

COONHOUND ADVISOR

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UKC World Championship Frequently Asked Questions

With the World Championship coming up this month, this month's column is dedicated to the most frequently asked questions as it relates to the event.

Deadlines – Only those dogs that qualified via a Regional Qualifying Event (RQE) and were entered by the advanced deadline of August 31, 2019 are eligible to hunt in the World Championship. The deadline to confirm an entry at all zone locations is 5:00 p.m. local time on both Friday and Saturday nights. The deadline to return scorecards will be determined and announced at the event.

Confirming Your Entry – Your entry **must be confirmed, at the event location, on both Friday and Saturday night** prior to the posted deadline. The owner or handler **must** present the dog's Easy Entry Card or Registration Certificate to confirm their entry. It is not necessary to present your Confirmation Form to the entry takers at the event. **Note:** The UKC Field Rep (MOH) will not take personal phone calls to confirm an entry as Conditional for a handler who may be running late. The entry would need to be confirmed by someone else and the handler must be present when their cast is called out or the dog will be scratched.

Females in Season – Another dog that is qualified and registered to the same owner may be substituted for a female that comes in season. Otherwise, the owner must notify UKC prior to the event date in order to be eligible for a refund. A female that comes in season on the Friday of the event must be inspected, confirmed, and noted as such by the Master of Hounds. This must be done prior to casts going to the woods on Friday night in order for a refund to be issued.

Veteran's Casts – There will not be any Veterans Casts at any Zone events.

Spectators – Spectators are not allowed on any cast at the Zones.

Backup Handlers – Each handler is allowed to have one backup handler. The handler shall advise the entry taker who their backup handler is and should be noted on the scorecard. If the backup handler has not been noted, the judge should simply write their name on the scorecard at the start of the hunt. A backup handler may not become involved in any part of scoring procedures. They will not have a voice in voting procedures. **A backup handler is not required to go to the woods.** He or she may stay at the vehicle. Allowing backup handlers to shine trees is a decision made by the cast at the beginning of the hunt per Rule 10 (b).

Judges – Hunting Judges will be used at the Zones and in Round 1 of the Finals. Only qualified Hunting Judges are to be used. All judges will be pre-selected and approved by the event official. The Hunting Judge must be at least 18 years of age and possess the experience, knowledge and integrity to perform the duties required. The event official will, at their discretion, have the authority to assign a non-hunting judge to any cast deemed neces-

sary. Non-Hunting Judges will be used starting with Round 2 (alone round) on Thursday and throughout the remainder of the World Championship Finals.

Hunt Time Periods – All casts at the Zones will hunt for two hours. At the Finals dogs will also hunt for two hours, except for Round 2 (alone round) on Thursday night at the Finals. In this round (Round 2), the dog will hunt alone and will have met the criteria to advance to Friday's Round 3 at the point where the dog has positive points recorded on the scorecard which must include tree points. The dog has a total of two hours to meet the criteria.

Posting Zone Scores – Friday night scores will be posted at the event and on the UKC website. Saturday night scores will not be posted at the event or on the UKC website until all casts have returned or the deadline to return scorecards has expired.

Appeals – The Appeal procedure is not in effect for any part of a Zone event. The Master of Hounds' (UKC Field Rep) decision will be final in all situations. The Master of Hounds may, at their discretion, contact UKC's Senior Director of Field Operations to discuss the situation prior to rendering a decision. The Master of Hounds is not required to contact UKC per a handler's request in the event the Field Rep deems it unnecessary.

Placements – All dogs must hunt two hours on both Friday and Saturday night to be considered for placement at the Zones. If a dog is scratched, minuses out of the hunt, or withdrawn for any reason on Friday night it will not be eligible to hunt on Saturday night at the Zones. If a dog is withdrawn or scratches on Saturday

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 privileges should be reported to the United Kennel Club.

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UKC® Disciplinary Action Committee Report

- UKC's Disciplinary Action Committee determined that Devin Corrothers of Flemington, WV, falsified a scorecard. DAC Action – Suspended until July 17, 2021.
- UKC's Disciplinary Action Committee determined that Emmanuel Ellis of Eagle Lake, TX, failed to comply with a UKC investigation. DAC Action – Suspended until July 17, 2021.
- UKC's Disciplinary Action Committee determined that Darius Stevens of Eagle Lake, TX, failed to comply with a UKC investigation. DAC Action – Suspended until July 17, 2021.
- UKC's Disciplinary Action Committee determined that Jason Swingle of Charlottesville, VA, falsified a scorecard. DAC Action – Suspended until July 17, 2021.
- UKC's Disciplinary Action Committee determined that Brian R. Williams of Eagle Lake, TX, failed to comply with a UKC investigation. DAC Action – Suspended until July 17, 2021.

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

night, the dog is not eligible for placement or eligible to advance to the Finals. The number of dogs advancing from each zone will be based on a percentage of the total number of entries overall. The number advancing from each zone will be announced prior to the calling of casts at each zone by the Master of Hounds. Any two-night cast winners will place in accordance to combined highest scores followed by single cast win high scores.

Championship Cast Wins Awarded – Any dog winning its cast with a total score of plus points on Friday and/or Saturday night at the Zones will receive a cast win towards their degree. Any dog advancing to Friday's round at the Finals will receive a cast win towards their degree. Additionally, the dog winning the Final Cast will receive a cast win towards their degree.

Awards at the Zones – All Zone Placement Awards and give-aways will be presented to the owner or handler on Thursday at the World Championship Finals when they confirm their entry. The deadline to confirm an entry at the Finals is 5:00 pm local time on Thursday, September 19 at the Central Iowa Fairgrounds in Marshalltown, Iowa. Handler shall have dog in hand when they confirm their entry at the Finals.

