



## Biathlon Challenge

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The dog earning the highest number of points during the National Specialty week is winner of the Biathlon Challenge. Winner of the competition will be announced, and the award presented after BOB on Saturday.

### **ENTRIES**

A registration form is attached. Entrants need to return said form and applicable fees to the Biathlon Coordinator by the deadline identified on the entry form.

### **POINT SCHEDULE**

Points will be awarded according to the established point schedule.

## Biathlon Challenge Point Schedule

Points are awarded based on score earned, and will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

### **AGILITY**

FAST and Time 2 Beat classes are not eligible to earn points.

Score	Points
NQ	3
85-90	8% of score*
90-96.5	9% of score*
97-99.5	10% of score*
100	12% of score*
* One additional point for each full second under Course Time up to a cumulative total of 22 points	
High In Trial	25 (Maximum)

## **RALLY**

Points are awarded based on score earned.

<b>Score</b>	<b>Points</b>
NQ	3
70-74.5	4
75-79.5	6
80-84.5	8
85-89.5	10
90-94.5	12
95-97.5	14
98-99.5	16
100	18
High Combined	25 (Maximum)
High Triple Qualifier	25 (Maximum)

## **CONFORMATION**

Since dogs entered in conformation do not receive scores, points are awarded based on the number of dogs defeated in competition. Dogs defeated is determined by the number of dogs entered and shown in a class, not including those excused or disqualified. The maximum number of points awarded to a dog for any given class is 14.

One point is awarded for the dog itself being entered and shown. For example, in a class of 6 entries, first place would receive 6 points (one for itself and 1 point for each dog defeated), second place in class would earn 5 points, etc.

For dog advancing to Winners, Reserve Winners or higher, class points are dropped and the dog is awarded the number of points indicated below.

<b>Score</b>	<b>Points</b>
Entering and Competing	1
Champion of Record	12
Reserve Winners	16
WD and WB	18
Best of Winners	20
Award of Merit	21
Grand Champion Award	22
Best of Opposite Sex	23
Best of Breed	25

## **OBEDIENCE**

Both regular and non-regular classes (except Team and Brace) are included. Points are awarded based on score earned.

<b>Score</b>	<b>Points</b>
NQ and Score of less than 170 in non-regular classes	3
170-174.5	8
175-179.5	10
180-184.5	12
185-189.5	14
190-194.5	16
195-197.5	19
198-200	22
High In Trial	25 (Maximum)
High Combined	25 (Maximum)

## **TIE BREAKER**

In the event of a tie score, the following criteria shall be used:

1. If more than two (2) events are entered and competed in, points for these events will be added to the total points compiled.
2. If a tie still exists, or no Irish Setter competed in more than two (2) events, bonus points will be added to the tied scores based on level of competition in each event the Irish Setter participated in. The highest class competed in will be used, regardless if that score was used in the original calculation.

Bonus Points	Agility	Rally	Obedience	Conformation
4	Excellent	Master Excellent	Utility	Best of Breed
3	Open	Advanced Intermediate	Open Grad Open Versatility	
2	Novice	Novice	Novice Grad. Novice	Class Entry
1			Beg. Novice	

## **PROCEDURES**

1. Participants must return entry form and applicable fees to the Biathlon Coordinator by deadline identified in the premium list or on attached entry form.
2. The Biathlon Coordinator, or his/her designee, maintains all the records for this competition, and is responsible for gathering and recording scores as participants earn them.
3. All decisions by the Biathlon Coordinator and/or the National Specialty Performance Chair are final.

### **Entry Fee: Free**

Mail to:

Lynne Godshall  
724 Kossuth St  
Riverside, NJ 08075

**Closing Date: April 16, 2025**



## **BIATHLON ENTRY FORM**

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**Owners Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, ST, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog’s Registered Name:**

**Dog’s AKC Titles:**

**AKC#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **EVENTS ENTERED:**

**AGILITY**

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**OBEDIENCE**

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**RALLY**

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**CONFORMATION**

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