



## UKC® PRO SLAM INFORMATION

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### PURPOSE

- To give the experienced enthusiast a platform to compete on an elite level that promotes professionalism, attracts attention to some of the best hounds in the sport, and award a significant monetary payout to its winners.

### FORMAT OPTIONS

#### A. 16-Dog Format

- 16-dog entry, four hounds advance to winner's pack.
- 12-dog minimum, three hounds advance to winner's pack.
- If less than 12 reservations are made, the event is cancelled, and refunds are issued.
- See event ad for entry fee and payouts.

#### B. 27-Dog A/B Split Round Format

- Multiple-day event.
- 27-dog entry, 3-dog casts.
- 15 hounds draw out in 5 three-dog casts in Round 1a.
- 12 hounds drawn out in 4 three-dog casts in Round 1(b).
- Cast winners may not enter Round 1(b). Non-cast winners may be entered in Round 1(b), providing they have a reservation.
- See event ad for entry fee and payouts.

#### C. 27-Dog A/B/C Split Round Format

- Multiple-day event.
- 27-dog entry, 3-dog casts.
- 9 hounds draw out in 3 three-dog casts in Round 1a.

- 9 hounds draw out in 3 three-dog casts in Round 1b.
- 9 hounds draw out in 3 three-dog casts in Round 1c.
- Cast winners may not enter any further portion of Round 1, while non-cast winners may, providing advanced reservation was made for that hunt.
- Cast winners advance to semifinal.
- See event ad for entry fee and payouts.

### CAST WINNERS

- A total score of plus points is not required to be considered a cast winner. Each cast shall have a winner advance to the final cast unless scratched. In the event one hound remains in the hunt of any round, that hound is considered the winner and the hunt is over regardless of how much time remains.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Any hound entered must be permanently registered with UKC. On-sight single registration or entering hounds as pending will not be accepted.
- Only those hounds permanently measured or measuring in at 15" and under are eligible to compete. Refunds are not awarded to those not meeting measurement requirements.

### ENTRY RESERVATIONS

- Advanced reservations only. Entries are reserved online at [ukcdogs.com](http://ukcdogs.com).
- Reservations open on the day noted in the

event advertisement. Reservations close on the day noted or until the hunt is filled.

- When reserving the entry, the participant does not enter a specific dog. The individual determines what dog to enter on the day of the event. The name of the handler does not need to match the name on the reservation.
- All spots must be reserved by the advertised closing date otherwise the event will be canceled.

#### **REFUNDS & TRANSFERRING RESERVATIONS**

- No refunds are issued for any reason other than for a cancelled event.
- Reservations may be transferred to another individual. The entry fee for the transfer is solely between the seller and the recipient of the reservation transfer.
- The recipient must complete the UKC Pro Slam Reservation Transfer Form and submit it to entry takers on the day of the event.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP CAST WINS & RECORDING MONIES EARNED**

- A hound winning its cast in Round 1 of a UKC Pro Slam, will receive a cast win towards its championship degree.
- Monies earned at a UKC Pro Slam and the Clash of Champions are recorded on the dogs' official record at United Kennel Club.
- UKC will maintain a list of top annual and historical earnings.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- All hounds are drawn out in the same category regardless of their degree.
- Hunt time periods noted in event ads.
- Hunting judge may be used in Round 1. Non-hunting judge to be used in all subsequent rounds.
- Splitting monetary awards in the final cast is not an option. That cast must compete for final placements and awards in the hunt.
- Each UKC Pro Slam shall have a designated

Hunt Director. The host club is responsible for assembling a qualified panel of three individuals for any questions that may arise.

- A \$25 fee shall be required for any questions that are presented to the panel. If the panel rules in favor of the handler raising the question, that fee shall be refunded.
- A \$50 fee shall be required for any appeals to UKC requested after the panel's decision is made.
- Handlers are expected to know the running rules, be reasonable, and always conduct themselves professionally.
- Participants deemed to be unreasonable will result in losing their privilege to participate at a UKC Pro Slam for a period determined by UKC. This will be strictly enforced.
- Participants found to have demonstrated unsportsmanlike conduct during any part of a UKC Pro Slam event are subjected to suspension from UKC.
- UKC Pro Slams are limited to several events each year, as determined, and approved by UKC.

#### **PAYOUTS**

- Prize payouts will be made with a check and mailed within three weeks of the event.
- Payouts are subject to any applicable IRS reporting and withholding requirements. An IRS Form 1099 will be issued to all prize winners.
- To be eligible to receive a prize payout, the first registered owner must complete and submit a completed IRS Form W-9 before UKC (the Company) may issue the check. Prize payouts will be made entirely to the first registered owner of the dog. If the prize-winning dog is owned by a minor, a parent or guardian of any participant who is a minor must sign a release on behalf of the minor to be eligible to receive a prize, but the Company reserves the right to refuse to award a prize to or on behalf of any minor.

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