

Grand Field Champion Award

PURPOSE: The Grand Field Champion (GFC) title, is awarded by The Basset Hound Club of America, Inc. The goals are to encourage continued and increased participation; allow current GFCs the ability to obtain advanced GFC titles; provide additional monies and profitability to local clubs; allows handlers and spectators the opportunity to witness the Strongest Hunters in action, doing what they were bred to do and maintain the integrity of the GFC title. Also, it will reward the outstanding and consistent hounds.

AWARDING TITLES: To obtain the title, the hound must be entered in the championship class at a Member or Licensed Field Trials. This class must be run as brace, trio or small pack. If entry for the class has ten (10) or more of each sex entered, the class may be divided (Champion Dogs and Champion Bitches) and Option 1 of the Point Schedule will be awarded to each class.

a. Point Schedule

1. Six (6) or more hounds entered, points are awarded as follows:

First Place	4 points
Second Place	3 points
Third Place	2 points
Fourth Place	1 point

2. Five (5) hounds entered, points are awarded as follows:

First Place	2 points
Second Place	1 point

3. Four (4) hounds entered, points are awarded as follows:

First Place	1 point
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4. No points will be awarded for fewer than four total entries.

- b. A total of 20 points must be accumulated by the hound in order to be awarded the Grand Field Champion title. To be awarded the GFC2, an additional 20 points for a total of 40 points must be earned; and for the GFC3 an additional 20 points for a total of 60 points.

RECORD KEEPING: The points tallied from Member and Licensed trial results are to be recorded and kept by an FTAC representative volunteer. It is the responsibility of each Field Trial Secretary to submit the champion class results to this FTAC volunteer.

- a. The FTAC volunteer will validate owner(s)/BHCA membership for each dog. All owners must be a BHCA member. Points earned by the hound for placements during any time owners fail to meet membership requirements will not be recorder or counted for the GFC title.
- b. The FTAC volunteer will prepare a report of eligible dogs who have earned GFC points to be submitted for publication to the BHCA website by January 31 each year.
- c. A list of the trials submitting reports with notation of how many champions were entered and how many were eligible for GFC points, will also be published on the website.
- d. The FTAC volunteer will keep records in such a manner for ease of passing off to another FTAC volunteer and for being able to quickly answer questions regarding records.

TITLE: This title will be called “Grand Field Champion” and will be awarded by the BHCA in the form of a certificate suitable for framing. The certificate will be awarded at a designated parent club field trial in the spring following the calendar year the hound completed the title requirements.

- a. As this title is not an AKC title the designation of Grand Field Champion or GFC may only be used in advertising and non-certified pedigrees. If the hound is a Dual Champion, the title, for the purposes of advertising and non-certified pedigree, the title may be listed as Grand Dual Champion or GDC or Grand DC.

Established - Oct 9, 1971 Effective date for first point tally for this award Jan 1, 1972

Revised - Mar 4, 1975 this class may be run in trios if so advertised

Revised - Oct 1, 1987 FT class held a Member and Licensed Trials, may be advertised to run in small packs per the AKC Rules and Procedures

Revised - Mar 17, 1990 Point Schedule approved by BHCA

Revised - May 28, 1999 Both owner and co-owner must be BHCA Member and no retroactive points awards for placings before membership is attained.

Revised - Oct 2013

Revised - Dec 13, 2015 Point Schedule Change and different levels of GFC

ADOPTED AS A BHCA GUIDELINE – March 22, 2019