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## HOST A 2022 RQE!

Clubs may apply now to hold a Regional Qualifying Event for the 2022 Total Dog Invitational. Events held between August 2nd, 2021 and August 1st, 2022 will be eligible to be RQEs for 2022. Please apply by July 16th, 2021.

RQEs must include conformation and at least one eligible performance event. Clubs can host an RQE by themselves or work with another club to offer multiple event types.

Dogs that earn a Total Dog award at an RQE will be invited to compete in the Total Dog Invitational competition, where the top prize is \$10,000. Competition is open to both intact and altered dogs.

Please contact [allbreedevents@ukcdogs.com](mailto:allbreedevents@ukcdogs.com) with questions.

## THANK YOU FOR PRACTICING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

It is so important that at UKC events, everyone feels welcome and is offered a chance to experience a family-friendly, safe atmosphere for them to come and experience the world of dog sports. UKC greatly appreciates everyone from the stewards, show secretaries, event chairpersons, and other club volunteers that show kindness and respect to each other and to exhibitors, experienced and new, and make themselves available to help with questions and offer support.

Good sportsmanship is a cornerstone of UKC events and we appreciate all of you for creating and maintaining a family-friendly environment, whether that be at the show or on any social media platform. Remember without the exhibitor we would not be able to do what we do, which is putting on wonderful UKC events.

## ALL-BREED EVENT SUPPORT TEAM

The All-Breed Event Support Team will be visiting several clubs this spring, including the Carolina All Breed Association on April 10-11 (King, NC), the Utah Nosework Club on April 24-25 (Farmington, UT), the Dodge County Canine Club on May 8-9 (Beaver Dam, WI), and the Twister City Kennel Club on May 28-31 (Hutchinson, KS).

The hard work our clubs do is immensely appreciated and we are excited to provide support and assist with event paperwork, processing day of show entries, answering rule- and policy-related questions, and helping events to run smoother. We are also very pleased to have the opportunity to spend time with our club members, judges, and exhibitors, and look forward to continuing to build strong relationships.

## OFFICER CHANGE UPDATE

This is a reminder if your club has had any change in officers, whether those changes are due to elections or just something as small as a phone number, address, or email change, please send in an Officers Change form to [clubs@ukcdogs.com](mailto:clubs@ukcdogs.com).

Vacant officer positions should be filled as soon as possible.

It is imperative that all club officers keep their contact information up to date with UKC. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## PREPARE FOR LARGE ENTRY NUMBERS

As we continue to be in this time of covid-19, please remember to continue to follow all of your state and local guidelines and restrictions. We want to promote safety for our clubs, judges, and exhibitors.

In recent months, many clubs have experience entry volumes that are much higher than normal. Please keep this in mind when deciding on pre-entry deadline dates, numerical entry limits, and whether to accept day of show entries. If your club's entry limits are met, please stop accepting entries and email [clubs@ukcdogs.com](mailto:clubs@ukcdogs.com) to let your Club Coordinator know: they will update your event listing on our Events Calendar to let everyone know that entries have filled.

UKC requires that a club have enough judges for the entries at a show or trial. During this unprecedented time, clubs may find that the number of entries they have taken meets or exceeds the judging time allotted for the hired panel. If this is the case, your club will need to decide between closing entries or hiring an overflow judge. If the expected judging time exceeds the 8-hour limit, an overflow judge must be hired. Judges should not be judging more than an 8-hour day per UKC rules, regardless of whether they personally agree to it. The number of entries allowed in an 8-hour day varies by event type and all limits can be found in the *Official Rules for All-Breed Events*.

If an overflow judge is secured, please notify UKC as soon as possible so your official event listing can be updated. Overflow judges are different than emergency replacement judges and must be fully licensed for the event type they are to judge, and must be hired and scheduled prior to the start of the event. Please contact your Club Coordinator with any questions regarding overflow judges and entry limits.



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## SUBMITTING EVENT RESULTS

When submitting results from your show or trial to UKC, please be sure to follow these steps:

- All shows and trials need to be separated by date and by show or trial number.
- Conformation judges' books should be sorted alphabetically by breed within each group and attached to the corresponding Group sheet. Groups should be organized in the order on the Group sheet (Guardian, Scent, Sight, Gun, Northern, Herding, Terrier, and Companion).
- Performance judges' books should be in order from lowest-level class to highest-level class.
- All judges' books must be correctly filled out with all registration and armband numbers. Please be sure all armband numbers and UKC numbers have been transferred correctly onto the Group and Best in Show sheets.
- Judge's Books for Altered and Non-Licensed Conformation Classes should be placed behind the regular judges' book for that breed. It is helpful to highlight the Altered checkbox on the judges' books prior to your show.
- The Best in Show and Junior Showmanship sheets should be directly behind the Show Report page.
- All original entry forms are required in numerical order from lowest number issued to highest number issued. Entry forms for all event types must be sent to UKC with the judges' books.

**Note:** *Entry forms are required to be completely filled out and signed by the exhibitor. Please do not sort them by breed or class, do not send multiple copies, and do not attach them to a specific show or judges' book. Entry forms should not be folded, cut, or **stapled**.*

- Move-Up/Entry Correction forms are to be directly behind the corresponding entry form. They should not be stapled to an entry form.
- All UKC Junior Membership applications received at the event need to be with the first Show Report page. Please do not place them among the other forms.

**Note:** *If a Junior is participating in a performance event, please make sure the Junior Participation form is completely filled out, so we can ensure the junior receives points for that event. Please make sure there is one for each trial, and it is placed at the front of the event report.*

## VARIETY BREEDS REMINDER

Clubs should have a list of variety breeds at each of the rings. Ringside Cheat Sheets are available to purchase from our online store. Clubs are welcome to make their own lists of variety breeds to keep at ringside.

It is helpful to highlight the varieties on judges' books, both for transcribing dogs onto books and for judges and stewards during judging. Since the judges' books for variety breeds are filled out differently than those for breeds without varieties, the visual indicator can be a big help.

## CLUB CORRESPONDENCE REMINDER

Clubs are welcome to contact UKC at any time by email and during regular business hours by phone. When emailing [clubs@ukcdogs.com](mailto:clubs@ukcdogs.com), please be sure to include the name of your club in the subject line or body of the email.