

Tracking Collars at AKC Pointing Breed Field Events

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The use of tracking collars is left to the discretion of the host club.

Pointing Breed Field Trials - Tracking collars are allowed unless the host club specifies on the premium list that they are not allowed.

Pointing Breed Hunting Tests – Tracking collars are allowed only if the host club specifies on the premium list that they are allowed.

AKC Approved Tracking Collars

The following makes / models of tracking collars are AKC approved for pointing breed field events provided they are unmodified from the manufacturer and the transmitter is mounted on the manufacturer's collar –



- * Tracker Super Lite (TTA – 100)



- * Tracker Strike (TTA – 170)



- * Wildlife Materials Model 3850

- * Marshall PowerPoint HP with lithium batteries

- * L.L. Electronics LD-3

- * L.L. Electronics CS-4 Flash Collar

If the unit is not one of the above makes / models or it is mounted on something other than the manufacturer's collar, then the following specifications must be met for the tracking collar to be approved for use in AKC events –

- * The transmitter, battery, antenna and screws placed on the dog shall weigh no more than five (5) ounces. The transmitter shall be mounted on a one-inch collar or less. A regular ID plate may be affixed to the collar. The collar surface adjacent to the dog shall have no protrusions.

Use of Tracking Collars at AKC Pointing Dog Events

1. A dog while under judgment may wear no more than two collars. This may be any combination of one tracking collar, an ID collar or a flash collar. All collars must be worn on the dog's neck. The tracking collar shall remain on the dog during the entire brace. If a handler elects to remove the tracking collar, the dog shall be considered out of judgment.
2. The handheld receiver shall be kept in the possession of the Judges or the Marshall only.
3. The handheld receiver can only be used after the dog is determined to be out of judgment.
4. The use of a tracking collar is an elective and the running of the stake shall not be held up due to lack of available equipment.
5. Tracking collars are not allowed in a callback for a retrieve or honor.
6. Any person using a receiver to locate a dog currently under judgment and prior to official authorization of its use by one of the Judges shall disqualify the dog in that stake and the offender shall be disqualified from that field trial.

Note – GPS units and electronic flashing collars are not allowed in AKC Pointing Breed field events.

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