



Texas Rat Masters

Houston World Series of Dog Shows

NRG Stadium, One NRG Park, Houston, TX 77054

Trial location (*Do not send entries to trial location address.*)

Barn Hunt Trials, 8 trials – 1 ring

Thursday July 18, 2024 (Trial 1, Trial 2)

Friday July 19, 2024 (Trial 3, Trial 4)

Saturday July 20, 2024 (Trial 5, Trial 6))

Sunday July 21, 2024 (Trial 7, Trial 8)

Indoors, air conditioned, matted ring

Opening June 11, 2024 at 6:00 am

Closes July 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Judge Nicole Birnbaum, BHAJ-268A, Lewisville, TX

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

Classes offered: Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8

OPEN TO ALL BREEDS AND MIXED BREEDS registered with Barn Hunt Association. **BHA number is necessary for Barn Hunt Trials.** To acquire a barn hunt #, see the Barn Hunt Number Register User Guide at <https://www.barnhunt.com/register.html>

Competitors are expected to read and understand the current BHA rules prior to participating in this event. See Rule books at [barnhunt.com](https://www.barnhunt.com)

Event Chair: Ken Rychlik - krychlik1@gmail.com 832-731-8752

Secretary: Myrna Rychlik - myrnarychlik@gmail.com 832-304-3084

Event Committee: Ken Rychlik, Myrna Rychlik, Kayce Davis, Kathleen Milford, Susan Grayshon, Cynthia Krohn or other members of the TRM working trial staff.

Lunch will be on your own. Fast food locations nearby and inside the NRG Center. Please note there is a charge for parking at NRG Stadium. Visit <https://www.houstondogshows.com/venue> for more details.

EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN

Veterinary Emergency Group

1370 W Grand Pkwy S, Katy, TX 77494

281-888-8713

<https://veterinaryemergencygroup.com/locations/katy-tx/>

ENTRY FEES

\$15 per Instinct, \$25 per Novice, Open, \$30 Senior, Master, Crazy8

Entries are late if received after July 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Late entries will be accepted until July 12, 2024 at 12:00pm if trial has not filled.

DAY OF SHOW entries **may** be accepted if judging limits have not been met.

Judges are limited to 8 hours of judging and a maximum run value, which may require this club to limit entries accordingly. **See section for move ups, downs, or lateral move allowances.**

Not all level move ups or downs may be possible. You are responsible for notifying the trial secretary in time to process paperwork.

Note: Entry form must be complete, signed and payment received to be considered a valid entry. Please refer to the premium entry submission section for options and instructions below.

Tentative Start Times- Final confirmation attachment will have more information regarding class and check in times. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – First dog will not run before 8:00 am. Estimated check in times should be announced 2 days before the trial dates on Facebook and by email to entered competitors.

A General briefing will be held 10-15 minutes prior to the first dog running each day. Class level briefing for Instinct and Novice will held before loading the first blind. Judges written briefing and a general briefing will be posted in predetermined areas.

Entry Submissions – Online entries are available through

secreterrier.com and fees will be taken at time of entry. (If you do not have an account with Secreterrier, you will need to make one to enter online.) Make sure to add your run selections to your cart and check out. Your entry status will be shown in your Secreterrier account.

Note: If your entry status in Secreterrier is Awaiting Payment, your entry is not valid, you are NOT entered in this event, and your spot is not held.

Paper entries with payment are to be mailed and sent by regular USPS mail to the address below. No more than four dogs per envelope may be entered. *(Do not send entries to trial location address.)*

For sending paper entries by USPS mail, send completed, printed, signed entry form & payment to:

TRM Myrna Rychlik, 22511 Elkana Deane Ln, Katy TX 77449 .

Make checks payable to: Texas Rat Masters

Entry form must be complete, signed and payment received to be considered a valid entry.

Planned Running Order

Thursday – T1 & T2 (first dog will not run before 8:00 am)

T1 Instinct, Novice, T2 Novice, T1 Open, T2 Open, T1 Senior, T2 Senior,
T1 Master, T2 Master

Friday – T3 & T4 (first dog will not run before 8:00 am)

T3 Instinct, Novice, T4 Novice, T3 Open, T4 Open, T3 Senior, T4 Senior,
T3 Master, T4 Master

Saturday – T5 & T6 (first dog will not run before 8:00 am)

T5 Crazy 8, T5 Senior, T6 Senior, T5 Master, T6 Master

Sunday – T7 & T8 (first dog will not run before 8:00 am)

T7 Crazy 8, T7 Instinct, Novice, T8 Novice, T7 Open, T8 Open

All Instinct through Senior, and Crazy 8 blinds will hold no more than 5 teams.
Master blinds will hold no more than 4 teams.

Height Divisions: Small, Dogs 15" & under; Medium, Dogs 15.1" to 22";
Large, Dogs over 22". Dogs are measured at the option of the judge.

BITCH IN SEASON - Bitches in season (BIS) may compete at Barn Hunt trials. They will be run at the end of each class. BIS must wear well-fitting pants at all times when not being pottied, including on the course. Owners of BIS should crate/confine their dogs away from traffic and other dogs, and potty away from other competitors. Please notify the trial secretary upon arrival so running order can be adjusted.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Refunds:

Entry Fees **will not be refunded after closing date** or in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee. No entry fees will be refunded if the trials cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, and act of God, weather, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other causes beyond the control of the Event Committee.

Refund of online entries that are accepted prior to the close date, may incur non-refundable fees of up to 5%.

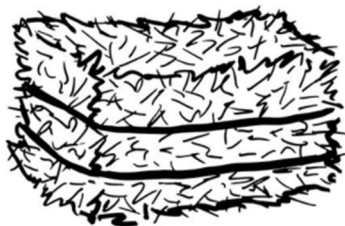
- Bring chairs and crates. Your dog should be crated inside. Please, no X pens. If space is available, appropriately sized crates with non-competing barn hunt, non-disruptive/non-aggressive dogs may be allowed. (See or contact the event Trial Chair.)
- Possessing or training with personal, live quarry is not permitted on the show grounds at anytime.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when in the ring. Leashes cannot be left dangling or dragging. For safety purposes, the use of Flexi leads or retractable type leashes at this facility, in the barn hunt area should be used with caution. Dogs cannot be taken to the blind or enter the ring on a retractable leash.
- Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Potty areas designated by the venue are to be used. Venue includes the entire Stadium complex and grassy areas. Dogs must be pottied **outside**, in designated areas. When in or around the Barn Hunt area inside the building, do not allow your dog to eliminate on table/panel skirting, stacked hay, ring gates, area markers or the inside trashcans.
- Exhibitors are responsible for being ready to go to the staging area, in the staging area, and waiting for the call to the gate when it is their turn to run. The judge need not wait for any dog holding up a class.
- Texas Rat Masters assumes no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers, spectators, or to any of their dogs, property, or children.

Facility rules – It is your responsibility to read and be familiar with BHA rules, which include but not limited to facility grounds.

Entering and attending any Barn hunt Event at any time is done entirely at your own risk.

Spectating

Spectators are allowed where space for observing is available. Spectator areas will be at the discretion of TRM.



Additional Information:

All Barn Hunt Clubs are assigned a Maximum Run Value per day. Entries are not guaranteed and will be accepted only up to judging limits. If the trial fills, a wait list will be maintained.

Questions about What Class to Enter?

Please refer to and review Part 14: Regular Classes section of the BHA Competitor Rule book.

Section 2: What Class to Enter. When sending in an entry prior to the Event, the Class entered depends on titles previously earned. Dogs cannot be entered in a class they are not yet eligible to enter. It is the competitor's responsibility to know the dog's eligibility. Per BHA, any dog entering a class they are not eligible to enter will have any and all qualifying scores removed for that class. (See Flow Chart on page 18 of Competitors Rule book.)

Section 3: Moving Up, Down, or Over during an Event

At this event, Competitors can move up (A to next level A) or over (A to B at the same level) trial to trial **if running order allows**, and time and/or judging limits are not exceeded. Dogs achieving RATM from Master A must move to Master B for RATCH and RATCHX and above.

Competitors can move down (A level title earned and move down to lower level B) day to day **if running order allows**. (Original entry fees will not be adjusted, credited, or refunded.)

Lack of Control – Please be aware that course destroyed materials which include but not limited to bales, equipment, and/or fencing may incur a replacement fee set by the club.



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(Online registration available at txratmasters.com, events page)

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BHA Registration #		Dog's Call Name:	
REGISTERED NAME OF DOG (as registered on Barn Hunt):			
Breed:		Dog's height at withers:	
Sex: M <input type="checkbox"/>	F <input type="checkbox"/>	DOB:	Height Class: S M L
Actual Owner(s):			
Owner's Address, City, State, Zip Code:			
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any):			

Check class boxes below in the corresponding trial row you wish to enter. Instinct & Novice A may be entered in the same trial. All other levels, **select only 1** and circle which level, A or B. Trial classes will run consecutively.

Please review the planned running order listed in the premium. Not all regular or optional classes may be offered each day.

							(Circle A or B below)
Trial 1 Thursday July 18, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Instinct \$17	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Open \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$28	<input type="checkbox"/> Master \$28		<u>Level</u> A or B
Trial 2 Thursday July 18, 2024		<input type="checkbox"/> Novice \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Open \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Master \$30		<u>Level</u> A or B
Trial 3 Friday July 19, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Instinct \$17	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Open \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Master \$30		<u>Level</u> A or B
Trial 4 Friday July 19, 2024		<input type="checkbox"/> Novice \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Open \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Master \$30		<u>Level</u> A or B
Trial 5 Saturday July 20, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Crazy 8 \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Master \$30				<u>Level</u> A or B
Trial 6 Saturday July 20, 2024		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Master \$30				<u>Level</u> A or B
Trial 7 Sunday July 21, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Crazy 8 \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Instinct \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Open \$25			<u>Level</u> A or B
Trial 8 Sunday July 21, 2024			<input type="checkbox"/> Novice \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Open \$25			<u>Level</u> A or B

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THIS PAGE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM. MAKE SURE IT IS SIGNED AND YOUR EMAIL IS LEGIBLE.

CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT UPON ENTRY OF DOG

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 Barn Hunt Association, LLC in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the liability waiver enclosed with my entry. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard (dog or human aggressive) to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all Barn Hunt Association, LLC Rules and Regulations and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

LIABILITY WAIVER

I (we) agree that the Club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the Club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to win prizes, ribbons, and/or trophies, I (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC, Texas Rat Masters LLC, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, 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 BHA LLC 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 persons.

MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I hereby authorize Texas Rat Masters appointed videographer and/or photographer to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may pertain to me, including my image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, the BHA LLC website, yahoo group or facebook page, or for other related endeavors. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my specific rescission of this authorization. Consequently, the BHA LLC or Texas Rat Masters may publish materials, use my name, photograph, and/or make reference to me in any manner that the Corporation or project sponsor deems appropriate to promote/publicize service opportunities.

Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry:		Date:
Parent or Guardian Signature if participant is under 18 years of age:		Date:
Telephone:	Email Address – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	

ENTRIES WILL BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL.

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