



February 17th, 2022

Presented by the Oregon Truffle Festival

\$500 Cash Prize for Champion

Competition Guidelines – The Oregon Truffle Festival (OTF) invites amateur truffle dogs to participate in the 8th annual Joriad™ truffle dog championship event. This document lists basic eligibility requirements and competition guidelines. If eligible, a Competition Entry Form and payment of the entry fee of \$55 must be completed via our [website](#).

2022 Covid -19 Competitors Protocol

We STRONGLY advise that everyone attending be fully vaccinated due to the unknowns of travel restrictions in Oregon in February. If you are not, you will need to provide OTF with a negative test result dated no more than 36 hours before attending.

Masks will be required at all times indoors, and outside if distancing isn't possible.

Please be advised that all Oregon State and County Guidelines will be enforced during the training. Your safety is our number one concern.

If you have questions about this process, please email our [Competition Organizer](#).

Once this process is complete, competitors will receive the complete set of **Competition Rules** and any additional paperwork from the Competition Organizer.

Eligibility Requirements –

Dog Requirements:

- Dogs must be at least 10 months old
- Dogs must be current on all vaccinations required by law
- Dogs must appear healthy and uninjured on the day of the event
- Dogs may not have engaged in the paid or commercial harvest of truffles, or associated with professional truffle dog training businesses, past or present.
- Females in season and lactating females may not compete
- Dogs may wear harnesses, collars, and gear that does not interfere with searching or disturb the search areas. Judges have the authority to decide whether particular equipment may or may not be worn

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- No prong, choke, head halter, or electric collars may be worn in the search areas
- Dog must be non-aggressive to humans or other dogs. Aggressive behavior will be grounds for dismissal
- All dog(s) on event location must be on leash with at least 6' distance from other dogs

Handler Requirements:

- Handlers must be at least 18 years old
- Handlers may only handle one dog
- Multiple dogs from the same household may compete but will need a separate handler for each dog
- Handlers cannot be commercial truffle harvesters or professional truffle dog trainers.*
- Handlers must wear rubber soled closed toed shoes unless otherwise approved
- Search areas for the Championship Finals are in realistic hunting conditions and handlers must be able to navigate terrain without damaging the search area and without assistance or changes made to search area

Judges have the authority to dismiss handlers due to failures to comply with any of the above requirements.

**The Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship is limited to amateur competitors in 2022. The Oregon Truffle Festival hopes to add a Professional Class in the future when there appear to be enough professionals who would like to compete. If you are a professional truffle hunter or trainer of truffle dogs, please contact us to let us know of your interest. Professional trainers are invited to encourage their students to participate, and we hope you'll come to cheer them on!*

Competition Guidelines:

Exemplary sportsmanship is expected of all participants. Judges may excuse handlers from the competition for behavioral violations including, but not limited to: striking or kicking a dog, abusive language towards another competitor, judge, official or volunteer, and disclosing hide locations to another competitor.

The Joriad is a one day event on February 17th ONLY. The Qualifying Competition will be held in the am at the Lane Events Center in Eugene. The Championship Finals will be held the afternoon of the 17th, with winners announced at an awards ceremony including the Parade of Dogs at approximately 6pm in Eugene. Location to be determined.

Qualifying Competition: Multiple timed searches for truffles and/or truffle-scented targets in containers or in the ground in an indoor arena

Championship Finals: Hunt for truffles in an outdoor native truffle forest environment

The 2022 Joriad™ Entry Form is now available through our [website](#). Please click link.
Entry Fee is \$55; paid with submission of Entry Form

Please contact our Competition Organizer with any questions: otfruffledog@gmail.com