

COONHOUND ADVISOR

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The Rules Committee met at the most recent Autumn Oaks to discuss and vote on all rule change proposals on the ballot, as they relate to the nite hunt running rules. The following proposals are those that were passed by a majority vote and are those that will go into effect on January 1, 2020 for all UKC Licensed Nite Hunts. Until then, current running rules apply for the remainder of 2019 as shown in the Official Coonhound Rulebook and on the back side of the current scorecards.

Starting next month, we will go into further details on each of the following rules changes. Also, UKC has received some proposals to consider as they apply to bench shows. Those will be considered and any changes in that regard will be noted here prior to 2020.

Proposal 1. Babbling. (Passed 4-3)

If a question arises pertaining to a dog babbling when declared struck; a vote shall determine the scoring of strike points as follows:

- a. If majority of the cast agrees the dog was babbling, strike points shall be minused.
- b. If the vote results in a tie, strike points shall be deleted.
- c. If majority of cast agrees the dog was not babbling, strike points shall remain assigned as called.

Proposal 2. Tree Countdown. (Passed 4-3)

Any dog that is declared treed two minutes after first dog was declared treed; will be assigned 25 points on that tree.

Proposal 5. Leash-Locked. (Passed 4-3)

Eliminate leash-lock rule altogether, unless all dogs are declared treed and cast decides to move to a new location after all trees have been scored. If cast decides to move, hunt time shall be stopped while walking to trees with dog(s) on leash. Hunt time shall be called back in during shining time only.

Proposal 6. Tree Closed. (Passed 7-0)

Change rule to close tree at three (3) minutes after first dog is declared treed.

Proposal 8. Squalling at Tree. (Passed 6-1)

Eliminate Rule 6(u) and allow squalling during all of shining time.

Proposal 9. Silent on Track. (Passed 7-0)

Eliminate Rule 6(e) {if dog is continuously silent on track}.

Proposal 11. Running, Treeing, or Molesting Off Game. (Passed 5-2)

Change rules to state dogs must be SEEN running, treeing, or molesting off game.

Proposal 13. Scratched for Fighting. (Passed 5-2)

Change rule to scratch dogs for fighting or attempting to fight during hunt time only and shall further include while dogs are off leash and during any time out periods during the hunt.

Proposal 15. Issue Warning on First Offense. (see each item as noted below)

A.) Passed 4-3

For handler declaring dog struck after the third bark. Judge shall ask for call and dog must be declared struck on next bark or receive available strike position minused and reassigned on the scorecard. 2.) Minus available strike position on second offense. If not declared struck on next bark after judge asks for call, dog is scratched. 3.) Scratch dog on third offense.

B.) Passed 4-3

For calling wrong dog. On second offense dog is minused called points available. Dog is scratched on third offense.

Proposal 17. Point Values in Strike and Tree Column on Scorecard. (Passed 7-0)

Change Rule 6(y) to read: {If scorecard lacks point values in the strike or tree column(s) and after seeking additional information the Event Official cannot satisfactorily determine the accurate score, effected dog(s) will be scratched.

UKC® Disciplinary Action Committee Report

- UKC’s Disciplinary Action Committee determined that James A Stokes of Albemarle, NC, failed to comply with a UKC investigation and submitted an application containing a false signature. DAC Action – Suspended until August 22, 2021.
- UKC’s Disciplinary Action Committee determined that JD Mattison of Summersville, MO, failed to comply with a UKC investigation. DAC Action – Suspended until August 22, 2021.
- UKC’s Disciplinary Action Committee determined that Dylan Rochester of Woodruff, SC, threatened and intimidated at an event. DAC Action – Suspended until August 22, 2021.

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The UKC Notice of Suspension list can be found at www.ukcdogs.com/suspension

Attention!

The following person’s Nite Hunt Director and Nite Hunt Judging privileges have been suspended until the date listed.

**Timmy Murrell • Booneville, Kentucky
Indefinite**

Violations to these privlges should be reported to the United Kennel Club.

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