

## DIRECTIONS TO RASPBERRY RIDGE

**From the East:** Interstate Route 80 West through New Jersey to Exit 4 (Columbia/Blairstown). Follow signs to Portland, PA / Delaware River Toll Bridge; continue straight on PA 611 South through Mt. Bethel. Follow directions from ❖ below.

**From Central New Jersey** – Take I-287 to I-78 West. Take NJ Route 31 North, then Route 46 West. Follow signs to Portland, PA toll bridge and take PA 611 South through Mt. Bethel. Follow directions from ❖ below.

**From the West** – Take Interstate 80 East through PA to Exit 310. Follow PA 611 South through Mt. Bethel. Follow directions from ❖ below.

**From Allentown, PA** – Take Route 22 East to PA. 33 North. Exit at PA 191 at Bangor/Stockertown. Take PA 191 North to Bangor. In Bangor, go straight through 2 stop lights. At 3<sup>rd</sup> light (blinking), turn right. Turn left at stop sign. Go 1/4 mile and turn right onto Ridge Road. Go about 3 miles and make sharp left onto Lake Minsi Drive (if you reach a 4-way stop sign intersection when driving on Ridge Road, you have gone too far). On Lake Minsi Drive, follow from ❖❖ below.

- ❖ Turn right on PA 512 (bank and dental office on corner). Go exactly 1.5 miles and turn right onto Lillian Lane. Cross RR tracks and bear to the left up hill. Immediately after a 4-way stop, the road forks; take the right fork; this is Lake Minsi Drive.
- ❖❖ On Lake Minsi Drive, go 0.6 miles. Turn left into gravel lane--mailbox #2167. You are now at **Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm**. Drive into marked parking areas near house and barn.

### LODGINGS (that accept dogs)

**Budget Inn and Suites:** Exit 308 on I-80, East Stroudsburg, PA (888) 233-8144.

**View Inn:** US Rt. 22, PA Rt. 191 Exit, Bethlehem, PA (610) 865-6300

**Super 8 Stroudsburg:** Exit 308 on I-80, East Stroudsburg, PA (570) 424-7411

**Baymont Inn & Suites:** Exit 302, Bartonsville, PA (570) 476-1500

Parking available for RVs on-site at **Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm**—limited electric hook-ups available; no water hook-ups or sewage disposal. Please call 484-553-3077 to reserve space.

### REFRESHMENTS

The club will be offering lunch and refreshments on site.

## PREMIUM LIST American Tending Breeds Association of Pennsylvania



### AHBA Licensed Herding Test and Trial

Open to all eligible dogs according to the guidelines of the AHBA Rulebook.

**Sunday, April 7, 2019, 7:30 AM**

**Judge: Debra Meinhardt**

**Entries Open: 8:00 AM on Wednesday February 27, 2019**

**Sheep-JHD (Junior Herding Dog Test)**

**Sheep-HTD- I, II, III (hold & ribbon pull)**

(Sheep Outrun will be: I-100 yd, II-100 yd, III-200 yd.)

**Sheep-HTAD-I, II, III (Course # 2, gather, ribbon removal for III)**

**Sheep-HRD-I, II, III**

**Sheep-RLF-I, II, III**

**Ducks- JHD, HTAD – I,II,III (Course #2, gather, shed for III)**

**Ducks-HTD -I, II, III (shed for III)**

(Duck Outrun will be 75')

Tests & Trial will be held outdoors at:

Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm

2167 Lake Minsi Drive; Bangor, PA 18013

Grounds will be open Sunday, 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 AHBA HERDING TRIALS & TESTS**

**Start time 7:30AM**

**Limits and Entry Fees:**

Total entries are limited to 50 per judge. 80 sheep and 70 ducks are available.  
All entry fees— \$50.00.

**Livestock:** Call Ducks and Mixed Breed Sheep...entrant agrees to replacement cost at market value for serious injury/death or to pay for total medication costs for slight injury. Market value is \$200.00 per sheep and \$40.00 per duck.

RLF course minimum: 30 sheep per run.  
HTAD & HTD courses- 5 ducks per run; 3-5 sheep per run.  
JHD: 5 ducks per run; 3-5 sheep per run.  
HRD course: 10 sheep per run.

**A separate entry form must be completed for each course in which a dog is entered.**

Entries not on Official AHBA entry forms or photocopies without the Agreement and Rules are UNACCEPTABLE. Entries will not be accepted without fees. No refund for duplicate entries or any other cause beyond the control of the Club after closing date. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. The ATBA treasurer will add a collection fee to the amount of each returned check. Canadian exhibitors must submit entries with international money orders in US funds. Telephone, telegraph, fax, email and unsigned entries cannot be accepted. Changes, additions, or corrections to Entry Forms must be received in writing prior to the close of entries. The ATBA may decline entries for cause and may refuse to accept an entry or may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness or other cause and no one shall have any claim or recourse against ATBA or any official thereof.

Submit entries with fees in US funds to: **ATBA, c/o Patricia Davies, 345 Ginger Lane, East Stroudsburg, Pa 18301.** Checks or money orders are to be made payable to ATBA.

**Entries sent by delivery services must be marked for delivery without a signature.**  
**Entries received before or after the open period will be rejected.**  
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Entry forms and information can be downloaded at [www.atba-herding.org](http://www.atba-herding.org)

**Board of Directors of the American Tending Breeds Association**

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**Veterinary Services On Call**

**Creature Comforts** (24 hr.): Old Route 115, Saylorsburg, PA. (570) 992-0400 or (610) 381-2287

**Mt. Bethel Animal Hospital** (570) 897-5409

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

**Rosettes and Trophies for Trial**

VERSATILITY HERDING CHAMPION April 7, 2019: Versatility Herding Champion Award: Customized Belt Buckle Donated by Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm.

The winner of the Versatility Herding Champion is determined by Combining a Dog's Highest 3 AHBA trial scores achieved on April 7, 2019. Tie breaker is decided by adding all scores of dog in competition for the day.

The VHC belt buckle will be customized with your own dog's photo on livestock if you send a digital picture to: Carolyn@raspberryridgesheepfarm.com. Please send a photo by the day of the trial.

Highest Score from HRD or RLF Courses: Egyptian Livestock Staff.

Test Classes: Qualifying Score: Dark Green and White Rosette.

Trial Classes: High In Trial – Dog gift basket & Rosette  
Reserve High In Trial – Dog cookie jar filled with treats & Rosette  
Highest Score in each trial class – Dog toy  
1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> highest scores for each Trial class – Rosettes

Qualifying Score – Dark Green Rosette

**OFFICIAL AHBA ENTRY FORM**

**Name of Club Sponsoring Event: American Tending Breeds Association**

**Location: Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm, 2167 Lake Mlnsi Drive, Bangor, PA**  
**Time & Date of Event: Sunday April 7, 2019 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM.**

Make checks or money orders payable to: **ATBA. \$50.00 per class entered.**

Send registration form with check or money order to: **Pat Davies, Event Secretary**  
**345 Ginger Lane, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.**

**ELIGIBILITY**

All dogs nine months of age or older are eligible to participate in Herding Trials and JHD. No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same kind of stock under the same judge at any Test/Trial. Bitches in season shall run in drawn running order without adjustment. *Maximum of 50 entries per judge accepted.*

**IMPORTANT. READ THIS BEFORE SIGNING.**

In consideration for participation in an event sanctioned by the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA), I agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near this event, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I further agree that I will hold the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents and members harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claim, damage or loss, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, caused at or near this event, whether directly or indirectly, by me or any dog I have entered in or brought to this event. I agree to indemnify the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents and members for any loss, cost or expense including attorneys fees and costs, to which the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents or members might be subject as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my part or on the part of any dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I acknowledge that while the AHBA may provide sanctioning for this event with regard to the issuing of titles, it does not have and does not exercise control over the conduct of the event or those present.

I CERTIFY and represent that the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event is/are not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or to people.

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owners whose name I have entered.

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the AHBA in effect at the time of this Herding Test or Trial or both, and further agree to be bound by the agreement printed above. The entry is submitted on the foregoing representation and agreement.

**Signature of Owner &/or Agent:**

Please enter one dog per Entry Form. Place "X" in box(es) of class(es)/trial(s) you want to enter.

**I am entering my dog in the Versatility Herding Championship.**

*I will sending a pdf or jpg file of my dog working to [c.wilki@me.com](mailto:c.wilki@me.com) by Monday April 8, 2019-- or before!*

|  | Entry | Stock      | Course/Class |  |  | Entry | Stock    | Course/Class |
|--|-------|------------|--------------|--|--|-------|----------|--------------|
|  |       | 5 Ducks    | HTD I        |  |  |       | 5 Sheep  | HTD I        |
|  |       | 5 Ducks    | HTD II       |  |  |       | 5 Sheep  | HTD II       |
|  |       | 5 Ducks    | HTD III      |  |  |       | 5 Sheep  | HTD III      |
|  |       | 5 Ducks    | HTAD I       |  |  |       | 5 Sheep  | HTAD I       |
|  |       | 5 Ducks    | HTAD II      |  |  |       | 5 Sheep  | HTAD II      |
|  |       | 5 Ducks    | HTAD III     |  |  |       | 5 Sheep  | HTAD III     |
|  |       | 30 Sheep + | RLF I        |  |  |       | 10 Sheep | HRD I        |
|  |       | 30 Sheep + | RLF II       |  |  |       | 10 Sheep | HRD II       |
|  |       | 30 Sheep + | RLF III      |  |  |       | 10 Sheep | HRD III      |
|  |       | 3 Sheep    | JHD          |  |  |       | 5 Ducks  | JHD          |

NOTE: A dog must be entered in the name of the person(s) who actually owns it at the time entries are made for the Herding Test or Trial. **\$50 per class entered.**

**A Registration or Tracking Number must be included.**

Actual Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Agent only): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Agent only): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Registry: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration OR Tracking Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_ USA \_\_\_ CANADA \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Variety: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

### HRD Course: General Description

The course is laid out in a 20-acre field which slopes upwards to a crest of a ridge. The perimeter is fenced with box wire field fencing, 40" high. Physical description of course obstacles and features are listed below.

There are several draws for the sheep on this course. In general, this HRD course tests the ability of the Handler and dog to read and react to the impact of these draws on the sheep and to respond appropriately so that the flock movement, grazing, gathering, holding, and sorting tasks can be completed efficiently.

Orange cones, where specified, will mark the *inside* of all turns on the course. Blue cones will mark the Handler's posts, all levels; "Road" and "Graze" edges on the course are marked by furrows.

If it is hot, water can be requested to be available at the grazes, on the course, and in pens for the dogs.

Except if otherwise specified by judge, movement on the course is in a counter-clockwise direction around the field on the road.

The sheep should move steadily and quietly along the roads, without rushing, lagging, or weaving. **The combination of shortest paths traveled on line, on course, and smoothest, quietest movement of sheep, dog, and Handler should receive the highest score. The dog should do most of the work (except for opening and closing gates).**

Except where otherwise specified in these rules, Handler and dog may take any position necessary relative to the flock throughout the course while moving.

**If more than half the flock is 50 yards off course for longer than 5 minutes, if the sheep are being harassed by a dog, or if the judge feels the dog is working out of control without any chance of the Handler regaining control, then the run should be terminated.**

For **HRD I**, the judge may request that an experienced dog and stock handler be positioned discretely on the course for the beginning of the run to help prevent sheep from bolting to the top of the ridge, one of the draws.

**No. of sheep per HRD run: 10.**

**The time limits and total approximate distances the sheep travel for each course:**

HRD I: 20 minutes, 580 yards

HRD II: 30 minutes, 680 yards

HRD III: 35 minutes, 925 yards (sheep), (plus an extra 245 yards for person and dog to hike back to retrieve the remaining sheep in the Holding Pen Option).

**Ties within classes & courses will be broken on:**

- 1) Highest score for **Gather**
- 2) Highest score for **Exit From Take Pen**

**Physical Description of Course Obstacles and Features:**

**Blue cone--** The judge or judge's assistant should carry/move a **blue cone** to mark the **Handler's Post** for the **Gather** at a **Graze exit**.

Orange cones and yellow-green cones will be used as specified.

**Runs will be disqualified:**

1. *if a gate is not secured and closed by the Handler at the Re-Pen and when leaving the Holding Pen;*
2. *if the Handler enters the Holding Pen during a Sort;*
3. *or if any sheep remain unpenned in their specified pens by the end of the run.*
4. *Sheep are harassed or are running amuck.*

**OBSTACLE DESCRIPTIONS:**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Take Pen:                | 32 ft. x 32 ft., fencing 40 inches high, 12-foot gate ("Take Pen" in diagram).   |
| Road One (1):            | 12 ft. wide; edges marked by furrows, Pen to Inner Road = 182 feet.  |
| Bridge-Footbath:         | bridge panels approximately 12 ft. wide, 18 ft. long, field floor  |
| Inner Road:              | 12 ft. wide; edges marked by furrows, total length = 740 feet; sub-length from Road 1 to angle turn = 244 feet.              |
| Traffic Road:            | 18 ft. wide; edges marked by furrows, total length = 450 feet.   |
| Road 2:                  | 12 ft. wide, edges marked by fence and furrow, and goes back to Take Pen. Road 2 from End of Traffic Road to Pen = 146 feet. |
| Holding Pen:             | 16 feet x 16 feet with a 12 foot gate and 48 inch tall fencing.  |
| Sort Sheep: (II and III) | 3 sheep sorted, including at least 1 marked sheep (3 sheep are marked).  |

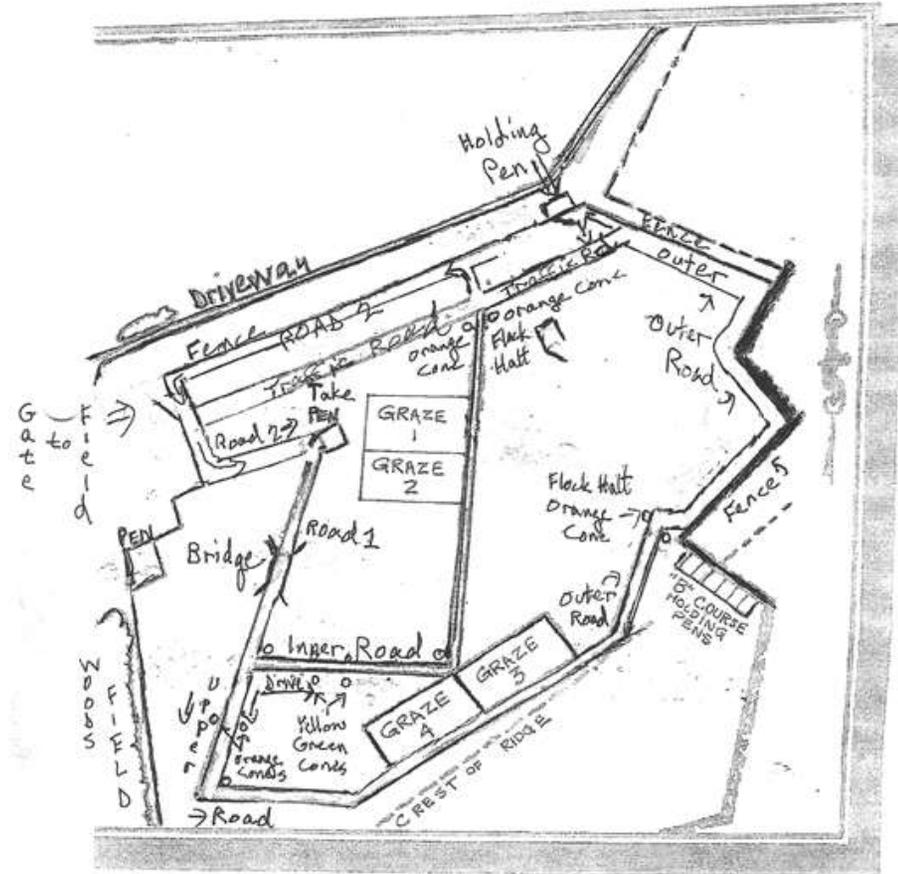


**SCORING for HRD**

| <u>Name of Exercise</u>  | <u>HRD I</u> | <u>HRD II</u> | <u>HRD III</u> |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. <u>Exit from Take Pen</u>   | 10           | 10            | 10             |
| 2. <u>Before Graze: Fetch/Drive &amp; Bridge-Footbath (including II &amp; III: Drive Leg &amp; Hold)</u> | 20           | 20            | 20             |
| 3. <u>Graze (5 min.)</u>   | 15           | 10            | 15             |
| 4. <u>Gather</u>   | 20           | 20            | 20             |
| 5. <u>After Graze: Fetch/Drive &amp; Flock Halt</u>  | 15           | 10            | 10             |
| 6. <u>Sort</u>   | --           | 15            | 15             |
| 7. <u>Gamblers Option "Holding Pen" or "Outrun"</u>  | --           | --            | 10             |
| 8. <u>Re-Pen (Both 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> times for III)</u>                                | 10           | 5             | 10             |
| <b>Total Possible Points:</b>  | 90           | 90            | 100            |
| <b>Minimum Points to quality (70%)</b>   | 63           | 63            | 70             |

|                                       |          |          |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| <b>Maximum Time of Run (minutes):</b> | 20 min.  | 30 min.  | 35 min.      |
| <b>Length of Course:</b>              | 580 yds. | 680 yds. | 925-1170yds. |

**HRD Course Diagram:**



**HRD Step-by-Step Description**

\*see "HRD Course: General Description" (above) for dimensions, maximum times, distances, flock size, and description of obstacles and features

**1. Exit from Take Pen**

At the Handler's discretion, the Take Pen gate can remain in an open or closed position after the Exit from the Take Pen. HRD 1 handler can enter the take pen with or without dog. HRD II & III handlers cannot enter take pen without penalty.

**2. Fetch/Drive and Bridge-Footbath HRD I; plus Drive Leg, Level II & III**

The flock travels along **Road 1** in a counter-clockwise direction around field, traveling through the **Bridge-Footbath**.

**Bridge-Footbath:** Only flock must go through the **Bridge-Footbath**. Handler and dog can go around or through.

After Bridge-Footbath:

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**Level I:** Flock continues onto the **Inner Road**, making left turns (at orange cones), and goes to the assigned **Graze** area. The **Graze** area is **Graze 1, 2, 3, or 4** (at judge's discretion).

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**Level II Drive Leg:** Flock continues onto the **Inner Road**. The **Handler's Post (orange corner cone along edge of Inner Road)** marks the beginning of a **60-foot drive leg** along the **Inner Road for Level II**. The Handler must remain on the road behind the **Handler's post** while the dog works, until the flock passes the first **2 orange cones**, marking the end of the drive leg.

**Level II Hold:** Dog will then hold the flock in the area marked by the **2 orange cones and the first 2 yellow cones on the Inner Road**, until the Handler reaches and/or passes the area and the flock. Flock then continues on road to assigned **Graze** area.

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**Level III Drive Leg:** Flock continues onto the **Inner Road**. The **Handler's Post (orange cone at corner of Road 1 and the Inner Road)** marks the beginning of a **120-foot drive leg** along the **Inner Road**. The Handler must remain on the road behind the **Handler's post** while the dog works, until the flock passes the first **2 yellow-green cones**, marking the end of the drive leg.

**Level III Hold:** Dog will then hold the flock in the area marked by the **4 yellow-green cones**, until the Handler reaches and/or passes the area and the flock. Flock then continues on road to assigned **Graze** area.

**3. Graze**

**Handlers** may lead the flock into the **Graze** area and dog and handler may move anywhere in or out of the **Graze** area at any time. Time for the **Graze** is **5 minutes**.

At the **Graze**, the dog may move, stand, sit, or lie down. Commands may be given, but the calmest picture with sheep grazing in graze should receive highest score.

**4. Gather**

The Handler and dog must first go to the **blue cone (placed by the judge so that the distances in gather lengths can be achieved)** marking the **Handler's Post**. The exercise begins when the dog and Handler are both within 5 feet of the Handler's Post and the judge says "gather." The gather ends when the flock has gone counter-clockwise around the post and is back on the road.

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**Level I:** The flock can be in the graze as close as **20 yards** to the Handler's Post at the start of the Gather for **HRD I**. If the flock is that close, the dog must start the **Gather** from the **Handler's Post**. The Handler may take a **position as close as 15 feet to the flock** before the dog starts the **Gather**.

If the flock is **20- 40 (or more) yards** away, the dog then may be taken to a point *roughly 20 yards from the flock*, and the Handler may take a **position as close as 15 feet to the flock** before the dog starts the **Gather**.

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**Level II:** The handler and dog should be **at least 20 yards** from the flock at the start of the **Gather**.

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**Level III:** The handler and dog should be **at least 120 feet** from the flock at the start of the **Gather**.

**5. Fetch/Drive and Flock Halt (and 6.Sort - Level II & III and 7. Gambler's Option-III)**

Flock continues traveling in counter-clockwise direction around field on **Inner Road** until reaching "T" intersection with **Traffic Road**, where flock is halted.

At the T-Intersection of **Inner Road** with the **Traffic Road**, dog halts forward progress of flock (**at the orange cone**) by standing in front of flock and holding it while the Handler moves away from flock and beyond dog (at least 10 ft.) to "look" for traffic on the **Traffic Road**. Dog should be positioned somewhere on same side of Traffic Road as orange cone (**dog not in the Traffic Road, not across the Traffic Road**). Handler returns to the flock. After the Flock Halt, the movement of the flock continues.

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**HRD I:** The flock makes a left turn directly onto the **Traffic Road**. The flock must stay on the **Traffic Road**, go to **Road 2** along fence, back to the **Take Pen**. See **"8. Re-pen."**

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**HRD II & III after Halt:** The flock makes a **right turn** onto the **Traffic Road**. The Handler and flock then leave the **Traffic Road** by turning left in front of and heading towards the **Holding Pen** gate.

**6. HRD II & III Sort:** **Sort** starts when the handler first opens the holding pen gate. Sheep can be sorted into or out of the pen. Dog can go into the pen, but handler cannot. Three sheep are marked. Three sheep are sorted out of pen, including at least 1 marked sheep. **Sort** is over when the 3 sorted sheep re-enter the **Traffic Road**, with the remaining sheep staying in the **Holding Pen**.

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**HRD II & III After Sort:** The 3 sheep stay on the **Traffic Road**, go to **Road 2** along fence, back to the **Take Pen**, to **Re-Pen**.

**7. HRD III "Gamblers" Option-- Holding Pen or Outrun (2nd Task Fetch/Drive)**

This exercise begins after the Re-pen of the 3 sorted sheep. It ends when the remainder sheep are within 30 feet of the **Take Pen Gate**. After fastening the gate of the Take Pen, the Handler will declare whether he/she opts for the “**Holding Pen**” or “**Outrun**” option.

### “Holding Pen Option”

1. The Handler and dog return to the Holding Pen so that the Handler can open the gate and allow the sheep to come out. The Handler may not go into the pen.
2. The Holding Pen gate is re-fastened by the Handler while the dog holds the sheep.
3. Sheep then are taken back to the Traffic Road. The flock must stay on the **Traffic Road**, go to **Road 2** along fence, back to the **Take Pen**.

### “Outrun Option”

1. As soon as this option is chosen, the course director or livestock handler will release the remainder sheep from the Holding Pen and secure the closed gate.
2. The Handler and dog can assume any position in the portion of the field in a “**Bermuda triangle**” bound by: 1.) the Traffic Road, 2.) the Inner Road portion running north-south on the field, 3.) 12 feet in front of the Take Pen Gate. The sheep must be a minimum of 40 yards away from the Handler and/or dog at the start of the dog’s outrun. The sheep do not have to be in sight. During the outrun/lift/fetch, the Handler can move anywhere within the “Bermuda Triangle.” The handler’s objective is to move the sheep on the shortest line back to the Take Pen gate.

### **8. Re-Pen**

Scoring starts 30 feet from gate. Level III scoring includes both re-pens. The gate is closed and secured when the sheep have entered. Dog and Handler are not allowed in the pen.

If the Handler elected to close the gate at the beginning of the run, the dog will hold the flock quietly and in a stationary position away from the gate so the Handler can open the gate smoothly.

If the Handler chose to leave the gate open at the beginning of the run, then the flock can return directly to the **Take Pen**. The gate is closed when the sheep are inside the pen.

### RLF Course: General Description

The course is laid out in a 20-acre field which slopes upwards to a crest of a ridge. In general, this RLF course tests the ability of the Handler and dog to read and react to the impact of these draws on the sheep and to respond appropriately so that the flock tasks can be completed efficiently.

Orange cones, where specified, will mark the *inside* of all turns on the course. Blue cones will mark the Handler’s posts, all levels; “Road” and “Graze” edges on the course are marked by furrows.

If it is hot, water can be requested to be available at the graze and pens for the dogs.

Except if otherwise specified by judge, movement on the course is in a counter-clockwise direction around the field on the road.

The sheep should move steadily and quietly along the roads, without rushing, lagging, or weaving. **The combination of shortest paths traveled on line, on course, and smoothest, quietest movement of sheep, dog, and Handler should receive the highest score. The dog should do most of the work (except for opening and closing gates).**

Except where otherwise specified in these rules, Handler and dog may take any position necessary relative to the flock throughout the course while moving.

**If more than half the flock is 50 yards off course for longer than 5 minutes, if the sheep are being harassed by a dog, or if the judge feels the dog is working out of control without any chance of the Handler regaining control, then the run should be terminated.**

For RLF I, the judge may request that an experienced dog and stock handler be positioned discretely on the course for the beginning of the run to help prevent sheep from bolting to the top of the ridge, one of the draws.

No. of sheep per RLF run: 30 plus.

**SCORING for**

The time limits and total approximate distances the sheep travel for each course:

- RLF I: 25 minutes, 580 yards
- RLF II: 30 minutes, 680 yards
- RLF III: 35 minutes, 885 yards (sheep), (plus an extra 490 yards for person and dog to hike back to retrieve the remaining sheep in the Holding Pen Option).

Ties within classes & courses will be broken on:

- 1) Highest score for **Gather**
- 2) Highest score for **Exit From Take Pen**

**Physical Description of Course Obstacles and Features:**

**Blue cone--** The judge or judge's assistant should carry/move a **blue cone** to mark the **Handler's Post** for the **Gather** at a **Graze exit**.

**Orange cones** and **yellow-green cones** will be used as specified.

**Runs will be disqualified:**

1. if a gate is not secured and closed by the Handler at the Re-Pen and when leaving the Holding Pen;
2. if the Handler enters the Holding Pen during a Sort;
3. or if any sheep remain unpenned in their specified pens by the end of the run.
4. Sheep are harassed or running amuck.

**OBSTACLE DESCRIPTIONS:**

|                          |  |      |
|--------------------------|--|------|
| Take Pen:                | 32 ft. x 32 ft., fencing 40 inches high, 12-foot gate ("Take Pen" in diagram).                                       |      |
| Road One (1):            | 12 ft. wide; edges marked by furrows, Pen to Inner Road =  | 182  |
| Bridge-Footbath:         | bridge panels approximately 12 ft. wide, 18 ft. long, field floor  |      |
| Inner Road:              | 12 ft. wide; edges marked by furrows, total length = 740 feet; from Road 1 to angle turn = 244 feet.                 | sub- |
| Traffic Road:            | 18 ft. wide; edges marked by furrows, total length = 450 feet.   |      |
| Road 2:                  | 12 ft. wide, edges marked by fence and furrow, and goes back Pen. Road 2 from End of Traffic Road to Pen = 146 feet. | to   |
| Holding Pen:             | 16 feet x 16 feet with a 12 foot gate and 48 inch tall fencing.  |      |
| Sort Sheep: (II and III) | 10 sheep sorted, including at least 3 marked sheep (10 sheep are marked).  |      |

| <u>Name of Exercise</u>  | <u>RLF I</u> | <u>RLF II</u> | <u>RLF III</u> |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. <u>Exit from Take Pen</u>   | 10           | 10            | 10             |
| 2. <u>Before Graze: Fetch/Drive &amp; Bridge-Footbath (including II &amp; III: Drive Leg &amp; Hold)</u> | 20           | 20            | 20             |
| 3. <u>Graze (5 min.)</u>   | 15           | 10            | 15             |
| 4. <u>Gather</u>   | 20           | 20            | 20             |
| 5. <u>After Graze: Fetch/Drive &amp; Flock Halt</u>  | 15           | 10            | 10             |
| 6. <u>Sort</u>   | --           | 15            | 15             |
| 7. <u>Gamblers Option "Holding Pen" or "Outrun"</u>  | --           | --            | 10             |
| 8. <u>Re-Pen (Both 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> times for III)</u>                                | 10           | 5             | 10             |

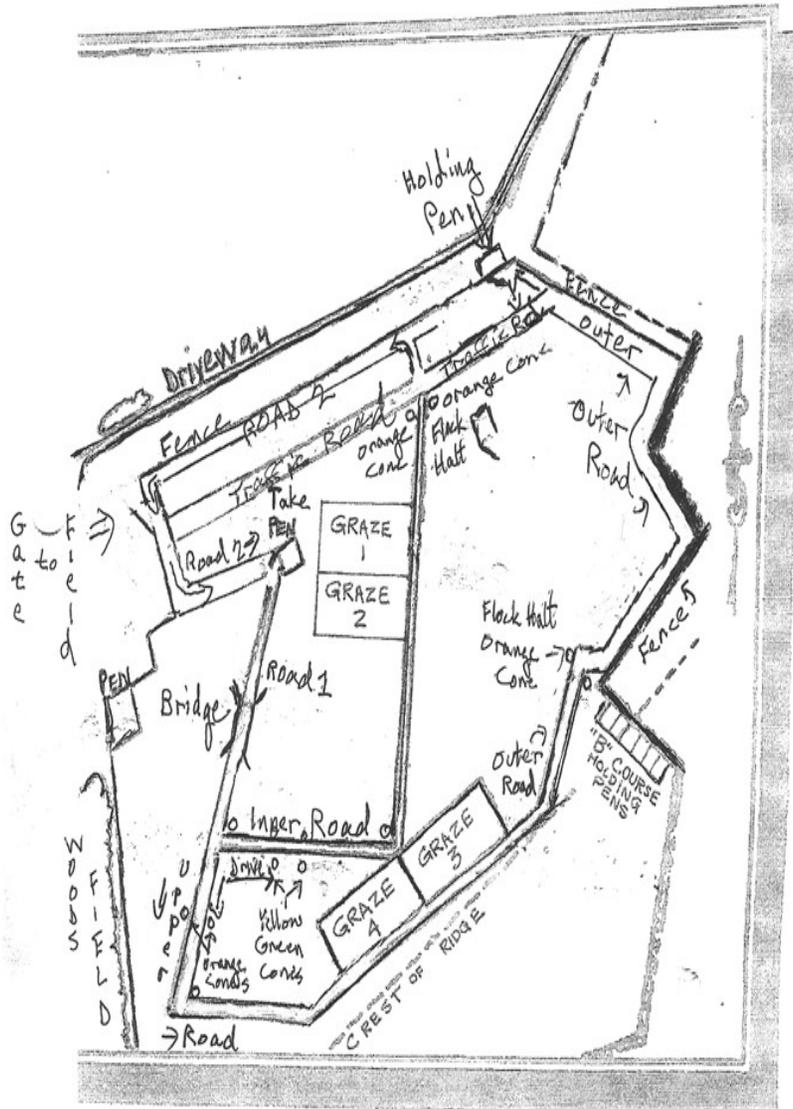
**Total Possible Points:** 90 90 100

**Minimum Points to quality (70%):** 63 63 70

**Maximum Time of Run (minutes):** 25 min. 30 min. 35 min.

**Length of Course:** 580 yds. 680 yds. 885 yds.

## Course Diagram:



## RLF Step-by-Step Description

### 1. Exit from Take Pen

At the Handler's discretion, the Take Pen gate can remain in an open or closed position after the Exit from the Take Pen. RLF 1 handler can enter the take pen with or without dog. RLF II & III handlers cannot enter take pen without penalty.

### 2. Fetch/Drive and Bridge-Footbath RLF I; plus Drive Leg, Level II & III

The flock travels along **Road 1** in a counter-clockwise direction around field, traveling through the **Bridge-Footbath**.

**Bridge-Footbath:** Only flock must go through the **Bridge-Footbath**. Handler and dog can go around or through.

After Bridge-Footbath:

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**Level I:** Flock continues onto the **Inner Road**, making left turns (at orange cones), and goes to the assigned **Graze** area. The **Graze** area is **Graze 1, 2, 3, or 4** (at judge's discretion).  
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**Level II Drive Leg:** Flock continues onto the **Inner Road**. The **Handler's Post (orange cone along edge of Inner Road)** marks the beginning of a **60-foot drive leg** along the **Inner Road for Level II**. The Handler must remain on the road behind the **Handler's post** while the dog works, until the flock passes the first **2 orange cones**, marking the end of the drive leg.

**Level II Hold:** Dog will then hold the flock in the area marked by the **2 orange cones and the first 2 yellow cones on the Inner Road**, until the Handler reaches and/or passes the area and the flock. Flock then continues on road to assigned **Graze** area.  
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**Level III Drive Leg:** Flock continues onto the **Inner Road**. The **Handler's Post (orange cone at corner of Road 1 and the Inner Road)** marks the beginning of a **120-foot drive leg** along the **Inner Road**. The Handler must remain on the road behind the **Handler's post** while the dog works, until the flock passes the first **2 yellow-green cones**, marking the end of the drive leg.

**Level III Hold:** Dog will then hold the flock in the area marked by the **4 yellow-green cones**, until the Handler reaches and/or passes the area and the flock. Flock then continues on road to assigned **Graze** area.

### 3. Graze

**Handlers** may lead the flock into the **Graze** area and dog and handler may move anywhere in or out of the **Graze** area at any time. Time for the **Graze** is **5 minutes**. At the **Graze**, the dog may move, stand, sit, or lie down. Commands may be given, but the calmest picture with sheep grazing in graze should receive highest score

### 4. Gather

The Handler and dog must first go to the **blue cone (placed by the judge so that the distances in gather lengths can be achieved)** marking the **Handler's Post**. The exercise begins when the dog and Handler are both within 5 feet of the Handler's Post and the judge says "gather." The gather ends when the flock has gone counter-clockwise around the post and is back on the road.

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**Level I:** The flock can be in the graze as close as **20 yards** to the Handler's Post at the start of the Gather for **RLF I**. If the flock is that close, the dog must start the **Gather** from the **Handler's Post**. The Handler may take a **position as close as 15 feet to the flock** before the dog starts the **Gather**.

If the flock is **20- 40 (or more) yards** away, the dog then may be taken to a point *roughly 20 yards from the flock*, and the Handler may take a **position as close as 15 feet to the flock** before the dog starts the **Gather**.

**Level II:** The handler and dog should be **at least 20 yards** from the flock at the start of the **Gather**.

**Level III:** The handler and dog should be **at least 120 feet** from the flock at the start of the **Gather**.

**5. Fetch/Drive and Flock Halt (and 6.Sort - Level II & III and 7. Gambler's Option-III)**

Flock continues traveling in counter-clockwise direction around field on **Inner Road** until reaching "T" intersection with **Traffic Road**, where flock is halted.

At the T-Intersection of **Inner Road** with the **Traffic Road**, dog halts forward progress of flock (**at the orange cone**) by standing in front of flock and holding it while the Handler **moves away from flock and beyond dog (at least 10 ft.)** to "look" for traffic on the **Traffic Road**. Dog should be positioned somewhere on same side of **Traffic Road** as orange cone (**dog not in the Traffic Road, not across the Traffic Road**). Handler returns to the flock. After the Flock Halt, the movement of the flock continues.

**RLF I:** The flock makes a left turn directly onto the **Traffic Road**. The flock must stay on the **Traffic Road**, go to **Road 2** along fence, back to the **Take Pen**. See "**8. Re-pen.**"

**RLF II & III after Halt:** The flock makes a **right turn** onto the **Traffic Road**. The Handler and flock then leave the **Traffic Road** by turning left in front of and heading towards the **Holding Pen** gate.

- 6. RLF II & III Sort:** **Sort** starts when the handler first opens the holding pen gate. Sheep can be sorted into or out of the pen. Dog can go into the pen, but handler cannot. There are 10 marked sheep. Ten sheep must be sorted out of the pen, including at least 3 marked sheep. **Sort** is over when the 10 sorted sheep re-enter the **Traffic Road**, with the remaining sheep staying in the **Holding Pen**.

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**RLF II & III After Sort:** The 10 sheep stay on the **Traffic Road**, go to **Road 2** along fence, back to the **Take Pen**, to **Re-Pen**.

**7. RLF III "Gamblers" Option-- Holding Pen or Outrun (2nd Task Fetch/Drive)**

This exercise begins after the Re-pen of the 10 sorted sheep. It ends when the remainder sheep are within 30 feet of the **Take Pen Gate**. After fastening the gate of the **Take Pen**, the Handler will declare whether he/she opts for the "**Holding Pen**" or "**Outrun**" option.

**"Holding Pen Option"**

1. The Handler and dog return to the Holding Pen so that the Handler can open the gate and allow the sheep to come out. The dog, but not Handler, may enter the Holding Pen to exhaust the sheep if necessary. The Handler may not go into the pen.

2. The Holding Pen gate is re-fastened by the Handler while the dog holds the sheep.

3. Sheep then are taken back to the **Traffic Road**. The flock must stay on the **Traffic Road**, go to **Road 2** along fence, back to the **Take Pen**.

**"Outrun Option"**

1. As soon as this option is chosen, the course director or livestock handler will release the remainder sheep from the Holding Pen and secure the closed gate.

2. The Handler and dog can assume any position in the portion of the field in a "**Bermuda triangle**" bound by: 1.) the **Traffic Road**, 2.) the **Inner Road** portion running north-south on the field, 3.) 12 feet in front of the **Take Pen Gate**. The sheep must be a minimum of 40 yards away from the Handler and/or dog at the start of the dog's outrun. The sheep do not have to be in sight. During the outrun/lift/flush, the Handler can move anywhere within the "Bermuda Triangle." The handler's objective is to move the sheep on the shortest line back to the **Take Pen** gate.

**8. Re-Pen**

Scoring starts 30 feet from gate. Level III scoring includes both re-pens. The gate is closed and secured when the sheep have entered. Dog and Handler are not allowed in the pen.

If the Handler elected to close the gate at the beginning of the run, the dog will hold the flock quietly and in a stationary position away from the gate so the Handler can open the gate smoothly.

If the Handler chose to leave the gate open at the beginning of the run, then the flock can return directly to the **Take Pen**. The gate is closed when the sheep are inside the pen.