

Application to Host the National Specialty

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Thank you for your interest in supporting the NSDTRC (USA) by requesting to hold this important event for Tollers.

The Board of Director's of the club must approve your hosting of the event. Requests must be received two years, preferably three years, in advance. Do not contract for event sites or judges until approval is given.

We realize that much of the information is of a tentative nature, but we believe that by completing this form, you will become aware of what is available and what is needed to host this type of event.

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*** Proposed Start Date**

2028-09-25

*** Proposed End Date**

2028-10-01

Alternate Start Date

(No response)

Alternate End Date

(No response)

*** City**

Brooklyn

*** State**

CT

*** Select a Choice**

Stand Alone, Independent Specialty

*** Host Club of All-Breed Show**

(No response)

All-Breed Show Chair

Phone Number

(No response)

Email

(No response)

*** Name of Host Hotel**

N/a

*** Host Hotel**

Allows dogs (required)

*** Closest major airport:**

BDL

*** Distance from airport to Host Hotel**

01:00:00

Additional major airport:

BOS

Distance from airport to Host Hotel

02:30:00

*** Annual Meeting Venue (holds 100+ auditorium style)**

Brooklyn Fair

*** Seminar Venue (holds 50+ auditorium style)**

Brooklyn Fair

*** Banquet Venue (seats 175+)**

TBD

*** Superintendent**

TBD - will compare contracts upon approval

*** Events Offered:**

Conformation ☆, Jr. Show, Sweepstakes ☆, Agility, Obedience ☆, Rally, Field ☆, Awards Banquet ☆, Annual Meeting ☆, Judges' Education, Educational Seminars

*** Field Stakes Offered**

BRT, WC, WCI, WCX

Hunt Tests Offered**Additional Events and/or Attractions**

Fast Cat, Dock, Disc, Scent Work

*** Conformation Venue**

Brooklyn Fair

*** Has Conformation been held here before?**

Yes

*** Agility Venue**

Brooklyn Fair

*** Who will be providing the Agility Equipment?**

TBD

*** Has Agility been held here before?**

Yes

*** Obedience/Rally Venue**

Brooklyn Fair

*** Has Obedience/Rally been held here before?**

Yes

*** Field Site**

Nod Brook

*** Who will be providing the Field Equipment (ducks, wingers, etc)?**

Carolyn Kurth / NE Club

*** Have Field events been held here before?**

Yes

*** Distance from Host Hotel to Field Site**

01:00:00

Additional Event and Venue Information

No host hotel, please see attached presentation. Thank you!

Attach your Budget with the expenses for Ribbons/Rosettes and Trophies.*** Event Chair**

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*** Check All That Apply**

The Regional Director knows of the submitted plans. , There has been discussion among Region Club members and there is general support to hold the National Specialty in the City and State listed above., I believe that there are adequate number of club member volunteers to host a successful National., I believe that there are adequate facilities to host the Events that we plan on offering. , The Club Event/Show Chair has been notified.

The National Specialty Event Chair agrees that within 90 days of the conclusion of the Event, the Chair will ensure that the Event Treasurer completes a reconciliation of all monies and submits a report to the Board of Directors and submits any funds to the Club Treasurer.

Yes

Any additional information you would like to share?

We have not had a national in New England since before we were AKC - we would love to host it!

The undersigned is in good standing with NSDTRC (USA) and has submitted all of the above information truthfully and to the best of their knowledge.

Rochelle Kurth



NSDTRC (USA) NATIONAL SPECIALTY PROPOSAL

BROOKLYN, CT

2028

SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1

THE LEAFPEEPER NATIONAL:

COME SEE NEW ENGLAND DURING PEAK FALL FOLIAGE!

WELCOME

Thank you all for taking the time to consider a national in New England! While Region 1 has hosted a few in Western NY, the New England side of the region has not had the opportunity to host a national since the early 2000s - we are long overdue!

Connecticut specifically is a historic area, with members able to visit local museums and houses from the 1700s and earlier, all while being able to enjoy local treats such as apple picking, maple candy, and more!

As you go through this proposal, you will see various pictures of the New England fall foliage - at its peak during the proposed week. Most of the shown locations are along the route of the national.

Rachelle Furth



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEEK OVERVIEW

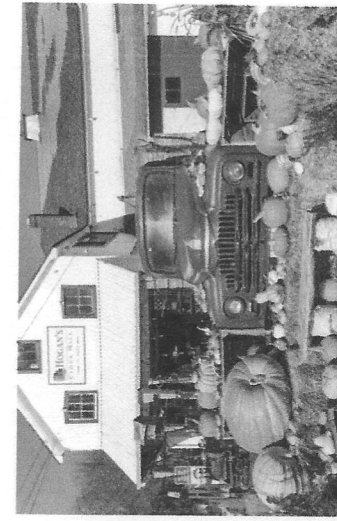
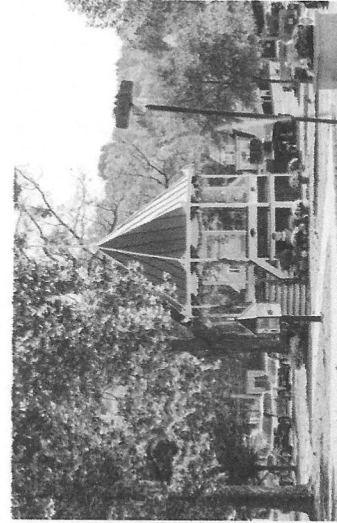
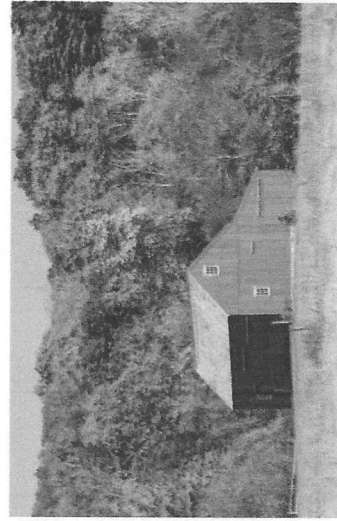
SEPTEMBER 23 & 24 All Breed Conf/OB/Rally/ SW in Goshen, CT or AKC Retriever Hunt Test in Simsbury, CT or AKC Agility in Westfield, MA	SEPTEMBER 25 - Regional(s) - BOD Meeting	SEPTEMBER 26 - Scentwork - Dock - Fast Cat	SEPTEMBER 27 - Agility - Dock - Fast Cat - Seminar
SEPTEMBER 28 - Obedience - Rally - Dock - Fast Cat - Stud Event	SEPTEMBER 29 - Conformation: Sweeps Dogs - Annual Meeting	SEPTEMBER 30 - Conformation: Bitches BOB Juniors/peewee After BOB non-reg - Banquet	OCTOBER 1 BRT/WC/I/X Nod Brook Simsbury, CT

NATIONAL WEEK DATES

Every planned event has its pros & cons, and we would like to address that this is over Yom Kippur. We tried very hard to make this event as inclusive as possible; from shifting the week slightly to allow observation of the holiday, to moving the event entirely. We were unable to move the dates, and we recognize how disappointing that is.

To make this more inclusive we would like to offer the following:

- All observing exhibitors are exempt from needing to purchase a ticket to attend catered events.
- Yom Kippur ends the day of our banquet. All observing exhibitors who wish to break fast at our banquet may do so without needing to purchase a meal ticket - your banquet ticket is on us.
- A list of local Synagogues where observing exhibitors can attend services



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DETAILED

**September 23rd & 24th
Saturday & Sunday**

Before the national starts

Option 1: There is an all-breed show in Goshen, CT. It gives exhibitors the opportunity to compete in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Scent Work prior to the start of the national, which sets up the ability to title in multiple sports throughout the week.

Option 2: There is an AKC Retriever Hunt Test in Simsbury, CT at Nod Brook - same location as the WC. This is a great opportunity to run a field event to start off the week.

Option 3: There is all breed agility in Westfield, MA (right over the border from CT, 20 minutes from the airport) which sets up the ability to title at the national.

Regardless of a person's event/sport of choice, there is something for everyone to start their week off with!

**September 25th
Monday**

First official day of
national week

This would be the day to set up Independent Specialties, often referred to as "Regionals".

We are undecided if there should be 1 or 2, and the decision will rest on whether there are Specialty Clubs interested that can work collaboratively with the week. Per AKC rules, the National can invite Licensed specialty clubs from across the country with no mileage limit. This is a great collaboration opportunity.

The decision to add an additional specialty or two at the beginning of the week should increase attendance for the national, and should increase the amount of people willing to do the entire week. PTO for a lot of people is limited, and maximizing the week will make people feel like this event is a good use of their time off.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DETAILED

September 26th
Tuesday

Tuesday is one of our Multi Sport days. See the fairground map for how we plan to organize these events.

Scentwork: This can be held on site, in the cluster of small buildings on the far side of the property. There are enough buildings to do a full trial of Novice-Master. Detective takes more coordinating, but we would like to offer it if we have an appropriate indoor/outdoor space for it. This event will be all breed, and the entry fees from this event will help cover the costs for the week. There is not enough information at this time to give a full budget, but allowing all breed entries will add to our revenue, not our costs.

Fast Cat: This will be on the other side of the property, and will be all breed. The goal is to try to fill these, as this event is a massive fundraiser and many clubs are adding it to help cover the cost of events that are expensive to hold. Last time the NE Club priced out the event with local superintendents and operators, the profit was roughly 7k for a 2-day double trial. This superintendent package also comes with a crew of workers, with this profit, so we are not stretching our volunteers too thin. We plan to hold double trials Tues - Wed - Thurs while other events are going on.

Dock: There is a local mobile dock for NADD who often attends nationals in this area. It shouldn't cost us anything to bring her in, as we've already paid for the fairgrounds for the day. However, this brings another titling event for our members while still being able to offer our previous distance awards. Further, the dock and fast cat circles run together here, and having dock will increase people coming out for fast cat - and fast cat is hopefully going to cover most of our venue fees!

Optional - Disc: The dock owner also runs the local disc league, and may be willing to hold a few evening games for us. Also shouldn't cost us anything. Disc is also the same competition circle as Dock and Fast Cat, and will draw more all breed entries.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DETAILED

September 27th
Wednesday

Wednesday is one of our Multi Sport days. See the fairground map for how we plan to organize these events.

Agility: Held on site. Options are 1 all-breed trial, or 2 NSDTR-Only trials. All Breed brings in more money, but Agility is hard on volunteers - it's a lot of work. We would prefer to not stretch our volunteers too thin.

Seminar: Anticipated Sports Med seminar.

Fast Cat/Dock: See previous page for reasoning.

September 28th
Thursday

Thursday is the last of the Multi Sport days. See the fairground map for how we plan to organize these events.

Obedience/Rally: Held on site. NSDTRs only. Single Trials as of now. If the NSDTRC-NE is licensed by then and is willing, a double trial is an option, however we are leaning towards just one trial and winding down the non-field sports.

Stud Event: Thursday chosen as this overlaps people who have been on site for the week doing sports with people arriving just for the national/field. This allows for a wide variety of dogs to be present. Stud event will include food.

Fast Cat/Dock: See previous page for reasoning.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DETAILED

September 29th
Friday

Conformation: All sweepstakes, class dogs, and single entry non-regular dogs. Held on site, outdoors. The fairgrounds allows for a big ring and multiple tents for shade/staging.

Annual Meeting: Catered, onsite. Goal is to catch members after they finish conformation, and provide dinner to anyone who stays. Time TBD, after entries close, to schedule a time that is not too late and doesn't keep members from getting enough rest. NO concurrent sports to encourage attendance.

September 30th
Saturday

Conformation: class bitches, single entry non-regular bitches. Juniors/peewee, BOB, and Multi entry non-regular. Juniors held on Saturday so kids miss as little school as possible.

Banquet: Plan is to rent a banquet hall and offer the full itinerary of auctions, awards, raffles, judges remarks, etc.

October 1st
Sunday

Field: BRT, WC, WCI, WCX held at Nod Brook Wildlife Management Area in Simsbury, CT. Likely 2 sets of judges. Plenty of room to run concurrent stakes. See the location map for fields & ponds.

FAIRGROUND

SITE AMMENETIES

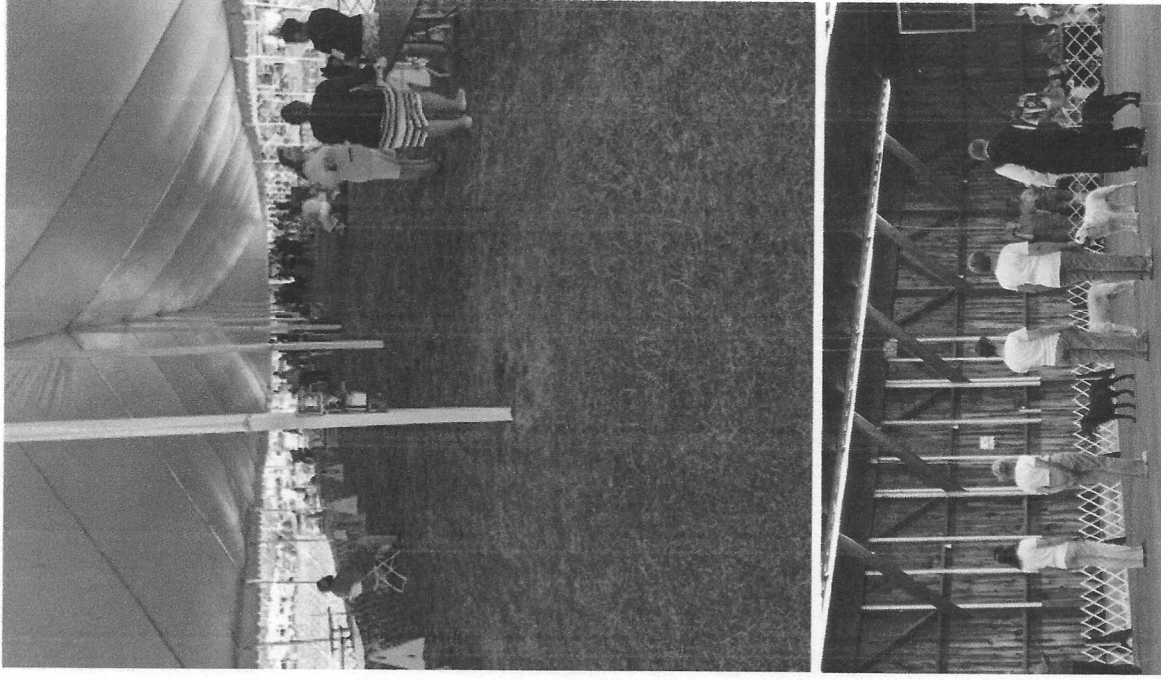
The Brooklyn fairgrounds offers the ability to keep everything in one location, with the exception of field. This is a proven site that holds multiple spring/summer clusters as well as multiple specialties.

Top Right Photo: June All-Breed show. 8 rings, with room on the grounds for ringside parking/tents, vendors, photo setup, and x-pens. Photo from the Strawberry Cluster.

Bottom Right Photo: Inside the Better Living building. Photo from LRCPV

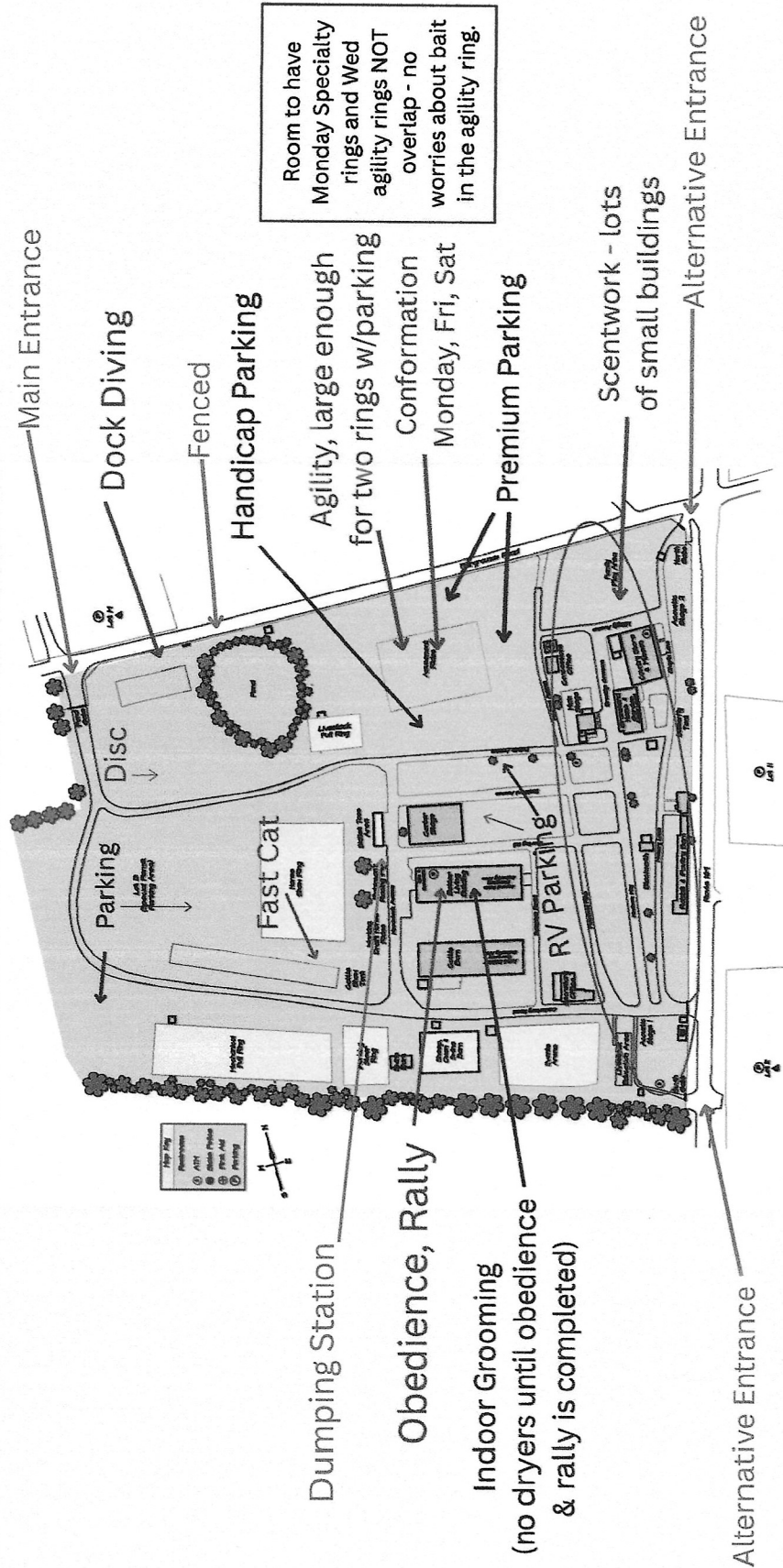
- Multiple large buildings for seminars, meetings, crating, and indoor grooming.
- Outdoors on the lawn is the best option for conformation. Site electric works indoors & outdoors.
- Large enough with natural barriers to keep events separate, small enough that it can be walked in a matter of minutes. This keeps dogs from getting distracted by other events while working, and keeps people from having to drive around to different locations.
- Ample parking with rentable overflow lots
- Electric for grooming & Campers, with rentable night spotlights for dinners, seminars, campers, etc. to make walking safer at night.
- On-site camping with an on site dump station
- Fenced, with multiple gates to allow renters flexibility with setup

Based on the sample contract posted on the fairgrounds website, the rental fee would come to \$10,250 for the week for what we need.



MAP OF THE FAIRGROUNDS

HOW WE PLAN TO USE THE GROUNDS



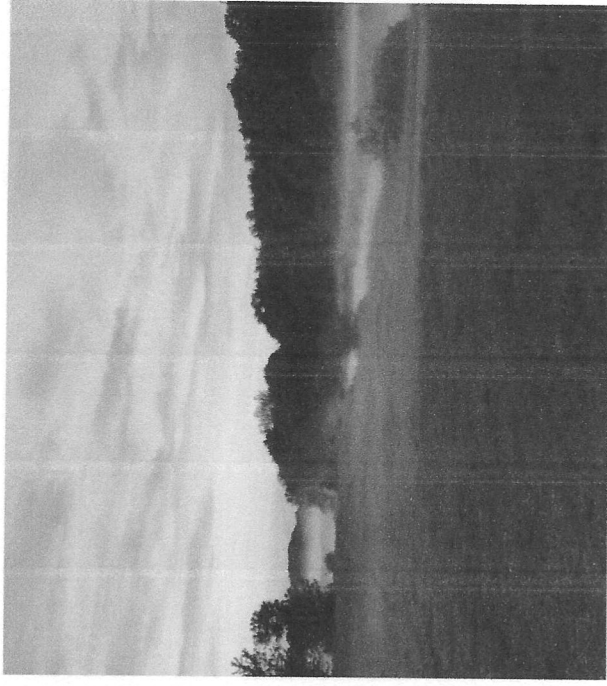
FIELD

SITE AMMENETIES

This location is a “by field clubs for field clubs” with public access allowed on non-test days. This location is used for AKC Retriever tests (Through Master), Field trials, Spaniel Hunt tests, and the NE Club holds their events here - AKC Retriever Test offering all stakes and the NSDTRC (USA) WC/I/X.

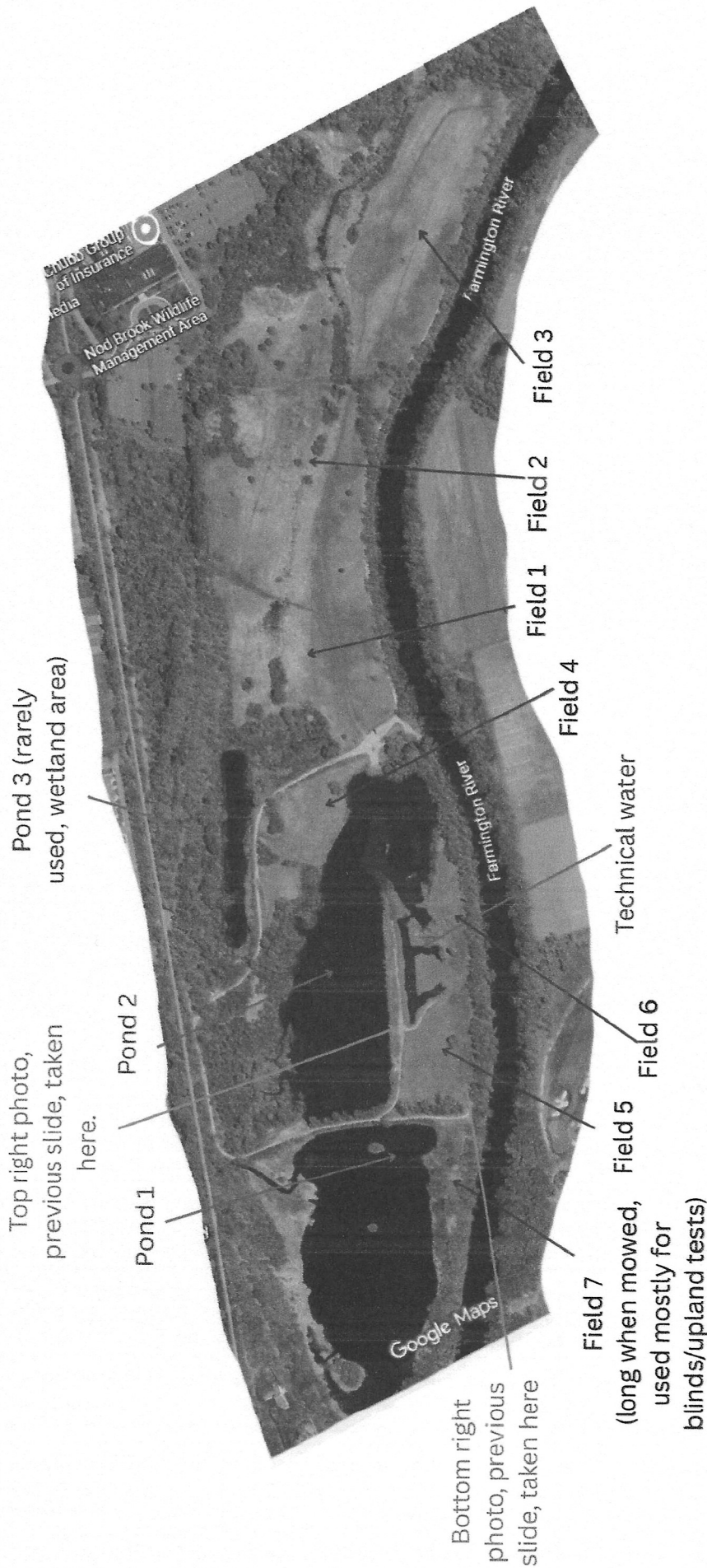
- The location offers 3 distinct ponds, two of which are very large.
- 1 technical pond, does connect to the middle pond.
- Two distinct sides to the property - one side has 4 large fields, the other has 1 large field and 2 smaller. This allows for easy setup of concurrent running stakes.
- The date is already secure. The NE club has this date annually as a training day and can be used for the Parent club.
 - Dates must be chosen in the first two weeks of January, and priority is given to clubs for dates they have used prior. The NE club already uses this date, so it's already pre-held for tollers!

The cost for Nod Brook is \$35 per day plus \$2.50 per dog.



MAP OF THE FIELD

OPTIONS FOR PONDS & FIELDS - SPACE FOR CONCURRENT STAKES



FINANCIALS

Financials can be difficult to determine this far in advance, but we can lock the site in and look at past entries in sports/show to determine where we will fall. These next few slides will address a few key specifics, but the structure of the event plus the base fee is ultimately what will decide financial success.

Site Costs - both locations		
Monday:	\$900	Grounds only*
Tuesday:	\$1,500	Grounds plus event use of the back lot
Wednesday:	\$1,500	Grounds plus event use of the back lot
Thursday:	\$2,500	Grounds & event use of the back lot plus better living building
Friday:	\$1,900	Grounds plus better living building
Saturday:	\$1,900	Grounds plus better living building
Sunday:	\$160	Based on 50 entries. Cost is \$35/day + \$2.50 per dog.
Additional Costs:	\$450	Dumpster & Night lighting, Mon-Sat
Bathrooms - field:	\$250	Fairgrounds includes bathrooms w/running water
Total Known Costs:	\$11,060	Compare to the 5 year average of \$19, 156.78

****Cost ONLY if Parent club hosts the regionals. If specialty clubs host, they pay the grounds for that day. Parent club **WILL NOT** incur specialty club costs.**



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT - MONDAY

Independant specialties, hosted by either the parent club or by an invited specialty club, have never been held in conjunction with a national in the US. We would like to take a moment to address this financially, in addition to the earlier slides discussing why it would be successful.

Event	Site Cost	Money made in Entry Fees historically	Budget to stick within	Notes
Independant Specialties	\$900	n/a	n/a	No historical data - never been done with a national

To give the board & the members an idea of costs, I have included some NE Club data. The NE club holds both concurrent and designated specialties in this area, and the costs would be comparable. Here are our last two fall specialties.

Event/year	Expenses Trophies, rosettes, judges expenses, ect	Income Sponsors, raffles, entry fees, merch, etc	Profit
Concurrent 2025	\$989.45	\$1,249.89	\$259.55
Designated 2024	\$1,731	\$2,230	\$499.00

*Concurrent expenses includes superintendent fees, super used was MB-F

There is the oppourtunity for the club to make money, and the variable I see increasing is entry fees. NE club has hit a max of 70 between all concurrent events (conf, sweeps, bpup), and I expect these to fill at a national.

The parent club will only get a venue expense if they host the indepent specialty. If local specialty clubs host them, they pay the expense. The clubs who host them are TBD.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT - TUESDAY

Relying on All-Breed support for certain events can boost our national without taking away from it being a special event. Here are the two events we would like to make all breed and the two events I would like to bring in to offer more for traveling exhibitors. All estimates are based on a \$30 entry fee. Historical budgets show these events as profitable even at the historical numbers, I am simply showing that these events can support the rest of the national. This alleviates worries about sponsors, trophies being too expensive, judges expenses for the week, ect.

Event	Site Cost	Money made in Entries historically	Comments	Potential revenue to bring in before trial expenses
Scentwork		\$7,620.00	Historically our events have not been All Breed, which has limited our historical entries to 254 - 86 one national & 168 another. AKC max limits are roughly 125 per judge - this is a lot of money left on the table that the club could be making to support the rest of the national.	\$3810 - \$15000 127 average historical entries - full trial of 500 dogs.
Fast Cat	\$1,500	\$3,000	One trial historically with total entries of 207 runs over 3 days, average of 69 dogs per day & a different contract setup than what I can secure in New England. Our contract would be 165 dogs/trial max. \$3.5 per dog goes to AKC, \$4 per dog to super. We keep \$22.5 per \$30 entry fee. This super has a following and often fills weekday trials. Plan is to have 6 total trials over 3 days (standard in New England).	\$1000 - \$3712.5 Historical profit per day - full trial of 165 dogs. This estimate is per trial, not for all 6. The max we could cap out at is \$22,275 in entry fees. This is before expenses, but the potential is there and requires very little work from volunteers compared to other events.
Dock/Disc		N/a - NADD sanctioned Dock, UpDog Disc. Dock owner/local disc club owner are the same person, and they incur event expenses & keep all fees. We already have the fair reserved. Will negotiate for NSDTR Priority entry over all breed for both events.		Fast CAT is our best work to profit ratio.

FINANCIALS

Wednesday - Thursday events we would like to keep traditional to single breed events.

Event	Reasoning
Wednesday - Agility	High work to profit ratio. Often includes long days due to offering all jump heights for every class offered. Potential to make a lot of money, but high risk of overworking volunteers at this point in our week. A better scenario for us would be a double trial, NSDTRs only, all classes/games between the two trials.
Thursday - Ob/Rally	This would be a small increase in profit, not nearly enough to justify the amount of volunteers it takes to put on as there are no other sports happening on this day - the wind down of non-field sports going into national conformation.

National conformation, field, & dinners/banquet/meetings will be held traditionally - see past average budgets for those. Superintendent TBD based on best contract - there are 3 larger supers commonly used in New England and several smaller ones.



THANK YOU!

We hope you'll consider placing a national where the trees
are the color of the dogs!