

How many dogs can an Amateur handle in an ABC Championship

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The American Brittany Club (ABC) holds championships which are multi-sanctioned under the AKC, American Field and AFTCA. This makes it such that we have conflicting rules on the number not solely owned dogs an Amateur can handle. AKC allows 3 and AFTCA allows 2.

AKC

“An Amateur (as defined above) may run any number of dogs wholly owned by him or her, or members of his or her immediate family (as defined in Chapter 14, Section 5) but shall not run more than three dogs that are not so owned in any amateur stake.”

AFTCA

“No amateur shall handle more than two (2) dogs not solely owned by him or some member of his immediate family in any amateur stake. Should this occur, all dogs handled by this handler in this stake shall be disqualified.”

So the question is which Amateur rule must ABC run its championships under?

Bernie Matthys of The American Field wrote:

“The American Field has no restriction on the number of dogs an amateur may handle in a trial. The Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America has a restriction that an amateur can handle only two dogs not solely owned by that person.”

Linda Hunt of Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America wrote:

“In relation to how many dogs an amateur can handle in a stake other than those owned solely by him, the AFTCA rule is 2. However, a championship stake is categorized as a breed championship. Our rules say that the parent organization of that championship will accept the conduct of the event which supersedes the AFTCA rule.”

Based on the responses from The American Field & AFTCA, the ABC will follow the AKC rule.