



Regional Event Model Discussion

June 2022



Current Challenges

- Significant number of entries
 - Total entries were increased 85% from 2014 to 2021 (nearly doubled)
 - The increase has been with pro-handled dogs which increased 225% from 2014 to 2021
- Unmanageable number of flights
 - Increasing number of dogs
 - Decreasing number of handlers
- Availability of grounds
 - It has become clear there are very few single locations that have enough quality grounds (land and water) to support increasing numbers of flights
 - Quality and consistency of testing decreases as a result



Current Challenges

- Availability of workers and techs
 - It is nearly impossible to locate and sustain a temporary work force of the size needed for the extended period of time currently required
- Participant impacts
 - The event takes too many days to complete due to time management and logistics issues
 - The event requires an excessive amount of travel which significantly limits the availability of the event to amateur handlers (there has been no growth in amateur handlers)
 - Lodging, food, and other amenities (airing, training, etc) are difficult to access with an excessively large event



Basis for Regionalizing Test Sites

- Create manageable number of entries and manageable flight sizes
 - 1 to 3 flights at each test site
 - <125 entries per flight
- If flight numbers are kept under 125
 - No series would take more than 1 day to complete
 - Every entrant would run 1 series per day
 - The event would be completed in 6 days
- Increase the number of available sites that could host
 - Access to quality grounds
 - Hotel availability
 - Access to workers
 - Other amenities
- Improve the quality and consistency of the testing to the level expected



Outline

- Identify 4 locations for test sites, selected based on historical participant distributions (i.e. where they are from)
 - These do not have to be consistent with the governance structure (the traditional Regions)
 - Handlers/dogs would be assigned based on home address
 - Would be designed so that travel to the location would be approximately 1 day
- Locations selected must have enough quality grounds to support up to 3 flights for 6 series
 - Land and water availability
 - Flights must be able to run concurrently without interference
- Ideally, the selected locations will align so that participants travel time to the location will be approximately 1 day



Certain Rules

- Handlers can only enter at designated location
 - Site designated by home address
 - NO exceptions or substitutions for handlers
- Qualified dogs can only be entered at one site
 - Dependent upon handler location



Other

- Would support an event that allowed every entry to run at least 1 series per day
- Could increase amateur participation
 - Less travel
 - Less time
- Will be supported by the professional constituents
 - Less expensive for clients
 - Some even volunteered to provide additional assistance
- Will require some modification to operating procedures and even a couple of by-laws, but such mods should not be extensive and should incorporate the flexibility required to operate effectively in a changing environment



How Would It Be Organized?

- Identify States where handlers are domiciled
 - Use historical dogs per handler
 - Estimate number of dogs per State
- Group States into “Areas”
 - Each Area would include a manageable number of dogs for 1-3 flights
 - Identify a suitable location for each Area
 - Assign Area Leaders to facilitate the event at each test site
 - Local
 - Board assigned
- Area Leaders are fully responsible for execution of the event
 - Board assigned judges
 - Board specified test designs and elements
 - Board designated amenities



Examples Follow

The examples that follow include:

- A table that shows the distribution of handlers by state and a grouping by area
- A color coded map that shows:
 - The geographical distribution of the areas
 - Stars that represent potential hosting sites
- Example 1
 - Based on entries from the 2021 event
- Example 2
 - Based on entries from the 2019 event
- Example 3
 - Includes 2019 entries from Reg 1 and 2
 - Includes 2021 entries from Reg 3 and 4
 - This is a hybrid to represent recent max numbers from the designated entry regions



Area Distribution Example 1

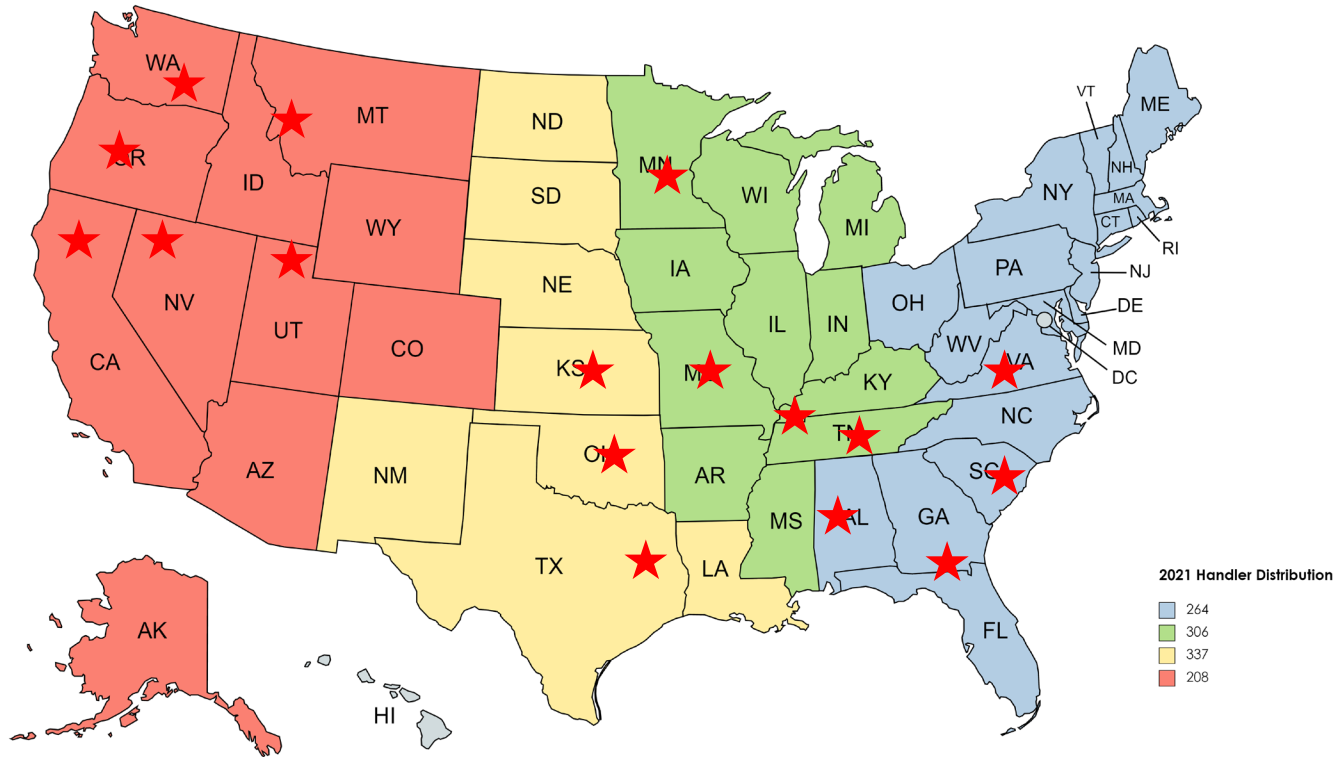
Based on 2021 Entries

CT	0	AR	62	LA	77	CO	8
DE	0	IL	0	KS	7	ID	16
FL	18	IA	5	NE	50	MT	7
GA	81	IN	12	NM	0	UT	3
ME	0	KY	10	ND	0	WY	3
MD	1	MI	4	OK	45	AK	2
MA	0	MN	12	SD	0	AZ	1
NH	0	MO	50	TX	158	CA	60
NJ	0	MS	53			NV	4
NC	12	TN	66			OR	24
NY	21	WI	32			WA	80
OH	29						
PA	2						
RI	0						
SC	23						
VA	8						
VT	0						
WV	0						
AL	69						
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Area Distribution 1 Map

Based on 2021 Entries





Area Distribution Example 2

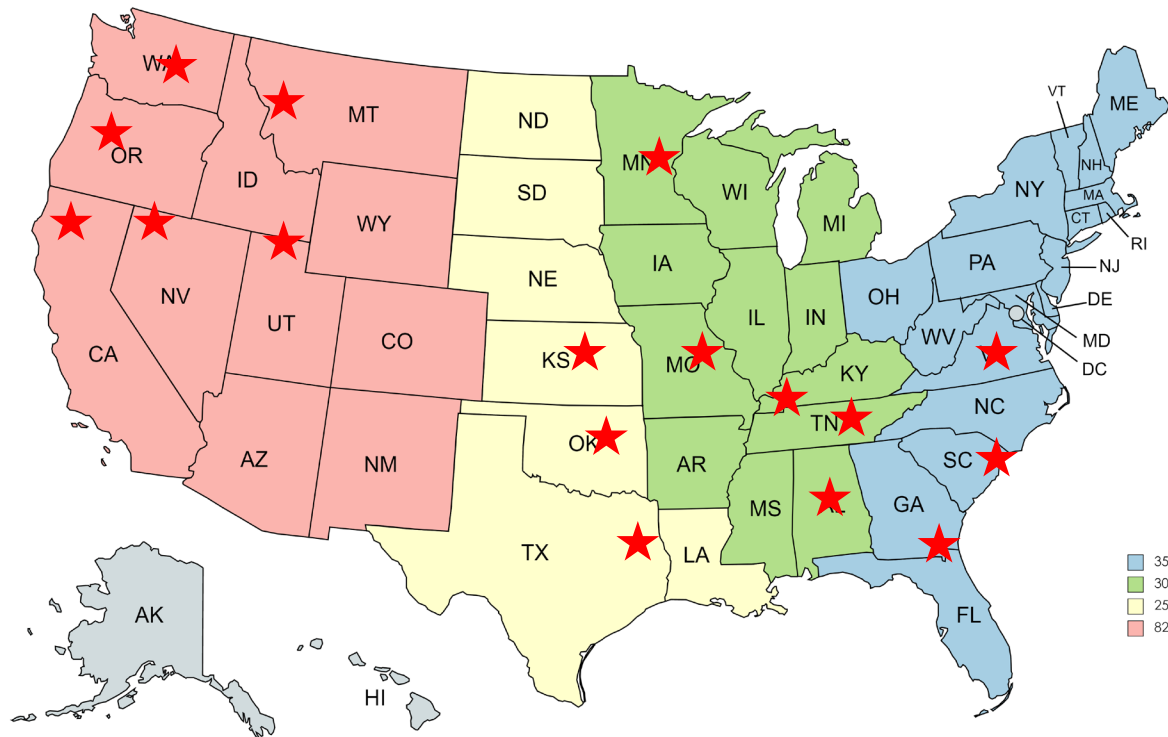
Based on 2019 Entries

CT	5	AR	15	LA	42	CO	4
DE	0	IL	3	KS	1	ID	1
FL	51	IA	5	NE	25	MT	0
GA	122	IN	6	NM	0	UT	0
ME	4	KY	14	ND	0	WY	0
MD	8	MI	2	OK	35	AK	3
MA	0	MN	21	SD	0	AZ	0
NH	0	MO	33	TX	155	CA	34
NJ	0	MS	48			NV	0
NC	46	TN	49			OR	31
NY	8	WI	47			WA	9
OH	21						
PA	6						
RI	1						
SC	51						
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Area Distribution 2 Map

Based on 2019 Entries



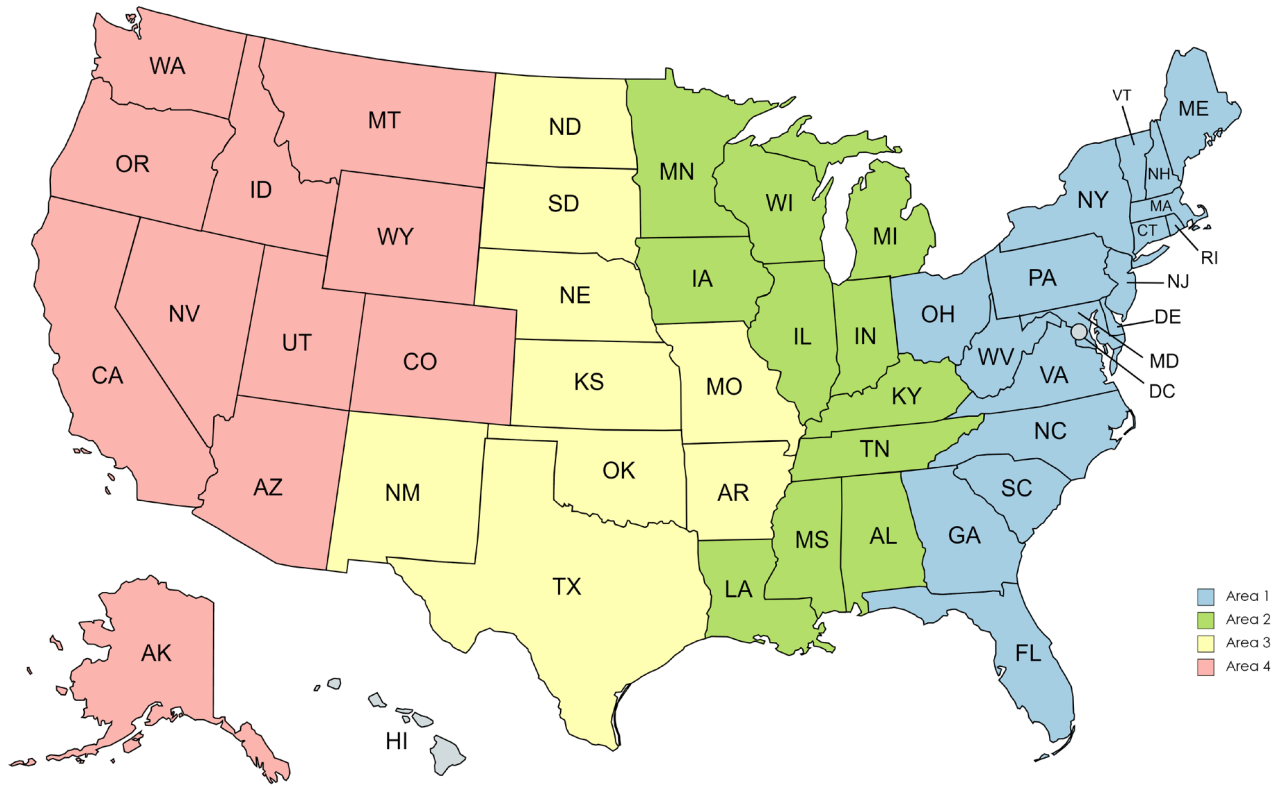


Area Distribution Example 3

Entries by Handler							
Area 1 (2019)		Area 2 (2019)		Area 3 (2021)		Area 4 (2021)	
CT	8	AL	69	AR	62	AK	4
DE	5	IA	10	KS	7	AZ	1
FL	44	IL	17	MO	50	CA	60
GA	96	IN	8	ND	0	CO	8
MA	3	KY	16	NE	16	ID	16
MD	3	LA	56	NM	0	MT	7
ME	3	MI	4	OK	23	NV	4
NC	78	MN	21	SD	0	OR	24
NH	0	MS	29	TX	158	UT	3
NJ	2	TN	52			WA	80
NY	14	WI	39			WY	3
OH	20						
PA	9						
RI	3						
SC	46						
VA	29						
VT	0						
WV	0						
	363		321		316		210



Area Distribution 3 Map





Issue/Planning

Description	Plan/Mitigation
Location selection	Identify specific locations that could be utilized in each Area
Area Leader committee	Local Area representatives (Board appointed) Board members assigned
Sponsors	Re-evaluate programs to minimize resources required to support
Merch/Store	Move 100% online
Registration/handler meeting	Run by local committee/judges
Worker event	Run by local committee
Closing ceremony	Run by Board representatives



Issue/Planning

Description	Plan/Mitigation
Judge selection	Create national pool then Board will pair and allocate to each Area location
Entry Administration/Catalogs	Board Rep/Local secretary for entries; catalogs TBD
Rotation	Based on entry numbers
Callbacks	Run by Area site secretary
Communication	Run by Area site secretary
Digital assets	Set up arrangements with Communications
Birds	Set up by Area Leaders
Equipment	Provided by local Area Leaders
Setup	Managed by Area Leader team