

# MEEKER CLASSIC

Sheepdog Championship Trials

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## 2021 Entry Information and Rules

[www.DogTrialEntry.com](http://www.DogTrialEntry.com)

**\*\*Please note – that, we will work with you to get registered and your dogs entered. Please call or email Maym with questions!**

YOU CAN REGISTER on [www.DogTrialEntry.com](http://www.DogTrialEntry.com) before the opening date and take the Handler Tour. HELP is available on the site or by contacting us!

Trial Dates: **September 8-12, 2021** Judge: **Patrick Shannahan, Caldwell, Idaho**

Entry Fee: **\$200.00** per dog (2 dog limit)  
Total Purse: Minimum **\$22,500.00** pay to **20** places - plus added day money  
**LIMIT - 135 ENTRIES TO RUN**

### Course & Rules: **USBCHA Rules**

Entries Open: **March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT – DESIGNATE A HOUSEHOLD ENTRY OR SINGLE ENTRY -Please see explanation of household or Single entries on under guideline information**

***Handlers entered in the 2021 Meeker Classic will be held accountable for knowledge of "2021 Entry Guidelines and Trial Information in Addition to USBCHA Guidelines". Failure to read such is not defensible for failure to comply.***

### **2021 MEEKER CLASSIC ENTRY GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION:**

1. **ENTRIES DUE** - Entries will open **March 1, 2021** and will close **March 31, 2021**  
**\*\*we encourage you to visit [www.DogTrialEntry.com](http://www.DogTrialEntry.com) ahead of time, register and take the handler tour**
  - Entries must be done on line at [www.dogtrialentry.com](http://www.dogtrialentry.com) Call Maym with questions 970-878-0111 or go through the help process at the site – this will give you an **ELECTRONIC POSTMARK**
  - Entries may not be electronically postmarked prior to March 1, 2021 or after March 31, 2021
  - Entries with electronic postmarks before entries open and after entries close will be returned and not accepted;
  - **Entries with electronic postmarks of March 1 – March 31, 2021 will receive the same priority in the draw for 2021.** The drawing will be done by either a **HOUSEHOLD of 2 dogs** or an **INDIVIDUAL** entry  
**\*\*handlers must specify on the entry form. Otherwise, all entries will be considered individual entries**
  - Accepted Entries and Standby List will be drawn by the committee. Handlers will be notified of their accepted entry (**first 135 dogs**) or their spot on the standby list by April 15, 2021. This information will be published on the website at [www.dogtrialentry.com](http://www.dogtrialentry.com) and [www.meekersheepdog.com](http://www.meekersheepdog.com) and will be routinely updated.

2. **DESIGNATION OF HOUSEHOLD OR SINGLE ENTRY** - Each entry must be marked **HOUSEHOLD** or **SINGLE** entry
- **INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES** – These entries will go as one draw tag for the handler (limit of 2 dogs)
  - **HOUSEHOLD ENTRIES** – This allows couples to each enter one dog together to comprise a single entry. Please remember that once entered as a household, that dog cannot be pulled from one household entry and substituted into another household entry. A household entry can only consist of **2 dogs** – 1 dog belonging to each member of the household. If a couple has 2 dogs each, they can enter 2 Households of 2 dogs (one dog from each for each household) or as two separate entries of 2 dogs each person. A single entry of 3 -4 dogs for a household is NOT ALLOWED. A Household entry goes into the draw as one draw tag just as the individual entries do.
3. **PAYMENT** - Receipt of Payment is required within 7 days of electronic entry or by Trial/Event Close Date, whichever is sooner
- Check Payments** **Pay to Name:** **Meeker Classic**
- Pay to Address: **PO Box 1394**  
**Meeker, CO 81641, USA**
  - Please send your (1) printed web page receipt, (2) the printed email receipt or (3) the printed '**WHAT HAVE I ENTERED**' page (blue menu bar on DTE) with your check.
- Pay Electronically with 'PayPal'** to use PayPal you **MUST** click the PayPal button on the receipt page when available. **You will not be able to go back and pay later through PayPal.**
- Pay Electronically with 'POP MONEY'** See: [www.popmoney.com](http://www.popmoney.com) (**Opens in new window**)
- If using Pop Money Make Payment to the Email Address: [trials@meekersheepdog.com](mailto:trials@meekersheepdog.com)  
That's it, nothing to print, nothing to send, nothing to Stamp and mail, you are done!
- Having Electronic Payment Service Issues? (PayPal PopMoney etc.)**
- DO NOT WAIT – Contact the Event Host Right-A-Way for other payment options to ensure You retain your electronic entry spot.  
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- All entry checks received with valid entries will be cashed upon receipt. At any time on or before August 1st handlers may request full refund of their entry fees, effectively scratching their dog or removing themselves from the standby list.
4. **LIMIT 135 DOGS** - Each handler may enter as many as two (2) dogs
5. **WITHDRAWALS** – Refunds are issued for withdrawals from the **ACCEPTED ENTRY LIST ONLY** if trial director is notified by **August 1, 2021**. **Unless this is for a medical situation with your dog (must have Veterinary signed proof), or a family emergency – YOUR ENTRY FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2021.**
6. **ENTRY REFUNDS** – The Meeker Classic will issue a full refund of entry fees to any handler has any symptoms consistent with, or believes that they may have contracted COVID-19, or been exposed to COVID-19 up until the trial begins on Wednesday, September 8, 2021
7. **SUBSTITUTIONS** -
- a. Handlers may make substitutions by notifying the Meeker Classic Trial Director on or before 8/31/2021
  - b. Only in the case of death or veterinary emergency will Emergency **Substitution Requests** be entertained from August 31, 2021 to Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm
  - c. **Emergency Substitution requests** must be accompanied by a veterinarian affidavit, clearly stating the reason the entered dog is unable to run

d. **A dog may be scratched only once, and after that the dog may NOT run** under any circumstances.

8. **DRAW** – A legal draw will be done according to USBCHA guidelines on August 1, 2020 and posted on the websites ([www.dogtrialentry.com](http://www.dogtrialentry.com) and [www.meekersheepdog.com](http://www.meekersheepdog.com)) shortly thereafter. Running Order disputes will be resolved at the discretion of the Judge. Preliminary runs are as follows:
- **Dogs 1 – 47 Wednesday 9/08/2021 (47 Dogs)**
  - **Dogs 48 - 93 Thursday 9/09/2021 (46 Dogs)**
  - **Dogs 94 - 135 Friday 9/11/2020 (42 Dogs)**
8. **WAIT LIST** – Handlers meeting the entry deadline, but not making the draw (first 135) will remain on a WAIT LIST until 6:30 pm, Tuesday 9/7/2021. WAIT LISTED handlers will be prioritized FIRST by postmark date. Subsequent priority will be decided by a random draw for each postmark day/lot. The drawing will be done by household of 2 dogs or an individual entry (of 1 or 2 dogs). The Meeker Classic will notify WAIT LISTED handlers of their eligibility for the running order until 8/31/2021, after such time it is the responsibility of the standby handler to notify the Meeker Classic if they are still available to run. **WAIT LIST entries not placed in the running order by 6:30 p.m Tuesday September 8, 2021 will receive full entry refund, after the trial.**
9. **LAST MINUTE ENTRY PROVISION** - In the event that there are open slots in the run order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 09/08/2020 and AFTER the WAIT LIST has been exhausted, the Meeker Classic will accept last minute cash entries. Eligible handlers/dogs for Last Minute Entries are:
- a. Handlers with one (or fewer) entered dogs;
  - b. Handlers must be present, in person or by proxy, to enter (at trial site, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday 09/07/2021;
  - c. Handler must complete entry form and submit fees;
  - d. Handlers are limited to two (2) entered dogs, including Last Minute Entries. (unless the situation describe in f. applies)
  - e. At 7:00 p.m. on 09/07/2021 a random draw will be done for Last Minute Entries. Entry Fees will be returned on site for those handlers not making the draw in the Last Minute Entry Provision. No changes in run order will be made and Last Minute Entry dogs will have to run in the open slot for which they are drawn.
  - f. In the event that there are open slots at **6:30 pm and no dogs are entered with above said rules**, handlers currently entered will be allowed to enter a **Third dog** into the draw for the last minute entry. No changes in run order will be made and these Last Minute Entry dogs will have to run in the open slot for which they are drawn regardless. **It shall be noted that handlers with one (or fewer) entered dogs will always have priority in the last minute draw.**
  - g. In the event that a handler running three (3) dogs in the preliminaries under the last minute entry stipulation (stated in f. above) qualifies with all three dogs for the semi-finals, only two(2) of those dogs can advance to the Semi-Finals. It will be the handler's choice as to which two (2) dogs will run in the Semi-Finals. That decision will be made before the draw for the Semi-Final running order on Friday evening, September 10, 2021. Once that decision is made the dog placing thirty-first in the preliminaries will move up to run in the Semi-Finals
10. **SEMI FINAL ROUND TO INCLUDE 30 DOGS** – \*\* RULE FOR QUALIFYING ENTRIES TO THE SEMI-FINALS . The top 8 scoring runs from each qualifying day will advance to the Semi-Final Round (8 dogs/day for September 8, 9, & 10, 2021). Upon completion of all qualifying runs, the top 6 scoring dogs that have not already qualified (regardless of the day ran) will also advance to the Semi-Finals.

11. **FINALS TO INCLUDE 12 DOGS** – The top 12 semi-final runs advance to the double lift finals on Sunday running 6 dogs before lunch and 6 afterwards. Rules and scoring for International Gather will be followed for Final Rounds.
12. **\$22,500 MINIMUM PURSE** – to pay to 20 places, plus added day money (prelims) for first 4 places.
13. **ENTRY FEE INCLUDES** (2) tickets for entry into all events including daily preliminary trials, semi-finals and finals, handler's dinner (Friday night), exhibitions, & a Trial Program. Fee does not include barbecues.
14. **TIE BREAKERS** - If two or more competitors stand equal in points, the judge will settle their priority by (First) their combined points for the outrun, lift and fetch, (Second) by each subsequent phase of the trial i.e. the drive, shed, & pen, and (Third) by going back to the individual points of the outrun, then the lift, then the fetch.
15. **OFFICIAL SCORES** – The Score Sheets signed by the judge are the official record of scores. All efforts will be taken to enter and recheck scores posted at the Trial and on the internet through DogTrialEntry.
16. **TIME LIMIT FOR PRELIMINARY RUNS** – The preliminary runs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be **13 minutes**
17. **HANDLER'S MEETINGS – ARE NOT MANDATORY, BUT** Will be at 6:45 each morning of Preliminaries and the Semi-Finals, 7:30 on Finals Sunday – this is your opportunity to hear the judge's expectations and ask any questions you have of the judge
18. **CHECK IN** – All handlers can check in on Tuesday evening before the trials during the Handler Welcome & Pizza Dinner – OR you can pick up your packet at the Clerk Shed. Releases **MUST** be signed before Handlers can run their dogs.
19. The Meeker Classic Rules Committee reserves the right to review special circumstances as they arise.

**These updated RULES AND GUIDELINES were established by the Meeker Classic Rules Committee, November 10, 2020. These 2021 RULES AND GUIDELINES were established by the Meeker Classic Rules Committee, November 10, 2020 ratified on November 10, 2020 by the Meeker Classic Board of Directors.**