

USCSS Rulebook 3.1 Revision Highlights for Competitors

- All levels and games will have a 30 sec warning. (Copy Cat does not need one as the judge is the one making the “alert” call.)
- Failure to call “finish” will result in a general fault at the Master level only (for Element classes) and in the optional Extreme class.
- New game added: Pairs Challenge.
- Go the Distance “distance” was tweaked to read that the hide will be between 6’ and 10’, not just no further than 10’.
- There were some title abbreviation changes to Gamer titles, to avoid confusion with the numbers used to repeat Gamer Pro titles.
 - ◆ Gamer Bronze changed from DDGA2 to DDGAB
 - ◆ Gamer Silver changed from DDGA3 to DDGAS
 - ◆ Gamer Gold was created and will be DDGAG
- There are two “new” disqualifying faults: “Destruction of Search Area” (for “damage” that would require the host to replace an item, other than a cardboard box) and “Failure to Find Two (2) Hides in Pairs Challenge”.
- Flexis ARE allowed when dogs are actively engaged in a search. The host needs to put in the premium whether or not they are allowed on the grounds when not actively engaged in a search.
- Failure to cross the designated start line no longer has the option to restart, it is a “general fault”.
- There is a clarification that food cannot be delivered to the ground, inside or outside of the search area, at any time.
- “Elimination in the Search Area” was clarified to read that eliminating anywhere/anytime during the search (between start and “finish”) is a disqualification.
- There was a line in the Rulebook 3.0 that was accidentally eliminated stating that rewarding your dog is required, or may be faulted. That line was put back in.
- Methods by which pairs/teams can be formed and how to deal with uneven numbers has been included.
- Modifications were made to the optional Extreme class:
 - ◆ # of hides changed from 7-12 to 7-10.
 - ◆ Points to qualify were changed from 85 to 75.
 - ◆ One (1) False Alert will now be allowed.