INSTRUCTIONS
COMPETITIVE FIELD TRIALS PERMIT

Fee: $31

LEGAL AUTHORITY: **NRS 503.200**
NAC 503.610-503.650

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: The Department is empowered to authorize, under permit, competitive field trials for hunting dogs or competitive field trials for falconry. For the purpose of permitting such field trials, the Department may authorize shooting of legally acquired upland game birds during any closed season on the species of bird or birds to be hunted.

WHERE TO OBTAIN APPLICATION: Application for a competitive field trials permit may be obtained from any office of the Nevada Department of Wildlife or on the website at www.ndow.org under the License Office section.

PROCESSING TIME: Allow fifteen (15) days.

DENIAL OF APPLICATION: Whenever an application is denied, the Department shall notify the applicant in writing of the reason for the denial.

PERTINENT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

NAC 503.610 Permits: Authority to conduct certain activities; application; use.

1. Any person may conduct competitive field trials for hunting dogs or competitive field trials for raptors under a competitive field trials permit, or train hunting dogs or raptors under a training permit issued by the Department.
2. The person must submit an application, accompanied by the fee established in subsection 5 of NRS 502.240, to the Department at least 15 days before the trials or training activity. The application must set forth the date, time and location of the trials or training activity and the number of each species of upland game birds which will be released. An applicant for a training permit may request any number of dates for training during a specific 2-month period.
3. A competitive field trials permit is valid for only one field trial. The permittee or his designated representative shall have the permit in his possession and be present at the event.
4. A training permit is valid only for the person whose name appears thereon. The permittee shall have the permit in his possession while training hunting dogs or raptors with upland game birds that were bred in captivity.
5. An upland game bird bred in captivity and used for training that is not taken or recaptured on the date or dates specified on a permit issued pursuant to this section must not be taken or recaptured thereafter except during the appropriate season and according to any applicable rules or regulations adopted by the Commission.

NAC 503.620 Conducting competitive field trials and training.

1. In any area which is determined by the Department to be unpopulated by upland game birds:
   (a) Competitive field trials for, or the training of, hunting dogs or raptors is permitted at any time.
   (b) Legally acquired upland game birds may be released for shooting or taken by raptors.
2. In any area which is determined by the Department to be populated by upland game birds:
   (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), competitive field trials for, or the training of, hunting dogs or raptors is permitted only during the season established by the Commission for the hunting of the species of game bird used in the trials or training.

(b) Competitive field trials and training of, hunting dogs or raptors may be permitted at any time if upland game birds are released by the permittee and the Department determines the activity is not detrimental to existing wildlife.

NAC 503.630 Upland game birds: Permit for importation.

1. Upland game birds may be imported to be released for competitive field trials or training of hunting dogs or raptors only pursuant to an importation permit issued by the Department.
2. An application for an importation permit must include:
   (a) The name and address of the supplier;
   (b) The number and species of birds to be imported; and
   (c) The method and date of shipment.
3. Each shipment of birds must be accompanied by an importation permit.

NAC 503.640 Upland game birds: Prerequisites to release; inspection by Department.

1. Upland game birds released for competitive field trials or training of hunting dogs or raptors must be at least 12 weeks of age, fully winged and in a condition to go wild.
2. The Department may inspect the birds before their release.

NAC 503.650 Upland game birds: Legbands.

1. Upland game birds released for competitive field trials or training of hunting dogs or raptors must be banded with legbands approved by the Department and furnished by the permittee.
2. The legband must remain with the bird until it is utilized by a hunter.

WHERE TO SEND APPLICATION AND FEES

The completed application with the required fee shall be submitted to the administrative region where the competitive field trials will be held.

Western Region
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Special Licenses and Permits
1100 Valley Rd, Reno, NV 89512
Telephone: (775) 688-1500
Counties: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe

Eastern Region
Nevada Department of Wildlife
60 Youth Center Road; Elko, NV 89801
Telephone: (775) 777-2300
Counties: Elko, Eureka, Lander, White Pine

Southern Region
Nevada Department of Wildlife
3373 Pepper Ln.; Las Vegas, NV 89120
Telephone: (702) 486-5127
Counties: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye