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WELCOME TO 2022!

As the world is moving forward from the devastating pandemic, we wish everyone a safe and prosperous future with the opportunity for our exhibitors being able to spend time once again with their dogs and friends. Please be sure to understand and observe state laws and regulations regarding the pandemic when attending events. Each state has their own set of guidelines that are required as well as the common recommendations from the CDC.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 2021 was a busy year at the United Kennel Club. UKC added new rulebooks, new updates and new clarifications to many of the Performance Rulebooks. One of the new additions to make these changes easier to locate was a rule change insert on the last pages of the rulebook that details where the changes are located by Chapter and Section along with a short description of the addition, change or clarification.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need clarification on any of the rules. We are always available to you.

WHO DO YOU CONTACT?

When a club has questions, it is not always clear as to who to contact. The All-Breed Sports Team is available to help clubs with their questions and events. However, when it comes to an exhibitor asking a club about their points or wins, we highly recommend a club to have the exhibitor use the UKC On-Line Points check from the UKC Website. The All-Breed Sports Team is also available, and exhibitors are always welcome to send their specific questions to the following emails.

- Questions regarding Conformation events can be sent to: conformations@ukcdogs.com
- Questions regarding Performance events can be sent to: performance@ukcdogs.com
- When sending emails regarding wins, please be sure to include the following:
 - UKC or TL (Temporary Listing) number
 - Breed and name of dog
 - Type of points or wins (Conformation (intact or altered, Performance (which type of event)
 - Any details that will help us with your dog's record.

Program Managers: A club may always contact the program managers for specific event problems as outlined below.

- **Karen Shivers.** Nosework, Rally, Obedience, Dock Jumping, Precision Coursing: kshivers@ukcdogs.com
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Club Coordinators. UKC has Club Coordinators to assist each licensed Club with their events and specific questions regarding their events. Applications and club related documents may be emailed to clubs@ukcdogs.com.

Please feel free to contact your club coordinator directly, using the list of assigned States below:

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Kansas	South Carolina
Louisiana	Tennessee
Minnesota	Texas
Mississippi	Utah
Missouri	Washington
Montana	Wisconsin
Nebraska	Wyoming



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UKC RANKINGS SYSTEMS: TOP TEN POINTS AND GROUP POINTS

We know it is very exciting when an exhibitor sees the name of their dog listed on any of the UKC Ranking Systems and their hopes are high that their dog will remain on the list when the final rankings are posted.

However, there is much confusion as to the difference between Championship points and the UKC Ranking points programs. The All-Breed Sports department had a recent inquiry as to why all the placements do not show up on the Top Ten and Group Ranking pages.

The biggest question is why there are placements for all 10 places for some breeds, but in other breeds, specific placements are not shown and why do some breeds stop well before the 10th place. We hope that the article will clarify how dogs receive their placements in the UKC Top Ten and Top Ten Group Ranking Programs.

Top Ten Ranking. This is a breed ranking system for each individual breed entered in a conformation event licensed under the All-Breed Sports. Ranking points accumulate each year from January 1st. through December 31st. There are 10 allotted spaces for each breed, which may allow more than the 10 top ranked dogs to be placed 1st through 10th place, if there are ties in the accumulated points.

- Each dog that is awarded the Best of Breed in their breed competition will receive 1 ranking point for each dog that is defeated within their breed (excluding themselves, all dogs that may be excused, disqualified, and all non-licensed class entries).
- Based upon the number of points earned, the dogs in each breed are ranked in placement order, up to 10 spaces for 1st through 10th place.
 - When there are tied points, the dogs with the tied points will show up with the same placement, but the number of spaces will continue to count toward the allotted 10 spaces.
 - If there are more dogs tied than the 10 allotted spaces, those dogs shall remain on the list since we do not exclude dogs with tied points that are also associated with a placement within the 10 spaces.

For example,

• Dog A	110 points	1st	Space 1
• Dog B	99 points	2nd	Space 2
• Dog C	99 points	2nd	Space 3
• Dog D	97 points	4th	Space 4
• Dog E	88 points	5th	Space 5
• Dog F	86 points	6th	Space 6
• Dog G	80 points	7th	Space 7
• Dog H	77 points	8th	Space 8

- Dog I 77 points 9th Space 9
- Dog J 72 points 10th Space 10
- Dog K 72 points 10th Space 11
- Dog L 72 points 10th Space 12
- Dog M 70 points *OUT OF PLACEMENTS*

In the example above, 12 dogs would be placed in the Top Ten since there are tied points for the dogs in 10th place. Dog M would be out of the rankings since the point value is lower than Dog L which tied with the same number of points as Dog J, and Dog K and the 10 allotted spaces have been awarded.

Top Ten Group Ranking. This is a group ranking system for each of the 8 separate groups recognized by UKC and who are entered in a conformation event licensed under the All-Breed Sports. Ranking points accumulate each year from January 1st. through December 31st. There are 10 allotted spaces for each group, which may allow more than the 10 top ranked dogs within their group to be placed 1st through 10th place, if there are ties in the accumulated points.

Each dog that is awarded a group placement (1st – 4th), in their group will receive 1 ranking point for each dog that is defeated within their entire group minus the number of dogs in the breed(s) that were awarded higher group placements.

Example:

Gun Dog Group – The following breeds were participating in the Gun Dog Group

- Barbet: 1 Entry
- Golden Retriever: 6 Entries
- German Shorthaired Pointer: 6 Entries
- Labrador Retriever: 4 Entries
- Portuguese Water Dog: 4 Entries

Total Entries 21 Dogs – No Absences

Group Placements and Allotted Group Points.

- **Group 1-** Barbet will receive 20 points
 - *Received all available points from all participating breeds, minus itself.*
- **Group 2-** Golden Retriever will receive 19 points
 - *Received all available points for its breed, minus itself, plus all other breeds except for the Barbet*
- **Group 3 -** German Shorthaired Pointer will receive 13 points
 - *Received all available points for its breed, minus itself, plus all other breeds except for the Barbet and the Golden Retriever*
- **Group 4 –** Labrador Retriever will receive 7 points
 - *Received all available points for its breed, minus itself, plus all other breeds except for the Barbet, the Golden Retriever, and the German Shorthaired Pointer*

The Portuguese Water Dog would not receive any group points.



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How Group Rankings are Calculated. The Group placements are calculated in the same manner on the UKC website as the UKC Top Ten Breed Ranking System. Placements are based upon the number of points earned by the dogs within their assigned group, in placement order, up to 10 spaces for 1st through 10th place.

KNOWING AND ABIDING BY THE RULES

All clubs are responsible to know the rules of the sport they are offering. Each rulebook is available as a free download directly from the UKC website. All clubs should be aware of the rules and all updates for their specific activity being offered. Rulebooks with revisions will be noted with an asterisk (*) under the rulebooks "effective" date on the cover. Below is a quick overview:

USING THE CORRECT ENTRY FORMS TO ENTER A UKC EVENT

The club is responsible to have on hand the most current entry form for entry into the event. When an exhibitor submits their entry, the club is to only accept complete and signed entry forms. Keep in mind that there must be a UKC number written on the entry form at the time it is submitted. Any entry form that lists a UKC receipt number for a pending registration or pending TL number, an AKC number or non-existent numbers, are not acceptable.

ENTERING A UKC EVENT

Entry Forms. Let's start with entry form requirements. First a club must be sure to have the correct entry forms on hand for their event.

- **Conformation Entry Form.** This will include Conformation classes for intact and altered classes
- **Junior Entry Form.** There is a separate entry form for Junior Showmanship, and for any Junior Member entering into Agility, Obedience or Rally Obedience. For other performance events, the Junior needs to complete a regular performance entry form.
- **Performance Entry Form.** This currently includes Agility, Dock Jumping, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Drag Racing, Lure Coursing, Precision Coursing and Weight Pull
- **Nosework Entry Form.** This includes all Nosework classes and Handler Discrimination

Note. We are happy to announce that we are currently working on the separation of the UKC performance entry forms to help make entering events easier for exhibitors, and especially for clubs. When entering in events, please be sure to use the correct entry form for the event activity you are wanting to enter. You will soon find all of these entry forms on the UKC website:

- **Performance Entry Form.** This will include Agility, Dock Jumping, Obedience, Rally Obedience and Weight Pull
- **Coursing Entry Form.** This will include Drag Racing, Lure Coursing and Precision Coursing
- **Nosework Entry Form.** This will include Nosework and Handler Discrimination

Double Checking the Entry Form. The entry takers must verify that each submitted entry form is filled out and complete, including a current registration number, and must be signed. Missing information or incomplete entry forms will only hinder the club's ability to complete the judge's book in a timely manner.

- **Registration Number.** The only registrations numbers that can be included on an entry form are a regular Permanent Registration number, Performance Listing number (PL), or a Limited Privilege (LP) Using the UKC receipt number for a pending registration or pending TL number, an AKC registration or PAL number or a non-existent number, are not acceptable.
- **Temporary Listing (TL) number.** The dog must be registered with one of the outlined numbers above, prior to entering any event. If, for some reason, the permanent registration number has not been issued prior to entering an event, a TL number can easily be applied for on-line and used to enter any event.
 - If the TL number was obtained prior to the application for permanent registration, please be sure to include it in the appropriate space on the registration application. UKC will automatically link the TL number with the assigned permanent registration number, once it is received.
 - If the TL number is obtained after the permanent registration has been applied for, please be sure to contact UKC to link those numbers so that all points and wins can be property credited to the dog.

Information on the Entry Form. All entry forms must include the name of the club and the date and trials being entered on the top of the form and the entry form must be sign at the bottom. Junior Handlers must also have the signature of a parent or guardian. For performance events requiring a jump, the dog's height at the withers is required on the entry form (*Height at withers is located after the breed of dog on the entry form*).

Clubs will issue an armband number only after all required information is included on the form.

Additional information that must be on the event specific entry forms:

- **Conformation:** Class, Breed, Variety (if applicable), and Sex of dog
- **Junior Entry Form:** This entry form is used to enter Junior Showmanship, Agility, Obedience and Rally events. For other performance events, the Junior is to use the Performance entry form. For Showmanship, the class and level must be indicated. For performance entries, be sure to follow the outlined requirements found below.
- **Obedience:** Class, Standard or Minimum Jump Height, and Height at Withers
- **Rally Obedience:** Class, Standard or Minimum Jump Height, and Height at Withers
- **Agility:** Height at Withers, Class and Division, Minimum Jump Height if desired
- **Drag Racing:** Height at Withers, Class



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- **Precision Coursing:** Class and Division
- **Lure Coursing:** Class
- **Dock Jumping:** Number of Splashes
- **Weight Pull:** Class Division and if eligible- Veteran
- **Nosework:** Nosework has a separate entry form. The following must be included:
 - Date and Trial
 - Class Division
 - Element
 - Element level
 - Final Response for Master and Elite classes. This must be on the entry form for these classes.

DETERMINING THE CORRECT AGE OF THE DOG

The age of the dog is based upon the month, not weeks. For example: A dog born on January 1, is six months of age on July 1 of the same year.

Conformation Entry. When an exhibitor asks which class they need to enter when entering a UKC conformation event, please point out that the conformation entry form lists each class with the corresponding age requirements for the class. The club **must never** tell an exhibitor which class a dog must be entered. The exhibitor must take the time and make sure their dog is entered into the correct class, when entering one of the age-based classes (Puppy, Junior, and Adult). The Open class is for any dog that is 6 months of age on the day of the show and older. The Breeder/Handler class, the dog must be 6 months of age, and must be handled by the breeder of that dog at the class level.

Performance Entry. When entering any UKC performance event, the exhibitor should make sure their dog is old enough to enter, and the dog is entered in the correct class, sub class or division.

Minimum age requirements for entry into UKC events. It must be noted that many events in UKC have different age requirements before being eligible to enter the specific event.

- **3 months of age and under 6 months:** Non-Licensed class for Conformation Novice Puppy
- **6 months of age:** Conformation, Obedience (including non-licensed classes), Rally Obedience, Nosework, Dock Jumping, Precision Coursing Puppy Dash (6 mo. to under 1 yr.).
- **1 year of age:** Precision Coursing, Lure Coursing, Drag Racing, Weight Pull,
- **15 months of age:** Agility
- **7 years of age:** Weight Pull Veteran, Conformation Non-Licensed Veteran Class

PREPARING JUDGE'S BOOKS AND PAPERWORK FOR EVENT

When preparing the judge's books or other paperwork required for an event, be sure to have enough workers on hand in order to verify the information taken from the entry form is transferred onto the judge's book, or score sheet correctly.

MOVING DOGS UP IN A CLASS

Please be aware that no club, Judge, or other exhibitor should ever tell anyone that their dog has completed a title, or to move the dog up. A club, a judge, or another exhibitor does not know what points or wins are on a dog's record. They do not know if there are any invalid wins or if they are trying to help an owner calculate their points if those wins or points are correct. Moving a dog up to the next level is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor. If an exhibitor moves a dog up and the dog has not completed the requirements for the move up, UKC will not be held responsible, will not hold the club or other exhibitor responsible, and will invalidate the incorrect entry.

HIGHLIGHTS, NOTICE OF RULE CLARIFICATIONS AND UPDATES

Clubs are responsible to understand the rules for their event and should check the UKC website for any updates, prior to each event they offer. Below are some of the highlights to the UKC events.

2022 Drag Racing Rules – now in effect

We are excited about the updated and new classes for the UKC Drag Racing Program.

Major Changes.

- The American Pit Bull Terrier Category has been changed. The APBT is now assigned to Category E.
- New Drag Racing Exhibitors no longer need to run in the aptitude class and may enter directly into the new Novice Class. (See new classes, below)
- **New Classes.**
 - **Novice Class.** This class is for dogs that have never earned a Drag Racing title.
 - **New Titles:** United Novice Flat Racer (UNFR), and United Novice Steeplechase Racer (UNSR)
 - **Multiple Titles.** Exhibitors can earn multiple UNFR and UNSR titles
 - **Advanced Class.** This class is for dogs that have earned the former UFA, or USA, or a Terrier Racing title from another venue.
 - **Regular Class.** This class is for dogs that have earned the former UFR, or USR title and are working on earning their Drag Racing Champion title.
 - **Champion Class.** This class is for dogs that have earned their Drag Racing Champion title.
 - **Grand Champion Class.** This class is for dogs that have earned their Drag Racing Grand Champion title.
 - **Multiple Titles:** Exhibitors can earn multiple Drag Racing Grand Champion Titles

Summary

- There are now more classes and opportunities to earn additional, and multiple Drag Racing titles.
- Inexperienced dogs will no longer need to run with dogs earning Champion points.

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- Champion and Grand Champion point scale allows more dogs to earn points and competition.

Overview. Please refer to the 2022 Drag Racing Rulebook for all the new classes and changes now in effect.

2021 Official Agility Rulebook. This rulebook was effective March 1, 2021 and had additional revisions that were effective on October 2, 2021. The March 1, 2021 rulebook was completely revised from the older version with new classes and opportunities for exhibitors. The October 2, 2021 Rule Change Insert is located on page 40 and 41 of the Agility rulebook, and outlines the changes, additions or clarifications that became effective as of that date. In addition to the new classes and titles, some notable changes are:

- Age requirement has changed from 1 year of age to the current age of 15 months.
- Replacing Veteran with Minimum Jump Height, which is open to dogs of any age. Dogs jumping the minimum jump height will use the jump height of the division below their true height division and will have an extra five seconds added to their running time, working just like the Veteran did.
- Changing to make calling faults allowable in Intermediate. They may be called at the discretion of the judge.
- Clarifying that taking the correct obstacle in the sequence backwards (for example, entering the wrong end of a tunnel or taking a hurdle backwards) is scored as an off course.
- Correction added that no more than two obstacles with delimiting lines may be used on a course. However, these obstacles may be back-to-back.

2020 Official Dock Jumping Rulebook. This rulebook was revised and was effective April 1, 2020. No additional changes have been made to this rulebook. Please be aware that Dock Jumping is now fully under the management of the United Kennel Club and is no longer in partnership with Ultimate Air Dogs. This allows titles to be issued much faster and rules to be aligned with UKC principles. Any previous reference to Ultimate in a dog's title has been changed to Elite to reflect this change, and the division has now been renamed to Elite for future titles. The major change to dock jumping was the allowance of titles to be earned wherever the dog jumps. This allows the dog to earn titles in any division the dog jumps in on that day and at that trial.

2017 Official Lure Coursing Rulebook. This rulebook was effective May 5, 2017. The biggest change to Lure Coursing is that all classes are now eligible for Total Dog / Total Junior.

2020 Official Nosework Rulebook. This rulebook was effective January 1, 2020 and revised with an effective revision date of October 15, 2021. The October 15, 2021 Rule Changes Insert can be found on page 52 and 53 of the Nosework Rulebook. One of the main overall changes was the reference to "Certifying Official" being changed to "Judge," making the terminology consistent throughout all performance programs. There is now a Nosework Trial Manual available for download that contains a step-by-step guide for scheduling, coordinating, and hosting a successful UKC Nosework trial. The manual is available here: https://www.ukcdogs.com/docs/rulebooks/nosework_trial_manual.pdf

Additions to the rulebook for 2022:

- Addition of the Hall of Fame Awards.
- Toy Distraction required in Advanced level.
- Additional distractions allowed in Master and Elite levels.
- Time restraints added to when Handler Discrimination items can be brought to the ring and what happens when handlers are not present.
- Allowance for a Novice dog to make one incorrect call and continue to search within the allowable time frame with a fault. Second incorrect call will be a non-qualifying performance.
- Placements, Awards, and Ribbons given their own chapter.
- Qualifying ribbons are no longer mandatory and are optional for any trial.

Clarifications to the rulebook:

- Reuse of hide areas
- Running of trials and use of search areas
- Dog in White allowances
- Odor and hide placements
- Placement of boxes in Handler Discrimination

2021 Official Obedience Rulebook. This rulebook was effective January 1, 2021 and revised with an effective revision date of January 1, 2022. The January 1, 2022 Rule Changes Insert can be found on page 77 of the Obedience Rulebook.

Additions to the Rulebook for 2022:

- Handlers will inform the Judge prior to the beginning of the exercise if they will be performing a sit or a down for the stay in Beginner Novice.
- Handlers will let the Judge know when they are ready to begin the Greeting exercise prior to telling their dog to stay.
- Pre-Novice and Novice dogs who tie in their prospective classes will perform any tie-breaking exercises on-leash.
- Time allowances and estimated numbers of judging per day.
- Qualifying ribbons are no longer mandatory and are optional for any trial.
- Requirement for clubs to include the new High in Trial Scoresheet with all trial reports.

Clarifications to the Rulebook:

- Eligibility of dogs in particular classes
- Handlers asking to be excused from the ring
- Entering regular and additional titling classes and All-Star eligibility
- Where the handler is allowed to stand for the Broad Jump exercise
- Leaving the dog for the Figure 8 and Down Stay exercise
- Scoring of additional sit commands
- Obedience to Odor clarifications
- Specifics to the Master and Elite classes



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2020 Official Precision Coursing Rulebook. This rulebook was effective May 1, 2020 and revised with an effective revision date of August 24, 2021. The only changes to this rulebook were the clarifications of course designs for the Novice/Advanced, Superior/Master, and Elite course designs.

2020 Official Rally Obedience Rulebook. This rulebook was effective January 1, 2020 and revised with an effective revision date of January 1, 2022. The January 1, 2022 Rule Changes Insert can be found on page 89 of the Rally Obedience Rulebook.

Additions to the 2022 Rulebook:

- Qualifying ribbons are no longer mandatory and are optional for any trial.
- Removal of the word “directly” from Exercise 205 to reflect the handler taking one or two steps forward before facing the dog.
- Timetable added for schedule of classes and judging allowances.

Clarifications to the Rulebook:

- Handler asking to be excused from the ring.
- Exercise 409/410 using only three cones not six
- Entrance and exit for performance of exercise 418

2016 Official Weight Pull Rulebook. This rulebook was effective September 1, 2016 and was revised October 30, 2019.

Upcoming Rule Changes. UKC will be updating the Dock Jumping, Lure Coursing, and Weight Pull rulebooks in the near future. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us through the performance@ukcdogs.com email or through the appropriate program managers.

UPCOMING 2022 PREMIER NATIONAL AND 2021 TOP TEN AND ALL-STARS

UKC would like to congratulate all the 2021 Top Ten, Group and All-Star finalists. All finalists will be receiving their Top Ten, Group or All-Star placement certificates, along with information regarding entering the Premier National Top Ten and All-Star competitions in June.

Exhibitors are encouraged to verify their mailing address on record for their Top Ten, Group, All-Star, and Top Junior information to be sure their Premier invitation is received in a timely manner.

The Premier National's will kick off on Wednesday June 15, and run through Sunday, June 19. We are ready for a fun filled weekend and look forward to seeing all of you in June.

Wednesday, June 15

- Independent Specialties

Thursday, June 16

- Top Ten
- All-Star Competitions
- Top Junior Nationals

Licensed Events

- Lure Coursing
- Nosework
- Weight Pull

Friday, June 17 through Sunday, June 19 - Each day:

- Conformation and Junior Showmanship
- Obedience Trial
- Rally Obedience Trial
- Lure Coursing
- Nosework
- Agility Trial
- Weight Pull
- Drag Racing
- Dock Jumping
- Precision Coursing

Saturday, June 18: Special Recognition for Total Dog and Total Junior participants will be held

- Total Junior Parade and Awards
- Total Dog Qualifiers and Total Dog Best in Show

Sunday, June 19; Best of the Best

- UKC will wrap things up on Sunday, but before the day is through the Best of the Best Competition will be held, and the 2022 Best of the Best winner will be chosen.
- This special competition is for all of the dogs that were awarded a Best in Show during the three days of Premier Nationals, the Total Dog BIS winner, and all of the Best of Breed winners from the Wednesday Independent Specialty.

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PREMIER INDEPENDENT SPECIALTIES

Application and Submission Reminder. The Premier Specialty events are only open to Single Breed Clubs that will offer their breed and Junior Showmanship. All clubs that are hosting a Specialty event with the Premier National event, the application is available from the UKC website to download: https://www.ukcdogs.com/docs/showforms/2022_specialty_show_application.pdf

Clubs that have held a Premier Specialty have the first opportunity to confirm their event. The deadline date for the submission is May 1, 2022. Inquiries to see if your club can schedule a Premier Specialty may be sent to Denise Vavla, at dvavla@ukcdogs.com



As always, have fun with your dog in whatever you do as the relationships we build with them while training, competing, or just hanging out at home will be remembered for a lifetime.