



Grand Field Champion Titles for Pointing Breeds

The American Kennel Club is pleased to introduce two new field titles for the Pointing Breeds - the Grand Field Champion (GFC) and Grand Amateur Field Champion (GAFC). Many owners continue to participate after their dogs have earned FC/AFC titles. The Grand titles will provide a goal these experienced dogs can strive to achieve.

To be eligible to earn Grand points, the dog must have already been awarded its Field Champion title (to be eligible to earn points toward the GFC title) or its Amateur Field Champion title (to be eligible to earn points toward the GAFC title).

How does a dog earn a Grand title? A dog must earn six points under the existing point system, including one win of three points or greater, in one hour or longer stakes. A win means a first place. There is no retrieving requirement to earn a Grand title.

Grand points can only be earned in new stakes which will be called Grand stakes. The four new one hour Grand stakes are (1) Grand Open Limited Gun Dog, (2) Grand Amateur Limited Gun Dog, (3) Grand Open Limited All-Age, and (4) Grand Amateur Limited All-Age. Offering these stakes is up to the discretion of the host club. Starting in July 2013 clubs may start applying for Grand stakes to be offered at trials held after January 1, 2014.

May non-titled dogs run in Grand stakes? Yes. If points are earned, they will count toward the FC or AFC title.

The following will be added to the Field Trial Rule Book at its next reprinting:

Grand Field Champion: A dog that has previously earned its Field Champion title will be recorded a Grand Field Champion (GFC) if it subsequently earns 6 points according to the FC point schedule in Grand Open Limited Gun Dog or Grand Open Limited All-Age stakes, provided the points include at least one first place win of 3 points or more.

Dogs that are not Field Champions that earn points in Grand Open stakes will have the points credited toward their FC title. Points earned by a dog in a Grand stake will not be split between FC and GFC titles.

The GFC title will supersede the FC title on a dog's pedigree.

Grand Amateur Field Champion: A dog that has previously earned its Amateur Field Champion title will be recorded a Grand Amateur Field Champion (GAFC) if it subsequently earns 6 points according to the AFC point schedule in Grand Amateur Limited Gun Dog or Grand Amateur Limited All-Age stakes, provided the points include at least one first place win of 3 points or more.

Dogs that are not Amateur Field Champions that earn points in Grand Amateur stakes will have the points credited toward their AFC title. Points earned by a dog in a Grand stake will not be split between AFC and GAFC titles.

The GAFC title will supersede the AFC title on a dog's pedigree.

The last time a new title was added to the AKC field trial program was in 1966 when the Amateur Field Champion title was introduced.

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