

# Official UKC® Rules and Regulations

## Regulations Governing UKC® Licensed Lure Coursing Meets

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**I. Jurisdiction.** The following rules and regulations governing UKC licensed lure coursing meets and the awarding of UKC coursing points and titles issued by United Kennel Club, Inc., are uniform and are not given on a local or geographical basis. All licensed coursing meets shall be governed by the rules herein.

**II. Who may offer Lure Coursing Meets.** Any UKC club that is eligible to offer coursing meets may be licensed to offer Regular Stakes (for all Sighthound and Pariah breeds, as well as the Italian Greyhound, from the Companion Dog Group), or Coursing Aptitude Tests (for all breeds and all mixed bred dogs with a UKC Limited Privilege number).

**III. UKC's philosophy on Coursing.** The coursing meet is a competition of primarily Sighthound breeds, structured in a brace elimination format and is designed to test and evaluate the skills required in a coursing dog. The format draws from traditional English and early American coursing tests. Each portion of the course tests a particular skill, and the winner is declared by the judge at the end of each course. This combination of a simplified format, and objective judging, will serve to attract existing coursers as well as new participants. Many dogs of all breeds are passionate about chasing the lure, so provision is made for all dogs including mixed-breed heritage to participate through the Coursing Aptitude Test, structured as a single dog format evaluating the same skills as a coursing meet.

#### IV. Definitions.

- A. **Best of Breed winner.** Winner of the runoff between stake winners of the same breed
- B. **Blanket.** A solid colored jacket worn by the dogs during competition.
- C. **Blind.** A dog is blind if it has no useful sight.
- D. **Breed Leader.** Highest advancing dog in each breed in mixed stakes.
- E. **Breed Stake.** A competitive stake (of multiple courses) consisting of dogs of the same breed.
- F. **Braces.** A course consisting of two dogs.
- G. **Bye.** A course in which a single dog remains to run alone.
- H. **Bye Dog.** A dog added to a course that is not to be scored against the other dog.
- I. **Check In.** All entered dogs must report to the Secretary by the published Check In time. Dogs not checked in will be marked absent and will not be eligible to compete.
- J. **Course(s).** One or two hounds pursuing an artificial lure. The course begins when the Huntmaster receives an affirmative response to "Are you ready?", and ends when the dogs are under the handlers' control.
- K. **Coursing Aptitude Test.** The coursing aptitude test is a non competitive pass/fail run for all dogs including mixed-breed dogs. The format is structured as a single run by the dog using the same course as in the coursing meet and the same judging criteria.
- L. **Coursing Meet.** The coursing meet includes sighthound and pariah breeds competition (regular stakes in a brace elimination format and coursing test) and the all breed Coursing Aptitude Test.
- M. **Coursing Test.** The coursing test is the first level of competition for sighthounds, and includes both singles run and a run with competition.
- N. **Corresponding date.** UKC schedules events based on a 52-week calendar. If a club offers an event on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of this year, then that club's corresponding date in all subsequent years is also the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, regardless of the actual date.
- O. **Day-of-meet entries.** Most UKC clubs allow entries to be taken on the day of a show, trial or meet. The start and finish time for taking these entries is published in *BLOODLINES Dog Event News* magazine and on the UKC website, ukcdogs.com. Shows that do not offer day of meet entries are designated as "PRE-ENTRY ONLY or PE" in the "Upcoming Event" listings.
- P. **Determining a dog's age.** In determining a dog's age for entry purposes, a month-to-month calendar day system shall be used. For example, a dog born on January 1 shall turn six months old on July 1 of the same year.

- Q. **Dismissal.** A dog that has been dismissed by a Judge may not participate in coursing meet and any other events the same day. A dog which has been dismissed three times, shall be considered prohibited from coursing, and may not be entered in another coursing meet.
- R. **Disqualified.** Dog is deemed ineligible for competition. This can be the result of a condition prohibited in the rules, such as an alteration to the dog's natural state, an undesirable trait as listed in a breed standard, or a condition of or action by a dog that is prohibited under the rules of the United Kennel Club. A dog that has been disqualified from a conformation show, companion or performance event pursuant to Section XXIII must not participate in any further events unless reinstated by UKC.
- S. **Dog.** The word "dog" used in these regulations includes both sexes.
- T. **Draw.** A random drawing of names into the different stakes, and/or for position in each stake.
- U. **Entry Form.** An official UKC document required for entry into a UKC licensed event. The entry form provides all of the necessary information regarding the dog being entered into the event as well as the owner information for the dog.
- V. **Excused.** A dog that has been excused by a Judge in any event may not participate in any other events of the same type in the same show or trial, except that in Obedience and Agility, an excused dog may compete in another class at the same trial. A dog that is excused from a Coursing Meet may compete in a Coursing Aptitude test the same day.
- W. **Guideline.** An indication or outline of recommended policy or conduct.
- X. **Handler's meeting.** Running procedures and rules are explained to exhibitors at this time.
- Y. **Huntmaster.** The trial steward directly in control of the running of each course.
- Z. **Immediate family.** The spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, brother or sister of a person is immediate family members.
- AA. **Licensed classes.** Classes that are required to be offered at a UKC conformation show, performance or companion event.
- BB. **Limited Privilege Program (LP).** This program is open to the following, provided they are spayed/neutered. Mixed breed dogs, purebred dogs of unknown pedigree, and purebred dogs with disqualifying faults as described in the UKC breed standard. All Limited Privilege dogs are eligible for Agility, Obedience, and other performance events. Limited Privilege dogs designated in the UKC Sighthound & Pariah Dogs group are eligible for Coursing Meets in the Regular Stake, other breeds and dogs with Limited Privilege registration are eligible for the Coursing Aptitude Test.
- CC. **Litter Registered Dog or UKC Application for Permanent Registration.** A UKC Application for Permanent Registration serves as a temporary registration certificate confirming the dog has been registered as part of a UKC registered Litter. This certificate must be completed and submitted back to UKC in order to permanently register the dog and begin an active file on the dog. If this certificate is not redeemed with UKC, the dog can not compete in UKC events, UKC will not recognize competition points earned by the dog, and UKC will not register offspring produced by the dog.
- DD. **Stake Winner.** The last remaining undefeated dog in each Breed or Mixed Stake shall be declared the stake winner.
- EE. **Mixed Stake.** A competitive stake (of multiple courses) consisting of dogs of different breeds.
- FF. **Permanent Registration.** A UKC "Permanent Registration Certificate" serves as proof of your dog's registration with UKC and confirms the dog is eligible for all registration, breeding, and event participation privileges.
- GG. **Pre-entry and Pre-Entry Only.** Some UKC clubs offer pre-entry in addition to day-of-event entry. Pre-entries must be submitted by a specific date (usually called the "closing date" and published in *BLOODLINES Dog Event News* magazine and on the UKC website), and are normally lower in price than day-of-event entries. Events that do not accept day-of-event entries are designated as "Pre-Entry Only" in the Upcoming Events listing on the in *BLOODLINES Dog Event News* magazine and on the UKC website.
- HH. **Pre-slip.** Occurs when a hound is released before the Huntmaster calls the Tally Ho.
- II. **Qualifying Run.** A pass/fail (non-scored) run in which the dog must complete the entire course with enthusiasm and without interruption (Coursing Aptitude Test).
- JJ. **Sportsmanship.** Conduct and attitude considered as befitting participants in sports, especially fair play, courtesy and grace in losing.
- KK. **Regular Stake.** A competitive stake for sighthounds in which points are earned towards coursing titles. Includes both Breed and Mixed Stakes.
- LL. **Stake.** Stakes may be run with 4, 6, or 8 dogs, with the larger stakes preferred. Maximum entry for a stake is 8 dogs.
- MM. **Tally Ho.** The command from the Huntmaster to the handlers to release the dogs at the start of each course. Dogs may not be released before the 'T' in Tally Ho.
- NN. **Take.** The catch of the lure by a dog while running.
- OO. **Temporary Listing (TL) number.** A Temporary Listing is a number issued to an eligible dog that is not permanently registered with UKC, prior to the start of any licensed events. A TL number allows that dog to be

entered and shown as a valid entry, receive wins and have those wins converted onto its record once permanently registered. (Some restrictions apply.)

**\*\*PP. Total Dog Qualifying score.** A qualifying score is earned in Lure Coursing by winning at least one course against another dog in the Regular Stakes.

## V. General Rules.

- A. **Licenses.** All licenses for UKC Licensed events shall be granted, withheld or revoked at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.
- B. **Governing rules.** UKC Licensed events are governed by UKC rules, classifications, and point systems. The entry application signed by the exhibitor specifically states that the exhibitor is familiar with the UKC Rules and Regulations. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them.
- C. **Suspended/Barred Individuals.** A list of individuals who have been suspended or barred by UKC prohibited from entering or participating in any way in any UKC Licensed event, including but not limited to owner, co-owner, handler, back-up handler, judge, guide, vendor, spectator, Master of Hounds, Bench Show Judge, Judge or Director for any Conformation or Performance event, and prohibited from holding office in any UKC approved club or association.
- D. **Event Ground Restrictions.** No dog less than 8 weeks of age may be present on the grounds of a UKC licensed event. The presence of any other dog not entered into the event is at the discretion of the host club.
- E. **Judging dogs.** No dog may be judged before the advertised start time of the event.
- F. **Finality of Judges' decisions.** By entering any coursing meet or coursing aptitude test the owner and handler of any dog agree to accept the decision of the Judge as final. The decision of a Judge is the responsibility of the Judge and not that of United Kennel Club.
- G. **PRE-Entry Only.** At a pre-entry only event, the dog must be Permanently Registered, or have a valid Limited Privilege (LP) number, or a Temporary Listing (TL) number by the event closing date.
- H. **Prohibition against Event Chairperson and Event Secretary serving as Judge.** No person may serve as a Judge for the host club at any UKC Licensed event held on the same weekend when that person is serving as Event Chairperson or Event Secretary.
- I. **Presence of Event Chairperson and Event Secretary at events.** The Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary must be present during events at which they are serving in these capacities.
- J. **Regulation and recording of event results.** The UKC Dog Events Department regulates and records the results of agility trials, conformation shows, obedience trials, lure coursing meets and weight pulls and issues awards for levels of achievement at these events. Additional events may be added at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.
- K. **Required Inoculations.** All dogs six months of age or older must have inoculations for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus to be present on the grounds of any UKC event or to be eligible to compete at UKC events. Dogs under six months of age present on the grounds of any UKC event must have current inoculations for Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus. Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in disciplinary action.
- L. **Special requirements for bringing dogs into state where event is being held.** Clubs holding events in states with special requirements for bringing dogs into the state must list those requirements in writing when submitting the Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend.
- M. **Responsibility of Owner to advise UKC of address change.** It is the responsibility of an owner on record to notify UKC of address changes for any UKC registered dogs who may have pending titles. A change of address for may be found on the UKC website, [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com), at <http://www.ukcdogs.com/res/pdf/addchreq.pdf>.
- N. **Title Certificate.** UKC will mail the appropriate Title Certificate to the owner on record, once a title has been verified.
- O. **When points or legs are awarded.**
  1. Points or legs earned toward UKC titles are awarded after United Kennel Club receives and processes the official event report from the host club.
  2. No Coursing points or titles will be awarded until a dog with a Temporary Listing (TL) number has been permanently registered. Points earned toward UKC titles are awarded after the United Kennel Club receives and processes the official event report from the host club.
- P. **UKC right to review and correct event related documents.** UKC has the right to inspect all reports, score sheets, and other documents related to UKC Licensed events and to review those documents for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found. Pursuant to the Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC employees may make corrections, additions or deletions to any documents related to UKC Licensed events, regardless of whether or not those documents are signed by a Judge or club officer.
- Q. **UKC right to change rules, policies, and fees.** UKC reserves the right to change rules, policies and fees at any time without notice.

**VI. Eligible Breeds.** Purebred dogs and Limited Privilege dogs (breed must be indicated on the dog's Easy Entry™ Card) eligible to compete in Coursing Events.

**A. Breeds eligible to compete in Regular Stakes:**

Afghan Hound  
Azawakh  
Basenji  
Borzoi  
Canaan Dog  
Carolina Dog  
Chart Polski  
Cirneco dell'Etna  
Spanish Greyhound  
Greyhound  
Hungarian Greyhound  
Ibizan Hound  
Irish Wolfhound  
Italian Greyhound  
New Guinea Singing Dog  
Peruvian Inca Orchid  
Pharaoh Hound  
Podenco Canario  
Podengo Portugueso (All size varieties)  
Rhodesian Ridgeback  
Saluki  
Scottish Deerhound  
**\*Silken Windhound**  
Sloughi  
Spanish Greyhound  
Thai Ridgeback  
Whippet  
Xoloitzcuintli  
Limited Privilege dogs designated as one of the above eligible breeds

**B. Breeds eligible to complete in the Coursing Aptitude Test.** Any breed recognized by UKC and all dogs eligible for the Limited Privilege program.

**VII. Entering a UKC Event.** Dogs must be Permanently Registered, have a Limited Privilege number (performance events, companion events & Junior Showmanship), or have a valid Temporary Listing number.

- A. Official UKC entry form.** Entries for all licensed Coursing Meets must be submitted using the most current official UKC entry form. Entry forms must be complete when submitted to the club's Event Secretary, including a valid UKC Permanent Registration number, UKC Limited Privilege number or UKC Temporary Listing number. Incomplete or unsigned entry forms or entries unaccompanied by entry fees are invalid, and are to be refused by the Event Secretary/Event Manager.
- B. Eligibility for entry in licensed Coursing Meets.** Entry in licensed coursing meets is limited to:
1. Dogs that are at least twelve (12) months of age on the day of the event. All dogs must be one year of age on the date of the meet to enter the Regular Stakes or Coursing Aptitude Test.
  2. Dogs that are Permanently Registered with UKC as of the day of the event.
  3. Dogs that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number as of the day of the event.
  4. Dogs that have a Limited Privilege (LP) number as of the day of the event.
  5. At a Pre-Entry only show/trial, the dog must be Permanently Registered, have a valid TL or a valid LP number by the closing date of the show/trial.
  6. To enter the Regular Stakes, a dog must be an eligible breed as defined in Section VII. A.
  7. In addition, to enter the Regular Stakes, a dog must have earned a Coursing Tested (CT) title, with at least one of the legs earned by running with competition. Dogs will be exempt from this requirement if they have earned a racing or coursing title from another organization as indicated below. Proof of this title, in the form of a photocopy, must accompany the dog's first entry in a UKC regular stake.

The following titles will exempt a dog from the CT requirement, in order to enter the regular stake. A photocopy of the title certificate must be included with the first entry at a UKC Coursing Meet.

Canadian Kennel Club: FCh, **\*\*\*NC (Novice Courser)**

American Kennel Club: FC, SC

American Sighthound Field Association: FCh, LCM

Large Gazehound Racing Association: GRC  
National Oval Track Racing Association: ORC, OTR, SOR  
Canadian Amateur Racing Association: ORM, SRM, RChS, RChO  
Whippet Racing Association: CR, WRCH  
North American Whippet Racing Association: RCH, SR  
National Open Field Coursing Association: CC, CM  
\*\*\*International Silken Windhound Society: ISWS FCh

**Ineligibility for entry in licensed Coursing Meets.** The following dogs must not enter in Lure Coursing Meets even if otherwise eligible and may be refused by the Event Secretary.

1. **Disqualified dog.** Dogs that have been disqualified by a Judge at a UKC Licensed event in accordance with Section XXIII.
  2. **Blind dogs.** Blind dogs must not enter in Lure Coursing meets.
  3. **Lame dogs.** Lame dogs must not enter in Lure Coursing meets. A lame dog is defined as one that limps, favours one limb, or otherwise does not move soundly.
  4. **Females in season.** Females in season must not enter in Lure Coursing meets.
  5. **Dogs that appear to be ill.** Dog that appear to be ill or dogs with sutures, bandages, adhesive or any other material that is indicative of or related to any surgical or medical procedure must not be entered in a coursing meet.
  6. **Pregnant or lactating female dogs.** Pregnant or lactating female dogs may not participate in UKC coursing meets. A Judge who reasonably believes that a dog is pregnant or lactating must excuse the dog and mark the reason in the Judge's book. The Judge's decision is final. A bitch that has been bred is considered pregnant until:
    - a. She whelps a litter;
    - b. A veterinarian has determined that a bred bitch is not pregnant.
    - c. The 64th day after the last day the bitch was bred, counting the day of breeding.
- C. **Canine Amputees and Deaf dogs.** Canine Amputees and Deaf dogs may participate in Lure Coursing Meets but must be able to safely perform all course requirements.
- D. **Entry procedures and deadlines.** UKC clubs must use the following procedures for taking entries for licensed classes:
1. **Day-of-meet entries.** Clubs accepting day-of-meet entries must establish a day-of-meet entry deadline time after which no further day-of-meet entries shall be accepted for that day's event. This information will be published with the other event information in *BLOODLINES Dog Event News* magazine and on the UKC website. In the case of extreme weather or other emergency conditions, the Event Committee may decide to extend the taking of entries or delay the start of all judging by a reasonable period of time, or both. In such cases, the extension of entry-taking or delay of judging must be explained in writing by the Event Secretary when submitting the Event report.
  2. **Pre-entry.** Clubs accepting pre-entries must establish a pre-entry deadline after which no further pre-entries will be accepted. The pre-entry deadline must be published with the other event information in *BLOODLINES Dog Event News* magazine and on the UKC website. Clubs may offer a discounted entry fee for pre-entries. In such cases, exhibitors whose entries fail to arrive by the pre-entry deadline date must be treated as a day-of-trial entry.
  3. **Pre-entry only.** Clubs may elect not to take day-of-meet entries. In such a case, the club must include this information on its Application for Licensed Events. Such events will be designated "PE ONLY" at the top of their listing in *BLOODLINES Dog Event News* magazine and on the UKC website, [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com).
- E. **Conditional Entries.** An entry must not be made and must not be accepted by a club which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.
- F. **Refusing an entry.** Host clubs may refuse the entry of an otherwise eligible dog. While a club's decision is subject to review by UKC, it will not be overturned except where there is strong evidence that the club's decision is based on prohibited categories of discrimination (race, religion, national origin, etc.) or personal disputes.
- G. **Refund or Cancellation of Entry.** The Host club shall be responsible for their own refund and/or cancellation of entry policy. It is suggested that the policy be posted.
- H. **Substitutions of an Entered Dog.** Substitution of an entered dog may be allowed at the club's discretion, so long as the new dog meets all Entering a UKC event requirements. Substitutions of a dog are prohibited when the Trial's entry deadline time has been reached or the dog is ineligible to compete.
- I. **Corrections or changes to entry form.** Move-Up/Entry Correction Forms must be provided by the club. Exhibitor must complete the form before exhibiting in a class other than indicated on the entry form. The Move-Up/Entry Correction Form must be attached to the entry form.
1. **Corrections and Changes to an Entry form.** An exhibitor or owner may make corrections on an entry form any time prior to the judging of the class in which the dog is entered. An exhibitor or owner may change the dog's name or the dog's registration number on an individual entry, but he/she may not change both on the same entry.

2. **Class changes.** Any dog that has, according to the owner's records, completed the requirements for a UKC title may be shown at the next level of competition at the first event following the completion of the title.
  - a. **If a dog is moved to a higher class prior to UKC notification.**
    - 1) **Moving back to lower level of competition.** Once a dog has been shown at the higher level of competition, it may not be returned to a lower level class unless the owner has been notified by UKC that the dog is ineligible for the higher level.
    - 2) **If owner's records are incorrect.** If the owner's records are incorrect, all wins earned while showing at the higher level of competition shall be invalid.
  - b. **Moving a dog to a higher class after official notification from UKC.** Once an owner has been notified that his/her dog has earned a coursing title, the dog must thereafter be shown in the class appropriate to its title.

#### VIII. Judge changes.

- A. **Change of Judge after event has been published in *BLOODLINES Dog Events* magazine.** All judge changes occurring prior to the last weekday before an event must be approved by UKC. Changes made too late for publication in *BLOODLINES Dog Events* magazine. Will be posted on the UKC website. The host club must make every reasonable effort to notify exhibitors of the change and offer refunds to all pre-entered exhibitors who submit a written request for refund of their entry fee(s). Judge changes must be posted in plain view at the event site during event hours.
- B. **Appointing an emergency replacement Judge.** If, on the day of the event, a Judge is unable to start or complete his/her assignment, the Event Chairperson must appoint an emergency replacement Judge. Priority should be given in order to another Judge licensed for the events assigned to the original Judge, then to a UKC Apprentice Judge. If no licensed or Apprentice Judge is available, the club may appoint the available person best qualified to take the assignment. All official event report forms must show the name, address and phone number of the emergency replacement Judge. The Event Secretary must include a written explanation for all assignment changes when submitting the event report to UKC and include the credentials of any emergency replacement Judge. Points or legs earned by exhibitors under emergency replacement Judges shall be considered as if they were earned under the original Judge for the purpose of calculating required wins under different Judges.

#### IX. Rules applying to licensed coursing meets.

- A. **Requirement to offer licensed classes.** Clubs may offer Regular Stakes and a Coursing Aptitude Test, or may offer just the Coursing Aptitude Test. Clubs may offer one or two Regular Stakes and one or two Coursing Aptitude Tests per day.
- B. **Dogs that may compete in licensed classes.** All eligible dogs (Section VII. B.) may participate in UKC Licensed coursing meets, except as noted below.
  1. **Mandatory excusals.** The following dogs must not compete in coursing meets even if otherwise eligible and must be excused by the Judge. The Judge's decision is final in all mandatory excusals. The Judge must mark the reason for any excusal in the Judge's book.
    - a. **Ineligible dogs.** Dogs that would be ineligible for entry, stated in Section VII. C., except as permitted by that section.
    - b. **Age of Dog.** Dogs under the age of twelve months on the date of the Lure Coursing Meet.
    - c. **Deaf dogs and canine amputees.** Deaf dogs and dogs missing all or part of one limb may participate in coursing meets but must be able to safely perform all course requirements. A Judge may excuse a canine amputee for lameness only if the Judge determines that the dog is stiff or sore in one or more of its remaining limbs. The decision of the Judge is final.
    - d. **Females in season.** No Female in season may participate in a Lure Coursing meet. The host club has the option of refunding the entire entry fee or retaining up to 50% of the fee as a processing fee of any Lure Coursing meet or test competitor who provides a veterinarian's certificate verifying that the female came into season after the closing date. The certificate may be mailed, provided the postmark is no later than the date prior to the day of the trial, or delivered by hand to the Event Secretary before the start of the advertised time of the trials as published in *BLOODLINES Dog Event News* magazine or on the UKC website.
    - e. **Lame Dogs.** No lame dog may participate in a Lure Coursing meet. Any dog which becomes lame prior to the trial may have its entry fee refunded. The host club has the option of refunding the entire entry fee or retaining up to 50% of the fee as a processing fee of any coursing meet competitor.
    - f. **Excusal.** Any dog that appears to be in season or lame during the Lure Coursing meet may be excused by the Judge or the Meet Chairman.
    - g. **Dogs that may not enter or course under a judge.**
      - 1) Except as outlined in subparagraph 2, below, exhibitors may not course dogs from the following categories under any coursing Judge. These dogs may, however, show in other types of events where the judge is not officiating on the same day. In addition, a dog owned by a person judging

a conformation event, may participate in a performance event hosted by same club on the same day, provided the dog is not handled by the Judge, a member of the judges immediate family or a member of the judges household.

- a. A dog that is owned or co-owned by the Judge;
  - b. A dog that is owned or co-owned by a member of the Judge's immediate family;
  - c. A dog that is owned or co-owned by a person living in the same household as the Judge;
  - d. A dog that has been owned or trained by the Judge or that has lived in the Judge's household, regardless of ownership, within three months of the date of the event;
  - e. A dog that has been owned or trained by a member of the Judge's immediate family or that has lived in the household of a member of the Judge's immediate family within three months of the date of the event;
  - f. A dog that is exhibited by an immediate family member of the Judge;
  - g. A dog that is exhibited by a person living in the Judges' household.
- 2) **Procedures whereby prohibited dogs may course.** Any prohibited dog listed above may course provided that:
- a) The Judge notifies the club in advance that a prohibited dog will be entering the event.
  - b) The host club designates a Lead Judge and a Backup Judge on the Application For One Licensed Event. The Lead Judge shall be the overall authority for judging the event; and The restrictions in sub-paragraphs 1. a) through g). do not apply to the officiating Judge of the stake in which the judge's dog is competing.

**X. Rules applying to exhibitors and spectators.** UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behaviour and good sportsmanship on and off the course. Judges, Event Committee members, and host club officers may excuse and/or bar exhibitors or spectators from the course or event grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and event participants.

- A. **Complaints about the Judge's scoring.** By entering a UKC event, the exhibitor is inviting the opinion of the Judge and must accept the Judge's decision as final. Exhibitors are encouraged to discuss runs with Judges but must not argue about the Judge's scoring or class placements. Complaints about the Judge may only be lodged with the host club if the exhibitor believes the Judge has violated a specific UKC rule. Complaints about a Judge's knowledge or application of UKC lure coursing meet rules may be filed with UKC but must address specific deficiencies. Electronic audio or video recordings will not be considered by UKC when reviewing a Judge's competency to judge a coursing meet.
- B. **Control of the dog.** Exhibitors are expected to keep their dogs under control at all times. The Event Committee may expel from the show grounds any person whose failure to control a dog interferes with judging or with the ability of other exhibitors to present their dogs.
- C. **Interfering with the Judge.** No person may interfere with the Judge in any way while he/she is judging a run.
- D. **Course and event grounds clean-up.** Exhibitors are required to clean up after their dogs if they foul the course or the event grounds. The ring steward may bring cleaning supplies to the exhibitor and may hold the dog while the owner cleans the course. Any exhibitor who fails to clean up after his dog may be directed by the Event Committee to leave the event grounds.
- E. **Misbehaviour of handlers.**
  1. **Excusing a handler.** The Judge must excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship. The Judge has sole discretion whether or not to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the coursing meets with a substitute handler. The Judge's decision in these matters is final.
  2. **Handler misconduct.**
    - a. A handler who abuses his/her dog on the field shall be excused immediately by the Judge. The Judge must mark the dog as excused and the reason in the Judge's book for the excusal. The Judge must file a Misconduct report with the Event Committee as soon as possible after the incident in accordance with Section XXVII. D. 1. a. 1).
    - b. Poor sportsmanship that rises to the level of misconduct must be dealt with in accordance with Section XXVII. The handler must not be permitted to exhibit until the hearing has been held. A different handler may exhibit any additional dogs the handler has entered. In this case the club is not required to refund entry fee(s) for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day regardless if the dogs were shown or not.

**XI. Exhibitor Guidelines.** Lure Coursing meets are an evaluation of a handler's ability to train, condition and work with a dog, as well as an evaluation of a dog's natural abilities. Many exhibitors have made a lifelong commitment to the sport. Judges have spent years training and coursing dogs before stepping onto the field to judge. They are serious about the sport, and exhibitors should be as well. Exhibitors' behaviour and deportment speak to the degree of commitment they have to their dogs and to the sport. The following are suggested guidelines for UKC exhibitors:

- A. Exhibitors should accept the decision of the Judge gracefully. There should be no snatching of ribbons, loud comments or derision of the Judge or his/her decisions, either in the ring or out.
- B. Exhibitors should take care when discussing the judging with the Judge to not appear confrontational. The judging was the Judge's evaluation on that day, and poor behaviour on the part of the exhibitor will not change the outcome.
- C. Exhibitors should make an effort to help new exhibitors. We were all new to coursing at one time and we appreciated when someone helped us.
- D. Exhibitors should always leave the event grounds in the condition they found them. Help the event committee clean up your area.
- E. Exhibitors should take care not to promote rumours and negative comments about dogs, other exhibitors or judges.
- F. Exhibitors should remember they are at the trial at the invitation of the trial-giving club. In order to ensure being invited back, exhibitors should do whatever they can to assist the host club and promote the family flavour of UKC events.

## XII. Coursing Titles.

- A. **Coursing Aptitude Titles.** The Coursing Aptitude Titles are earned from the Coursing Aptitude Test.
  - 1. **United Coursing Aptitude (CA) Title.** To earn this title, a dog must:
    - a. Earn three qualifying scores at three different UKC Licensed Coursing Meets in the Coursing Aptitude Test.
    - b. A qualifying score is defined as; the dog shall run alone, and must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption.
    - c. Three qualifying runs must be obtained under at least two different judges.
  - 2. **United Coursing Aptitude Excellent (CAX).**
    - a. **Eligibility.** Any dog that has earned a Coursing Aptitude (CA) title may earn legs toward the Coursing Aptitude Excellent (CAX) title beginning at the next coursing meet following the completion of the requirements of the United Coursing Aptitude (CA) title.
    - b. **Requirements.** To earn a UKC Coursing Aptitude Excellent a dog must:
      - 1) Earn 12 qualifying legs earned by running alone.
      - 2) There shall be no restriction on the number of judges.
- B. **Lure Coursing Titles.**
  - 1. **Coursing Tested (CT).** The Coursing Tested title must be earned from the Coursing Test and Regular Stake. To earn this title a dog must:
    - a. **Eligibility.** Any eligible breed listed in Section VI.
    - b. **Requirements.** To earn a Coursing Tested title, a dog must:
      - 1) Complete three qualifying runs.
      - 2) The first leg must be earned by running alone, one leg must be earned running with another dog, and the third leg may be earned either way.
      - 3) Qualifying runs must be earned under at least two different judges.
      - 4) Dogs must complete the course with enthusiasm, without interruptions, and demonstrate no inclination to interfere with or course the other dog.
  - 2. **Lure Coursing Champion - Breed (CCB).** To earn a Lure Coursing Champion title, a dog must;
    - a. Earn a minimum of 100 championship points from the Breed stake in a Lure Coursing Meet.
    - b. Earn points under at least two different UKC licensed Judges, and
    - c. Win one Meet with competition.
    - d. Competition is defined as four or more dogs coursing in the Breed stake.
  - 3. **Lure Coursing Champion - Mixed (CCM).** To earn a Lure Coursing Champion title, a dog must;
    - a. Earn a minimum of 100 championship points from the Mixed stake in a Lure Coursing Meet.
    - b. Earn points under at least two different UKC licensed Judges, and
    - c. Win Breed Leader with competition at two different meets.
    - d. Competition is defined as at least two dogs of the same breed.
  - 4. **Grand Lure Coursing Champion - Breed (GRCCB).**
    - a. **Eligibility.** Any dog that has earned the Lure Coursing Champion – Breed.
    - b. **Requirements.** To earn a Grand Lure Coursing Champion-Breed, a dog must:
      - 1) Earn an additional 200 points from the Breed stake.
      - 2) Win a minimum of 2 stakes with competition.
      - 3) Competition is defined as eight dogs coursing in the stake.
  - 5. **Grand Lure Coursing Champion - Mixed (GRCCM).**
    - c. **Eligibility.** Any dog that has earned the Lure Coursing Champion – Mixed.
    - d. **Requirements.** To earn a Grand Lure Coursing Champion-Mixed, a dog must:
      - 4) Earn an additional 200 points from the Mixed stake.

- 5) Win a minimum of 2 stakes with competition.
- 6) Competition is defined as eight dogs coursing in the stake.
- 6. **Supreme Coursing Champion (SCC).** To earn the Supreme Coursing Champion, a dog must;
  - a. **Eligibility.** Any dog that has earned the Grand Lure Coursing Champion – Breed and Grand Lure Coursing Champion – Mixed.
  - b. **Requirements.** To earn a Grand Lure Coursing Champion, a dog must: Earn a total of 1,000 points from any stake or meet.

**XIII. UKC Coursing Point Schedules.** Lure Coursing points shall be awarded as follows:

- 1. Winners of Rounds 2, 4, and 5 advancing to the next round shall each receive 15 points.
- 2. In addition, in mixed stakes, the Breed Leader (highest advancing dog in each breed) shall receive 5 points. In the event of a tie for Breed Leader, the dog that has lost fewer courses shall be the winner. This results in the following total points awarded.
  - a. **Eight (8) dog stake.** The meet winner will receive 35 points (15 points from Round 2, 15 points from Round 4, plus 5 points as Breed Leader, except as designated in c. below), and the two runners-up will each receive 15 points, plus Breed Leader points in a mixed stake (if applicable).
  - b. **Six (6) dog stake.** The meet winner will receive 35 points (15 points from Round 2, 15 points from Round 4, plus 5 points as Breed Leader, except as designated in c. below), and the two runners-up will each receive 15 points, plus Breed Leader points in a mixed stake (if applicable).
  - c. **Four (4) dog stake.** The meet winner will receive 20 points (15 points from Round 2, plus 5 points as Breed Leader). In a mixed stake, other Breed Leaders shall receive 5 points (if applicable).
  - d. **Multiple Breed Stakes.** The Best of Breed winner (winner of the runoff between stake winners of the same breed) shall receive an additional 15 points, plus 5 as Breed Leader.

**XIV. Rules applying to exhibiting at UKC Lure Coursing Meets.**

- 1. **At the meet and before the judged performance. Check In.** Each entered dog shall check in with the Event Secretary by the designated published time. Dogs that are entered in a coursing meet for the Coursing Test may check in with the entered Regular stake hounds if they are eligible as bye dogs, or may check in at a later time if they are to run alone following the coursing meet. If a separate Coursing Aptitude test is also being offered, it may specify a different check in time. Dogs absent from Check In will be marked absent and ineligible to run in the meet.
- 2. **Handler's Meeting.** Following check in, there will be a Handler's Meeting, where the event procedures and rules will be explained.
- 3. **The Draw.** Following check in, the Event Secretary shall sort the dogs into stakes.
  - a. **Breed stake.** Breeds that have 4 or more dogs entered may run as a breed stake.
    - 1) Stakes may be run with 4, 6, or 8 dogs, with the larger stakes preferred. Maximum entry for a stake is 8 dogs. In the event of multiple stakes of the same breed, the Stake winners will run off for Best of Breed. If there are an odd number of dogs, they may either run with the addition of a bye dog, or one dog may be moved to a mixed stake. *For example, if there are 7 dogs, one bye dog may be added to make a stake of 8, or one of the entered breed may be moved to a mixed stake to leave a stake of 6.*
    - 2) Breed stakes will be random drawn for running position. Mixed stakes will be seeded in the breed order listed below, and then drawn at random within each breed.
  - b. **Mixed Stake.** Breeds that have fewer than 4 dogs entered will run together with other breeds in a mixed stake.
    - 1) Stakes consisting of 8 dogs are preferred, but may run as a 4 or 6 dog stake if necessary.
    - 2) Breed order for mixed stakes shall be as follows;
      - Irish Wolfhound
      - Scottish Deerhound
      - Borzoi
      - Rhodesian Ridgeback
      - Afghan Hound
      - Azawakh
      - Sloughi
      - Ibizan Hound
      - Podengo Portugueso (Grande)
      - Chart Polski
      - Hungarian Greyhound
      - Saluki
      - Spanish Greyhound
      - Greyhound
      - \*Silken Windhound

Whippet  
 Pharaoh Hound  
 Cirneco dell'Etna  
 Podenco Canario  
 Thai Ridgeback  
 Carolina Dog  
 Peruvian Inca Orchid  
 Xoloitzcuintli  
 Podengo Portugueso (Medio)  
 Canaan Dog  
 New Guinea Singing Dog  
 Italian Greyhound  
 Basenji  
 Podengo Portugueso (Pequeno)

Limited Privilege dogs eligible should be seeded according to their breed, or breed similarity.

- c. **Draw of dogs into braces.** The Meet Secretary will draw all dogs into braces, and will record the draw on the score sheet and on the draw sheet, and will post the draw for exhibitors. Multiple dogs from an owner will be separated in Round 1, if possible, and if requested. Bye dogs will be drawn to fill in any blank spaces, if available.
- d. **Blanket colors requirements.** The first dog listed in each brace will wear a yellow blanket, the second will wear a pink blanket, and any bye dogs (if drawn) will wear a blue blanket. Blankets should be high intensity colors.
- e. **Bye Dogs.** A bye dog is a dog that is entered in the Coursing Test that wishes to run with competition for a qualifying run. If at any time during a meet, an unfilled position remains, either through an odd number of dogs advancing, or an owner withdrawing an advancing dog, the secretary may fill that position with a bye dog, provided that dog has been checked in. Bye dogs will wear a blue blanket to identify them to the judge, who will record their run as pass/fail. After the completion of the finals, any bye dogs remaining to run shall be drawn to run in braces. If no bye dog is available, the advancing dog will run alone. No dog in a regular stake shall have more than 1 bye. If this situation arises, the secretary shall shift a dog up from the following course, and replace it with a bye dog in its original course.
- f. **Failure to be present at a scheduled stake.** A dog that is absent for the running of their stake maybe marked absent by the Judge or allowed to run in a later stake at the discretion of the Judge. The Judge's decision is final.

#### XV Official UKC Coursing classes.

- A. **Licensed Lure Coursing Classes.**
  - 1. Coursing Aptitude Test. Open to all breeds eligible to compete.
  - 2. Coursing Test
  - 3. Regular Stake (Breed and Mixed).
- B. **Non-Licensed Coursing Classes.**
  - 1. Puppy.
  - 2. Veteran.

**XVI Course requirements.** The judge shall walk the course prior to the start of the meet, and verify that it has been properly set up, is free of hazards, and is as safe as possible.

- A. **Course plans.** A standardized course plan should be used, as follows:
  - 1. **Speed portion.** The first portion of the course should be a straight run of 100 to 200 yards in length.
  - 2. **Agility portion.** The middle portion of the course should consist of a series of turns, corners or boxes designed to test the dogs' agility, and may include natural or man made obstacles and terrain.
  - 3. **Endurance portion.** The final portion of the course should consist of a straight run of 100 to 200 yards returning to the start.
- B. Clubs are permitted leeway to adapt this standardized course plan to accommodate field conditions, and to take advantage of natural terrain. Course direction should be reversed for alternating rounds.

#### XVII Equipment requirements.

- A. **Equipment provided by the club.** Clubs shall ensure that adequate equipment is available to run the meet.
  - 1. **Lure pull.** Meets may be run using either continuous loop or drag lure pull. The lure pull is attached to an electric motor that is connected to a reliable power source.
  - 2. **Lure.** White plastic, real or fake fur, a squawker, or any combination of the above may be used. One or two lures should be used.

## B. Dog's Equipment.

1. **Blanket.** The first dog listed in each brace will wear a yellow blanket, the second will wear a pink blanket, and any bye dogs (if drawn) will wear a blue blanket. Blankets should be high intensity colors.
2. **Slip lead.** One or two ring slip leads, or quick release slips may be used, or any slip lead that provides instantaneous release.
3. **Muzzles.** Dogs may wear muzzles at the owner's discretion. Muzzles, if used, should be standard coursing or racing muzzles, and allow the dog to breath freely.
4. **Collars.** Catch collars, if used, must be flat buckle type collar, and not have any tags, ornaments, or anything hanging that might interfere with the dog. Any other type of collar is prohibited.
5. **Leg wraps.** Protective leg wraps are allowed, and at the owner's discretion.
6. **Hair bands.** Long haired breeds may use a rubber band or barrette to keep hair out of the dog's eyes.

## XVIII Coursing Procedures.

1. **Running Order.** Round 1 courses from all stakes should be run first, followed by Round 2, then Round 3, etc, to insure that advancing dogs have adequate time to rest between courses. All advancing dogs should be allowed at least 20 minutes between courses. If no courses are available to run with at least 20 minutes rest, clubs may opt to run Coursing Aptitude Test dogs between courses.
2. **Reruns.** Should a course be interrupted for any reason, the dogs should be restarted at the beginning of the portion of the course that was interrupted.
3. **Ties.** Ties should be rerun immediately.
4. **Back Up Judge.** Stakes utilizing the back-up judge may be run separately from the remaining stakes, to allow a smooth transition of workers.

**XIX Judging Procedures.** Judges must be the same for all runs within a stake, but judges may be assigned to stake(s) on the day of the meet, based on entries.

- A. **Judging position.** The judge should be located in a position to clearly view all areas of the course, and to be able to assess the dogs' abilities accurately.
- B. **Scoring.** Judges will score the dogs according to the following criteria:
  1. **Speed.** In the speed portion of the course, the judge will assign a score of 0 - 5 points to each dog, based on their speed. In the event that one or both dogs substantially varies from the line of travel of the lure, such that their speed cannot be fairly assessed, those dog(s) should receive 0 points, and the dog that remains on the line of travel of the lure should score at least 2 points.
  2. **Agility.** In the agility portion of the course, the judge will assign a score of 0 - 5 points to each dog based on their ability to remain in proximity of the lure as it turns. In the event one or both dogs fails to attempt to directly pursue the lure as it turns, those dog(s) should receive 0 points, and the dog that attempts to remain in proximity to the lure should score at least 2 points.
  3. **Endurance.** In the final portion of the course, the judge will assign a score of 0 - 5 points to each dog, based on their endurance. Care should be taken to differentiate between a dog that lacks endurance, and one which checks his speed and slows as the lure stops.
  4. **Bonus.** Judges may assign a bonus of up to 2 points for overall ability, a 'take' during the course (if such a take is the result of superior ability rather than lure operator error), a 'take' at the end of the course, remarkable recovery from a fall, avoidance of a collision, or other such demonstration of superior coursing ability. In the event of a tie, between two dogs, the bonus points shall determine the winner.
  5. **Penalty.** Judges may assign a penalty of up to 2 points for delay of course (dog or handler), or pre-slip.
  6. **Tally of scores.** At the end of the course, the judge should tally the scores of the dogs, and indicate the winner on the judge's sheet.
- C. **Restarts.** In the event a course cannot be scored, the judge may stop the course and restart the course at the beginning of the portion of the course where it was stopped (preferred), or at the beginning (if necessary).
- D. **Signaling the winner.** The judge may either wave a flag to indicate the winner of each course, may radio the winner to the secretary, or the secretary may periodically send a runner to collect the judges sheets.
- E. **Conflicts.** No judge shall enter or handle a dog in the stake or stakes that he/she is officiating. No dog belonging to any judge, his immediate family, or household may be entered in any stake where that judge is officiating. A judges' hounds may be entered at that meet in other stakes. These hounds must be judged by the Back-up Judge.
- F. **Excusals, dismissals and Disqualified.** Judges must indicate on the judging sheet the dog that has been excused or dismissed, and state the reason.
  1. **Excusal.** A judge may excuse a dog from competition for the following reasons:
    - a. Unfit to compete.
    - b. Coursing the other dog rather than the lure.
    - c. Playful interference.
    - d. Failure to run.

- e. Failure to appear for its course.
- f. A Female that appear to be in season.
- 2. **Dismissal.** A judge may dismiss a dog from competition for the following reasons:
  - a. Aggressive interference during a course.
  - b. Aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs.
  - c. **Note.** A dog should not be dismissed for defending itself; only the aggressor should be dismissed.
  - d. A dog which has been dismissed three times, shall be considered prohibited from coursing, and may not be entered in another coursing meet.
- 3. **Disqualified.** See the section on Dog Temperament and Behavior of this rulebook.

#### **XX Awards, Trophies and Ribbons**

- a. **Cash prizes.** UKC clubs may not offer cash prizes without written authorization from UKC.
- b. **Awards and Trophies.** Clubs may give such awards and trophies as they choose. Clubs may accept trophies donated by individuals or other organizations. These trophies may be designated for specific breeds or specific accomplishments.
- c. **Ribbons and rosettes.** If offered, all ribbons and rosettes must include the UKC Seal of Merit, and should specify lure coursing. The following ribbon colors are mandatory. Ribbons awarded for all other wins may be any other colors or combination of colors.
  - Stake winner – blue
  - Runners-Up – red
  - Breed Leader – purple
  - Qualifying run – blue

#### **XXI Judges Code of Ethics and Rules for Judges for Coursing Meets.**

- A. UKC authority to issue, suspend or revoke Judging licenses. All licenses to judge at UKC events shall be issued at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club. A Judge's license may be suspended or revoked by UKC at any time at the sole discretion of UKC, with or without cause.
- B. Authority to Judge a UKC Licensed event. No person may judge a UKC Licensed event unless that person holds a current UKC Judge's license for the event and class being judged and is in good standing with UKC.
- C. **Qualifications.**
  - 1. **Required qualifications for all UKC Licensed judges.** All applicants must.
    - a. Be twenty-one years of age or over, and
    - b. Have full mobility to move about the coursing field.
  - 2. **Required qualifications for Grandfather-license applicants.** Applicant must be licensed through another recognized organization offering coursing, shall pass a written exam on UKC rules, and shall judge one licensed Coursing meet or apprentice judge one licensed meet. This requirement maybe waived at the discretion of UKC.
  - 3. **Required qualifications for all other Coursing Judge applicants.** Applicant must have trained and handled a dog to a Lure Champion title through UKC or a recognized equivalent title.
  - 4. **Recommended qualifications for Coursing Judge applicants.** Applicants with the following background will be given extra consideration.
    - a. Applicant currently belongs to a coursing club.
    - b. Applicant currently holds office in a coursing club or has done so in the past.
    - c. Applicant actively participates in UKC Lure Coursing Meet events or a recognized organization's coursing program.
    - d. Applicant is recommended by a UKC-affiliated club that is licensed to hold coursing events.
- D. **Application procedure.**
  - 1. **Application.** Must submit a Judge's Application Form and fee along with a letter stating that he/she has the required qualifications and listing which of the recommended qualifications he/she has. Applicant must provide UKC with photocopies of registration certificates and title certificates for the required dogs trained and handled. The letter should also include the following.
    - a. **Training and handling experience.**
      - 1) **Number of coursing meets attended annually.** These figures should include the names of the organizations sponsoring the trials.
      - 2) **All Coursing titles earned.** This should include the dogs that earned the titles (including names and registration numbers), and the sponsoring organization of the events where the titles were earned.
      - 3) **Levels of experience as a Coursing instructor.**
    - b. **Judging experience.** List of coursing meets or matches judged with club names, dates, and names and telephone numbers of Event Chairpersons.
    - c. **General knowledge.**

- 1) List coursing judging seminars or other coursing-related educational events attended, including dates and presenters.
  - 2) List references from coursing judges or exhibitors.
2. **Written examination.** Applicants approved by UKC will be sent an examination on the UKC Coursing Meet rules and procedures. Applicants who successfully complete the exam will be notified within 30 days of receipt of the completed exams at UKC. Upon written notice of acceptance and not before, applicant may apply for assignments as an Apprentice Judge.
- E. Procedures for Apprentice Judges.**
1. Applying for an Apprentice judging assignment. An Apprentice Judge must apply in writing to the officiating Judge of an upcoming UKC Coursing Meet requesting permission to apprentice at a specific event. No one may serve as an Apprentice Judge who has not applied in writing. Copies of the request must also be sent to the Coursing Meet Chairperson of the club hosting the event.
  2. Approval/denial of application for an Apprentice judging assignment. The officiating judge must respond promptly to a request for an Apprentice judging assignment. If the request is denied, the officiating judge must give reasons for the denial and send a copy of the request and his/her letter of denial to the Dog Events department at UKC. If the host club objects to allowing an Apprentice Judge at its event, they must promptly notify the officiating Judge of their objections. UKC encourages judges to work these problems out with the clubs, but the decision of the officiating Judge is final.
  3. 4. Duties of Apprentice Judge. The Apprentice Judge must be on the field throughout all courses of the Stakes with the exception of any stake in which the Apprentice Judge has a dog competing. The Apprentice Judge must closely observe the judging procedures and the activities of the coursing officials. The Apprentice Judge must follow the instructions of the Licensed Judge at all times.
  4. Limits on Apprentice assignments.
    - a. An Apprentice Judge may not apprentice for a different performance event or a conformation show hosted by the same club on the same day.
    - b. An Apprentice Judge may not complete more than two Apprentice judging assignments in a single weekend.
    - c. Only one Apprentice is allowed per officiating Judge per event.
    - d. No Apprentice Judge may apply for an assignment under an officiating Judge that is a member of the Apprentice Judge's immediate family or who resides in the same household.
    - e. No Apprentice Judge may work as an Event Chairperson, Event Secretary or Meet Official.
    - f. The Apprentice Judge may not hand out awards or ribbons.
  5. Apprentice Judge Evaluation form. The Apprentice Judge is responsible for providing an Apprentice Judge Evaluation form and a stamped envelope addressed to UKC, Dog Events Department, 100 E. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, to each licensed judge under which he/she apprentices.
  6. Evaluation of an Apprentice Judge. The officiating Judge must evaluate the Apprentice Judge's knowledge of the UKC Coursing Meet rules and judging procedures based on their discussions. The officiating judge must complete the Apprentice Judge Evaluation form and send it directly to UKC. The completed forms are confidential and not to be shared with the Apprentice Judge.
  7. Completing an apprenticeship. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements below, an Apprentice Coursing Judge will be notified by UKC that he/she can accept assignments as a licensed Probationary Coursing Judge.
    - a. Serve as an Apprentice Coursing Judge for each of the stakes at three different UKC Licensed Coursing Meets.
    - b. Serve as an Apprentice Coursing Judge for each of the stakes under at least two different UKC Licensed Coursing Judges.
    - c. Receive favorable recommendations from at least two different UKC Licensed Coursing Judges.
- F. Provisional Judge.** A person must serve as a Provisional Judge for a minimum of one year after licensing, during which time he/she must judge at least two Coursing Meets. No Provisional Judge may authorize an Apprentice Judge to serve under him/her. During the provisional y period, UKC will evaluate the performance of provisional Judges. Judges who successfully complete the provisional year will automatically qualify as Licensed Judges unless notified otherwise by UKC.
- G. Rules Regarding Dogs Owned or Trained By Judges, Immediate Family Members and Members of the Same Household.**
1. **Dogs that may not course under a Judge.** Except as outlined in subparagraph 2, below, exhibitors may not course dogs from the following categories under any coursing Judge. These dogs may, however, show in other types of events where the judge is not officiating on the same day. In addition, a dog owned by a person judging a conformation event, may participate in a performance event hosted by same club on the same day, provided the dog is not handled by the Judge, a member of the judges immediate family or a member of the judges household.
    - a. A dog that is owned or co-owned by the Judge;
    - b. A dog that is owned or co-owned by a member of the Judge's immediate family;

- c. A dog that is owned or co-owned by a person living in the same household as the Judge;
  - d. A dog that has been owned or trained by the Judge or that has lived in the Judge's household, regardless of ownership, within three months of the date of the event;
  - e. A dog that has been owned or trained by a member of the Judge's immediate family or that has lived in the household of a member of the Judge's immediate family within three months of the date of the event;
  - f. A dog that is exhibited by an immediate family member of the Judge;
  - g. A dog that is exhibited by a person living in the Judges' household.
2. **Procedures whereby prohibited dogs may course.** Any prohibited dog listed above may course provided that:
- a. The Judge notifies the club in advance that a prohibited dog will be entering the event.
  - b. The host club designates a Lead Judge and a Backup Judge on the Application For One Licensed Event. The Lead Judge shall be the overall authority for judging the event; and The restrictions in sub-paragraphs 1. a) through g). do not apply to the officiating Judge of the stake in which the judge's dog is competing.

**XXII. Judges Code Of Ethics.** UKC Judges are approved on the basis of their knowledge of dogs, their understanding of the UKC rules, their dedication to the sport of purebred and performance dogs, and their integrity. Judges are the role models for our sport and, as such, are expected to adhere to the highest standards of conduct. Judges should adhere to the following guidelines when judging.

- A. Remember that Judges' decisions play a key role in determining future breeding stock. Conformation decisions must be based strictly on the UKC standard and performance placements on the UKC rules.
- B. Remember that performance Judges' must be sure they make every effort to be consistent when scoring each dog.
- C. Judges who compete at an event where they are officiating must be aware that their decisions are subject to scrutiny and must make every effort to ensure that their decisions are above reproach.
- D. Judges should dress appropriately for the event and the weather. A Judge's appearance should always be neat and professional.
- E. Judges must not only avoid impropriety but also the appearance of impropriety. In a sport where Judges are bound to have numerous friends among the exhibitors, it is important when judging to keep socializing at events to a minimum, both in and out of the ring. Judges should be cordial to all exhibitors while maintaining a professional distance.
- F. Judges are encouraged to participate in UKC events as spectators, exhibitors, workers, and club members. In such situations, however, Judges must be mindful that people give extra attention to their words. Judges should refrain from gossip and be cautious about discussing dogs they have judged.

**Section XXIII. Dog Temperament And Behavior.** Owners of UKC-registered dogs are responsible for the behavior of their dogs at UKC events. Dogs participating in UKC events are expected to have stable temperaments appropriate to their breeds and to be sufficiently well trained so that no dog's behavior interferes with the Judge's ability to evaluate the dog or its performance. Owners or designated handlers are expected to ensure at all times that their dogs present no threat to persons or other dogs attending the event.

- A. Excusing a dog for temperament or behavior in the on-deck area.** A Judge may excuse a dog when the dog's behavior significantly interferes with the Judge's ability to evaluate the dog's performance. This includes, but is not limited to, a dog that is so unruly that it indicates to the Judge it is unable to compete. A Judge must excuse a dog when the dog's demeanor gives the Judge reason to believe that the dog may not safely be in the on-deck area with meet officials or its handler. In such cases, the Judge must mark the dog "Excused" in the Judge's book and state the reason for the excusal. The Judge's decision in such matters is final.
- B. Disqualifying a dog for temperament or behavior.**
  - 1. **When the bite or attack occurs in the on-deck.** A Judge must disqualify a dog that bites or attempts to bite a person, or that bites or attacks another dog. The term "attack" shall be construed to include unprovoked physical contact between the two dogs. If the bite, attempted bite or attack occurs in the ring, the Judge must mark the dog "disqualified" in the Judge's book and state the reason for the disqualification. The Judge's decision in such matters is final. The Judge must complete the UKC "Disqualified for Attacking" report form and report any such incident to the Event Committee immediately.
  - 2. **When the bite or attack occurs elsewhere.** Any person who witnesses a dog biting or attempting to bite a person, or biting or attacking another dog anywhere on the event grounds other than in the ring must report it immediately to a member of the Event Committee or the host club. The host club must investigate the alleged bite, attempted bite or attack and the club must file a complaint using the procedure outlined in Section VII of this rulebook. Once the complaint is complete, the Event Committee must send the complaint to UKC with their Event Report. The dog is considered disqualified in this situation and must not enter or exhibit at any UKC Licensed event until reinstated by UKC, and the Event Committee must immediately notify all concerned parties of same.

3. **UKC procedures for dogs disqualified under this section.** When UKC is notified that a dog has been disqualified under this section, the owner of the dog will be notified by certified mail of the Judge's report (disqualified in the ring) or the findings and recommendations of the host club (Complaint and hearing for biting or attacking outside the ring). The owner of the dog shall have 14 days from receipt of this notification to show cause why the dog should not be barred from participating in future UKC events and from all registration privileges. After reviewing any mitigating or extenuating evidence submitted by the owner, a Disciplinary Committee composed of UKC staff members shall make a finding of facts and determine the penalty, and this ruling shall be final. The owner of the dog shall be notified of the outcome within 30 days of receipt of the owner's response. Owners of dogs that are barred from registration privileges are required to return the dog's UKC registration certificate within 14 days of notice that the dog is barred. Failure to promptly return the registration certificate can result in loss of UKC privileges. Dogs barred from registration privileges may not be transferred. The name, breed and owner of a dog barred from registration privileges shall be published once in the first issue of BLOODLINES magazine after the owner is notified.

**Section XXIV. Use of Alcohol and Illegal Drugs at Events.** The use of alcohol and illegal drugs at UKC events is prohibited. Violators may be excused from the ring by the Judge and from the show or event grounds by the Event Committee or any officer of the host club. The decisions of these officials are final. The Event Secretary is to file a Misconduct and Discipline form notifying UKC in writing of any Judge who is excused by the host club for violation of this rule.

**Section XXV. Misconduct And Discipline.**

- A. **Standard of conduct at a UKC event.** United Kennel Club events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog lovers and their UKC Registered dogs. Accordingly, UKC expects the highest standard of conduct at events.
- B. **Misconduct.** Misconduct may be defined as conduct by a person that is prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs. There are two general categories of misconduct:
  1. Wrongdoing at a UKC 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; throwing bait in the ring; littering the ring with bait; using bait or a squeaker in the ring when a Judge has prohibited their use.
  2. Wrongdoing not associated with a UKC event. This may include, but is not limited to, falsification of UKC registration papers; misidentification of a dog or the parentage of a dog; abuse or neglect of dogs; or continued failure to keep proper registration records.
- C. **Jurisdiction.** All persons present on the grounds of a UKC event during the event hours are subject to the jurisdiction of the UKC. In addition, UKC has jurisdiction over any misconduct that may occur off the grounds of the event or outside event hours, provided that the misconduct is reasonably related to the event. This paragraph shall be interpreted as broadly as is necessary to regulate such off-grounds misconduct as abuse of motel rooms by persons attending the events.
- D. **Procedures for handling misconduct during or associated with an event**
  1. **The complaint.**
    - a. **Who must file a complaint.** Any person or persons who become aware of an act of misconduct during the hours of a UKC event, must notify either the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary at any time during the hours of the event.
      - (1) **When a Judge observes misconduct in the on-deck area.** Any Judge who observes misconduct by an exhibitor in the Judge's ring must excuse the exhibitor from the ring and file a complaint with the Event Chairperson or Event Secretary as soon as practicable. The Judge must note the reason for excusal in his/her Judge's book.
      - (2) **When a person is excused for misconduct in the on-deck area.** A person excused by the Judge for misconduct in the ring may not show in any other class or event until after his/her hearing. The club shall not refund any entry fees unless the Hearing Committee makes a finding that the alleged misconduct did not occur, that the misconduct was not prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs, or that the misconduct did not occur in conjunction with a UKC event. No dog owned or co-owned by the excused person may continue in further competition until the matter has been resolved by a hearing. If the excused person is handling a dog that he/she does not own or co-own, that dog may be returned to competition with another handler.
      - (3) **When a person observes misconduct by a member of the Event Committee or a Judge at an event.** Any person who becomes aware of an act of misconduct by a member of the Event Committee or a Judge during the hours of an event must file a complaint in accordance with this Section. Complaints about a Judge's placements must be dealt with in accordance with Section XV, Paragraph A.

- b. **Upon receipt of a complaint.** Upon receipt of a complaint, the Event Chairperson shall provide the complainant with a UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. The complainant must enter the name of the subject of the complaint (hereinafter referred to as the “respondent”) in Section 3, and complete all of Sections 1 and 2, providing the following:
  - (1) **Section 1.** The club name, location of the event, the date of the incident, and the name of the Event Chairperson.
  - (2) **Section 2.** The complainant’s name, address, daytime and evening phone numbers, and the facts and circumstances of the alleged misconduct, including the specific sections of the pertinent UKC rulebook which have allegedly been violated.

The Event Chairperson shall then appoint from the officers and directors of the host club, two persons who shall serve, with the Event Chairperson, as the Hearing Committee, except that no officer or director who witnessed the alleged misconduct shall serve on the Hearing Committee. Additionally, no person who is related to or living in the same household as either the complainant or any accused person shall serve on the hearing committee. If no officer or director is eligible to serve, then other club members may be appointed. The Event Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson of the Hearing Committee and shall set a time and place for the hearing. If the Event Chairperson witnessed the alleged misconduct, he/she shall appoint, from the officers and directors of the host club, three persons who shall serve as the Hearing Committee and shall also designate one to serve as Chairperson of the Hearing Committee. The Chairperson of the Hearing Committee shall appoint a member to record the notes of the hearing. The place for the hearing shall be on the event grounds and the hearing time shall be set so as to give the respondent adequate time to prepare for the hearing.

2. **Notice.** As soon as possible after receiving the complaint, the Hearing Chairperson shall advise the respondent of:
  - a. The specific conduct that is the subject of the complaint and the time and place at which the alleged misconduct occurred;
  - b. The name of the complainant;
  - c. The names of witnesses against him/her; and,
  - d. The time and place of the hearing.

The Hearing Chairperson must enter the respondent’s address and daytime and evening phone numbers in Section 3 of the complaint. He/she may obtain this information directly from the respondent or from respondent’s UKC official entry form, if the respondent is an exhibitor. If the respondent cannot be located on the grounds, the Hearing Chairperson shall select a date, time and place for the hearing and notify the respondent in writing by certified mail (return receipt requested) at the mailing address on the UKC official entry form or the respondent’s last known address, whichever is applicable. Every reasonable effort shall be made to locate and notify the respondent of the complaint and hearing. Hearings not held on the day of the event must be held no more than 28 calendar days from the date of the event.

3. **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.
4. **The Hearing.**
  - a. **Advisement of respondent’s rights.** The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall advise the respondent of the following rights:
    - (1) The right to be present during the testimony of all witnesses;
    - (2) The right to cross-examine all witnesses;
    - (3) The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf; and,
    - (4) The right to testify in his/her own behalf.
  - b. **Witnesses.** All witnesses who come before the Hearing Committee shall testify under oath administered by the Hearing Chairperson. Witnesses who are unable to attend in person may testify by telephone.
  - c. **Order of testimony.** The complainant shall present his/her evidence first, followed by the respondent’s evidence.
  - d. **Cross-examination.** 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.
  - e. **Spectators.** Spectators shall not be allowed at Hearing Committee hearings except for UKC Field Representatives appointed to attend the hearing on behalf of UKC or UKC staff.
  - f. **Attorneys.** No party shall be entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing.
5. **Findings.** At the conclusion of the hearing, the complainant, respondent and all witnesses shall be excused. The Hearing Committee shall deliberate and make their findings based on a preponderance of the evidence. A two-thirds majority is sufficient to make findings. The findings shall be reported as follows:
  - a. Whether the alleged misconduct was proven to have occurred;
  - b. Whether the alleged misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs;
  - c. Whether the alleged misconduct occurred in connection with a UKC event.

In reaching its decision, the Hearing Committee may not consider the respondent's general reputation or status in the sport of purebred dogs, prior acts of misconduct, 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.

**6. Completing The UKC® Misconduct Report And Hearing Form.** The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall complete Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form as follows:

- a. **Section 4:** The name, address and phone number of each witness and a summary of each witness's testimony. This summary shall include all pertinent facts provided by the witness. If the space on the form is insufficient, additional sheets of paper may be used to record the summary.
- b. **Section 5:** The date and time that respondent was notified of the hearing and the names, addresses and daytime and evening phone numbers of the Hearing Committee members.
- c. **Section 6:** The Hearing Committee's findings and recommendations shall be entered in this section. In addition, each member of the Hearing Committee shall then sign the form in the space provided and enter his/her address, daytime and evening phone numbers and e-mail.

Within 10 calendar days of the hearing, the Hearing Chairperson shall forward one copy of the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form to United Kennel Club. The club hosting the event shall also keep a copy of the completed UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form.

- E. Misconduct by an Event-giving club.** When any person or persons become aware of an act of misconduct by an event-giving club, its event officials, any person acting in an official capacity or acting event manager during the hours of a UKC event must make written notification of the violation by the club to UKC within 7 days of the event.
- F. Penalties.** The appropriate UKC Department Head shall review all Hearing Committee findings and staff investigation results with the UKC Disciplinary Committee. If a Hearing Committee's findings of prejudicial misconduct are upheld, the Disciplinary Committee shall impose one or more of the following penalties:
1. **Probation.** Probation can last for a period up to three years. During the period of probation, the individual shall be closely monitored by UKC. Any further instances of misconduct may result in an immediate suspension or barring of the individual at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee and without further due process.
  2. **Suspension.** The Disciplinary Committee shall impose a minimum three hundred dollar fine and a minimum one-year suspension for probation violations and for most serious acts of misconduct. The suspension will begin immediately upon notification by certified mail (return receipt requested) but the fine must be paid 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 he is notified of the penalty but the one-year suspension does not start until the date the fine is paid. If the suspended individual waits until March 1 to pay his fine, his suspension will actually run fourteen months until midnight of February 28 the following year.
  3. **Barring.** The Disciplinary Committee shall bar an individual for an indefinite period of time for repeat instances of misconduct or for the most serious forms of misconduct, including cruelty to dogs. The period of barring shall begin upon notification of the respondent by certified mail (return receipt requested).
  4. **Privileges lost during suspension or barring.** The following rules apply to persons who are barred or suspended:
    - a. A suspended/barrred person may not register any dogs in his/her name (joint or individual ownership).
    - b. No dog registered in the name of a suspended/barrred person (joint or individual ownership) may be used for breeding and no offspring of such a dog is eligible for registration with UKC.
    - c. A suspended/barrred 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/barrred person, regardless of co-ownership status, may be transferred to any member of that person's family.
    - d. A suspended/barrred person may not register any litters or sign any litter registrations in any capacity.
    - e. A suspended/barrred person may not enter or participate in any way in any UKC licensed event.
    - f. No dog registered in the name of a suspended/barrred person (joint or individual ownership) may be entered or participate in any way in any UKC licensed event nor may such a dog receive points or legs toward any UKC title.
    - g. Appeals. Any person placed on probation, suspended or barred may appeal directly, in writing, to the UKC President. An appeal must be filed not later than 30 days from the date a person is notified of the probation, suspension or barring. The decision of the President is final.
    - h. UKC Inherent Rights and Powers. Notwithstanding anything herein and regardless of whether these procedures are followed, under the Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC reserves the right to itself and its sole judgment and discretion, to investigate any misconduct and to impose such sanctions and penalties as deemed appropriate.

1. **Number of events in a year.** A UKC club may apply to hold as many events per year as the club may properly support. However, UKC has the right to limit the number of events held by a club at their sole discretion.
2. **Number of events per day.** Only one coursing meet may be held per day. A coursing meet includes a Coursing Test for sighthounds. A club may also schedule a Coursing Aptitude test (for all breeds) the same day. Additionally, a UKC club may apply to hold two Coursing Aptitude tests on the same day, alone, or in conjunction with other events.
3. **Corresponding date.** A club that has offered an event in any one-year shall have the first right to hold an event on the corresponding date in the following year. A club that fails to confirm an event by returning their application and does not request to hold this date shall lose the right to claim that date the following year.
4. **Mileage conflicts.** UKC will not license events of the same type on the same day to be held by different clubs within 100 miles of each other.

**XXVII Planning UKC Events.** Refer to the UKC Event Manual on the website for additional rules and guidelines for hosting UKC Licensed events.

- A. **Appointing an Event Committee.** At least one year prior to any event, the club shall appoint an Event Committee. When the club Secretary receives the Application for One Day's Event (approximately nine months prior to the corresponding date for a club's event), the package will also include information regarding the upcoming event. The package must be sent to the Event Chairperson. The Club Secretary is responsible for ensuring that these forms are promptly sent to the appropriate Event Committee members.
- B. **Event Committee positions.** The Event Committee shall consist of a minimum of two persons. The Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary. When a coursing meet is held in conjunction with a conformation show, agility trial, obedience trial, or other UKC Licensed event, the host club must appoint one Event Chairperson or Chief Steward for each activity. Event Chairperson/Chief Steward will be responsible for all matters relating to the dogs entered in its activity.
- C. **Event Committee information on Application for One Day's Event.** The names, addresses, telephones and e-mail addresses (when applicable) of the Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary must be listed on the Application for One Day's Event.
- D. **Requirements for Event Chairperson and Event Secretary.** Both the Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary must be in good standing with UKC.
- E. **Photographer.** Clubs are encouraged to provide a photographer to take photos at events. The Event Chairperson is responsible for providing entrants with the UKC requirements for publishing win photographs with the event reports in BLOODLINES magazine.
- F. **Prohibition against Event Chairperson and Event Secretary serving as Judge.** No person may serve as a Judge for the host club at any UKC Licensed event held on the same weekend when that person is serving as Event Chairperson or Event Secretary.
- G. **Presence of Event Chairperson and Event Secretary at events.** The Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary must be present during events at which they are serving in these capacities.
- H. **Replacing Event Chairperson or Event Secretary.** Once an application to hold an event has been approved by UKC, the club may not replace the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary unless the change has been requested in writing to and approved by UKC. If circumstances prevent the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary from serving on the day of the event, the club President or other club officer must appoint a replacement. The Event Secretary must include notice of the replacement with a written explanation of the reasons for the change when submitting the event results to UKC.
- I. **Event Chairperson Responsibilities.** The Event Chairperson is responsible for planning and conducting the event in accordance with UKC rules. The duties of the Event Chairperson include, but are not limited to.
  1. **UKC paperwork.** The Event Chairperson is responsible for completing and submitting the Application for One Day's Event on time and with the required fees.
  2. **Event Committee.** The Event Chairperson may appoint additional committee members to assist with such duties as he/she may delegate.
  3. **Event site.** The Event Chairperson is responsible for procuring a suitable event site. This includes the responsibility for executing all contracts and acquiring all permits that may be required by local jurisdictions.
  4. **Equipment.** The Event Chairperson and club officials holding the event are responsible for ensuring that the coursing equipment meets the requirements outlined elsewhere in this rulebook. The judge must approve the equipment before the start of judging. At the completion of the trial, the judge must report to UKC any substandard conditions or equipment.
  5. **Judge.** The Event Chairperson is responsible for hiring Judges who are properly licensed by UKC to judge coursing events. Judges must be hired sufficiently in advance of the event so that his/her names can be included on the Application for One Day's Event. When a club hires both a Lead Judge and a Backup Judge for a single coursing meet, the required information for each Judge must be included on the Application for One Day's Event. Each Judge's contract must be in writing and signed by the Event Chairperson and the Judge. The Event Chairperson must keep the Judges' contracts on file for at least one month after the event.

6. **Motels.** The Event Chairperson is responsible for appointing a member of the host club to serve as a representative to the local motel managers and for notifying local motel managers how to contact this representative with complaints about exhibitors.
7. **Veterinarian.** A veterinarian must be in attendance or on call for each UKC event. Where local laws require that a veterinarian be in attendance, the Event Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the club is in compliance.
8. **Huntmaster Responsibilities.**
  - a. Shall call up each new course and check that each dog's blanket and slip lead is correct.
  - b. Stands to one side of the handlers to call the Tally Ho.
  - c. Positions the yellow dog on the left and pink (or blue for bye dogs) on the right when facing the lure.
  - d. Verifies that the judge, lure operator and handlers are ready.
  - e. Signals the lure operator to start the lure.
  - f. Call the 'Tally Ho' to release the dogs and instructs the handlers to 'Retrieve your dogs' when appropriate. Will instruct the handler to retrieve the dog if the dog does not leave the start, or returns to the start during a course.
  - g. Shall inform the judge and handler of any pre-slip.
  - h. Inspects the lure between each course, and replaces it if necessary.
  - i. Inform the handlers if a course is declared a no-course, a tie requiring a rerun, or if a dog is excused, dismissed or disqualified by the judge.
  - j. Shall stop the course if an unsafe situation develops.
  - k. Shall notify the Chairman if a dog appears to be lame or in season.
9. **Lure Operator Responsibilities.**
  - a. Lays out the course as required.
  - b. Makes at least one pilot run of the lure with a test dog for the judge's approval.
  - c. Starts the lure at a signal from the Huntmaster.
  - d. Will keep the lure 10 to 30 yards in front of the lead hound.
  - e. Will stop the lure on a signal from the judge or Huntmaster, or when an unsafe situation develops.
  - f. Stops the lure at least 20 yards from the lure machine.

**XXVIII United Kennel Club policy on coursing site changes.** When a club has to change their location after it has been published in the Upcoming Events Listing of Bloodlines, the following procedures must be followed to assure adequate notice of the change is given to all exhibitors that may attend the event.

- A. As soon as a new site is procured, the UKC Dog Events Department must be notified so the appropriate change can be made to the Upcoming Events listings.
- B. The club must notify all exhibitors who have pre-entered the event of the change of location and include directions to the new show site.
- C. Clubs must send out notification of the event site change to all exhibitors who were mailed a Premium List for the event.
- D. The club must have signs posted at the old show site directing exhibitors to the new location. Additionally, the club should, if at all possible, provide someone at the old site to direct exhibitors to the new location.
- E. Because of the change of location, it is possible that exhibitors might miss the Day of Meet entry deadline time. To accommodate these exhibitors, the club must be prepared to extend the Day of Meet entry deadline and the meet start time. Driving time between the old and new locations should be used as a guideline in setting the new entry deadlines and meet start times. The club must post a sign with the extended entry times and start of meet times at both the old and new locations.
- F. Clubs must refund any pre-entry fee(s), upon the exhibitor's written request, made prior to or at the meet, for any dog that was not exhibited due to the change in location.

**XXIX Cancelling a UKC Licensed Event.** Clubs must notify UKC in writing of their intention to cancel an approved event. Cancellation notifications must contain the signature of two officers of the club that is canceling the event. Permission to cancel an event must be received from UKC before the club sends notification to the judges and exhibitors that the event has been cancelled. The decision to refund license fees in whole or in part shall be based on the following criteria;

- A. A club that cancels its event before the application deadline date and before the application has been processed by UKC will receive a full refund.
- B. A club that cancels its event before the application deadline date but after the application has been processed by UKC will receive a refund equal to the license fees less \$20 per application.
- C. A club that cancels its event after the event information has been published in Bloodlines magazine shall receive no refund of license fees.
- D. In addition to the above rules regarding licensing fees, and depending on the individual circumstances, UKC may also require the club to take the following action(s).

1. **The club must reimburse scheduled judges for all expenses incurred on behalf of the club for the cancelled event.**
  2. An event Committee member must stay at the event site during the previously-scheduled event hours to inform all exhibitors or spectators that the event was canceled.
  3. The club must return all Pre-Entry fees.
  4. The club must mail an event cancellation letter to each person that was mailed a Premium list or other advertisement of the event.
  5. The club will be assessed additional fees for expensed incurred as a result of late changes to Bloodlines magazine.
- E. In the event a meet must be cancelled due to inclement weather, the club will take all of the above steps to insure all exhibitors affected have been notified.
- F. A club that cancels their event without UKC approval (except for last minute weather emergencies) will be subject to disciplinary action, which may result in the loss of privileges.
- G. A club that shows a pattern of scheduling and canceling events may lose its status as a UKC Licensed club.

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## **INHERENT RIGHTS & POWERS OF UKC®**

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- United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring registrations 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 registration) 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 registration).
  - 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.

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## **UKC POLICY REGARDING PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH FIGHTING DOGS**

Any individual or group of individuals known by UKC to promote, support, raise dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give or trade dogs that will be used in fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting of dogs; or arrested for attending and/or participating in a dog fight, will have the following actions taken against them by United Kennel Club and *BLOODLINES Dog Event News*:

1. All dog registration privileges will be revoked for life.
  - a. The person(s) will not be permitted to register any litters of puppies.

- b. The person(s) will not be permitted to transfer ownership of any puppies or adult dogs into their name.
2. The person(s) will be barred for life from participating in or entering any UKC licensed events. Their dogs will not be awarded any UKC Championship points or titles even if handled by another person.
3. The person(s) will be barred for life from advertising in *BLOODLINES* or any other UKC publications. Anyone aware of any persons currently involved in such activities as are listed above should report them to United Kennel Club.