

BEAGLE PERFORMANCE PACK RULEBOOK

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Schedule of Fees
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LICENSES & FEES

Trial Judge License	\$10
Bench Show Judges License	\$15
Event Licenses —	
Beagle Hunt	\$25
Bench Show.....	\$15
Event Recording Fee (per dog entered)	\$1.50
Late Fee (for event reports received more than 10 days after the event is held)	\$20
<i>Plus \$20 for each month past due.</i>	

All fees to be paid in U.S. FUNDS.

Important Information About Fees

- All fees must be submitted in U.S. Funds. Out of Country personal checks may be used, however the words "Payable in U.S. Funds" must be included on the check.
- It is not recommended to send cash to pay for services.
- A fee of \$25 will be charged for checks returned for insufficient funds or accounts closed (bounced checks). The customer is also placed in a "money order only" situation. No other work or services will be performed until the individual makes the check good. All work is blocked, which prohibits further activity until the check is made good.
- It is important to pay all accounts with UKC within 30 days to maintain good standing with United Kennel Club. Outstanding accounts will be turned over to collection.

Registration Rules and Policies

For information on UKC Registration Rules and Policies, write to:

Registration Department

United Kennel Club, Inc. • 100 East Kilgore Road
Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584



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100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, should you become aware of such a violation.

INHERENT RIGHTS and POWERS OF UKC

** (Revised November 18, 1996)*

United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring ownership of dogs, licensing events, and awarding titles. These inherent rights and powers include but are not limited to the following:

United Kennel Club has the right to inspect all reports, scorecards and documents related to UKC events. Some, but not all, of the items subject to inspection are:

- a) scores;
- b) disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- c) errors by the recording person; and
- d) documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found during such inspection whether or not the document has the signature of a Judge or Club Officer.

UKC reserves the right to itself and in its sole judgement and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:

- a) Bar an individual from entering or participating in **any** way in any UKC licensed event.
- b) Bar an individual from transferring or registering any pups or dogs in that person's name (joint or full ownership) or to any member of that person's family.
- c) Bar an individual from receiving Championship points for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full ownership).

By way of illustration, the following constitute some, but not all, of the situations calling for the above sanctions:

- a) Falsification or alteration of a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- b) Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
- c) Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
- d) Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- e) Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- f) Intimidating, threatening, or injuring a Judge, Club/Association member or official, event participant or spectator, or UKC representative.

The six illustrations given above are only by way of example and UKC reserves to itself its inherent right and power to impose such sanctions in any other circumstances deemed appropriate by UKC.

Any individual who is found guilty by a court of law of a crime involving dogs will be barred from United Kennel Club for an indefinite period. A person shall be considered guilty in a criminal proceeding if they are convicted by a judge, jury, or if they enter a plea bargain or other arrangement to plea to a lesser offense, or if their case is disposed of by any form of deferred adjudication; a person shall be considered guilty in a civil proceeding if they are held responsible or liable by a judge, jury, or if a compromised settlement is reached between the parties.

Sending Work to UKC

Correspondence receives prompt attention at UKC. You can speed up the process, however, by mailing your correspondence or request or services to the proper departments (listed below) at 100 E. Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584.

Mail Litter Applications to:

Litter Department

Mail Transfer of Ownerships, duplicate requests and inquiries on registration papers to:

Transfer Department

Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration Certificates to:

Duplicate Department

Mail requests and inquiries to:

Registration Correspondent

Mail advertisements and subscriptions to:

COONHOUND BLOODLINES

Mail Applications for Events, inquiries about Championship points and Judges Applications to:

Beagle Field Operations



Visit UKC on the Web
www.ukcdogs.com

- **Up-to-date news about recent happenings at UKC events**
 - **Message Boards**
 - **Downloadable UKC Registration Forms**
 - **And Much More!**

Beagle Breed Standard

Official UKC Breed Standard

Scenthound Group

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HISTORY

There is considerable doubt as to the origin of the Beagle. Beagles are known throughout Europe and are the smallest of the scent hunting hounds. In literature, they were mentioned as far back as 1475.

Their popularity has been greater in the United States and Canada. Beagles have been in the "Top Ten" of most popular breeds for over 30 years and are one of the most popular breeds in America.

The UKC Hunting Beagle is a "total" dog, excelling as a hunter while possessing excellent conformation. Looks and ability go hand in hand in developing the ideal UKC Hunting Beagle.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Beagle has been referred to as "a foxhound in miniature." A smooth, short-haired hound; slightly longer than tall. Ears lay close to the head. Usually tri-color (black, white and tan), but all typical hound color combinations are acceptable.

Because the Beagle is first and foremost a hunting hound, scars (the result of honorable wounds) shall not be considered faults nor shall they be penalized by Judges. This includes cuts, nicks, notches on the ears, and/or ears that are frayed at the edges from working in brush, tall grass, etc.

CHARACTERISTICS

An independent personality is a generalization of most hounds, although individuals may vary. Has a good hound voice. Usually friendly disposition. Can make a good house pet or outside dog.

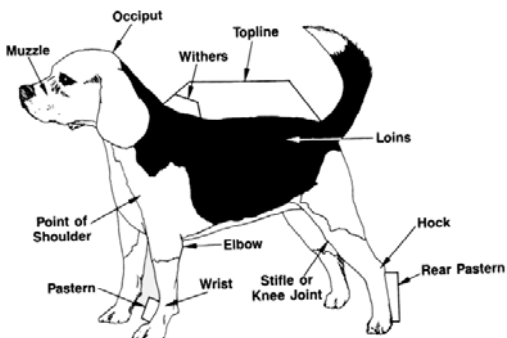
HEAD & SKULL

The skull is fairly long. It is slightly domed at the occiput. The cranium is broad and full. The muzzle is of medium length. It is straight, and square cut, with the top moderately defined.

TEETH - A full complement of strong, white teeth meet in a scissors or level bite.

EYES - The large eyes are set well apart. They have a soft, hound-like expression; gentle and pleading. They are brown or hazel in color.

EARS - The ears are set moderately low, setting close to the head. The forward edge turns slightly into the cheek. They are long-reaching when drawn out, extending nearly to the end of the nose. They are fine in texture. The ears are fairly broad and rounded at the tip; with almost no erectile power.



NECK

The medium length neck rises free and light from the shoulders. It is strong in substance, yet not loaded. The throat is clean and free of folds of skin. A slight wrinkle below the angle of the jaw is acceptable.

Faults: A thick, short neck carried on a line with the top of the shoulder. Throat showing dewlap and folds of skin, termed "throatiness."

FOREQUARTERS

The clean, muscular, sloping shoulders convey the idea of freedom of action with activity and strength. They are not heavy nor loaded.

FORELEGS - The straight forelegs have plenty of bone in proportion to the size of the hound. The pasterns are short and straight.

Faults: Straight, upright shoulder. Out at the elbows. Knees buckled or bent backwards. Crooked or bowed forelegs.

BODY

The chest is deep and broad, but not so much as to interfere with the free play of the shoulders. The back is muscular and strong. The broad loins are slightly arched. The well-sprung ribs provide an abundance of lung room.

Faults: Disproportionately wide chest. Lack of chest depth. Very long, swayed, or roached back. Flat, narrow loins. Flat, narrow ribs.

HINDQUARTERS

The strong, well-muscled hips and thighs provide an abundance of propelling power.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are strong and well let down. The firm, symmetrical hocks are moderately bent.

FEET

The feet are close, round, and firm. The pads are full and hard.

Faults: Long feet. Open, spreading feet.

TAIL

The tail is set moderately high. It is carried gaily over

the back with a slight curve, not turned forward. It is short as compared with the size of the hound, and has a brush.

Faults: A long tail. Excessive curve. Inclined forward from the root. Rat tail with absence of brush.

COAT

The Beagle has a close, hard, hound-coat of medium length.

COLOR

All typical hound color combinations. No solid colors are acceptable.

HEIGHT

Not to exceed 15 inches. Height is measured across the shoulders at the highest point (withers), with the hound standing in a natural position, with its feet well under it; not leaning forward or backward.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Extreme viciousness or shyness. Over 15 inches in height. Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.) Albinism. Deaf. Blind.

SCALE OF PERCENTAGES

Head	10
Neck	5
Shoulders	10
Chest & Ribs	10
Back & Loins	15
Hindquarters	10
Elbows	5
Legs & Feet	20
Coat & Color	5
Stern (tail)	5
General make-up	5
Total	100

The UKC Hunting Beagle Program not only encourages dogs to be hunted in our UKC events, it is required that they hunt in order to show, at least until they acquire championship hunt points. Bench Show Judges should pay particular attention not to penalize a dog that has been hunted. A Hunting Beagle show on the bench should be in field ready condition and have the strength and endurance to compete according to the Beagle rules.

Event Information

Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events

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WHO MAY ENTER DOGS IN UKC LICENSED EVENTS?

Only United Kennel Club registered dogs can enter UKC licensed events.

1. THE "REGISTERED OWNER"

The registered owner is the individual whose name and address appears on the front of the Registration Certificate (purple or yellow) or UKC Easy Entry™ Card. If the registered owner utilizes the Registration Certificate (purple or yellow) instead of the UKC Easy Entry™ Card, they may enter the dog in the event provided that the back of the Registration Certificate is blank.

2. THE "NEW OWNER"

The new owner is an individual who has purchased a dog from the registered owner. The new owner may enter the dog one time provided that the Bill of Sale portion of the Registration Certificate (purple or yellow) is completely filled out showing the new owner as the purchaser and the registered owner as the seller.

The registered owner is listed as owner and the new owner as handler for the event. New owners may not enter using the registered owner's UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

In the event that the back portion of the Registration Certificate is not completely filled out, entry takers must insist that the new owner complete it. The new owner should be warned that they must send the Registration Certificate to UKC for transfer into their name. Once warned, club management has the right to refuse entry at following events. Altered Registration Certificates or UKC Easy Entry™ Cards are not to be accepted at any time. NOTE: The Registered Owner (seller) must fill out the back of the Registration Certificate completely, with the exception of new owner's signature. With any alterations the Registration Certificate becomes void. UKC cannot be responsible for errors caused by illegible handwriting.

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR HUNTS

Three different ways to enter. Submit any of the following to entry takers.

1. Registration Certificate.

2. UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

3. Dogs may be entered in a UKC Beagle event as "pending" only if the Beagle is registered the day of the event in which they wish

to enter, or if single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club within 45 days prior to the date of the event they wish to enter. Once permanent registration papers are received by registered owner, that dog can no longer be entered as pending.

Warning! - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's owners are in accordance with those kept by UKC.

Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by the owners of these dogs concerning the dog's degree.

If it is found that the owner's records were in error, and the dog had not fulfilled the requirements for a Championship title, all points attained by that dog in the higher level will be considered void.

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR BENCH SHOWS

All owners or handlers wishing to enter a Beagle Bench Show, must meet one of the following requirements in addition to meeting proof-of-registration requirements.

- 1. The dog must have 50 championship points from the hunt portion of a previous UKC Licensed Beagle Event.**
2. The dog must have been entered in, and completed the full 90 minutes or *the designated first round cast time* in the hunt portion of the UKC Licensed Beagle Event the day of the show or be scratched by the Judge. Dogs withdrawn by handler or scratched or any action deemed to be an intentional scratch are not eligible to be shown that day.

It will be the club's responsibility, as part of their entry procedure, to see that the above requirements are met. Championship points receipts may be required by the club as proof before entry is accepted.

WARNING

No copies of Registration Certificates, Pedigrees, Championship, Grand Championship or UKC Easy Entry™ Cards will be accepted.

United Kennel Club will withdraw points for any dogs if it is learned that the proper papers were not presented to the entry takers. Anyone caught placing UKC registration papers on another dog will be barred from registration and/or participation in UKC licensed events.

Clubs not requiring the proper papers risk losing approval to conduct future UKC licensed events.

UKC Easy Entry™ Card

Revised January 1, 1999

For years, participants and club officials requested a simpler, more efficient way to enter dogs at UKC licensed events. Some feared loss or damage to their valuable papers and others forgot to bring the proper papers resulting in their inability to enter the event. United Kennel Club devised a means to solve these problems – the UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

At no additional charge, UKC will mail, along with the UKC Registration Certificate and Pedigree, the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card may be used in place of the Registration Certificate (Bill of Sale) when entering UKC licensed events. Updated cards will also be mailed, along with the Championship Degree, to the Registered Owner without charge, each time the dog earns a new UKC title.

Registered owners may still enter their dogs on their UKC Registration Certificate (Bill of Sale) if they wish.

NOTE: UKC Easy Entry™ Cards are not transferable. Only the Registered Owner, whose name appears on the front of the card, or their Handler having in their possession the UKC Easy Entry™ Card will gain entry with the card. Once a new Easy Entry™ Card is received, the old one is void.

The UKC Easy Entry™ Card must be signed by the Registered Owner whose name appears on the front of the card before it can be used to enter a dog in a UKC licensed or authorized event. Should there be any question that the individual is not the same, request additional identification.

Additional Easy Entry™ cards are available for a fee from the Registration Department for dual ownership situations.

Requirements for New Clubs

Please read the following outline of requirements carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Field Operations.

The club name submitted to United Kennel Club will be considered your club's official name and will be utilized by UKC unless otherwise notified by your club in writing and signed by at least three officers of the club. We should be informed *immediately* of the specific location where licensed events will be held, along with the names, complete addresses and tele-

phone numbers of new officers, and particularly the corresponding officer following each election.

1. Additional club requirements:
 - a. UKC recommends a membership that includes enough active members to properly conduct a large event without relying on outside help.
 - b. Constitution and bylaws must be submitted (sample copy available upon request.)
 - c. UKC rules and policies and your local laws must be followed at UKC licensed events. A statement to this effect *must* be included in the constitution and bylaws.
 - d. The club must provide a complete membership list of all the active members.
2. Rules concerning dates for UKC licensed events:
 - a. Notify Field Operations at least five months in advance of dates you prefer. A maximum of seven dates are allowed.
 - b. UKC will mail a confirmation form, confirming your club's dates approximately four months prior to the event, to your club's corresponding officer. It must be completed and returned by the date indicated on the form. Incomplete forms, late forms or failure to include proper fees will result in no license being granted. Be sure the form is complete, and on time! **No** exceptions will be made to this policy. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE CONFIRMATION FORM. THE INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO SUPPLY THE DATE FOR THE "UPCOMING EVENTS LIST." THE INFORMATION MUST BE GIVEN FOR THE EVENT SO IT WILL APPEAR IN COON- HOUND BLOODLINES, OR UKC CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED.**
3. Suggestions for successful events:
 - a. Practice or "buddy" hunts should be conducted to familiarize members with the UKC Honor Rules.
 - b. Contact your state corporation office in order to make the club a non-profit corporation.
 - c. It is suggested that you purchase a liability insurance policy before conducting events.
 - d. Periodic rule seminars should be held to update members on rule changes.
 - e. Appoint separate committees for all aspects of your event Committees for the hunt, Bench Show, kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and ensure success.
 - f. Do not accept late entries! Doing so will void all

entries at your UKC licensed event.

g. Read *COONHOUND BLOODLINES*, www.ukcdogs.com and *American Beagler* magazines for updates in UKC rules and policies.

h. Contact Beagle Field Operations with any questions pertaining to your club or its events.

Any advertising your club wishes to do in a publication is optional and does *not* cover the requirements for obtaining a license in accordance with UKC policy.

Titles of Excellence from UKC and Requirements to Earn Them

**Revised January 1, 2009*

The rules, regulations, classifications, classes and Championship points as recognized by United Kennel Club are uniform throughout the United States and Canada. They are not given on a local or geographical basis.

The degrees of excellence as issued and recognized by the United Kennel Club, Inc. are:

1. UKC PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPION (PCH)

The official UKC points awarded in the Registered portion of a UKC licensed hunt are as follows:

PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
1st	40	6th	15
2nd	35	7th	10
3rd	30	8th	5
4th	25	9th	5
5th	20	10th	5

To be declared an official Performance Pack Champion, a dog must have at least 100 UKC points recorded on the records at a Performance Pack event in the UKC Championship Office and have at least one first place win in a UKC licensed Hunt. Additionally a dog must pass one certification test.

***After having completed the requirements for the Performance Pack Champion degree (PCH), a hound has 30 days in which to complete his certification for Championship. During that 30 days, the hound may continue to participate in UKC licensed events in the Registered category. After 30 days, the hound is no longer eligible to compete in the Registered division and may not participate in UKC licensed events until it has been certified and is eligible to move up to the Champion class.**

This policy is set forth to accommodate those who finish immediately prior to a major

event and do not have time to certify. However, it also prohibits dogs who fail to certify from staying in the lower ranks to accumulate points.

2. PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPION CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Purpose: The purpose of certifying Performance Pack Champions is to insure that each Performance Pack Champion is able to strike, jump and circle a rabbit with no assistance from a pack. It is also to assure that the dog is not gun-shy. The test must not be for more than one hour (not including time outs), unless a strike occurs within the last four minutes of the certification. There must be two licensed Performance Pack judges to conduct a certification.

- 1.** The Certification judges shall carry-out the certification procedure in the same manner as Performance Pack competition in respect to the conduct of owners, handlers and spectators. Certification may take place:
 - A.** Certification on a specific date is permissible if advertised in the magazine in the month proceeding the certification or is posted on the Internet where it is publicly accessible at least 30 days prior to the certification date. The date, time and location for the certification must be listed.
 - B.** Certification may be held during, or at the close of a licensed Performance Pack event. It must be publicly announced at the event.
- 2.** All hounds that are present at the certification shall be drawn in random order. Any dogs arriving after the draw will be added to the end of the list and will be certified if time permits. The hound's owner or handler must present to the judges the necessary paperwork to show that the dog is eligible for certification.
- 3.** The number of dogs tested simultaneously solely depends on the number of judges available to test the dogs. If certifications are going on simultaneously, they must be done at distances great enough not to interfere with each other.
- 4.** A licensed Judge cannot be involved in the certification testing of his/her own dog or a dog that he/she has owned within the past 6 months. They may not test a dog owned by a member of their immediate family or household
- 5.** The dog must hunt by itself with no assistance.

Once the dog is turned loose, one judge will stay within sight of the dog and will judge this dog under the same criteria as a Performance Pack event. Although a high score does not matter in certification, three minuses will fail the dog. Once a chase is started, the second judge will remain in the area that the chase began and look for the rabbit. If the rabbit is seen, judges should communicate between themselves and attempt to get to the area of the marked line, however it is not necessary that the judges see the rabbit. Once one or both of the judges see the dog trail through the area that the rabbit was seen or where it is likely that the rabbit was (after complete circle) a blank pistol is to be fired in the air at a reasonable distance from the dog. If the dog shows no signs of being gun-shy, they are to be certified. If the dog shows sign of being gun-shy, they are to be failed.

6. In the case that a judge, handler or spectator inadvertently jumps a rabbit, no dog is to be turned into that track. Judges may choose to move a reasonable distance from that track and let the dog "find the track on its own".

Handlers and Spectators: Handlers and spectators may be present during the certification process. Handlers nor spectators are not to encourage dogs in any way nor shall they interfere with the certification process. Once the rabbit is jumped, a handler essentially becomes a spectator.

Time Outs: Time out may be called by the judges for the following reasons.

- A. When dogs are getting on highway, trail onto posted land or trail into a place where there is danger to dogs or hunters.
- B. When other hunters get too close. If dogs get with another group of dogs.
- C. If new ground must be found to finish test.
- D. In case of accident or sickness.
- E. If cast becomes lost.

All dogs are to given the full hour to find their own rabbit, completely circle the rabbit and be fired over. If at any time before the one hour expires the dog completes this criteria the test is to stop and the dog is to be certified. A dog is not required to hunt the complete 60 minutes if they certify before the completion of the hour. All Performance Pack rules are to be followed by the judges and if a dog accumulates 3 minuses or are scratched in accordance with the Performance Pack rules they are to fail the certifica-

tion. The decision to pass or fail a dog is to be unanimous by both judges.

Fees and Forms: The owner/handler must pay a \$10 fee to have his/her hound tested for certification. \$5 of this fee is kept by the host club and \$5 is to go to the certifying judges. All forms must be completely filled out and presented to the certifying judges before the certification begins. At the conclusion of the test both judges are to sign the form and mark either pass or fail. A copy of this certification will be sent to United Kennel Club, Inc.

Any Judge found to be in violation of UKC Performance Pack running or Certification rules will be subject to sanctions by United Kennel Club, Inc.

2. UKC SHOW CHAMPION (CH) - The following points and classes have been established for the placement of a UKC registered dog in order to earn Show Championship points.

Definition of Classes: Males and females are shown separately except in the Best of Winners, Champion, and Grand Champion categories.

Puppy Class: Shall be dogs at least six months of age and under one year of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Junior Class: Shall be for dogs one year of age and under two years of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Senior Class: Shall be for dogs two years of age and under three years of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Veteran Class: Shall be for dogs three years of age and over. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Best Male and Female: Shall be selected from the winners of the puppy, junior, senior and veteran classes. Best Male and Best Female will be awarded 15 points.

Best of Winners: Shall be awarded to the winner of Best Male shown against Best Female. The winner will be known as Best of Winners and will be awarded ten points. **If no competition in Best of Winners class, Best of Winners points will be withheld.**

Points Awarded:

First in Class - Males - 10 points

First in Class - Females - 10 points

Best Male - 15 points

Best Female - 15 points

Best of Winners - 10 points

Qualifications for Show Champion: A Show Champion will be a dog that has earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win with competition while showing for Best Male or Best Female. Points must have been earned under at least three different UKC licensed Show Judges. Champion Males and Females are shown together and a Championship win will be awarded to the winner.

3. GRAND PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPION (GRPCH) - Earned by winning five Performance Pack Champion events at a UKC licensed hunt. In this portion of the event, only Performance Pack Champions compete against other Performance Pack Champions.

The number of dogs awarded Performance Pack Champion wins toward their GRPCH degree will be based on the number of Champions entered in the event.

# Of PCH's Entered	# Of Dogs Given PCH Placements
1 - 20	1
21 - 40	2
41 & Over	3

Placements will only be given to Performance Pack Champions who are cast winners, with plus points scored. For example, in an event in which there are 45 Performance Pack Champions entered, the three highest scoring Performance Pack Champion cast winners would be given wins toward their GRPCH Champion degree.

In case of a two-day hunt, when calculating the number of Performance Pack Champions entered, each day is counted separately.

4. GRAND SHOW CHAMPION (GR CH) - A Grand Show Champion will be a dog that has won five Champion classes under at least three different UKC licensed Show Judges. Winning may be over a period of years at any UKC licensed show. Degree of Grand Show Champion will be awarded to the registered owner. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together.

BEST OF BREED (SHOW)

Immediately following the Grand Champion class, Best of Breed will be judged. Best of Breed will consist of the Best of Winners, Champion of Champions and the Grand Champion winner. The winner of this class will be awarded "Best of Breed" for the day's show. No additional championship points will be awarded for this class, only Total Dog points.

NOTE: A dog is not an official Champion or a Grand Champion until the records of the dog in the UKC Registration Office indicate same.

Upcoming UKC Licensed Events

In an effort to aid clubs and provide one complete source of upcoming event advertising information, UKC requires that a club provide UKC with complete information about their events. The information will then appear in the free event list, also known as "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events."

This information appears each month in *COON-HOUND BLOODLINES*, www.ukcdogs.com and *American Beagler*, listing all UKC licensed events for the following month. Information on July events will appear in the June issue.

"Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" contains the following information: location, directions, date, licensed events held, closing times, entry fees, and who to contact and their phone number.

The information is organized first by state and then by date within that state.

Club secretaries should read the article, "Club Officer's Guidelines for Conducting UKC Events."

The "Upcoming Events" listing is the final authority. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, then the Upcoming Events list is considered correct and what the club must go by.

Example:

MICHIGAN

MI, Kalamazoo; Kalamazoo Co. Beagle Club; follow I-94 north to N Westnedge exit; turn right; 1/2 mile to club. Contact Bob Jones (269) 555-1234.

Jan. 14 SHOW 12:00 p.m. \$6. HUNT 8:00 a.m. CH. & GR. 12:00 p.m. \$10.

Explanation of Example

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Kalamazoo Co. Beagle Club, on January 14, 2006, will be having a Beagle Bench Show and Hunt. The deadline for entry for the Bench Show is 12:00 p.m. and the entry fee is \$6. The Hunt deadline is 8:00 a.m. for taking Registered entries and 12:00 p.m. for Champions and Grand Champions entries. The Hunt entry fee is \$10.

Awards at UKC Licensed Events

No cash prizes may be awarded without the permission of the United Kennel Club, Inc.

Club Officers Guidelines for Conducting UKC Events

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I. Scheduling Your UKC Dates:

- A. Contact the Beagle Field Operations Department at the United Kennel Club at the following address to determine if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event: Beagle Field Operations/United Kennel Club, Inc., 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584, (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com. This must be done to see if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event.

To avoid conflicts, no two Beagle clubs will be scheduled within 100 miles. UKC endeavors to maintain the same dates for your licensed club events from year to year; however, they may vary a week or so, depending on the change in the calendar. Be sure to check the dates indicated on the Confirmation. These dates cannot be changed without approval from United Kennel Club. UKC will mail the Confirmation to your corresponding officer approximately four months prior to your event. If there is any question about your dates, contact the Field Operations office immediately. Clubs or organizations cannot advertise their events until they have received a Confirmation of their requested date from the United Kennel Club, Inc.

- B. Request for additional club dates must be made with ample time to meet Upcoming Events publication requirements. (Allow at least 90 days prior to the event). A maximum of three dates for UKC licensed events will be granted for the first probationary year, thereafter a maximum of 7 dates will be granted.
- C. A club may not change the location of an event without contacting UKC at least 90 days prior to the event. UKC reserves the right to grant or deny approval.
- D. When the Confirmation is received by the corresponding officer, they must fill out all the requested information on the front. If all information is not included no license will be granted. Make sure that the Officer's List contains the correct names, addresses and phone numbers of the club's officers. Return one copy of the Invoice/Confirmation with the Officer's List (if there are changes) and the proper fee two months prior to the event by the first of the

month. Provided the completed confirmation is received on time, your event will then be listed free in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* and *American Beagler* magazines the month before the event is to be held. **If the confirmation is not received by the deadline, the date will not be held for the next year unless UKC is contacted.**

1. Fees

- a. Hunt\$25
- b. Bench Show\$15

2. Checks or money orders for fees are to be made payable to the United Kennel Club, Inc. and mailed along with UKC's copy of the confirmation.

E. Advertising Your Event.

1. Advertising other than that appearing in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* and *American Beagler* free upcoming events listing is recommended but not required.

2. If club does decide to advertise, the information in the advertisement must be the same as the information in the Upcoming Events listing. The "Upcoming Events" listing is the final authority. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, then the Upcoming Events list is considered correct and what the club must go by.

II. How to Conduct your UKC Licensed Event.

A. License and Event Supplies:

- 1. The license and supplies will be mailed approximately four (4) weeks prior to the event.
- 2. Upon receipt of the package, the corresponding officer should check to make sure they have received all needed materials. If not, contact UKC immediately at (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com.
- 3. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact Field Operations immediately at (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com.

B. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Bench Show Judge has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in their possession, DO NOT schedule them to judge the event. You have the right to request to see the license or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event without a current license, the club will be responsible and may

lose approved status for future UKC licensed events. This policy will be rigidly enforced. If you have difficulty obtaining a licensed individual to judge your event, contact Field Operations for assistance. Please confirm the status of the license well in advance of the event.

C. Things to do the Day of the Event:

- 1 Post legible signs at all major intersections directing participants to your club.
- 2 Post license and "Entering Dogs" in UKC Licensed Event Sheet.
- 3 Post entry deadline time and deadline for return of scorecards.
4. Club is responsible for having an adequate number of Licensed judges on hand.

D. Taking Entries: Carefully follow the procedures outlined under the "Master of Hounds Guidelines" and "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events".

E. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC:

1. Complete the Official UKC report forms. Be sure that the UKC number, Sire and Dam information, the registered owner's name, handler's name and address for each is correct. Use dog's complete registered name on reports since this information will be published.
2. The completed report forms are then to be checked and signed by all required individuals. Hunt Report Forms must be signed by the Master of Hounds and at least two officers of the club (not less than three different persons). Bench Show Report Forms must be signed by the Bench Show Judge and at least two officers of the club (not less than three different persons). **Three signatures are required.** Each person signing a report should review it thoroughly. Their signature indicates that they have done so and that the information is correct.
3. Clubs must retain their copies of their reports in addition to the scorecards for a period of one year. The Master of Hounds or Bench Show Judge must also keep their copy of the reports for one year.
4. Completed and signed reports are then to be returned to UKC's Championship Department, along with a fee of \$1.50 for each dog entered in each licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due.

The club will be responsible for following the above rules. Failure to do so will result in the loss of approval of future licensed events and winning placements may be affected.

THE LOCAL CLUB MANAGEMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY DOG OR HANDLER. HOWEVER, NO HANDLER SHALL BE BARRED ON BASIS OF RELIGION, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR SEX.

ANY PERSON CAUGHT ADMINISTERING UNPRESCRIBED DRUGS TO ANY DOG WILL BE BARRED FOR LIFE FROM REGISTERING DOGS AND PARTICIPATING IN UKC EVENTS.

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, GAMBLING OR UNPRESCRIBED DRUGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE HUNT OR IN THE BUILDINGS THE DAY OF A UKC LICENSED EVENT.

PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPIONS, GRAND PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPIONS:

Each hunt must have a Champion and Grand Champion cast offered. Champion and Grand casts may utilize a separate hunt entry deadline, provided it is listed in accordance with Rule 22. A Performance Pack Champion or Grand Champion cannot hunt in open competition. They must hunt in own class, not lower.

Scratched for Fighting

— UKC Policy

Revised January 1, 1999

“UKC will notify the owners of dogs “Scratched for Fighting” after the dog has been Scratched for Fighting twice within a two (2) year period. The third time a dog is Scratched for Fighting within two (2) years, the dog is barred from participating in UKC events for two (2) years.”

When three (3) reports — Bench Show or Hunt have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been “Scratched for Fighting” or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: The reports will be checked to see if they have been properly certified by (1) Judge of the cast, (2) the Master of Hounds or Bench Show Judge and (3) two different officers of the club. If the reports are properly signed-off, the registered owner of the dog will be sent a certified letter advising them of the dates and the names of the clubs that have reported their dog “Scratched for Fighting.” The name of the

dog, the registered owner's name, address and the time barred for fighting will be published in *COON-HOUND BLOODLINES* and *American Beagler* magazine. They will be requested to return their UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by a specific date (approximately 30 days). The Registration Certificate will be stamped BARRED FOR FIGHTING UNTIL _____. It will then be sent back to the registered owner. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be retained by UKC. The dog will be barred for two (2) years from the date of the third "Scratched for Fighting" offense. At the end of two (2) year period, the registered owner of the dog can return the Registration Certificate, along with the proper fee, to the UKC Registration Office for the issuance of a new Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card. All reference to fighting will be removed, and the dog will once again be allowed to enter UKC licensed events.

If the owner of the dog does not send in the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by the deadline indicated in the notification letter, the following actions will be taken.

1. Transfer of ownership will not be allowed.
2. The dog will not be allowed to be used in a breeding program. No litters will be registered where the dog is the sire or dam.
3. The dog will be barred from receiving any UKC Championship Points.

If the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card is returned after the notification deadline they will be reviewed on an individual basis as to what actions will be taken.

Dogs already reported as "Scratched for Fighting" will still retain their records.

United Kennel Club has the right to inspect all reports, scorecards and documents of UKC events and to review those documents for any reason. Some, but not all, of the items reviewed are: A) scores; B) dogs scratched for fighting; C) errors by the recording person; and D) documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found.

Even though the report or other documentation might not have the signatures of a Judge of a cast or the Master of Hounds, UKC reserves the right unto itself to make the necessary corrections and adjustments in line with our Inherent Rights and Powers.

Dogs entered in UKC Beagle Hunts
cannot be muzzled

Attention All Clubs!

No licenses will be granted for UKC events if the confirmation form is not completed properly. Clubs often fail to complete the form, thus requiring a phone call from the Field Operations office in order to obtain the information by the magazine deadline.

No phone calls will be made in the future. Letters may be written to obtain information if time permits. However, if complete information is not received by the 1st of the month preceding the month of the event, no license will be issued!

If you are a club officer, please make note of this policy. Confirmations are mailed four months in advance of the event. There is ample time to properly complete the form and return it before the deadline.

Typical omissions on the confirmation form are:

Failure to list the contact person's name and phone number.

Deadline times of the events and entry fees to be charged.

Club officer's names, addresses and phone numbers. Remember, no licenses will be granted if the form is not complete.

You may direct your questions, concerning this policy to:

**Beagle Field Operations • (269) 343-9020
UNITED KENNEL CLUB, INC.**

**100 East Kilgore Rd • Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584
www.ukcdogs.com • hounds@ukcdogs.com**

Club Officers Guidelines for Registering Beagles at UKC Events

The registration process has been approved for Beagle events in an effort to provide a service to hunters all across the country. This process will benefit the hunter by allowing him to initiate the registration process at Beagle events. It will also benefit your club by bringing many new people to the club to register dogs, as well as building a larger base of registered dogs, which the club will draw to licensed events.

Dogs may be pre-registered in the morning and then run in the Registered portion of the hunt. Upon entry, the dogs UKC number should be listed as pending. All dogs registered at the club level are subject to final approval at United Kennel Club, Inc.

Dogs may be pre-registered at events by following the outline below:

1. One club member should be responsible for

single registering dogs. The more hands that are involved in the process, the greater the chance of confusion.

- II. The first thing you need to do is to take one picture of each side of the dog (two pictures total). It is acceptable for the club to charge each individual registering a dog for the cost of the film. They should be made aware of this prior to registering the dog.
- III. While the dog is being posed for pictures, take a height measurement of the dog. Dogs must be measured at the withers with the legs directly under the dog. The dog should not be allowed to slouch, neither should he be made to stand on his toes. Only those dogs measuring 15 inches and under are eligible for registration.
- IV. The owner of the dog must completely fill out the registration application. Ancestry that is not known may be omitted and will be referred to as open on the pedigree. Be sure to have them answer the questions on the back of the application.
- V. Collect the fee that is due and issue the individual a receipt for their payment. The club may wish to purchase a receipt book for this purpose. The single registration fee is listed in the upper right hand corner of the registration application. It will become the club's responsibility to forward all applications along with the proper fee to UKC. This may be sent along with the club's hunt report following the event. For your protection, please transfer all cash received into the form of a check or money order prior to mailing.
This process allows the hunter a chance to receive an application, have pictures taken, have the application approved by a club officer and sent into the UKC office for them. With a minimal effort on behalf of the hunter and the club, another dog will soon be eligible to compete in licensed Hunting Beagle events.

Please forward any questions regarding the pre-registration process to the Beagle Field Operations department at United Kennel Club Inc.

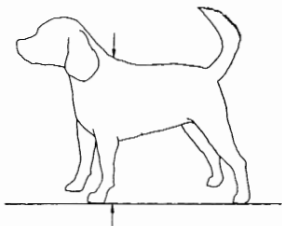
Measuring Hounds

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The act of measuring hounds is important in two different situations at all UKC Hunting Beagle events. First, the owners of all hounds to be single registered the day of the event, must indicate on the back of the

registration application, the height of the dog to be registered. If the owner knows in advance the height of his/her dog, they may simply indicate this on the back of the application. If the owner does not know the height of the dog in question, the club member handling single registration will be responsible for measuring the dog.

Second, all hounds except those that are permanently measured must be measured the day of the event prior to entry of hunt or show. Those hounds measuring over 15 inches will not be eligible to be hunted or shown that day. If a hound meets the measurement requirement in the morning prior to the hunt, that same hound need not be measured in the afternoon for the show. The owner/handler of a hound that is measured over 15 inches by one of the entry takers, may appeal to have the hound measured by the Master of Hounds or Bench Show Judge. Their decisions are final.



A drop bar type measuring stand or a rigid, one piece, wicket-type stand set for 15 inches are both acceptable types of measuring devices. A tape measure is not an acceptable means of measuring dogs at events. Dogs must be measured at ground level. The height of the dog is the distance from the ground to the top of the shoulders or withers. This point at the top of the shoulders is where the neck appears to meet the shoulders. The dog's legs should be directly under him and not leaning forward or backward. The owner/handler may assist in posing the dog and steadying him. No physical alterations may be made to dogs to comply with height restrictions.

Bench Show Information ...

UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules

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1. A UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show is a distinctive gathering of UKC registered Beagles and their owners for the purpose of determining the winners and making an official record of such winnings.

Only UKC registered dogs compete in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Non-registered dogs cannot be entered in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show.

2. UKC licensed shows **MUST** appear in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* and *American Beagler* in order for the event to be approved and Championship points awarded. Events must be listed in the issue published the month before the event is held, i.e. – February events will be listed in January.
3. The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be barred on basis of religion, race,color, national origin, age or sex.
4. No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for **any** reason. The show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.
5. The registration certificate (purple or yellow) or Easy Entry™ Card must be presented to the entry taker(s) to enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. These rules are to be strictly followed. Clubs found to be accepting Bench Show entries without the registration certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card could lose the right to hold UKC licensed events. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events" found elsewhere in this rulebook.
6. Dogs may be entered in the Champion or Grand Champion portions of a UKC licensed event when the registration certificate is presented along with the Championship or Grand Championship degree or UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The Championship degree is not required if the registration certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card indicates the Championship.
7. No copies of a registration certificate, pedigree, championship degree, or UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be accepted.
8. Only one UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge shall judge a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. A panel of Judges cannot be used. The Judge will follow the rules and regulations covering the show, and sign the official UKC report for show winners and award Championship points. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Beagle Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). The Judge must sign the report immediately following the show so that the officers of the club may sign.
9. The Judge's decision is final. Any exhibitor entering dogs in any show is, in effect, asking the Judge for their personal opinion and decision. Any exhibitor

may question the Judge concerning their decision at the time the decision is made, after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor's dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsman-like manner. It is suggested that the Judges give oral comments after selection of Best Male/Best Female winners and above.

10. **If a dog is shown in the wrong class, no Championship points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the owner to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class.** Dogs must compete in each class as they advance unless scratched by the Bench Show Judge. The handler may not withdraw the dog at any point throughout the show, except for health reasons. Dogs withdrawn for health reasons will be subject to verification by a licensed veterinarian.
11. **Notice** - Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a Grand Champion may be entered in the next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by the United Kennel Club.
Warning! - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's owner are in accordance with those kept by UKC
Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by the owners of these dogs concerning the dog's degree.
If it is found that the owner's records were in error, and the dog had not fulfilled the requirements for Championship title, all points attained by that dog in the higher level will be considered void.
12. Receipts shall be issued to Class Winners, Best Male and Female (Registered), Best of Winners (Registered), Champion of Champions, and Grand Champion. These receipts are for your personal records and do not replace the official report.
13. The Judge shall have the right to disqualify any owner or handler for misconduct, or any dog for growling, snapping or fighting. If a dog is disqualified for growling, snapping and fighting, it must be reported and sent along with the Bench Show report to UKC Read detailed policy "*Disqualified for Fighting - UKC Beagle Bench Show Policy,*" elsewhere in the rulebook.
14. Any person intimidating, threatening or injuring a Bench Show participant, Judge, club officer or UKC representative, will be barred for one year up to life from any UKC licensed event. Details on this particular rule can be found elsewhere in the rulebook.

15. Any person caught administering unprescribed drugs to any dog will be barred for life from registering dogs and participating in UKC events.
16. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, unprescribed drugs or gambling will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in the show or in the buildings during the hours of the event.
17. Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.
18. It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog is not shown due to neglect of the owner or handler, there is no way to enter that particular dog in that show.
19. Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.
20. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.
21. Handlers are responsible for their conduct and personal appearance.
22. Dogs must be benched. The bench on which the dogs shall be shown must be two (2) feet high and eighteen (18) inches wide with the top covered with indoor/outdoor carpeting or some similar non-slip surface. (Dogs stand well on rough material while they tend to "cow down" on a slippery or smooth surface). Individual benches of a minimum length of 44 inches are recommended. If the benches do not meet these standards, the Judge shall still allow the show to be held, but should instruct the club to correct the problem and notify UKC that the benches do not meet the standards.
23. A Bench Show report shall be filled out and signed by two club officers and the Bench Show Judge. A total of **three different signatures** are required. One copy shall be retained by the club for one year, one copy by the Judge and one copy sent to UKC. The host club and Judge are responsible for the report being accurate, neat and properly filled out, showing the complete names of the dogs, correct UKC registration numbers, sire and dam information, names of owners and handlers and their addresses. The United Kennel Club, Inc., accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.

24. The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report and the fee of \$1.50 per dog entered in the Bench Show to UKC **Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten days of the event or a penalty fee of \$20 will be charged.** An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are 30 days past due.
25. Dogs shall not be judged on handlers showmanship.
26. No grooming devices (such as combs, brushes, cleaning cloths) are to be used while dog is on the bench.
27. Baiting of dogs is not allowed in show rings.
28. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.
29. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.
30. Dogs will be disqualified if male is castrated or female is spayed.
31. A male is disqualified if monorchid or cryptorchid (lacking two normal descended testicles in the scrotum.)
32. A dog is disqualified if it is deaf or blind.
33. A dog is disqualified if over 15 inches in height.
34. A dog is disqualified if overshot or undershot.
35. Dogs will be evaluated both while gaited and shown on the bench.
36. The organization holding the UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show, in addition to UKC Championship points, may award whatever prize or prizes it sees fit for the winner. **No money will be given as a prize at a UKC licensed Bench Show.**

Bench Shows — Point System

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DEFINITION OF CLASSES: Males and females are shown separately except in the Best of Winners, Champion and Grand Champion categories.

PUPPY CLASS: Shall be dogs at least six months of age and under one year of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

JUNIOR CLASS: Shall be for dogs one year of age and under two years of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

SENIOR CLASS: Shall be for dogs two years of age

and under three years of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

VETERAN CLASS: Shall be for dogs three years of age and over. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

BEST MALE AND FEMALE: Shall be selected from the winners of the puppy, junior, senior and veteran classes. Best Male and Best Female will be awarded 15 points.

BEST OF WINNERS: Shall be awarded to the winner of Best Male shown against Best Female. The winner will be known as Best of Winners and will be awarded ten points. If no competition in Best of Winners class, Best of Winners points will be withheld.

First in Class — Male	10 points
First in Class — Female	10 points
Best Male	15 points
Best Female	15 points
Best of Winners	10 points

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SHOW CHAMPION: A show Champion will be a dog that has earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win with competition while showing for Best Male or Best Female. Points must have been earned under at least three different UKC Licensed Show Judges. Male and Female Show Champions are shown together.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRAND SHOW CHAMPION: A Grand Show Champion will be a dog having won five Champion classes under at least three different UKC Licensed Show Judges. Winning may be over a period of years at any UKC Licensed Show. Degree of Grand Show Champion will be awarded to the registered owner. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEST OF BREED: Best of Breed will consist of the Best of Winners, Champion of Champions and the Grand Champion winner. The winner of this class will be awarded “Best of Breed” for the days show. No additional championship points will be awarded for this class, only Total Dog Points.



Requirements and Procedures for Becoming a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge

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Persons interested in becoming a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge should: 1) complete the application and test (available upon request from Field Operations); 2) application and test is then returned by applicant to UKC, along with license fee. If applicant passes application and test, they will then be sent three apprentice forms.

1. The applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality, and their interest in the improvement of the Beagle breed. **The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.**
2. Applicants shall have reached their twenty-first (21) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.
3. Applicants must know the Official UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules.
4. Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.
5. Applicants must know the official UKC Beagle breed standard and also the point system for each part of the dog's anatomy.
6. The applicants must know and understand the anatomy of the dogs they are judging.
7. Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended in writing by officers of the club. At least three officers of the club must sign the UKC application form.
8. Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three different UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judges, and be recommended by them.

EXCEPTIONS:

Existing UKC Licensed Bench Show Judges will be grandfathered in as Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judges by simply submitting the Beagle Bench Show Judges test. No applications need to be filed, and there will be no additional fee.

Approved Beagle clubs may grandfather in as a licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge, one individual who is not currently a UKC Licensed Show Judge. The

individual that the club is sponsoring will need to fill out an application, take the written exam, and submit both of these with the fee of \$10. This individual will not be required to go through the apprentice program. Only one individual per club may be grandfathered in as a new Judge.

9. The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and **not** be influenced by who the owner or handler is.
 10. The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.
 11. No applicant for a UKC Beagle Bench Show Judge's license will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.
 12. Each applicant must pass a test to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge. A test must be passed biannually in order to renew a Bench Show Judge's license.
 13. The Judge's license is \$15, and once acquired is valid indefinitely.
 14. All licenses for UKC Beagle Bench Show Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club, Inc.
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UKC Beagle Bench Show Judges Authority and Responsibilities

AUTHORITY

The UKC Hunting Beagle Program not only encourages dogs to be hunted in our UKC events, it is required that they hunt in order to show, at least until they acquire 50 championship hunt points. Bench Show Judges should pay particular attention not to penalize a dog that has been hunted. A Hunting Beagle shown on the bench should be in field ready condition and have the strength and endurance to compete according to the Hunting Beagle rules.

1. The Judge is in charge of the show, and their decisions are final.
2. A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action. A Judge has the right to

request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

3. Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship points if, in their opinion, there is not a dog submitted that qualifies or meets the UKC Official Breed Standard.
4. A Judge may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show is over and winners are announced. They have the right to refuse.
5. Judge has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Judge must be UKC licensed for the year in which they are judging and should have their current Judge's card with them at the time of the show. No Championship points will be awarded otherwise.
2. Neither UKC Judges nor apprentice Judges are to enter their dogs in any UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show that they are judging in whole or in part. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler. Nor can any member of a Judge's or apprentice Judge's immediate family show under that Judge.
3. A UKC Judge is responsible for their own conduct and appearance, which should always be becoming to a Judge.
4. A newly approved Judge cannot have an apprentice serve under them until they have judged at least one show.
5. No more than one apprentice can serve under a Judge at a show.
6. UKC Judges are to keep up-to-date on any changes in the standards.
7. Judge must see that all handlers walk or gait dogs. Dogs must be gaited for Judge to determine to what degree each dog conforms to breed standard. Dogs must be evaluated equally when gaited and shown on the bench.
8. Judge shall have handler open dog's mouth for Judge to check dog's bite (for dog's health reasons).
9. Judge must physically check all dogs bone structure and conformation.
10. Judge will remove from the bench any female dog in season.
11. A Judge shall give equal time in examining each

dog they are judging. Every dog warrants a Judge's complete inspection.

12. Judge shall not ask individual handling dog: (1) who owns dog; (2) who dog was purchased from; or (3) what line the dog is out of while judging the dog.
13. A Judge shall not remove an "off" standard dog from the bench. The Judge will deduct points from the "off" standard dog in making their ultimate decision, unless it is a disqualifying fault. In that case, the dog is not to be considered for judging. If a Judge determines a dog to have a disqualifying fault, they should submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the fault along with the show report.
14. Judge shall not carry on conversations with spectators while show is in progress. Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.
15. The Judge must accurately report their decisions to the recording secretary.
16. The Judge must complete and sign the Official Show Report Forms for Championship points immediately following the show. Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant, the Bench Show Judge and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC's copy within ten days or a penalty charge of \$20 per month will be made.
*Please note that the *yellow copy* is a personal receipt for the participant and is perforated for convenience. Receipts shall be issued to Class Winners, Best Male and Female (Registered), Best of Winners (Registered), Champion of Champions and Grand Champion.
17. The Judge must never sign blank show report forms or receipts.
18. If the Judge is also an officer of the club whose event they are judging, two other officers' signatures are also required on the Official Show Report.
19. UKC has the right to suspend or revoke any Judge's license.

UKC Beagle Bench Show Procedures (A Guideline for Judges)

To standardize the procedures of a Bench Show, and to avoid inconsistencies and errors, the following procedure has been provided.

When the Bench Show Judge arrives at the club grounds, they should remind each person taking entries for the show, of the requirements for accepting entries. *Remember, the UKC Registration Certificate (Bill of Sale) or UKC Easy Entry™ Card must be presented. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events," in this rulebook.*

Only dogs with permanent papers or those pending final registration approval shall be accepted for entry. No entries shall be taken after the published closing time. There are no exceptions. *The points will not be honored if either of these rules are violated.*

Two club officers, along with the Beagle Bench Show Judge, must sign the report. A total of three different individuals' signatures are required. You, as the Judge, are responsible for the rules being enforced and the correct information being sent to the United Kennel Club.

The following procedure and sequence of judging UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Shows must be followed at all events.

1. (A) Judge male Puppy Class (six months of age and under one year)
(B) Judge male Junior Class (one year and under two years)
(C) Judge male Senior Class (two years and under three years)
(D) Judge male Veteran Class (three years and older)
(E) Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Male.
2. (A) Judge female Puppy Class (six months of age and under one year)
(B) Judge female Junior Class (one year and under two years)
(C) Judge female Senior Class (two years and under three years)
(D) Judge female Veteran Class (three years and older)
(E) Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Female.
3. Call the winners of Best Male and Best Female back for judging. The winner of this judging will

be awarded Best of Winners.

4. Champion Class is next to be held. Male and Female Champions are shown together. The winner is awarded a win in the Champion Class.
5. The Grand Champion Class is the next class to be held. In the Grand Champion Class, males and females are judged together. This is an honorary class and no UKC points will be awarded.
6. Best of Breed: Immediately following the Grand Champion class, Best of Breed will be judged. Best of Breed will consist of the Best of Winners, Champion of Champions and the Grand Champion winner. The winner of this class will be awarded "Best of Breed" for the days show. No additional championship points will be awarded for this class, only Total Dog Points.

The show is not to be interrupted for any activity, unless it is a large show and the Judge requests a rest break.

Show Spectators, Owners and Handlers

Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until they are called for showing.

It is the responsibility of the owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called and be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog is not shown due to neglect of the owner or handler, there is no way to enter that particular dog in that show.

Owners, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.

A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action.

A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

UKC Point System for the "Total Dog"

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United Kennel Club, Inc., has developed a program to tabulate and publish a Total Dog ranking for Beagles shown in UKC Licensed Bench Shows and

hunted in UKC licensed Hunting Beagle Events. The rankings will be published in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* and *American Beagler* on a regular basis. **The Beagle breed is considered first and foremost a hunting dog. To preserve these natural abilities and to strive for the "Total Dog", Beagles may only earn "Total Dog" points at Licensed Hunting Beagle Events where they participate in the Hunt that day. The only exception to this policy is dogs that have earned 50 championship HUNT points from previous events.**

UKC will record the points and keep a running total for each hound that has placed throughout the year.

Keep in mind that in the UKC Hunting Beagle Program we are striving for the "Total Dog." That is, the dog that excels both in the field and on the bench. However, to be eligible to show, he must first be able to perform in the field. It is hoped that a Total Dog ranking will be the incentive needed to encourage the show participation of owners whose hounds possess the functional good looks of the "Total Dog".

To be eligible for Total dog points, a dog must have completed the full two hour cast the day of the show or must have a minimum of 50 HUNT points. Only dogs meeting that criteria will be eligible to show for Best of Breed and the Total Dog Points. The winner of Best of Breed will receive the Total Dog points.

The points system is based on the number of dogs defeated and the number of dogs shown. One point will be deducted from the total number of dogs shown in all licensed classes as the winning dog is included in that total but did not defeat itself. The "Best of Breed" winner will be awarded one point per dog defeated based on the number of dogs shown. A minimum of two dogs defeated is required before Total Dog points will be awarded.

Points will not be recorded after a dog has completed the requirements for a particular category (i.e.-Champion or Grand Champion). The dog can continue to show in that category until notified by UKC, but will not earn any additional points. Once the owner knows that their dog has enough points to earn their Show Championship degree, in the name of good sportsmanship, they should not enter their dog again in the Registered category. They also should not continue to enter their dog in the Champion category when they know that their dog has enough wins to make their dog a Grand Show Champion. Again, in the name of good sportsmanship.

Hunt Information

Complaint Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC Licensed Performance Pack Event

This procedure applies for all situations arising during the time that the Judge's authority is in effect. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Master of Hounds. The Master of Hounds' decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual hunt. This Formal Complaint Procedure does NOT apply to situations that deal with intimidating, threatening or injuring a Hunter, Judge, Master of Hounds, Club Official or a UKC Representative. Those situations must be sent to UKC on a Misconduct form.

The following steps must be followed:

STEP 1. Attempt to resolve the question with the Master of Hounds, the handler raising the question, the Judge of the cast and the other members of the cast that are available. The Master of Hounds will make a decision based upon the statement of the case provided by the handler, Judge and the other members of the cast. No complaints will be considered by the Master of Hounds after a period of fifteen (15) minutes has elapsed from the time that the scorecard has been turned in.

STEP 2. If the question is not resolved at Step 1, request and complete a Formal Complaint Form and return it to the Master of Hounds not later than thirty (15) minutes after the Master of Hounds decision. The form must be signed by the individual or individuals making the Formal Complaint and the Master of Hounds and copies properly distributed to UKC, the Host Club, the complainants and the Master of Hounds.

STEP 3. The Host Club or organization will hold a Formal Complaint meeting to resolve the Formal Complaint pursuant to this procedure. The Formal Complaint meeting shall be held within 30 minutes of the Master of Hounds decision. There shall be a Formal Complaint Committee consisting of three officers or members of the Host Club or organization who must be on hand to timely serve should a meeting become necessary. If the individual filing the Formal Complaint is an officer or member of the club or organization holding the Formal Complaint meeting, that

individual cannot conduct the meeting nor be allowed to vote on the question regarding the complaint. The Formal Complaint Committee, the Judge of the cast and the individual who filed the Formal Complaint must be present at the meeting. If the owner or handler of the dog(s) involved in the complaint and the other members of the cast are able to be found at the Host Club site, the Master of Hounds shall advise them that a Formal Complaint has been filed, that a meeting is being held, the time and location of the meeting and that they may be heard at the meeting; however, their presence at the meeting is not mandatory.

STEP 4. Once the Formal Complaint meeting is held, the results must be sent to UKC on the Formal Complaint Meeting Results form and signed by the members of the Formal Complaint Committee. The report must contain: (1) the names of the individuals in attendance, (2) factual findings, (3) identification of rules and procedures that apply, (4) whether it supports or overrides the decision of the Master of Hounds and (5) the reasons for supporting or overriding the decision of the Master of Hounds.

STEP 5. UKC will review the results of the meeting and will either agree or disagree with the club or organization's decision; however, UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgment and discretion, the right to make corrections it deems necessary.

**Dogs entered in UKC Hunts
cannot be muzzled.**

**Dogs entered in UKC Hunts
cannot wear bells.**

Performance Pack Rules, Policies, and Procedures

Revised January 1, 2009

- *1. UKC approved clubs may hold a maximum of 7 Performance Pack events per year. Additionally clubs may host a maximum of **7** Hunting Beagle Events per year. A club may not hold more than a combination of 9 total events.
2. **LICENSED EVENTS:**
All Performance Pack events must be licensed by United Kennel Club, Inc. to receive championship points. All events must be listed in the official Upcoming Events listing in the magazine in the month previous to the event. All events are required to offer Registered, Champions and Grand Champion classes. All hounds entered in the hunt must be UKC registered.

3. JUDGES:

- a. All judges must be UKC Licensed Performance Pack Judges
- *b. A UKC licensed judge is an individual who has filled out the official UKC judges application, passed the written test, and has completed two apprenticeships under a licensed judge at a licensed event. **Additionally, all NKC licensed judges will be grandfathered in as UKC Performance Pack judge providing that they fill out the application and pass the written test.** It is permissible for a judge to fill out the application, take the test and judge at a club on the same day provided that information is submitted with the event results by the host club. All judges must be at least 16 years of age and must be knowledgeable in all Performance Pack rules. Judges may be asked to present their judge's card to the Master of Hounds before they are allowed to judge.
- *c. **A Performance Pack judge will not judge their own hound or any hound that they co-own. A Judge may not judge any hound owned by their immediate family or any member of their household.**
- d. The host club must provide at least 1 judge per cast. That judge shall be responsible for making all calls in the field and must accurately record all scoring. The judge's decision in the field is final. Handlers may appeal the judge's decision to the Master of Hounds.
- e. During the hunt, the handler cannot use a controlling device to assist his hound in hunting. Training transmitters must be held by one appointed cast member. Handlers may not interfere/direct dogs in any way unless instructed by the judge. The judge shall inform all handlers the exact starting time of the hunt, and shall announce when the cast is over.
- f. In the unforeseen event that a judge cannot finish a cast due to sickness or injury, the cast will call time-out and return to the host club. The Master of Hounds will then assign another judge to complete the cast. All scoring by the original judge will remain in effect. The new judge will simply complete the remainder of the cast.
- g. Any judge, handler or spectator who threatens, intimidates or uses abusive language toward another Judge, handler, spectator or official will be subject to sanction by United Kennel Club, Inc.. All handlers are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. If it is proven that a judge has

not judged by the rules, they are subject to sanction from United Kennel Club, Inc.

4. **SCORECARDS AND COMPLAINTS:**

- a. At the end of the cast the judge(s) shall assemble all cast members and total the scores in the presence of the handlers when possible. They will then announce cast placement and offer the scorecard to the handlers for their signatures. The handler may protest the judges scoring by signing the scorecard and placing a question mark on the scorecard. All handlers must sign the scorecard regardless of whether a question is on the scorecard or not. Handlers not signing the scorecard for any reason will be scratched. All questions must be presented to the Master of Hounds or assistant Master of Hounds within 15 minutes of both the Master of Hounds and the handler returning to the clubhouse.
- b. All questions shall be settled in private. The only people present at the hearing shall be the Master of Hounds, the judge(s) involved in the protest and the handlers on the cast. No spectators will be allowed to be called as a witness. No casts are to be re-run if possible. When possible, the Master of Hounds must make corrections to scorecard before resorting to rerunning the cast. Master of Hounds must make a final decision. The Master of Hound's decision is final, with the exception that any handler involved directly or indirectly in the protest may file a formal complaint. All formal complaints must be filed within 15 minutes of the Master of Hounds final decision.

5. **MASTER OF HOUNDS:**

- *a. The host club shall select persons to serve as Master of Hounds **and assistant Master of Hounds** for situations that arise on the Master of Hounds Cast. These people are to be licensed Performance Pack Judges and are to be knowledgeable in the UKC Performance Pack rules, policies, and procedures for conducting Licensed Performance Pack events. The Master of Hounds position is an unlicensed position, however it is imperative that this individual be knowledgeable in all Performance Pack rules and must be a licensed Performance Pack Judge.
- b. The Master of Hounds shall act as the final authority in the selection of judges and shall oversee the draw to make sure it is fair and impartial. Furthermore they shall oversee all aspects of the event to assure that all rules and policies are followed. The host club and the Master of Hounds shall have final say when choosing cast locations.

The Master of Hounds must announce when entries are closed, and absolutely no entries shall be accepted after this announcement has been made. Those in line at deadline are considered on time and their entries are to be taken.

***6. COMPLAINTS: Complaint Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC Licensed Performance Pack Event**

This procedure applies for all situations arising during the time that the Judge's authority is in effect. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Master of Hounds. The Master of Hounds' decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual hunt. This Formal Complaint Procedure does NOT apply to situations that deal with intimidating, threatening or injuring a Hunter, Judge, Master of Hounds, Club Official or a UKC Representative. Those situations must be sent to UKC on a Misconduct form.

The following steps must be followed:

STEP 1. Attempt to resolve the question with the Master of Hounds, the handler raising the question, the Judge of the cast and the other members of the cast that are available. The Master of Hounds will make a decision based upon the statement of the case provided by the handler, Judge and the other members of the cast. No complaints will be considered by the Master of Hounds after a period of fifteen (15) minutes has elapsed from the time that the scorecard has been turned in.

STEP 2. If the question is not resolved at Step 1, request and complete a Formal Complaint Form and return it to the Master of Hounds not later than thirty (30) minutes after the Master of Hounds decision. The form must be signed by the individual or individuals making the Formal Complaint, and the Master of Hounds and copies properly distributed to UKC, the Host Club, the complainants and the Master of Hounds.

STEP 3. The Host Club or organization will hold a Formal Complaint meeting to resolve the Formal Complaint pursuant to this procedure. The Formal Complaint meeting shall be held within 30 minutes of the Master of Hounds' decision. There shall be a Formal Complaint Committee consisting of three officers or members of the Host Club or organization who must be on hand to timely serve should a meeting become necessary. If the

individual filing the Formal Complaint is an officer or member of the club or organization holding the Formal Complaint meeting, that individual cannot conduct the meeting nor be allowed to vote on the question regarding the complaint. The Formal Complaint Committee, the Judge of the cast and the individual who filed the Formal Complaint must be present at the meeting. If the owner or handler of the dog(s) involved in the complaint and the other members of the cast are able to be found at the Host Club site, the Master of Hounds shall advise them that a Formal Complaint has been filed, that a meeting is being held, the time and location of the meeting and that they may be heard at the meeting; however, their presence at the meeting is not mandatory.

STEP 4. Once the Formal Complaint meeting is held, the results must be sent to UKC on the Formal Complaint Meeting Results form and signed by the members of the Formal Complaint Committee. The report must contain: (1) the names of the individuals in attendance; (2) factual findings; (3) identification of rules and procedures that apply; (4) whether it supports or overrides the decision of the Master of Hounds; and (5) the reasons for supporting or overriding the decision of the Master of Hounds.

STEP 5. UKC will review the results of the meeting and will either agree or disagree with the club or organization's decision; however, UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgment and discretion, the right to make corrections it deems necessary.

7. CASTS:

- *a. No cast shall be drawn until the Master of Hounds has announced that the entries have been closed. This announcement must be made precisely at the advertised entry deadline. All handlers/owners must be present with their hounds at the time their cast is assembled. Any handlers not present when their cast is assembled and ready to leave for the field will be scratched. Judges for each cast and the location of the cast may be assigned and announced before any casts are drawn. If a judge's hound is drawn out in a cast which they are judging, the judge must be reassigned to another cast. Judges for each cast may be drawn out before or after the casts have been drawn out in any series.
- *b. Cast shall be "drawn" by any random selection method that assures a fair and impartial draw. A bingo type machine may be used. Separate drawings shall be completed for the Registered,

Champion and Grand Champion divisions. All sizes and sexes within a category will hunt together. Each first round cast in the registered division is to be made up of 5 dog casts. Subsequent rounds may have between 2 to 5 hounds per cast. Champions and Grand Champions will run with 5 hounds per cast. Fewer dogs may be drawn to a cast in the event of situations that arise where 5 dogs are not possible. Dogs must be drawn to the fewest casts possible. **Guides may be assigned to casts prior to the draw for the first round only. However, you are strongly encouraged to not draw guides to casts unless needed.**

- c. If a registered owner has two or more of their dogs drawn to the same cast, they may request that the second dog be drawn to a different cast or may choose to keep them as drawn. The hound must hunt in the cast into which it was drawn. If a hound is scratched for failure to be present when the cast is assembled, they are scratched and not eligible to be added to another cast.
- d. The drawing of the casts must be announced and completed publicly. If the draw is not, then it must be re-drawn. A hound's number may be rolled forward or backward. Also, one or more slots may be left open to be filled later, when 1 or more owners have 2 or more hounds that have not yet been drawn. All judges and handlers should be present during the drawing of the casts. No hound may be rolled to another cast after the final number has been drawn. If a judge has a conflict after the final number has been drawn, another judge must be drawn to that cast.

8. **IDENTIFICATION OF HOUNDS**

All hounds must be marked in such a way that the judge can identify each hound. It is suggested that a colored collar system is used. Collars should be of adequate size so that the color is clearly visible. The judge should assign the collars when the cast is assembled. When possible, match collars to existing collars already on the dogs.

9. **AWARDS**

No cash prizes may be awarded without the permission of the United Kennel Club, Inc.

10. **REPORTING HUNT RESULTS TO UNITED KENNEL CLUB, INC.**

The host club officers shall fill out all hunt reports and issue receipts to all placing hounds. The host club shall submit the completed hunt report to United Kennel Club within 10 business days after

the event. Failure to submit reports in a timely manner will result in a \$20 per month late fee. Frequent offences will result in loss of event privileges for the club.

Performance Pack Running Rules

***1. FORMAT**

The basic premise of the Performance Pack events is an elimination style event that advances all cast winners. All dogs will run in a 60 minute cast and each cast winner will advance to subsequent rounds. Rounds shall be referred to as round 1, round 2, round 3 etc. First round winners shall advance to the second round. Second round winners shall advance to the third round etc. until a winner is determined in each category.

When the Registered entry exceeds 25 dogs, each rounds hunting time will be left to the discretion of the host club. Either 60 or 90 minute casts can be used. The club will have to take into consideration the distance to running grounds, amount of daylight hours and availability of guides for subsequent rounds when setting first round hunt time for an entry larger than 25 dogs. The host club should always attempt to utilize the longest hunting time possible to give all dogs a fair chance to compete for a cast win. After entries are closed and before the casts are announced, the host club must announce to all participants the hunting time for each round. However, it is mandatory that all rounds be 90 minutes where the Registered entry is 25 dogs or less.

When the Champion or Grand category exceeds 5 dogs, the host club will be given the option of 60 or 90 minute casts for the Champion or Grand Division. After entries are closed and before the casts are announced, the host club must announce to all participants the hunting time for each round. However, it is mandatory that the first round be 90 minutes where the Champion or Grand entry is 5 dogs or less.

If for any reason a cast does not complete the announced hunting time, no dog will advance to subsequent rounds from that cast.

***2. JUDGE**

a. The judge is only eligible to score dogs when the majority of the active cast members are present when scoring situation occurs. Judge is

not to go off by their self to score dogs. The Judge is to establish that the majority of the active cast members are present at all scoring situations.

- b. The judge shall be in complete authority of the cast and shall make all calls pertaining to the cast. The judge does not have to see the rabbit to award points although they should make every effort to verify that the dogs are in fact running a rabbit. No tame or domesticated rabbits are to be run. If score is accumulated on a tame or domesticated rabbit, that score is to be deleted. **The Judge, out of courtesy, should try to keep all handlers informed of scoring by calling collar colors.**
- c. If an active handler refuses to keep up with the majority of the active handlers and the judge, cannot physically keep up with judge or is attempting to disrupt the cast he may be made an inactive handler by the judge.

*3. POINTS

Points shall be scored as plus (for positive reward) and as minus (for penalty) to dogs. To come up with a dogs total score for a cast you will simply subtract the minus points from the plus points. Points are scored as follows

a. Plus points

- First struck dog - +20
- Second through fifth struck dog if struck in before rabbit is produced - +10
- Recovery - +10
- Line - +10 points

b. Minus points

- If first struck dog fails to produce a rabbit within 4 minutes. -20
- If second through fifth struck dog fails to produce a rabbit within original 4 minutes. -10
- **Any dog who leaves the strike area (while on the clock) – strike points**
- Babbling -10
- Backtracking (50 feet) -10
- Leaving and established line. -10
- Disrupting the pack. -10
- Leaving the check area barking without the line. -10
- Continually over-running the track -10
- Entering or leaving the check area with no attempt at solving the check. -10
- Leaving the check area with the track and not giving mouth to gain an advantage. (50

feet) -10

- Continually failing to pack -10

- **Skirting difficult terrain to gain advantage -10**

NOTE —

- **In case of non produced rabbit, dogs are not to be punished for running rabbit to hole or place of refuge. Dogs must show place of refuge. Strike points to be deleted.**

- c. **Strike:** A strike is when a dog opens three or more times while free cast in the field. Once the first dog is struck, time is to be kept on the dog. Once the judge determines that the rabbit is produced, the first struck dog is to receive 20+ points. All other dogs struck before the rabbit is produced will receive 10 + points. When requested by the judge, handler shall identify their dog. If no rabbit is produced within the four minutes, strike points for all struck dogs to be scored as minus. First struck dog to receive 20-, all other struck to receive 10-. If the judge cannot determine who the first struck dog is, they are to assign 10 points to all struck dogs before the rabbit is produced. Strike points may only be awarded once per rabbit. After the 4 minutes are up and no rabbit is jumped, the judge shall instruct the handler to catch the dog for recasting. No strike points will be awarded if a rabbit is inadvertently jumped by a cast member, spectator or a judge. No strike points will be awarded in the case of putting dogs on a track. No strike points will be awarded while any handler is making an attempt to catch a dog. If a hound is struck and for any reason quits the track that they are struck in on within the 4 minutes, they will be minused their strike points. The hound will then be caught and the cast will move to another area. Once a hound is struck, they are to be given the entire 4 minutes to work their track. However if another hound jumps the rabbit the judge may request that the struck in hound be moved into the dog(s) running the rabbit. **In the case of catching a rabbit or producing a rabbit seen by the judge and no dogs are struck, the dog that catches or produces the rabbit will receive 20+ strike.** No points are to be allowed on a nest of baby rabbits. If a dog

strike in the last four minutes of the hunt and time expires without a produced track, their points are to be deleted.

- d. **Checks:** A check is defined as “when it is evident that there is an obvious breakdown in the forward progress of the chase or **a hound which shows accurate direction of the track.**” There is no measurement of a check in feet or time, it is when the judge determines that there is an obvious breakdown **or a hound which shows accurate direction of the track.** A hound does not have to cease barking in the check area, for it to be considered a check. If it is evident that no hound is making forward progress on the line, then it is considered a check. In order for a recovery to be awarded, a hound must make forward progress and give mouth. When working a check, a dog should work from the “inside out”. They should work closely in the immediate area of the check and they gradually work outward to regain the track. If the judge determines that the track has ended in a hole or that the dogs have completely lost the rabbit, they are to announce that the track is “dead”. All dogs are to be caught for recasting.
- e. **Recoveries:** The judge shall award 10 recovery points each time they can determine a check is recovered **or a hound which shows accurate direction of the track.** Scoring of recoveries is possible as long as the rabbit is still running.
- f. **Lines:** Any dog that comes through on an established line (seen rabbit **by judge**) to receive 10 line points. It must be obvious that a dog has missed the line to withhold line points. Dogs are not to be rewarded for order on the line, all dogs that trail through the established line will receive 10 points. Once the final dog is scored, another line may be established.

4. **DOGS WILL BE SCRATCHED**

Any dog that has been scratched in the field shall be caught as soon as possible. The judge shall inform the handler the dog has been disqualified and the handler shall catch and leash the dog, while trying not to disturb the remaining dogs. The following are scratch-able offenses:

- Regardless of how many plus points a dog

has, if they accumulate 3 minuses.

- For fighting or attempting to fight. Attempting to fight is defined as when dog or dogs are interfering with other dogs by aggressive behavior.
- For running game other than rabbit.
- Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs, or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches while other dogs pay them no attention.
- After the first three minutes of the hunt, for failing to make any attempt to hunt within any continuous five minutes of the hunt.
- If a handler is drinking, or if he seems to want to stir up trouble.
- For handling a dog without the judge's permission
- For arguing with the judge.
- For not being present when cast is sent to the field.
- Use of any device to control or locate a dog during time in.
- Use of any electronic training system (shock collar) during "time in or time out".

5. DEAD TRACK

- a. After a lengthy breakdown the judge will announce to the handlers when he has determined that the track is dead and the chase ended.
- b. When a dead track has been called, and all of the dogs are not accounted for, the judge will instruct the handlers of the missing hounds that they have 5 minutes to catch their hounds and return to the cast. After 5 minutes have elapsed, the judge will instruct the handlers of the dogs caught to turn their dogs loose. Scoring will resume at that time, even if the missing hounds are not back in the cast. When the missing hounds return, they will be allowed to re-join the cast for scoring. If missing hound is not back in the cast within 30 minutes they will be scratched. Missing dogs are not eligible for any score until they are put back in with the pack.

6. TIME OUTS

- a. No scoring is to take place during time out. Only the judge of the cast has the authority to call time out, however, a handler may request a time out. During time out the judge will instruct each of the handlers to catch their dogs. The judge shall keep an accurate record of the amount of time involved in the time out.

A judge must not allow the hounds to actively hunt during a time out, for the purpose of extending the hunt until a rabbit is jumped. Time outs may be called:

- If new ground must be found to finish and have to move to new area by vehicle, call time out immediately.
- In case of accident or sickness.

7. HANDLERS AND SPECTATORS

Before a cast starts, each handler must declare whether they wish to be an active or an inactive handler. A handler may change from an active handler to an inactive handler at any time, however they may not switch from an inactive handler to an active handler.

- Handler:** *A handler is an individual who is handling a dog on the cast. They may either wish to witness the scoring of the cast or may stay with the gallery. A handler cannot at any time interfere with the judge in a manner that influences the judge in any way. The handler's dog will be scratched by the judge if the handlers conduct is viewed as interfering! Any scoring discrepancies that are to be questioned must be addressed at the end of the cast with all handlers present.*

A handler is permitted to handle more than one dog per cast. The distances kept between judge, handlers, and spectators, will be determined solely by the judge. **All handlers have the right to run with the judges. When requested by the judge, handler shall identify their dog only if all handlers can identify the dog they are handling.** The handler shall not interfere with any dogs on the cast unless instructed to do so by the judge. Any handler who uses abusive language, threatens or intimidates a hunter, judge, master of hounds or UKC official shall be barred from one year to life. If a handler wishes to question a call, it must be done at the completion of the cast. The question will be addressed at the completion of the cast. Handlers may not use tracking systems during "time in". Tracking systems may be used during "time out", however any handler using a tracking system during "time-in" will be scratched. Training systems may only be

used after a dog is scratched from the cast. Handlers may not assist a dog in any way, unless instructed to do so by the judge.

- b. **Spectator:** A spectator is a person who goes into the field to watch the hunt. They are not to participate in the cast in any way. They are not to participate in the Formal Complaint procedure. Handlers are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. All spectators are subject to sanctions of the United Kennel Club, Inc.

***8. RUNNING TIME**

All casts will run for 1 hour (60 minutes). If for any reason a cast does not complete the one hour cast, no dog will advance to subsequent rounds from that cast.

***9. SELECTION OF WINNERS**

No placements may be awarded until the final cast has been assembled. Hounds in the final cast will be placed according to highest total score in the final cast even if the points are minus. If a tie results because of hounds scratching in the semi final cast, revert to previous round's score to determine placement. Any dogs scratched from a cast will receive the lowest position available in that cast unless scratched for off game. Hounds scratched for off game or not hunting will not receive any championship points. Second-in-cast hounds from the semi-final round will be placed next; in succession according to their score in that round. After second-in-cast hounds are considered for placement, third-in-cast hounds will be placed in succession according to their score in that round. (same for fourth-in-cast hounds) In the event that there are not enough hounds in the semi-final round to fill available placements. No more than 10 Registered hounds, 3 Performance Pack Champions (requires an entry of 21 or more for 2 wins and 41 or more entries for 3 wins), and 1 Grand Performance Pack Champion will be placed. In the event that a hound minuses out or is scratched from the final cast that hound shall be placed at the bottom of that cast and not scratched from the event.

***10. TIES**

In the event of a tie, a hound will win out over another hound as follows:

1. The hound with the fewest minus points.
2. If still a tie, The hound with the most plus

- strike points.
3. If still a tie, the hound with the most line points
 4. If still a tie, The hound with the most check points.
 5. If still a tie the dog that was put on the clock **(for not hunting)** the most will be defeated.
 6. If still a tie, the hound with the highest score from the previous round.
 7. If still a tie, the hound with the highest score from the second previous round (if applicable).
 8. If still a tie, both dogs advance to the next round.

If at the end of any winners pack, no points have been scored or there is an unbreakable tie, dogs involved in the tie will hunt an additional 30 minute interval. If still a tie after this, a coin toss will determine winner. In the case of the final cast running into darkness, they must return to the Master of Hounds for a coin toss.

*11. **PLACING DOGS IN EVENTS**

- a. No placements may be awarded until the final cast has been assembled. **No placement will be given to any hound that has not completed a one hour first round cast that scored positive points (rabbit produced).** Hounds in the final cast will be placed according to highest total score in the final cast even if the points are minus. If a tie results because of hounds scratching in **a subsequent round**, revert to previous round's score to determine placement. Any dogs scratched from a cast will receive the lowest position available in that cast unless scratched for off game.
- b. **Hounds eliminated after the first round do not have to score positive points to be considered for placement in the event. Tie breaker rules to apply.** Second-in cast hounds from the semi-final round will be placed next; in succession according to their score in that round. After second-in-cast hounds are considered for placement, third-in-cast hounds will be placed in succession according to their score in that round. (same for fourth-in-cast hounds). **Any hound scratched for off game will not be placed in any event. No hounds to move up to fill placement voids.**
- c. **A minimum of 10 Registered dogs must be entered in an event. A minimum of 3 Performance Pack Champions must be**

entered. A minimum of 2 Grand Performance Pack Champions must be entered.

- d. No more than 10 Registered hounds, 3 Performance Pack Champions (requires an entry of 21 or more to place 2 dogs and 41 or more to place 3 dogs), and 1 Grand Performance Pack Champion will be placed.
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Master of Hounds Guidelines

Revised January 1, 2006

• **Master of Hounds Personal Checklist:**

One week prior to the event:

- (1) Contact the club president or individual in charge of the hunt.
- (2) Ask president if all materials have arrived from UKC; hunt reports, scorecards, entry slips, etc.
- (3) Check *COONHOUND BLOODLINES* or *American Beagler* to see that the event has been properly listed in accordance with UKC rules and policies; entry times, etc.

When you arrive at the club:

- (1) Check to see that the following are posted;
 - (a) UKC license.
 - (b) Entry procedure sheet.
 - (c) Entry deadline time.
 - (d) Time deadline for returning scorecards.
- (2) Check to be sure qualified people are available to take entries.

• **How to Take Entries:**

UKC has found that the quickest way to take entries is to give an entry slip to each person entering and have them fill it out clearly and completely. They then present the entry slip completely filled out, together with their UKC Registration Certificate (bill of sale) or UKC Easy Entry™ Card to the entry taker. The club should determine at the time they accept entries if hunting Judges are used or if the handler can judge and guide. If they can, then put their entry slip in a separate container.

• **Drawing Casts and Judges:**

Announce on the P.A. system that you are ready to start drawing entries so that anyone wanting to see the draw will have the opportunity to do so. The drawing of entries must be done publicly.

Do not start drawing out casts until after entries are closed at the advertised deadline time.

If an individual attempting to enter a UKC Licensed Hunt appears, in your judgement, to be under the influence of alcohol or unprescribed drugs, do not take the entry. Notify the appropriate club individual or officer of what you are doing and why.

• **After the Scorecards are Turned in:**

- A. Ask if there are any questions.
- B. Recheck the scores, the time cast hunted and that each handler signed the scorecard.
- C. If there is a complaint, try to get the casts off by themselves to discuss the problem and make your decision. Only individuals directly involved in the dispute should be included in any of the discussions. Wait until the scorecards are returned before discussing a situation that arises in the field. Members of the casts have 15 minutes to make a complaint after the scorecards are turned in.
- D. If a situation cannot be resolved and a formal complaint is made, it must be made on a *Formal Complaint* form which is sent to the club from UKC with their license, report forms and other materials for the hunt. The form must be signed by the individual(s) making the complaint as well as the Master of Hounds. UKC's copy must be sent to Field Operations along with the report(s).
- E. Do not get trapped in other Masters of Hounds' problems. Advise the individuals raising a question that there is a procedure for filing a formal complaint and that procedure should have been followed.

• **Reports:**

- A. Be sure to give everyone that places in the hunt a receipt. Do not sign and give out incomplete receipts. You fill them out, or see that the receipts are completely filled out when you sign them and give the winners their copy.
- B. Do not sign a blank report. Make sure that the report is *completely* filled out. Then you sign it. (NOTE: There must be three different signatures on the report.) Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant, the Master of Hounds and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC's copy within 10 days or a penalty charge of \$20 per month will be made.

Please note that the yellow copy is a personal receipt for the participant and is perforated for convenience.

- C. Remind all club officers that the scorecards and their copy of the report must be kept for one year.

• **General Information:**

- A. Encourage clubs to educate their members on the rules and conduct rules seminars for Judges, Masters of Hounds and participants.
 - B. Study rules in the rulebook and the revisions published each year in *COONHOUND BLOOD-LINES* and *American Beagler*.
 - C. Remember to use good judgement. You are the person responsible to see that the hunt is run in a manner that is fair to all and that everyone is treated in a fair and equitable way. The rulebook contains UKC's basic rules and policies. However, if you have any suggestions as to how to improve the hunts, please be sure to let us know.
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UKC Firearm Policy

Possession of firearms, or other concealed weapons, at UKC licensed events is strictly prohibited. Persons found to have firearms in their possession will be dealt with in accordance with the Inherent Rights and Powers of United Kennel Club, Inc. Penalties will include barring individuals found to be in violation. Furthermore, the proper civil authorities will be notified concerning individuals found to be in violation of this policy. Persons knowing of individuals possessing firearms in conjunction with UKC licensed events should contact the Field Operations Department at United Kennel Club, Inc.

General Rules and Regulations for UKC Beagle Incentive Fund

Revised January 1, 2009

The UKC Beagle Incentive Fund benefits competition hunters, Beagle breeders and local Beagle clubs. The hunters will earn cash rewards to help pay for their hobby while also earning money for the breeders, and increasing the entries at the local club level.

Eligibility for UKC Beagle Incentive Fund

To be eligible for lifetime participation in the UKC Beagle Incentive Fund, a pup must be:

- 1. Any Beagle permanently registered with UKC;
- 2. Sired by a Select Sire nominated for the calendar year in which the pup was whelped;
- 3. Part of a UKC registered litter that was litter nominated on or before one year of age;
- 4. Individually permanently nominated on or before twenty-four months of age.

Select Sire Nomination

To be eligible for Select Sire status during any calendar year (January 1 through December 31), a dog must be:

1. Any male Beagle permanently registered with UKC;
2. Nominated to the UKC Beagle Incentive Fund during that calendar year;
3. DNA Profiled and on record with UKC.

Select Sires may be nominated anytime during the calendar year for which they are applying by paying the Select Sire nomination fee listed on the following page. A list of nominated Select Sires will be published monthly by UKC. Select Sire status is not a permanent status, it must be updated annually to ensure eligibility.

To be eligible for Select Sire status, a dog must be DNA Profiled and on record with UKC. Sire nominations received that do not show as being DNA Profiled will be considered as "pending". The nomination will not be complete until the DNA profile has been recorded in the database at UKC. A DNA sample must be postmarked and in route to UKC within 30 days of being notified. If 30 days have passed and the DNA sample has not been received, increased nomination fees will apply. For example; if you submit your Sire Nomination on December 12, a DNA sample must be postmarked and in route to UKC within 30 days from notification from the United Kennel Club, Inc. If you pass 30 days, the nomination fee increases by \$50 as you have passed the December 31 cutoff. If you have not postmarked your DNA sample by July 1, a late fee of \$100 will be assessed.

UKC reserves the right to deny any Select Sire nomination if the nomination fee submitted is less than the amount due in accordance with the Select Sire Fee Schedule. Individuals who submit a Select Sire nomination with insufficient payment shall be notified by mail and given 30 days to pay the balance. If payment is received within 30 days of notification, Select Sire status shall be granted to the dog in question as of the date the nomination was originally received. If the complete payment is not postmarked within 30 days, late fees will be assessed with each passing deadline.

Once a Select Sire is nominated into the Beagle Incentive Fund, no portion of the nomination fee is refundable, except in the case of a Select Sire that dies without producing a UKC registered litter during the calendar year for which he was nominated. Select Sire fees may not be transferred to another dog. The registrant on record must return the UKC®

Registration Certificate for the nominated sire marked "Deceased" and the date of death and a written request for a refund, including the registrant's signature(s) prior to receiving a refund of the nomination fee. If the paperwork cannot be returned to the UKC, a notarized statement that the dog is deceased, along with the date of death and the registrant(s) signature, must be received prior to a refund of the nomination fee. Refunds will only be issued after the close of the calendar year. No refunds will be issued to Pending Select Sires unless the dog dies within the calendar year without producing offspring.

Select Sire Nomination Deadlines and Fee Schedule

- If a Select Sire nomination is postmarked before January 1 of the nomination year, the nomination fee is \$100.
- If a Select Sire nomination is postmarked on or after January 1, but before July 1 of the nomination year, the nomination fee is \$150.
- If a Select Sire nomination is postmarked on or after July 1, but on or before December 31 of the nomination year, the nomination fee is \$200.

Litter Nomination

After a female produces a litter by a Select Sire, the registrant of the litter, or any other individual, may nominate the litter for the Beagle Incentive Fund by paying the appropriate nomination litter fee in accordance with the Litter Nomination Fee Schedule on the following page. One Application for Permanent Nomination, for each puppy in the litter, will be mailed to the litter owner. If the litter is not nominated, the individual pups will not be eligible to compete for cash rewards.

Litter nomination and permanent nomination of all pups can be requested at the same time the litter is registered. This is done to ensure the breeder that all pups are paid up and eligible to earn Incentive Fund money. Permanent registration of the pups is not required for this option; however, the entire litter, not just a portion of the litter, must be permanently nominated if choosing this option. The same nomination fees apply as if each nomination were being processed individually.

Please note, the litter nomination fee must be paid in order to permanently nominate the entire litter.

Litters cannot be nominated while their sire is Pending DNA. The DNA profile must be completed and on record at the United Kennel Club, Inc. before any litter nomination fees will be accepted.

UKC reserves the right to deny any litter nomina-

tion if the nomination fee submitted is less than the amount due in accordance with the Litter Nomination Fee Schedule listed below. Individuals who submit a litter nomination with insufficient payment shall be notified by mail and given 30 days to pay the balance. If payment is received within 30 days of notification, litter nomination status shall be granted to the litter in question as of the date the nomination was originally received. If the additional fee is not postmarked within 30 days late, fees will be assessed with each passing deadline. If the additional fee is not postmarked before the litter turns one year of age the nomination and all fees will be forfeited.

The dam is not required to be DNA profiled with the United Kennel Club, but it is highly recommended.

Once a litter is nominated into the Beagle Incentive Fund no portion of the litter nomination fee is refundable. No litter may be nominated after one year of age.

Litter Nomination Deadlines and Fee Schedule

- If a litter nomination is postmarked on or before the litter is six months of age, the nomination fee is \$25.
- If a litter nomination is postmarked after the litter is six months of age, but on or before one year of age, the nomination fee is \$50.

Permanent Nomination

The registrant(s), or any other individual, may permanently nominate an eligible dog on or before the dog reaches twenty-four months of age by paying the appropriate Permanent Nomination fee in accordance with the Permanent Nomination Fee Schedule on the following page. Once a dog is permanently nominated it is then eligible to earn Incentive Fund Points.

UKC reserves the right to deny any Permanent Nomination if the nomination fee submitted is less than the amount due in accordance with the Permanent Nomination Fee Schedule. Owners who submit a permanent nomination with insufficient payment shall be notified by mail and given 30 days to pay the balance. If payment is received within 30 days of notification, permanent nomination status shall be granted to the dog in question as of the date the nomination was originally received. If the additional fee is not postmarked within 30 days, late fees will be assessed with each passing deadline. If the additional fee is not postmarked on or before the dog is twenty-four months of age the nomination and all fees are forfeited.

The Permanently Nominated dog is not required

to be DNA profiled with the United Kennel Club, but, it is highly recommended.

Once a dog is permanently nominated into the Beagle Incentive Fund, no portion of the nomination fee is refundable. No dog may be permanently nominated after twenty-four months of age.

Permanent Nomination Deadlines and Fee Schedule

- If a permanent nomination is postmarked on or before the dog is six months of age the nomination fee is \$25.
- If a permanent nomination is postmarked after the dog is six months of age, but on or before twelve months of age, the nomination fee is \$50.
- If a permanent nomination is postmarked after the dog is twelve months of age, but on or before eighteen months of age, the nomination fee is \$100.
- If a permanent nomination is postmarked after the dog is eighteen months of age, but on or before twenty-four months of age, the nomination fee is \$200.

Determination of Dates

The nomination becomes effective as of the postmark date as evidenced by the date stamp on the envelope. This date will determine the nomination fees owed in accordance with the appropriate fee schedule for the nominations of Select Sires, litters and permanently nominated dogs.

The date the nomination is received by the United Kennel Club will be used to determine the owner of the dog on record.

Fees

All fees must be payable in U.S. Funds.

A fee of \$25 will be assessed for checks returned to UKC as unpaid for any reason. No further business will be transacted with United Kennel Club until the check and fee(s) are paid with a money order or credit card payment. MasterCard and Visa are the only accepted Credit Cards.

Beagle Incentive Fund Payout Checks issued to an individual(s) with an outstanding balance owed to UKC® will be held until such time the account has been settled.

All payout money will be made in U.S. Funds.

How to Earn Incentive Fund Points

Each Beagle that is permanently nominated for the Beagle Incentive Fund may earn incentive points

at UKC-licensed hunts in accordance with the chart below. Incentive points will not be awarded at events where all categories hunt together, such as World Qualifying Events, Elimination style and youth events.

A maximum of two incentive points may be earned at a single licensed hunt.

Entry	REGISTERED — Incentive Fund Points Earned			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	0.0	0.00	0.000	0.000
2	0.2	0.00	0.000	0.000
3	0.3	0.00	0.000	0.000
4	0.4	0.00	0.000	0.000
5	0.5	0.25	0.000	0.000
6	0.6	0.30	0.000	0.000
7	0.7	0.35	0.000	0.000
8	0.8	0.40	0.000	0.000
9	0.9	0.45	0.225	0.000
10	1.0	0.50	0.250	0.000
11	1.1	0.55	0.275	0.000
12	1.2	0.60	0.300	0.000
13	1.3	0.65	0.325	0.163
14	1.4	0.70	0.350	0.175
15	1.5	0.75	0.375	0.188
16	1.6	0.80	0.400	0.200
17	1.7	0.85	0.425	0.213
18	1.8	0.90	0.450	0.225
19	1.9	0.95	0.475	0.238
20	2.0	1.00	0.500	0.250
21	2.0	1.00	0.500	0.250
22	2.0	1.00	0.500	0.250
23	2.0	1.00	0.500	0.250
24	2.0	1.00	0.500	0.250
25	2.0	1.00	0.500	0.250
Entry over 25	Number of entries x.10	Number of entries x.05	Number of entries x.025	Number of entries x.0125
	Max 2 pts	Max 1pt	Max .5 pt	Max .25 pt

Premium Money

All fees collected during the calendar year from Select Sire Nominations, Litter Nominations and Permanent Nominations shall constitute the Beagle Incentive Fund, except that UKC may deduct the accumulated cost of administering the Beagle Incentive Fund (not to exceed 10%) from the gross proceeds.

**CHAMPIONS and GRAND CHAMPIONS
Incentive Fund Points Earned**

Entry	1st	2nd	3rd
1	0.0	0.00	0.00
2	0.2	0.00	0.00
3	0.3	0.00	0.00
4	0.4	0.00	0.00
5	0.5	0.00	0.00
6	0.6	0.00	0.00
7	0.7	0.00	0.00
8	0.8	0.00	0.00
9	0.9	0.00	0.00
10	1.0	0.00	0.00
11	1.1	0.00	0.00
12	1.2	0.00	0.00
13	1.3	0.00	0.00
14	1.4	0.00	0.00
15	1.5	0.00	0.00
16	1.6	0.00	0.00
17	1.7	0.00	0.00
18	1.8	0.00	0.00
19	1.9	0.00	0.00
20	2.0	0.00	0.00
21	2.0	1.00	0.00
22	2.0	1.00	0.00
23	2.0	1.00	0.00
24	2.0	1.00	0.00
25	2.0	1.00	0.00
Entry over 25	Number of entries x.10	Number of entries x.05	Number of entries x.025
	Max 2 pts	Max 1pt	Max .5 pt when 41 entered

Payout of Premium Money

At the end of the calendar year, UKC will calculate the value of a single Incentive Fund Point by dividing the total amount of Premium Money by the total number of Incentive Fund Points earned by all eligible Beagles during the calendar year. Payout will be made in U.S. Funds. UKC will pay the following percentages from the Beagle Incentive Fund:

1. To the registrant(s) of a Select Sire as recorded by UKC at the time the litter was bred, ten percent (10%) of the value of all Incentive Fund Points earned by eligible Beagles sired by that Select Sire during that nomination year. In the case of Artificial Insemination with frozen semen, ten percent (10%) of the value of all Incentive Fund Points earned by eligible Beagles sired by the Select Sire during that nomination year will go to the owner of the Semen at the time of breeding as indicated on the litter registration application.
2. To the registrant(s) of a litter, as recorded by UKC, ten percent (10%) of the value of all

Incentive Fund Points earned by eligible Beagles from the nominated litter during that calendar year. The litter owner is defined as the individual(s) listed as such on the litter application. The litter owner never changes.

3. To the registrant(s) of a Permanently Nominated dog, as recorded by UKC at the time the points were earned, eighty percent (80%) of the value of all Incentive Fund Points earned by an eligible Beagle during that calendar year. The date the papers are received by the United Kennel Club, established by the UKC, will be used to determine the owner of the dog on record.

Calculation of winnings will be based on the official Hunt records of the UKC following the completion of the calendar year in which the points were earned. UKC must be notified of any check disputes within 90 days of the date listed on the check. Any notifications after 90 days will not be considered. Subsequent corrections of hunt results, for any reason, will not affect calculation of winnings. All winnings are subject to Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations pertaining to withholding of tax and the reporting of earnings. Any payout checks which are less than \$10 will not be issued, and those monies reverted back to the Beagle Incentive Fund. UKC is required by Federal Law to obtain Social Security numbers for individuals receiving monies exceeding the amount of \$600. For tax purposes, W-9's will be sent to the payees by January 31 of the year following the Beagle Incentive Fund Payout. The tentative payout date will be March 15th of the following year.

Payout checks will be Void 60 Days from the date of issuance listed on the check.

Barred Or Suspended Individuals

If the registrant of a UKC-registered Beagle is barred or suspended from UKC, he/she shall be ineligible to participate in the Beagle Incentive Fund for the entire period of the barring or suspension. All Incentive Fund Points earned by a dog owned or co-owned by a person who is barred or suspended during any calendar year shall be forfeited. In the event such a dog is sold to an owner or co-owner who is eligible to participate in this program, the dog will remain ineligible to earn Incentive Fund Points until January 1 of the year following the suspension or barring of the previous owner(s). Any monies earned by barred or suspended individuals will be reverted

back to the Beagle Incentive Fund.

If a Select Sire is barred for fighting, they may continue to breed as long as all requirements, set forth by the Hunting Programs Department, have been met.

Dispute Resolution

All disputes arising out of the application or interpretation of any rules or conditions of the UKC Beagle Incentive Fund will be decided by the Beagle Incentive Fund Review Board at the United Kennel Club.

UKC Reserved Powers

UKC reserves the right to alter the conditions of all or part of the Beagle Incentive Fund as it, in its sole discretion, determines to ensure fairness and equality to all participants. Further, at its sole discretion, UKC may cancel the Beagle Incentive Fund at any time and refund money if it deems Beagle participation is insufficient to justify continuing the Beagle Incentive Fund. UKC reserves the right to randomly DNA profile any dogs in the Beagle Incentive Fund at the cost of the registrant to ensure the accuracy of UKC records. Failure to comply with DNA testing may result in suspension or barring.

Ineligible Participants

An entrant is ineligible to participate in the Beagle Incentive Fund where prohibited by law because of legal residence, sites of approved UKC Licensed events, or any other basis, and all of the prohibited portion of earned points or purse money will be disregarded in calculations for an earned portion of the Beagle Incentive Fund.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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Misconduct & Discipline (Coonhounds/Beagles)

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Misconduct

Misconduct may be defined as conduct that is prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs. There are two general categories of misconduct:

Category 1. Wrongdoing during or associated with a UKC Licensed event. This may include, but is not limited to, threatening, assaulting or battering another individual; falsifying any event-related document; cheating or conspiring to cheat in order to improve the standing of any dog competing at an event; abusing or neglecting a dog in conjunction with an event; and any other UKC event rule infraction.

Category 2. Violation of UKC rules. This may include, but is not limited to, falsification of UKC registration papers; misidentification of a dog or the parentage of a dog; non-event-related abuse or neglect of dogs; or continued failure to keep proper registration records. Procedures for handling event-related (category 1) misconduct are listed immediately below. Procedures for handling rules violations (category 2) are listed on page 40.

Procedures For Handling Misconduct During Or Associated With A UKC Licensed Event Covered By This Rulebook (Misconduct Category 1)

UKC Standard Of Conduct

United Kennel Club events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog enthusiasts and their UKC-registered dogs. Accordingly, UKC expects the highest standard of conduct at these events. The following procedures apply to all cases of misconduct occurring or associated with a UKC Licensed Coonhound or Beagle event, regardless of whether the misconduct is discovered during or after the event.

Jurisdiction

All persons present on the grounds of a UKC event during the event hours are subject to the jurisdiction of the UKC and are therefore subject to these UKC standards of conduct and disciplinary procedures. In addition, UKC has jurisdiction over misconduct that may occur off the grounds of the event or outside event hours. This paragraph shall be interpreted as broadly as is necessary to regulate any off-grounds misconduct that is prejudicial to the interests of the

sport of purebred dogs. One example of such off-grounds event-related misconduct is abuse of motel rooms by dogs or persons attending the events.

The Complaint

Any person who becomes aware of an act of event-related misconduct during the hours of a UKC Licensed event, must notify a UKC-licensed official or any host club official at any time during the hours of the event. A UKC Licensed official so notified must immediately inform a host club official of the complaint. The host club may immediately expel any individual from the event where there is probable cause to believe that the individual threatened, intimidated, assaulted, or battered any person or abused or neglected a dog.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the host club official shall provide the complainant with a UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. The complainant must complete all of Section 1, providing the following:

1. The complainant's name;
2. The complainant's address;
3. The complainant's daytime and evening phone numbers;
4. A complete factual description of the exact conduct alleged to have occurred, including the identity of all witnesses, other persons, and dogs involved in the alleged misconduct; and,
5. The specific sections of the pertinent UKC rule-book which have allegedly been violated.

The host club official shall enter the names, and where known, the addresses, daytime and evening phone numbers of all witnesses in Section 2 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. The Misconduct Report and Hearing Form shall be forwarded to UKC with the Event Report. No action will be taken on a Misconduct Report and Hearing Form unless it is signed and dated by the complainant.

Any person who becomes aware of an act of event-related misconduct after the event, must notify UKC in writing. UKC staff shall forward to the complainant a Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. Complainant shall complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. Section 1 must be filled out completely. Complainant must fill out as much of Sections 2 and 3 as he/she is able and return the form to UKC.

All signed Misconduct Report and Hearing Forms shall be reviewed by the UKC staff within thirty (30) of receipt. If in the sole judgment and discretion of the

UKC staff there is sufficient cause, UKC will notify the host club who received the complaint to hold a hearing on the complaint. The notice to hold a hearing shall include a copy of the original Misconduct Report and Hearing Form submitted and signed by the complainant.

Notice To Hold A Hearing

Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the UKC notice to hold a hearing, the Club President of the host club or a surrounding club that received the complaint shall:

1. Appoint a Hearing Committee Chairperson and two Hearing Committee members from among the club's officers and board members. No officer or director who witnessed the alleged misconduct shall serve on the Hearing Committee;

2. Set the time and place of the hearing. The date shall be no more than thirty (30) days from the date the UKC notice to hold a hearing is received by the host club. The date, place and time shall be selected to reasonably allow the person against whom the complaint is made (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent") to attend;

3. Notify the respondent by regular and certified mail (return receipt requested) of the date, place, and time of the hearing; the exact conduct which is the subject of the complaint; the name of the complainant; and the names of all witnesses. The Notice of Hearing shall further advise the respondent that he/she will not be allowed to have an attorney present at the hearing and shall also include a statement of the following respondent's rights:

- a. The right to be present during the testimony of all witnesses;
- b. The right to cross-examine all witnesses;
- c. The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf;
- d. The right to testify in his/her own behalf;

4. Notify the witnesses by regular mail or telephone of the date, place, and time of the hearing; the exact conduct which is the subject of the complaint; and the name of the complainant; and,

5. The respondent must notify the Club President within three (3) days of receipt of the Notice of Hearing if he/she is unable to attend. The Club President will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the respondent in setting a new hearing date, time and place, but shall not postpone the hearing date any more than an additional ten (10) days.

If The Respondent Fails To Appear At The Hearing

If, after having been advised of the complaint and the date, time and place of the hearing, the respondent fails to appear, the hearing shall proceed without the respondent.

The Hearing

The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall advise the respondent of the following rights:

1. The right to be present during the testimony of all witness;
2. The right to cross-examine all witnesses;
3. The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf;
4. The right to testify in his/her own behalf.

All witnesses who come before the Hearing Committee shall testify under oath or affirmation administered by the Hearing Chairperson¹.

Witnesses who are unable to attend in person may testify by telephone if a speakerphone is available in the hearing room, but written statements or affidavits must not be considered. Clubs shall make a reasonable effort to provide a speakerphone in cases where a witness is willing to testify but is unable to do so because of distance or any other compelling reason.

The complainant shall present his/her evidence first, followed by the respondent's evidence. Each party shall be allowed to cross-examine the other's witnesses. Members of the Hearing Committee shall also be allowed to question the witnesses. Spectators shall not be allowed at hearings except for UKC Field Representatives appointed to attend the hearing on behalf of UKC or UKC staff. No party shall be entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing.

The Findings

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Committee shall deliberate and make their findings based on a preponderance of the evidence². A two-thirds majority is sufficient to make findings. The findings shall be reported as follows:

1. Whether the alleged misconduct was proven to have occurred;
2. Whether the alleged misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs;
3. Whether the alleged misconduct occurred in connection with a UKC event.

In making findings, the Hearing Committee may not consider the respondent's general reputation or status in the sport of purebred dogs, prior acts of mis-

conduct for which no disciplinary action was taken, nor the extent of the respondent's investment in dogs. The sole consideration must be the specific instance of misconduct with which the respondent is charged.

Completing the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form

The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall complete Sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form as follows:

1. Section 3. The name, address, and phone number of each witness shall be filled in the appropriate spaces, where needed. The Summary of Testimony shall include a comprehensive summary of the testimony of each witness, including the specific facts established from the evidence that led to the Committee's findings and recommendations, and the specific UKC rules or policies that were violated.

2. Section 4. The time (only where respondent was served in person) and date of service of the Notice of Hearing, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Hearing Committee members shall be entered in the appropriate spaces. Respondent's presence at or absence from the hearing shall be noted in this section.

3. Section 5. One block must be checked on each line under Findings. If the Hearing Committee finds that the alleged misconduct did occur, that the misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs, and that the misconduct occurred in conjunction with a UKC event, then the Committee must recommend a penalty. Each Committee member must enter his/her signature and date in the spaces provided.

Within ten (10) days of the hearing, the Hearing Chairperson shall, forward one copy of the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form to: Manager, Coonhound/Beagle Field Operations, United Kennel Club, 100 E. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584. The club hosting the event shall also keep a copy of the completed UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form.

Procedures For Handling Misconduct Not Associated With A UKC Licensed Event (Misconduct Category 2)

UKC Standard Of Conduct

UKC dog breeders and owners must comply with all UKC rules, regulations, and policies, as well as all local, county, state and federal government regulations for kennel operations.

Jurisdiction

All breeders who register individual dogs or litters with UKC are subject to the jurisdiction of the UKC and are therefore subject to these UKC standards of conduct and disciplinary procedures.

The Complaint

A person who becomes aware of an act of misconduct not associated with an event must notify UKC in writing. The notification should include all known facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged misconduct; the date of and location where the alleged misconduct occurred; and any witnesses who may have additional knowledge of or information about the alleged misconduct.

Investigation, Findings, and Recommendations

UKC staff shall investigate such complaints and shall report findings and recommendations to the appropriate UKC Department Head.

Penalties For Misconduct

The appropriate UKC Department Head shall review all Hearing Committee findings and results (category 1 misconduct) and staff investigation findings and results (category 2 misconduct). If the Department Head upholds the findings of the Hearing Committee or staff, one or more of the following penalties shall be imposed:

1. Probation for a period up to three years. During the period of probation, the individual shall be closely monitored by UKC. Any other instance of misconduct may result in immediate suspension or barring at the discretion of the appropriate UKC Department Head and without further due process.

2. Suspension. The appropriate UKC Department Head shall impose a minimum Three Hundred Dollar (\$300) fine and a minimum one-year suspension for probation violations and for most other serious acts of misconduct. The period of suspension shall begin upon UKC's mailing of the notification to the respondent via certified mail (return receipt requested), but the fine must be paid by certified check or money order before the time counts toward the sentence. For example, a person may be notified on January 1 that his penalty will be a one-year suspension and a fine of three hundred dollars. This individual will be suspended as soon as notice of the penalty is mailed by UKC to the respondent, but the one-year suspension does not start until the date UKC receives payment of the fine. If a respondent waits until March 1 to pay the fine, the suspension will actually run fourteen months until midnight of February 28 the following year.

3. Barring. The appropriate UKC Department Head shall impose barring for an indefinite period of time for repeat instances of misconduct or for the most serious forms of misconduct, including, but not limited to, cruelty to dogs. The period of barring shall begin upon UKC's mailing of the notification to the respondent by certified mail (return receipt requested).

Suspension and Barring

During the period of suspension or barring, a person who is suspended or barred:

1. May not register any dogs in his/her name (joint or individual ownership). No dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person (joint or individual ownership) may be used for breeding and no offspring of such a dog is eligible for registration with UKC. A suspended/banned person may transfer any dogs currently registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership), except that no dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person, regardless of co-ownership status, may be transferred to any member of that person's family.

2. May not register any litters or sign any litter registrations in any capacity.

3. May not enter or participate in any way in any UKC-licensed event. No dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person (joint or individual ownership) may be entered or participate in any way in any UKC Licensed event.

4. May not receive Championship points for any dog registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership).

5. May not advertise in any UKC publication or internet site.

Appeals

Any person placed on probation, suspended or barred by a UKC Department Head may appeal directly, in writing, to the UKC President or the Vice President for Administration. The decision of the President or Vice President for Administration is final.

UKC Inherent Rights and Powers

Notwithstanding anything herein, and regardless of whether these procedures are followed, under UKC's Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC reserves the right to itself and its sole judgment and discretion, to investigate any suspected misconduct and to impose such sanctions and penalties as deemed appropriate.

UKC Policy Regarding Cell Phone Usage

Effective January 1, 2007

Effective January 1, 2007 cell phone usage pertaining to the UKC licensed event on any Beagle (Hunting Beagle and Performance Pack) cast will be strictly prohibited. Any communication between event participants or their spectators via cell phone will be treated as a misconduct and dealt with by the Disciplinary Action Committee at United Kennel Club.

The reason for this new strict policy is to protect the integrity of the event, the program and the titles that are awarded. We strongly encourage all people to leave their cell phones in the vehicle or to turn them off while participating in the event. Cell phones are disruptive to the cast and there is no valid reason to use one during the cast.

We understand that there are people who have medical conditions that require them to carry a cell phone for emergency situations that may arise. We also understand that cell phones are needed to talk to landowners to get permission to go on their land. This is why we have strongly encouraged people to leave them in the vehicle rather than making it mandatory. Furthermore, no questions may be called into any Master of Hounds at any time. Remember, you are responsible for the conduct of your spectators and the same rules and disciplinary action will apply to them as well as you

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