

WHAT? 2021 U.S. Border Collie Handlers National Sheepdog Finals. The top-ranking sheep dogs and their handlers from the U.S. and Canada will qualify for this event that will crown the North American champion.

WHEN? Main Competition: Tuesday, October 5-Friday, October 8 (7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.). Those that qualify will compete in the Saturday, October 9 semi-finals (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.). The top dogs and handlers will compete in the finals on Sunday, October 10 (7:15 a.m.-4 p.m.).

Nursery Competition (dogs under 3 years of age). Preliminaries will take place Wednesday, October 6-Friday, October 8 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) and the Nursery Finals will be Saturday, October 9 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- Adults \$14 per day (any day), \$36 for a three-day pass (any three days) or \$60 for a six-day pass
- Youth 7-16 and Seniors 65 and Older \$7 per day (any day), \$18 for a three-day pass (any three days) or \$30 for a six-day pass
- Youth 6 and younger may attend at no charge

HOW DO I BUY TICKETS? Spectator tickets are now available for purchase at www.bellegrove.org/calendar/national_sheepdog_finals until Monday, October 4 at 4 p.m. EDT and then will be available at the gate during the event. Cash and all major credit cards will be accepted at the gate.

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I BOUGHT A TICKET ONLINE BUT HAVEN'T GOTTEN IT. No tickets will be mailed. Please print the confirmation email or receipt from PayPal and bring it to spectator check-in. (We can also check our list to make sure that their ticket purchase went through).

MAY I BRING CHAIR OR A POP-UP TENT? Yes, but please be mindful of others viewing needs. Space along the viewing fence-line is first-come, first-served. Tents and chairs may not be left on the property overnight.

MAY I BRING IN FOOD AND DRINK? Food vendors will be on the property during the entire event and no outside food and drink may be brought onto the property (including no coolers). We will allow one water bottle or insulated bottle per person.

MAY I LEAVE TO GO OUT TO LUNCH? Spectators will be wrist banded and are free to come and go throughout the day. Please just enter again at the Spectator Entrance.

WHAT ABOUT COVID? Belle Grove also asks that masks be worn while inside buildings on the property. For everyone's safety, during the event the USBCHA, the 2021 National Sheepdog Finals

Local Committee, and Belle Grove Plantation will require all on Belle Grove property to adhere to any COVID-19 protocols which may have been determined by the state of Virginia at the time of the event.

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WHAT WILL IT COST TO TOUR THE HOUSE DURING THE FINALS? Spectator tickets include touring Belle Grove's Manor House and Welcome Center, which will be open, Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

WHAT IF I JUST WANT TO TOUR THE MANOR HOUSE? The only way to tour the Belle Grove property October 5-10 will be to buy a Finals ticket. Please remember that we require everyone over the age of 2 wear a mask when indoors at Belle Grove. We will have a limited number of masks if you have forgotten yours.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO? There will be merchandise vendors on the property and make sure to visit the Belle Grove Museum Shop in the Beverley B. Shoemaker Welcome Center, which also has other exhibits.

ARE THERE KIDS ACTIVITIES? No

MAY I BRING MY DOG? **NO.** Please do not leave animals in vehicles.

DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT DAY I AM ATTENDING? You may come any day October 5-10 on a daily ticket or any three days October 5-10 (they do not need to be consecutive days).

WHAT IF IT RAINS? This is rain or shine event. There will be spectator tent for some cover (with limited chairs) that will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENS ON THE FINALS FIELD? There will programs for sale that explain the sport and the competitors. There is announcer that will be doing some "play-by-play." You can also learn more about the sport here: <https://www.sheepdogfinaleast.com/what-is-a-sheep-dog-trial>

WHAT ABOUT PARKING? Parking is provided and will be on grass. Handicapped parking on gravel will be provided for those with a valid placard.

ARE THERE BLEACHERS OR SEATING? There is only a limited amount of seating in the spectator tent. Spectators may bring chairs.

MAY I TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS? Photographs may be taken for personal use only. For commercial photography, please contact Belle Grove for more information. Drones may not be used on or over Belle Grove property.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW? Wear comfortable clothing, sturdy, closed-toe shoes, and bring a pair of binoculars are recommended. There is no smoking on the grounds.

ARE STROLLERS ALLOWED? Yes.