

## UTAH STOCKDOG ASSOCIATION

### SOLDIER HOLLOW ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR UTAH CLUB MEMBERS

1. Must be a Utah Open handler who has been a member of the Utah Stockdog Association for 3 years prior to running.
2. Must be running a dog that has run in an Open class prior to Soldier Hollow.
3. Volunteer requirement: must have 3 volunteer “credits” for each of 3 years (a total of 9 credits) prior to running. The “credit year” begins on the day prior to the commencement of the Soldier Hollow Classic.<sup>1</sup> “Credits” are days or partial days as required at any of the following:
  - a. Soldier Hollow Classic (“SH”). Utah open handlers/members will be given preference for volunteer positions at SH to the extent possible.
  - b. Community / Educational Activities:
    - i. Farm Field Days – held in October each year near Provo (Linda Rossiter in charge).
    - ii. Thanksgiving Point demos – usually in May.
    - iii. Any similar activity to Farm Field Days so long the following criteria are met:
      - 1) the event host notes that the Utah Stockdog Assoc. is involved;
      - 2) there is an educational component to the event;
      - 3) all club members are informed of the event and given the opportunity to volunteer; and
      - 4) must be pre-approved by the President and a description of the event must be provided to the President for purposes of our 501(c)(3) status.
  - c. Members who are compensated by SH for work performed for SH during the event cannot earn volunteer credits at SH unless they are free for an entire day and receive no other compensation for that day and there is a volunteer job that needs to be done. No preference for

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<sup>1</sup> Any time volunteering for SH prior the commencement of the trial shall be credited to the next credit year. For example, if you work a substantial part of a day for SH on August 15 of 2016, that would go towards the 2017 credit year.

volunteer assignments will be given to a member who is being compensated at SH. (Example: paid for set-out or for demonstrations at SH.)

- d. Members may volunteer at SH the year they are running and receive appropriate credit but are not required to do so.
- e. If a handler does not have sufficient credit to run in their slot because of extenuating circumstances (e.g. illness that prohibited them from volunteering or their turn comes up sooner than expected), the Directors have the discretion to waive some of the required volunteer credit requirement for handlers with a history of volunteering for club activities.

Volunteer work is to be reported promptly (within 2 weeks of the volunteer work) to the President or their designee. The current designee is Coleen Hawker at [chawk@fastmail.fm](mailto:chawk@fastmail.fm)

4. If a Utah handler receives an 2-dog invitation to run from SH for a year that they would otherwise be eligible to run under these rules, the handler next on the list would move up and the SH qualifier would take that person's slot for the next year.
5. If a Utah handler receives a discretionary invite from SH for one dog and it is their "turn" to run as a Club member, they may run a second dog. If they choose not to run a second dog, they may defer their Club slot for the next year.
6. If a handler does not feel ready to run the year they were slotted to run, they may defer to the next year. For example, if 2015 Handler A decides not to run in 2015, she would drop down to the first position slotted for 2016 and the next person in the order would move up to 2015, and so on. Both handlers would then remain in their new group unless further deferrals altered the group make up.
7. Handlers are to advise the Directors of their intent to run by June 15 of the year they are slotted to run. The Directors have the discretion to extend this period for a short time if circumstances dictate so long as the SH program has not gone to press and Mark is willing to accept the later entry.