



Novice



The Objective

Your dog must find a rat, hidden in the brush. The rat is in a protective PVC tube and will not be harmed.

The Rules

- ☆ When you enter the ring, you must remain in the designated area for 60 seconds.
- ☆ You may not communicate with your dog in any way at any time.
- ☆ When the judge tells you to, you may leave the designated area for the remaining time allowed (20 seconds to Q).
- ☆ The judge decides when your dog has indicated they have found the rat.

Faults

You can be disqualified for:

- ★ leaving the designated area in the first 60 seconds;
- ★ touching your dog or the tube; or
- ★ speaking, pointing, clapping or communicating with your dog in any way.

Elimination occurs when your dog does not indicate finding the rat within 120 seconds.

A Qualifying Run (Q)

A qualifying run occurs when the judge has deemed that your dog has found the rat, within 80 seconds, and with no penalties.



To achieve your novice title (NBRH) in Brush Hunt, you must successfully complete three qualifying runs.

The Ring



The ring is 200 square feet.

The ring will contain:

- ★ one hidden rat; and
- ★ one pile composed of eight bales of straw.



For complete rules go to
<http://www.ratscanada.com>