

COONHOUND ADVISOR

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If you are reading this, it means it is June. The weather is hot and humid. Mosquitoes, ticks and spider webs fill the woods to keep us company on our walks to and from our hounds. The thick foliage ensures we stay sharp with our light, squaller, thermal and eyes we are equipped with. And lastly, the sun hanging in the sky until near 10p.m. sure makes the morning sunrise come a lot sooner than it did back in the fall and winter months. I guess what I'm saying is, we sure must love this lifestyle to be hunting during the summer. But with the camaraderie that comes with hunting and competing with our hounds, how could you not love it? Attending and putting on quality dog events has become a passion for me. I couldn't imagine what June would be like anymore without seeing good dog work all over the heart of our country.

What can we do to keep that lifestyle going? One of the main things is keeping the youth and young people in our sport active, and constantly introducing more people to the sport as we go. The couple hundred Youth Championships and Youth Education Program (YEP) events each year on the UKC event calendar is a great place to start. These events, especially the YEP events, can be a great tool for introducing new hunters to the sport, while educating the youth by way of a class where they can be taught everything from nite hunt rules, bench show etiquette, how to take care of their dog, sportsmanship, wildlife laws in their state, etc.

Junior Handler Enrollment Form

One of UKC's youth programs is the Next Generation Spotlight Series. This is a year-long series that tracks points accrued by youth for every cast win in the hunt and category win in the show. The series runs from June 1 to May 31 each year. Having said that, we are just starting a new year. One exciting change this year is we are going all electronic on awarding and tracking Spotlight Series points. To do this, we need every kid competing to have a Junior Handler number. To do so, they simply need to fill out the Junior Handler Enrollment Form and get it turned into UKC. You can do so by mailing it in, or simply taking a good photo of the completed form and emailing it to huntingops@ukcdogs.com. A handler will not be able to have their points applied to their record if they do not have a junior handler number so make sure you have one of these filled out. If you have questions, reach out to us in the UKC Hunting Ops department.

The Future of Confirming Event Dates

This section is going to go hand in hand with the information above but will be pointed more towards the officers of coon clubs holding UKC licensed events. As with the Junior Handler Enrollment Form mentioned above, UKC has made a push to make the way that clubs confirm

their event days more advanced, efficient, and take out some elements that cause holes in the process.

Currently, Allen is working on a mailing sheet that hopefully each club's Corresponding Officer has by the time you read this article. This letter will explain and detail the direction that event information data will be shared and ultimately, events will be confirmed. There will no longer be event confirmation forms mailed monthly. As time has passed, more and more clubs have opted to call and/or email event information as opposed to mailing it in, and for good reason. UKC will now be sending out lists of a club's tentative event dates every six months for clubs to confirm their events. There is a form titled *Essential Details and Confirmation for UKC Licensed Coonhound Events* that lives on our website. The preferred method will now be to use that fillable PDF form and to email huntingops@ukcdogs.com and get the event confirmed. As always, you will still be able to call the UKC Hunting Ops department and confirm your events over the phone or communicate via email to get events confirmed.

This process is going to streamline how events are confirmed, and hopefully lead to better communication between UKC and the host clubs. It will also take out the issues we have experienced over the past few years in regard to mail time, and things getting held up or flat out never making it here.

With this change, it is going to be imperative that each club makes sure of two things:

1. Make sure you have an updated Club Officer Listing. If you need to update your officers, get with our Hunting Ops Department and we can help you get the ball rolling on that.
2. It is necessary for the Corresponding Officer of each club to have access to and be familiar with the emailing process.

As always, if you have any questions about this new process, reach out to the Hunting Ops department and let us help you make it as easy as possible. These changes are for the better and are going to make life much simpler for the clubs especially.




ATTENTION!

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

Justin Crockett • Senatobia, MS

May 1, 2024

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



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UKC® HUNTING PROGRAM JUNIOR HANDLER ENROLLMENT FORM

Event Preference: Coonhound Hunting Beagle
 Performance Pack Beagle Gundog

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

***The information below could be used in pieces featured on UKC's website, social media pages, or publications.**

What events do you enjoy competing in?

What is your favorite breed of dog? _____

Tell us a little about you and your history with hounds.

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Youth Signature (or name): _____

Parent/Guardians Signature: _____

UKC Office Use Only:

In Date: _____ Junior #: _____ Initials: _____

When form is completed you can send by the following methods:

Email to: huntingops@ukcdogs.com or mail to UKC Junior Handler, 100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49002

