

February 5, 2027
Presented by the Oregon Truffle Festival
$500 Cash Prize for Champion

Competition Guidelines – The Oregon Truffle Festival (OTF) invites amateur truffle dogs to participate in the 13th annual Joriad™ truffle dog championship event. This document lists basic eligibility requirements and competition guidelines. If eligible, a Competition Entry Form and payment of the entry fee of $60 is submitted. Competitors then receive the complete set of **Competition Rules** and any additional paperwork from the Competition Organizer.

Competitor entries open the first week of November, 2026. Sign up for our newsletter **here** to be notified when you can enter your dog.

Eligibility Requirements –

Dog Requirements:

- Dogs must be at least 10 months old
- Dogs must be current on all vaccinations required by law
- Dogs must also be current on the Leptospirosis vaccination
- Dogs must appear healthy and uninjured on the day of the event
- Dogs may not have engaged in the paid or commercial harvest of truffles, or worked for professional truffle dog training businesses, past or present.
- Females in season and lactating females may not compete
- Dogs may wear harnesses, collars, and gear that does not interfere with searching or disturb the search areas. Judges have the authority to decide whether particular equipment may or may not be worn
- No prong, choke, head halter, or electric collars may be worn in the search areas
- Dog must be non-aggressive to humans or other dogs. Aggressive behavior will be grounds for dismissal
- All dog(s) on event location must be on leash with at least 6' distance from other dogs

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Handler Requirements:

- Handlers must be at least 18 years old
- Handlers may only handle one dog
- Multiple dogs from the same household may compete but will need a separate handler for each dog
- Handlers cannot be commercial truffle harvesters, or are currently, or have worked for, professional truffle dog trainers.*
- Handlers must wear rubber soled closed toed shoes unless otherwise approved
- Search areas for the Championship Finals are in realistic hunting conditions and handlers must be able to navigate terrain without damaging the search area and without assistance or changes made to search area

Judges have the authority to dismiss handlers due to failures to comply with any of the above requirements.

The Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship is limited to amateur competitors ONLY. If you are a professional truffle hunter, a recreational hunter selling truffles, a truffle dog trainer or working with a trainer of truffle dogs, please respect the amateur status of this event and do not register to compete. If OTF learns this has been violated prior to competing, you and your dog will be permanently denied entry into The Joriad™ competition.

Competition Guidelines:

Exemplary sportsmanship is expected of all participants. Judges may excuse handlers from the competition for behavioral violations including, but not limited to: striking or kicking a dog, abusive language towards another competitor, judge, official or volunteer, and disclosing hide locations to another competitor.

The Joriad is a one day event on Friday, February 5th ONLY. The Qualifying Competition will be held in the am at the Lane Events Center in Eugene. The Championship Finals will be held the afternoon of the 5th, with winners announced at an awards ceremony in the evening. The 5 Finalists are required to participate in the Parade of Dogs prior to the Awards ceremony.

Qualifying Competition: Multiple timed searches for truffles and/or truffle-scented targets in containers or in the ground in an indoor arena

Championship Finals: Hunt for truffles in an outdoor native truffle forest environment