other causes beyond the control of the organizing committee, the event may be canceled. We will make every attempt to contact entrants and inform them of the cancellation. Any refund/credit of entry fees due to this will be made at our discretion.

RV CAMPING:

<https://yellowstoneriverrvpark.com/>
<http://billingstrailervillagervpark.com/>

PET FRIENDLY HOTELS:

La Quinta Inn & Suites Billings, 5720 S Frontage Rd, Billings, MT
Motel 6 Billings, 5400 Midland Rd, Billings, MT

AWARDS:

Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs with qualifying scores.

Placement ribbons will be awarded to first through fourth place in each of the three height divisions for Novice, Open, Senior, and Master "A" classes.

Placement ribbons will be awarded to first through fourth place across all height divisions for Novice, Open, Senior, and Master "B" classes.

C8 "Perfect Score", "Bonus" and "Super Bonus" ribbons will be available.

Title ribbons will be available for all regular classes. For RATS and above, we will personalize your title ribbon!

Ribbons and labels must be taken on or before the last day of the trial. Forgotten ribbons/labels will not be mailed.



DIRECTIONS TO BILLINGS K9 COACHING / MOUNTAIN WEST STORAGE:

From I-90 West

Take Zoo Drive exit 443. Keep right to take the ramp towards Shiloh Road. Turn right onto Zoo Drive. Enter roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto S Shiloh Road. Shiloh Road becomes Neibauer Road. Turn left onto S 48th St W. Billings K9 Coaching is on the left. You'll need to drive through Mountain West Storage to the back of the lot. A gate code for access will be provided before the trials.

From I-90 East

Take Frontage Road S exit 437. Turn right onto S Frontage Road. Turn left onto S 56th St W. Take the 1st right onto Danford Road. Take the 3rd left onto Danford Drive. Turn left onto S 48th St W. Billings K9 Coaching is on the left. You'll need to drive through Mountain West Storage to the back of the lot. A gate code for access will be provided before the trials.

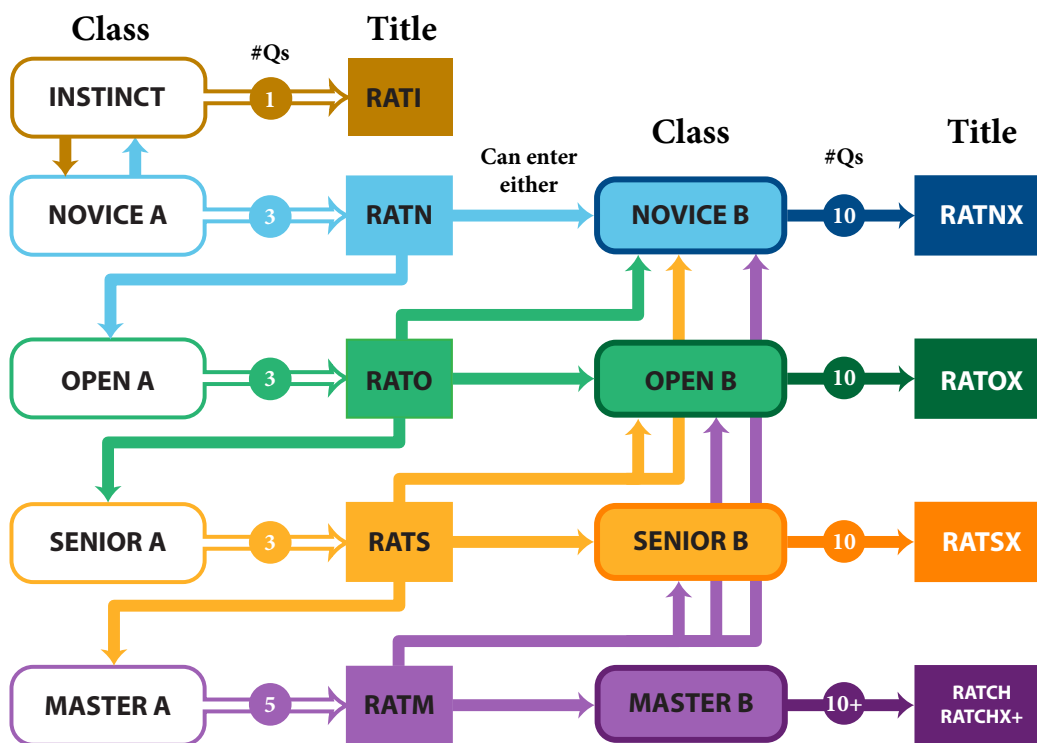
Barn Hunt® Guide to A and B Classes



Beginning in the summer and fall of 2018, the Barn Hunt Association will start implementing B classes and a new titling track. These changes affect only the Regular classes of Novice, Open, Senior, and Master. The changes were made to give teams an opportunity to stay at a single level or move down to a previous level while also giving them an opportunity to achieve new titles at that level. Here is what you need to know about the new B classes.

- All dogs, regardless of handler experience, start in A class at each level and stay in A class until the dog attains the title at that level.
- Once a dog finishes a title from A class, that dog may either move UP to the A class at the next level, LATERALLY into the B class at the same level, or DOWN to any previous level they are eligible to enter.
- In B classes, X titles are awarded after 10 qualifying scores. 10 qualifying scores in Novice B will be RATNX, 20 scores will be RATNX2, etc.
- There will be one set of placements for all competitors in each B class level, regardless of height.
- A dog may show in any class that dog is eligible for. So a dog with a Master title may move DOWN and show in Novice B, Open B, or Senior B.
- Dogs are not required to finish a particular B class title to move on from that class. A dog may have multiple qualifying scores from different levels and may choose to enter different B class levels at different events.
- Dogs are never required to enter any lower level B classes, but must enter Master B to attain the titles of RATCH, RATCHX, and above.
- **For each Event:**
 - All dogs must be entered in only one class level and type. (i.e., a dog cannot be entered in Novice B on one day and Open A on the next.)
 - Dogs entered in B class must stay in that class for the entire event (may not move up or down during an Event.)
- Dogs may be entered in one B class level one weekend and a different one the next. As an example, a dog with a RATM title could enter Master B on one weekend, then Open B the next, up to Senior B, then back to Master, etc.
- All existing Master scores and titles are grandfathered in to the B classes.

TITLE PROGRESSION CHART



In the chart above, the A classes are listed on the far left. Next are the Qs needed to get the title at that level. Once you have the title the solid arrows show you where you can go next. For example, once you have your RATS title (gold box), you can follow the solid gold arrows to see that you can next enter either Master A, Senior B, Open B, or Novice B. Each X title takes 10 qualifying scores.

Rocky Mountain Ratters Licensed Barn Hunt Trials

Saturday	Trial 1: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Saturday	Trial 2: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Sunday	Trial 1: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Sunday	Trial 2: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Monday	Trial 1: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Monday	Trial 2: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's

Circle classes above that you wish to enter. Instinct and Novice may be entered at the same trial. For all other regular classes only one class/level per trial is allowed. Only enter the class for which your dog is eligible. Crazy 8's may be entered in addition to the regular classes and any/all levels are welcome to enter Crazy 8's.

ALL FIELDS BELOW ARE REQUIRED. WRITE LEGIBLY!

Event Dates: _____ Circle One: **A** or **B** Level Classes
(If nothing is circled we will presume you are entering A classes.)

Pre-Entry Fees (received on/before day of pre-entry closing): \$10 for each Instinct. \$27 for each Novice/Open/Senior/Master/Crazy 8.
Late Entry & Day Of Show Fees (received after pre-entry closing): \$15 for each Instinct. \$32 for each Novice/Open/Senior/Master/Crazy 8.

Make Checks Payable to **Rocky Mountain Ratters**. Mail to Jen Giacchi, 13120 Raritan Street, Westminster CO 80234
DO NOT MAIL ENTRIES DIRECTLY TO MATRIX DOG OR FACILITY

I enclose entry fees in the amount of \$ _____

Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any): _____

*BHA Registration #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

**A Barn Hunt Registration # required for valid entry. Register your dog online at www.barnhunt.com. Allow at least two (2) business days to receive a Barn Hunt #.*

Full Name of Dog: _____

Call Name: _____ Breed: _____

Actual Height: _____ Height Class: S (13" and under) M (13.1" to 18") L (over 18")

Actual Owner(s): _____

Owner's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I understand crating in the building will be restricted to all day dedicated workers. Contact Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com if you are interested to see if any positions are available!

I understand and agree to the refund policy listed in the premium.

I understand that it is my responsibility to read the BHA rulebook and know the BHA rules before competing.

I understand that if my entry will be RECEIVED after the pre-entry closing date (see premium), that I am responsible for paying the late entry fee rate.

AGREEMENT: I (we) acknowledge that if this application for the entry of this dog is made available to me (us) for participation in a Barn Hunt event, that I (we) agree that this facility has the right to refuse the entry of this dog and/or they reserve the right to dismiss the dog and myself for cause which Barn Hunt deems to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this and the opportunity to train my dog(s), I (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC, Matrix Dog, LLC, Rocky Mountain Ratters and all associates 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 or dogs while in or upon the premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damage or injury to the dog or myself, either physically or mentally, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by negligence while in or upon the premises of the Barn Hunt grounds. The terms of this agreement bind the parties for the current period of training, and all subsequent classes/training/events in which they hereafter participate.

Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

ENTRIES WILL BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL. TRIAL INFO & RESULTS ARE SENT VIA EMAIL. WRITE YOUR EMAIL CLEARLY.