

2026 Grand National Championship
2026 Games Championship
2026 Versatility Championship
October 23-25, 2026



Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds

Center Building Event Center
3001 N. Grant

Springfield, MO 65803
(Do not send entries to this address)

Open to all Breeds and Mixed Breeds who have a Barn Hunt Master (RATM) title or above earned on or prior to May 31, 2026. Open July 1, 2026, At 8:00 am CST, Closes August 31, 2026, at 8:00 pm CST.

Online entry ONLY: no mail in entries will be accepted.

<https://secreterrier.com/events/3512/enter>

National Rules: https://barnhunt.com/rules/national_rules_2026.pdf

Judges:

- Course 1: Alannah Schurman, Edmonton, Alberta CA
- Course 2: Chris Stubbs, Canton OH
- Course 1 & 2 Ring 3: Kayce Davis, Katy TX
- Course 3: Theresa Wilp, Salvisa KY
- Course 4: Shannon Floyd, Carrollton VA
- Hurdles: Des Miller, Crestview FL and Jennifer Vincent, Council Bluffs IA
- Team Judges: Kim Kern, Vassar MI and Sharon Keillor Flushing, MI
- General Relief: Kim Hott, Marion IA and Mark Shaw, Allen TX



Entry Fees:

Grand National \$125. Team \$60 (\$30 each dog). Hurdles \$40

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Event Committee

Trial Secretary: Jennifer Kimberlin, 329 E. Hardy, Republic, MO 65738 ozarkmischiefbarnhunt@gmail.com

Trial Chair: Christan Fowler, ozarkmischiefbarnhunt@gmail.com

Other Trial Committee Members: Janet Williams, Misty Bowen, Dan Wright, Heather Ferrier, Joyce Criswell, Jodie Payne, Amanda Stone, Karen Fashing, Lee Howery

Grand National & Games Entry Requirements and Entry/Draw Schedule:

Dogs must have a Master title earned prior to May 31, 2026, **AND qualified in the Master B class a minimum of 5 times between June 1, 2025, and May 31, 2026, (or have a Regional bye)**, to be eligible for entry into the Barn Hunt National. The title held on May 31, 2026, is the title level used for the opening dates below.

Entries will first be accepted on the following Opening dates based on the dog's title

- Gold medalists from the Previous National (for their eligible class): July 1
- Dogs with 2025 Regional Bys (for their eligible class): July 1
- Dogs with RATCHX and above titles: July 15
- Dogs with RATCH titles: August 1
- Dogs with RATM titles: August 15
- **Entries Close August 31**



If entries for the required title level exceed the total allowed entry for the Class (Grand National, Hurdles, Team), a Random Draw will be held, and a wait list will be established. For example: If the Grand National fills with RATCH-titled dogs, a random draw will be held for all Grand National RATCH entries. RATCH dogs not getting in on the random draw will be put on a wait list, and all RATM entries will also be put on a wait list. RATCH wait listed dogs will be placed before RATM wait listed dogs. **You Must enter during your assigned title entry period in order to qualify for priority entry.** Random draw dates are: If we fill at RATCHX: 7/29/26, fill at RATCH: 8/14/26, fill at RATM 8/27/26. Team dogs may have different level titles. The dog with the lower title can only enter teams during the higher titled entry period. They must enter the other events during their title entry period. **If entering a team member with a lower title, please email the trail secretary so adjustments can be made so the lower-level team member can enter.**

Team entries are accepted during the open date period for the dog with the highest title in the Team.

- Master is the lowest level accepted.
- Single-dog Team entries are not considered valid; the Team must consist of two dogs upon entry.

Bitches in season are eligible for entry. All Barn Hunt rules applying to Bitches in Season will be in effect at the National

Entry Limits:

Grand National: 240 dogs Team: 100 teams/200 dogs Hurdles: 150 dogs



Cancellation/withdrawals

Cancellations/Withdrawals prior to the closing date of August 31, 2026, will be refunded in their entirety. No refunds are given after that date unless there is a dog on the waitlist that can take the position until 09/15/2026, after that date, no refunds are given and the entry is final.

Schedule of Classes:

- Friday, Course 1 and Team part 1
- Saturday, Course 2, Teams part 2 and Hurdles Round 1
- Sunday, Courses 3 and 4, Hurdles Round 2, Medal ceremony

Note: This schedule may change depending on overall entry numbers.



Grand National and Games Awards:

- All Qualifying dogs in all classes will receive a Qualifying ribbon.
- For each Grand National Course, first through fourth place ribbons will be awarded for each height category (small, medium, large). Course 1 and Course 2 awards and High Course 1 and 2 will be announced after the completion of each course. The Top 60 finishers will be announced after Grand National competition on Saturday. Course 3 and 4 awards will be announced on Sunday after all competition and prior to the medal awards.
- Hurdles will have placements by size, first through fourth, for each round, plus High Hurdles Round 1, High Hurdles Round 2, and Overall High Hurdles ribbon
- Team will have placements, no size differentiation, first through fourth, plus high team.
- Cumulative awards by height will be awarded for Grand National, Games and Versatility
- The Grand National Champion will earn a Gold medal, second will earn Silver, and third Bronze.
- The Games Champion will earn a Gold medal, second will earn Silver, and third Bronze.
- The Versatility Champion will earn a Gold medal, second will earn Silver, and third Bronze.

Annual Award Banquet

Friday evening, we will host the annual awards banquet. Details coming soon on time, location and cost

Awards and Recognition

Gibson Award: Judge's Choice

Special Stories: See website on how to submit a dog!

During the Award Banquet:

- Zipper Spirit: For the Team who exemplifies the spirit, joy, and integrity of the sport
- Secretary of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Judge of the Year
- 10-year Judge and Club Awards
- Other Awards

General Information:

Check in:

Check-in will be Thursday afternoon from 3:00-5:00 PM and Friday morning from 7:00-7:30 AM. **ALL DOGS NOT PREVIOUSLY MEASURED OR THAT DON'T HAVE A VALID HEIGHT CARD ARE REQUIRED TO BE MEASURED.** All entrants will receive a welcome bag which can be picked up during either check-in time. **COMPETITORS CANNOT ENTER PRIOR TO 3 PM. PLEASE COME TO THIS CHECK IN, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, FRIDAY MORNING CHECK IN IS ONLY A HALF HOUR.**

All dogs must be on leash and under control while on trial grounds except while showing. Dogs may not be left overnight at the trial site. Bring weather appropriate gear. These trials will be indoors and the building is climate controlled; however, the weather can be unpredictable this time of year in Missouri. Food and drink will be available most days on site and there is nearby fast-food restaurants.

No smoking (including e-cigarettes) is allowed anywhere inside the building.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs immediately on hotel and show grounds. Hotels require that dogs be crated when unattended; no bathing or grooming of dogs in guest rooms. Any damage to hotels or the event site are the responsibility of exhibitors/handlers and may result in disciplinary action by the Event Committee.

Raffle:

We will be having a raffle again this year. We encourage clubs to bring their own baskets to represent their state, club or a fun Vegas theme!

Barn Hunt National Merchandise:

We will have official National 2026 Merchandise including t-shirts and other gear. Please see www.ozarksmischiefbarnhunt.org/national for more information.

Welcome Bags:

Welcome bags are possible because of generous sponsors. If you or your group are interested in donating something for the welcome bag, please contact: Janet Williams - ooohfankyoutpetri@gmail.com

Vendors:

There is a \$125 flat fee for vending at the National. By default, this is a 10' x10' space with electricity included, Contact Misty Bowen, misty.bowen@gmail.com for more information or to reserve your vending space. Tables and chairs extra. Vendors are responsible for obtaining their Springfield City license and information on this process will be provided by Misty.

Veterinarians:

Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Southwest Missouri, 400 S. Glenstone, MO 65802 417-890-1600

Show Photographers:

An official show photographer will be employed. The show photographers' portrait setup area will be off limits to users other than the official photographer. Play Paws Record Video and Photo are the official photographer and will be offering photos and video packages. <https://playpawsrecord.com/>

Host Hotels and RV Reservations:

Greenstay Hotel and Suites, 222 N Ingram Mill Ave Springfield, MO 65802, 417-863-1440

Other hotels offering discounts could be added later.

Other hotels in Springfield that are pet friendly:

Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven – 417-866-1963



Owners must assume full responsibility for their dogs at hotels/camping areas. Early reservations are recommended. Please feel free to email us with any questions about hotels or questions about the area.

RV Reservations:

RV spots are available at the show site (with electricity). Availability is first-come- first served. Please call the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds directly to book them at 417-833-2660. Reservations will not be accepted before September 1.

There are two other RV parks that people have endorsed in the area: Cook's RVMotor Park: <https://cooksrv.com/> and Route 66 KOA: <https://koa.com/campgrounds/springfield-route-66/>

Directions:

From I-44 Eastbound: Take exit 77 for Missouri 13/Kansas Expy toward Bolivar, Keep left at the fork, and go over bridge, Turn right onto W. Norton Rd at the light, Once past the Dickerson Park Zoo, the Fairgrounds will be on your left.

From I-44 Westbound: Take exit 77 for Missouri 13/Kansas Expressway toward Bolivar, Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Fairgrounds, Turn right onto W Norton Rd. Once past the Dickerson Park Zoo, the Fairgrounds will be on your left.

We encourage team and club spirit!

Bring banners and swag from your home club and group to hang around your crating area. We are also encouraging participants to bring trading cards of their dogs with stats about their dogs to trade. We want to bring this fun feature that other sports have been doing for years into Barn Hunt National this year for a fun keepsake for you to take home with you! **Per facility rules, nothing can be hung from or taped to the facility walls**

Please note there will be a sanctioned AKC Fast Cat trail on grounds 10/23/2026 to 10/25/2026 hosted by the Ozarks Kennel Club. Barn Hunt takes priority and blinds will NOT be held or adjusted for individuals running fast cat.



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