

## **BSCA Rules for the FRENCH COURSE**

(<http://bsca.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/BSCAFrenchcourse.pdf>)

In August of 2010, AKC agreed to recognize Parent Club administered Performance events through the issuance of an AKC title certificate and the recording of these titles on AKC pedigrees.

BSCA has obtained permission from AKC to establish a herding trial based on the traditional tending skills of our dogs and established a certificate for herding evaluation that duplicates the kind of work for which Belgians were selected. .

The initial AKC approval is for a five year experimental project to allow BSCA to administer French style herding events.

If, at the end of the five year period, enough dogs have participated and enough interest has been generated to demonstrate that this is a viable program, AKC will formalize the program. If AKC approves the program on a permanent basis, those dogs that participated in the experimental phase will have their passing scores and titles recognized.

The French course involves tending style with the dog working close to the livestock.

Unlike C course, several obstacles and short drives (dog taking stock ahead of the handler) in advance and a gather are required and furrows / boundaries are not. An illustrated description of the course for each level is included.