National Outdoor Show

Trot Line Baiting Competition Rules

Rules & Procedures

1. **Starting the Competition**
   - The competition will begin at the signal **"GO."**
   - Timing will start at the signal.

2. **Baiting Guidelines**
   - Competitors will remove old "bait" from snooze and lay lines.
   - Competitors must replace it with a "fresh" piece of bait.
   - Once **all bait pieces have been replaced** and the final chain has been pulled completely into the finished barrel, time will stop.

3. **Judging**
   - Judges will inspect the lines to ensure all bait is intact and securely fastened.
   - **Penalties** will be applied for any missing or skipped bait pieces.

4. **Winning Criteria**
   - The competitor with the **fastest time and the most secured bait pieces** will be declared the winner.
   - Any competitor who intentionally interferes with another competitor during the competition will be **disqualified**.

5. **Equipment**
   - Trot lines will consist of **20 total pieces of bait**:
     - 10 snooze lines
     - 10 lay lines
   - Lines will alternate every six feet.
   - Each end of the trot line will include a length of chain, which competitors must start with and finish with.