



# YOUTH EVENT

## MASTER OF HOUNDS CHECKLIST

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

*Note: It is mandatory that this checklist be read before calling out casts.*

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1. I; \_\_\_\_\_ will be your Master of Hounds.

2. This is a (announce correct hunt time) hunt, conducted under Championship Rules.

60-Minute     90-Minute

3. Deadline to return scorecards is \_\_\_\_\_. Official time right now is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Non-hunting judges have been assigned to each cast. They are in charge of the cast and responsible for maintaining a pace attainable by all cast members. Voting is not a procedure that applies in this hunt. Your judge will make all calls, including the scoring of trees. If a handler is certain that a rule has been misapplied, then it is the handler's responsibility to question it at the time it happens. If it cannot be resolved via friendly discussion, then it is the handler's responsibility to politely ask the judge to place a question mark on the scorecard. A question should not be brought back to the Master of Hounds until after the hunt is over, unless it involves a dog being scratched or minusing out of the hunt.

Do not handle your dog unless the judge instructs you to do so. Do not walk in front of the judge. Be polite and respectful to your judge and all others in your cast at all times. Be respectful of landowner's crops and/or property you are hunting on. Do not drop or leave any trash in the woods. Foul language will not be tolerated.

5. **Parents and guardians:** Every handler that is 13 or younger must be accompanied by an adult other than those accompanying their cast mates. You may assist in physically handling a dog, if needed.

Keep in mind that this event is for the kids. Stay out of their way and allow the judge and the handlers to do their thing. Any form of coaching a handler as it relates to calling their dog or questioning a judge's decision is strictly prohibited. Getting involved in any scoring matters or discrepancies regardless of your personal opinions is strictly prohibited. Judges have the authority to scratch a dog/handler for spectator violations.

6. **Warnings:** Hunt will be held using Championship Rules with the following exceptions.

Handlers failing to strike their dog on or before the bark will be issued a first offense warning before being penalized. Second offense will result in strike points being minused. On the third offense, the dog will be scratched.

Handlers calling the wrong dog will be issued a first offense warning before being penalized. Second offense will result in points being minused. On the third offense, the dog will be scratched.

**TELEMETRY RULES PROVIDED  
ON REVERSE SIDE.**



# TELEMETRY RULES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

**1. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL TELEMETRY BE USED TO DETERMINE THE SCORING OF ANY DOG(S).**

2. If, by way of telemetry a handler deems dog to be in danger, per an item outlined in Rule 7, they may ask for a cast vote to call time out. If a majority is not reached, the handler may withdraw, then handle the dog due to safety concerns.
3. At no time may a handler demand the cast walk in the direction of a hound that has not been heard opening. The judge, or majority of the cast when hunting judge is used, may agree to walk in that direction.
4. When considering the use of telemetry during the hunt the handler may not interfere with any handler's ability to listen for their hound. This is to be rigidly enforced. Handlers not adhering after being warned of such by the judge, shall result in their dog being scratched from the cast.
5. A Master of Hounds/Panel may not consider any debate that is based on telemetry use.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The handheld of locating (tracking) only systems may be carried and used during the hunt.
- A dog must be heard opening before a strike or tree call may be accepted, regardless of any telemetry system alerts or information.
- Any handheld device capable of both locating (tracking) and controlling (stimulating or toning) may not be carried by the handler during hunt time. The handheld must be left in the vehicle. However, the handheld may be used during time out situations during the hunt for locating purposes only.
- The handheld of controlling only (stimulating or toning) systems must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting.

**CONTROLLING DEVICE RULE VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION.**

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