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Schedule of Fees

Effective May 1, 2009

INHERENT RIGHTS and POWERS OF UKC

** (Revised November 18, 1996)*

LICENSES & FEES

Judge Licenses	\$15
Event Licenses	
Brace Trial.....	\$25
Large Pack Trial.....	\$25
Small Pack Trial.....	\$25
Event Recording Fee (per dog entered).....	\$1.50
Late Fee (for event reports received more than 10 days after the event is held).....	\$20

Plus \$20 for each month past due.

United Kennel Club, Inc. reserves the right to change any and all rules, fees, etc. without notice at any time.

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

Important Information About Fees

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

Registration Rules and Policies

For information on UKC Registration Rules and Policies, contact:

Registration Department
United Kennel Club, Inc. • 100 East Kilgore Road
Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584
www.ukcdogs.com



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tered trademark. Notify the Registration Department, United Kennel Club, 100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, should you become aware of such a violation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sending Work to UKC

United Kennel Club suggests that all fees for UKC services be submitted in a personal check, money order or a Visa or Mastercard. Sending cash is not suggested.

When more than one piece of work is mailed to UKC and different services are requested, i.e., a seven-generation pedigree on one dog and a three-generation pedigree on another, instructions should be included as to exactly what work is required.

Mail Litter Applications to:

Litter Department

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

Transfer Department

Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration

Certificates to:

Duplicate Department

Mail requests and inquiries to:

Registration Correspondent

Mail advertisements and subscriptions to:

COONHOUND BLOODLINES

Magazine Department

Mail Applications for Events, inquiries about

Championship points and Judges Applications to:

Beagle Field Operations

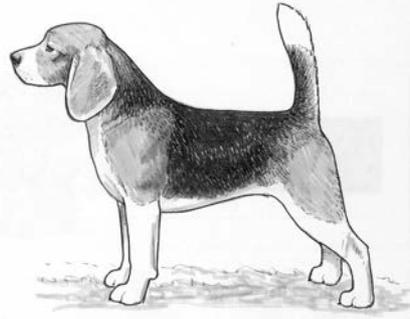
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Beagle Breed Standard Official UKC Breed Standard Scenthound Group

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HISTORY

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

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

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

GENERAL APPEARANCE

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

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

CHARACTERISTICS

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

HEAD & SKULL

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

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

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

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

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

NECK

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

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

FOREQUARTERS

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

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

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

BODY

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

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

HINDQUARTERS

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

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

FEET

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

Faults: Long feet. Open, spreading feet.

TAIL

The tail is set moderately high. It is carried gaily over the back with a slight curve, not turned forward. It is short as compared with the size of the hound, and has a brush.

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

COAT

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

COLOR

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

HEIGHT

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

ELIMINATING FAULTS

(An Eliminating Fault is a Fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a conformation event.)

Over 15 inches in height.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

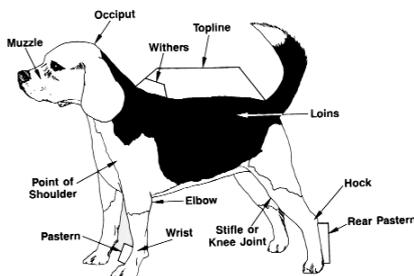
Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.) Albinism. Deaf. Blind.

SCALE OF POINTS

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

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

according to the Hunting Beagle rules.



UKC Beagle Single Registration Requirements

To single register a Beagle, a Single Registration Application designed specifically for the Beagle breed must be completed. These applications are available in all licensed hunt packets, as a download from the UKC website or by contacting the UKC Registration Department. Photos are required to be included with the single registration application. The photo requirement is waived if a UKC Beagle Field Representative or UKC licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge has approved the application.

Breed Inspector Guidelines

As a matter of convenience to clubs offering licensed events and the enthusiasts attending those events, UKC has made it acceptable for an inspector to verify breed type and confirm registry requirements. The following guidelines MUST be followed in order for a breed inspector verified single registration application to be accepted:

Breed inspection authority is restricted to the following individuals only: UKC Staff, UKC Field Reps, Official UKC Breed Inspectors and UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judges.

A breed inspector must visually verify that a dog meets the UKC breed standard. A breed inspector may not approve a dog for single registration that they have not visually inspected. Any dog with a disqualifying fault listed for its breed may not be accepted for single registration.

A breed inspector may not approve a dog that was whelped out of a female or by a male that the inspector owned at the time of breeding. This is not to question the integrity of anyone, but rather to lend credibility to the single registration process.

Once all the single registration requirements have been met and inspector guidelines followed, a breed inspector may approve an applicant for single registration. The preferred place to approve a single registration application is on the back, in the upper right hand corner. Please indicate such by listing the date inspected and inspector's signature. If legibility of inspector's signature is questionable, please include name in print.

Individuals found to be knowingly in violation of any of the above requirements or guidelines will be dealt with under the Inherent Rights and Powers of UKC.

Event Information Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events

**Revised January 1, 2008*

WHO MAY ENTER DOGS IN UKC LICENSED EVENTS?

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

*1. THE "REGISTRANT"

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

* 2. THE "NEW REGISTRANT"

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

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

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

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR HUNTS

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

1. Registration Certificate (purple or yellow).
2. UKC Easy Entry™ Card.
3. Registration Certificate and degree (HB Champion or Grand HB Champion).
4. Dogs may be entered in a UKC Beagle event

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

Notice - Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a UKC Hunting Beagle Champion or Grand Hunting Beagle Champion may be entered in the next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by United Kennel Club.

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

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

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

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR BENCH SHOWS

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

1. The dog must have 50 championship points from the hunt portion of a previous UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Event.
2. The dog must have been entered in, and completed the full 120 minutes *or the designated first round cast time in an Elimination Event* in the hunt portion of the UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Event the day of the show or be scratched by the Judge. Dogs withdrawn by handler or scratched in accordance with rule 6 (b) or any action deemed to be an intentional scratch are not eligible to be shown that day.

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

WARNING

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

United Kennel Club will withdraw points for any

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

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

UKC Easy Entry™ Card

Revised January 1, 1999

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

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

Registered owners may still enter their dogs on their UKC Registration Certificate if they wish.

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

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

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

Requirements for New Clubs

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

The club name submitted to United Kennel Club

will be considered your club's official name and will be utilized by UKC unless otherwise notified by your club in writing and signed by at least three officers of the club. We should be informed *immediately* of the specific location where licensed events will be held, along with the names, complete addresses and telephone numbers of new officers, and particularly the corresponding officer following each election.

1. Additional club requirements:

- a. UKC recommends a membership that includes enough active members to properly conduct a large event without relying on outside help.
- b. Constitution and bylaws must be submitted (sample copy available upon request.)
- c. UKC rules and policies and your local laws must be followed at UKC licensed events. A statement to this effect *must* be included in the constitution and bylaws.
- d. The club must provide a complete membership list of all the active members.

2. Rules concerning dates for UKC licensed events:

- a. Notify Field Operations at least five months in advance of dates you prefer. A maximum of seven dates are allowed.
- b. UKC will mail a confirmation form, confirming your club's dates approximately four months prior to the event, to your club's corresponding officer. It must be completed and returned by the date indicated on the form. Incomplete forms, late forms or failure to include proper fees will result in no license being granted. Be sure the form is complete, and on time! **No** exceptions will be made to this policy. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE CONFIRMATION FORM. THE INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO SUPPLY THE DATE FOR THE "UPCOMING EVENTS LIST." THE INFORMATION MUST BE GIVEN FOR THE EVENT SO IT WILL APPEAR IN *COONHOUND BLOODLINES*, OR UKC CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED.**

3. Suggestions for successful events:

- a. Practice or "buddy" hunts should be conducted to familiarize members with the UKC Honor Rules.
- b. Contact your state corporation office in order to make the club a non-profit corporation.
- c. It is suggested that you purchase a liability insurance policy before conducting events.
- d. Periodic rule seminars should be held to update members on rule changes.

e. Appoint separate committees for all aspects of your event Committees for the hunt, Bench Show, kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and ensure success.

f. Do not accept late entries! Doing so will void all entries at your UKC licensed event.

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

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

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

Titles of Excellence from UKC and Requirements to Earn Them

**Revised January 1, 2009*

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

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

1. FIELD CHAMPION (FCH)

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

1st place – 25 points or 1 point per hound entered, whichever is greater.

2nd place – 15 points

3rd place – 10 points

4th place – 5 points

The title of UKC Field Champion will be awarded to all hounds that have earned three (3) wins and 120 points.

To be declared an official UKC Field Champion, a dog must have at least 120 UKC points recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office and have at least three first place wins in a UKC licensed Field Trial.

2. GRAND FIELD CHAMPION (GRFCH)

In order to be declared an official UKC Grand Field Champion, a dog must win at least three trials after

earning his FCH degree. Champions are run and judged against open competition.

Grand Field Champions may continue to be run in open competition.

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

Upcoming UKC Licensed Events

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

This information appears each month in various industry publications and at www.ukcdogs.com, listing all UKC licensed events for the following month. Information on July events will appear in the June issue.

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

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

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

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

Example: MICHIGAN

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

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

Explanation of Example

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

Champions entries. The Hunt entry fee is \$10.

Awards at UKC Licensed Events

Participants in any United Kennel Club event, including but not limited to registered owners and/or handlers are prohibited from accepting any form of cash, compensation, or money as prize or reward for winning or placing in UKC events, unless authorized by UKC in writing. UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgement and discretion, the right to give such authorization. Violation of this rule may result in the violator being barred for one year to life from any UKC licensed event, their dogs being barred from receiving any Championship points for one year up to life, and the barring of the violator from registering any dogs with UKC for one year to life.

Club Officers Guidelines for Conducting UKC Events

Revised January 1, 2002

I. Scheduling Your UKC Dates:

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

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

United Kennel Club, Inc.

- B. Request for additional club dates must be made with ample time to meet Upcoming Events publication requirements. (Allow at least 90 days prior to the event). A maximum of three dates for UKC licensed events will be granted for the first probationary year, thereafter a maximum of 7 dates will be granted.
- C. A club may not change the location of an event without contacting UKC at least 90 days prior to the event. UKC reserves the right to grant or deny approval.
- D. When the Confirmation is received by the corresponding officer, they must fill out all the requested information on the front. If all information is not included no license will be granted. Make sure that the Officer's List contains the correct names, addresses and phone numbers of the club's officers. Return one copy of the Invoice/Confirmation with the Officer's List (if there are changes) and the proper fee two months prior to the event by the first of the month. Provided the completed confirmation is received on time, your event will then be listed free in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES*, *American Beagler* and *Better Beagling* when possible the month before the event is to be held. *If the confirmation is not received by the deadline, the date will not be held for the next year unless UKC is contacted.*

1. Fees

- a. Brace Trial\$25
- b. Large Pack Trial\$25
- c. Small Pack Trial\$25

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

E. Advertising Your Event.

- 1. Advertising other than that appearing in *COONHOUND BLOODLINES*, *American Beagler* and *Better Beagling* free upcoming events listing is recommended but not required.
- 2. If club does decide to advertise, the information in the advertisement must be the same as the information in the Upcoming Events listing. The "Upcoming Events" listing is the final authority. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, then the Upcoming Events list is considered correct and what the club must go by.

II. How to Conduct your UKC Licensed Event.

- A. License and Event Supplies:
 - 1. The license and supplies will be mailed approximately four (4) weeks prior to the event.
 - 2. Upon receipt of the package, the corresponding officer should check to make sure they have received all needed materials. If not, contact UKC immediately at (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com.
 - 3. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact Field Operations immediately at (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com.
- B. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Bench Show Judge has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in their possession, DO NOT schedule them to judge the event. You have the right to request to see the license or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event without a current license, the club will be responsible and may lose approved status for future UKC licensed events. This policy will be rigidly enforced. If you have difficulty obtaining a licensed individual to judge your event, contact Field Operations for assistance. Please confirm the status of the license well in advance of the event.
- C. Things to do the Day of the Event:
 - 1 Post legible signs at all major intersections directing participants to your club.
 - 2 Post license and "Entering Dogs" in UKC Licensed Event Sheet.
 - 3 Post entry deadline time and deadline for return of scorecards.
 - 4. Club is responsible for having an adequate number of Licensed judges on hand.
- D. Taking Entries: Carefully follow the procedures outlined under the "Master of Hounds Guidelines" and "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events".
- E. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC:
 - 1. Complete the Official UKC report forms. Be sure that the UKC number, Sire and Dam information, the registered owner's name, handler's name and address for each is correct. Use dog's complete registered name on reports since this information will be published.
 - 2. The completed report forms are then to be checked and signed by all required individuals. Hunt Report Forms must be signed by the Master of Hounds and at least two offi-

cers of the club (not less than three different persons). Bench Show Report Forms must be signed by the Bench Show Judge and at least two officers of the club (not less than three different persons). **Three signatures are required.** Each person signing a report should review it thoroughly. Their signature indicates that they have done so and that the information is correct.

3. Clubs must retain their copies of their reports in addition to the scorecards for a period of one year. The Master of Hounds or Bench Show Judge must also keep their copy of the reports for one year.
4. Completed and signed reports are then to be returned to UKC's Championship Department, along with a fee of \$1.50 for each dog entered in each licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due.

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

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

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

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

Attention All Clubs!

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

No phone calls will be made in the future. Letters may be written to obtain information if time permits. However, if complete information is not received by

the 1st of the month preceding the month of the event, *no license will be issued!*

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

Typical omissions on the confirmation form are:

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

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

Club officer's names, addresses and phone numbers.

Remember, no licenses will be granted if the form is not complete.

You may direct your questions, concerning this policy to:

Beagle Field Operations • (269) 343-9020
UNITED KENNEL CLUB, INC.
100 East Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584

www.ukcdogs.com • hounds@ukcdogs.com

Club Officers Guidelines for Registering Beagles at UKC Events

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

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

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

This process allows the hunter a chance to receive an application, have pictures taken, have the application approved by a club officer and sent into the UKC office for them. With a minimal effort on behalf of the hunter and the club, another dog will soon be eligible to compete in licensed Hunting Beagle events.

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

Scratched for Fighting — UKC Policy

Revised January 1, 1999

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

When three (3) reports — Bench Show or Hunt have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been “Scratched for Fighting” or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: The reports will be checked to see if they have been properly certified by (1) Judge of the cast, (2) the Master of Hounds or Bench Show Judge and (3) two different officers of the club. If the reports are properly signed-off, the registered owner of the dog will be sent a certified letter advising them of the dates and the names of the clubs that have reported their dog “Scratched for Fighting.” The name of the dog, the registered owner's name, address and the time barred for fighting will be published in *COONHOUND BLOOD-LINES*, *American Beagler* and *Better Beagling* magazines. They will be requested to return their UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by a specific date (approximately 30 days). The Registration Certificate will be stamped BARRED FOR FIGHTING UNTIL _____. It will then be sent back to the registered owner. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be retained by UKC. The dog will be barred for two (2) years from the date of the third “Scratched for Fighting” offense. At the end of two (2) year period, the registered owner of the dog can return the Registration Certificate, along with the proper fee, to the UKC Registration Office for the issuance of a new Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card. All reference to fighting will be removed, and the dog will once again be allowed to enter UKC licensed events.

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

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

If the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card is returned after the notification dead-

line they will be reviewed on an individual basis as to what actions will be taken.

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

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

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

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

Classes

Classes must be split according to size, the sizes being: hounds 13" and under; and over 13" but not over 15". Classes may further be split according to sex at the club's option. The host club must submit the availability of classes and order of running when confirming the event. This information will be advertised in the Upcoming Events list and is what the club must go by.

An advertised class may be split if the judges determine the class to be too large and provided that the host club can accommodate the split.

Classes advertised as combined, that reach a total entry of 40 dogs, may be split by sex and run as two separate classes, each awarding championship points.

All classes must be judged by two (2) UKC licensed Judges. In case of split classes, licensed judges should be paired with an alternative judge.

Females in season and males who are just bad to bother females will be immediately excused from combined classes.

All classes to be run on rabbit, hare or swamper.

Judges

There will be two licensed Judges responsible for judging each class. The decision of the Judges to place or eliminate any hound is final.

Judges may be questioned by handlers immedi-

ately following the announcement of winners. It is recommended that one of the two Judges address owners and spectators immediately prior to or following the announcement of winners with oral comments as to the reasoning for placements.

Alternate Judges may be used in emergency situations only. An example would be if the advertised Judge does not show up or if a class is split. With the exception of the actual license, alternate Judges must meet the same requirements and follow the same guidelines as licensed Judges. When it is necessary for the club to use an alternate Judge, the host club must submit a short, written explanation as to the reason that an alternate Judge appears on the trial report.

Requirements and Procedures for Becoming a UKC Licensed Judge

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

1. The applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality, and their interest in the improvement of the Beagle breed. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Judge.
2. Applicants shall have reached their eighteenth (18) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Judge.
3. Applicants must know the Official UKC Rules and Procedures.
4. Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.
5. Applicants must be experienced Beaglers who know and can identify correct and faulty Beagle work as it applies to hunting hounds.
6. Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended in writing by officers of the club. At least three officers of the club must sign the UKC application form.
7. Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three different UKC Licensed Judges, and be recommended by them.
8. The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the owner or handler is.

9. The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.
10. No applicant for a UKC Judge's license will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.
11. The Judge's license is \$15, and once acquired is valid indefinitely.
12. All licenses for UKC Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club, Inc.

Authority and Responsibilities of a Judge

1. A Judge may disqualify any dog for unsportsman-like actions by the owner or handler. Judges shall, at any given time select all, any or none of the hounds from a given pack for further consideration. Judges may at any time order up any faulty hound that is interfering with the smooth running of the pack. Judges may at any time pick up a dog that is not positively contributing to the pack.
2. Judges have the right to withhold placement and/or Championship points if, in their opinion, there is not a dog entered that is worthy of placement.
3. Judges are responsible for their own conduct and appearance which should always be becoming to a Judge.
4. It is the responsibility of the licensed Judge to keep up-to-date on any changes to the rules and procedures.
5. A Judge shall not ask: 1) who owns a dog, (2) who a dog was purchased from, or (3) how dog is bred, while judging a trial.
6. A Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.
7. Judges must accurately report their decisions to the recording secretary.
8. Judges must come to an agreement between themselves prior to casting hounds on the system they will use to evaluate hounds.
9. Judges must come to an agreement between themselves on the placement of the class.
10. The Judge's decision with respect to any part of the judging of a class is final.
11. Judges have the authority to order up all or part of the class in order to keep the pack together, find new game or ground, deal with cases of interference, etc.

12. Judges shall work with the host club in appointing Marshals to assist them with hounds and the control of spectators and handlers.
13. Judges shall give 15 minutes before disqualifying a hound that is late for his pack.
14. When hounds appear to be running game, the Judge must allow it the opportunity to prove whether or not it is true. Judges shall not penalize or fault any hound without ample proof. If doubt exists, hounds shall be given the benefit of the doubt.

Misconduct & Discipline (Coonhounds/Beagles)

Revised January 1, 2007

Misconduct

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

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

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

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

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

Jurisdiction

All persons present on the grounds of a UKC event during the event hours are subject to the jurisdiction of the UKC and are therefore subject to these UKC standards of conduct and disciplinary procedures. In addition, UKC has jurisdiction over misconduct that may occur off the grounds of the event or outside event hours. This paragraph shall be interpreted as broadly as is necessary to regulate any off-grounds misconduct that is prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs. One example of such off-grounds event-related misconduct is abuse of motel rooms by dogs or persons attending the events.

The Complaint

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

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

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

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

Any person who becomes aware of an act of event-related misconduct after the event, must notify UKC in writing. UKC staff shall forward to the complainant a Misconduct Report and Hearing Form.

Complainant shall complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. Section 1 must be filled out completely. Complainant must fill out as much of Sections 2 and 3 as he/she is able and return the form to UKC.

All signed Misconduct Report and Hearing Forms shall be reviewed by the UKC staff within thirty (30) of receipt. If in the sole judgment and discretion of the UKC staff there is sufficient cause, UKC will notify the host club who received the complaint to hold a hearing on the complaint. The notice to hold a hearing shall include a copy of the original Misconduct Report and Hearing Form submitted and signed by the complainant.

Notice To Hold A Hearing

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

1. Appoint a Hearing Committee Chairperson and two Hearing Committee members from among the club's officers and board members. No officer or director who witnessed the alleged misconduct shall serve on the Hearing Committee;
2. Set the time and place of the hearing. The date shall be no more than thirty (30) days from the date the UKC notice to hold a hearing is received by the host club. The date, place and time shall be selected to reasonably allow the person against whom the complaint is made (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent") to attend;
3. Notify the respondent by regular and certified mail (return receipt requested) of the date, place, and time of the hearing; the exact conduct which is the subject of the complaint; the name of the complainant; and the names of all witnesses. The Notice of Hearing shall further advise the respondent that he/she will not be allowed to have an attorney present at the hearing and shall also include a statement of the following respondent's rights:
 - a. The right to be present during the testimony of all witnesses;
 - b. The right to cross-examine all witnesses;
 - c. The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf;
 - d. The right to testify in his/her own behalf;
4. Notify the witnesses by regular mail or telephone of the date, place, and time of the hearing; the exact conduct which is the subject of the complaint; and the name of the complainant; and,
5. The respondent must notify the Club President within three (3) days of receipt of the Notice of Hearing

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

If The Respondent Fails To Appear At The Hearing

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

The Hearing

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

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

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

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

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

The Findings

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

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

connection with a UKC event.

In making findings, the Hearing Committee may not consider the respondent's general reputation or status in the sport of purebred dogs, prior acts of misconduct for which no disciplinary action was taken, nor the extent of the respondent's investment in dogs. The sole consideration must be the specific instance of misconduct with which the respondent is charged.

Completing the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form

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

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

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

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

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

¹ If a witness is unwilling because of religious or other beliefs to take the traditional oath (Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?), then the following affirmation shall be offered: "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

² If the amount of evidence you need to be absolutely certain of a fact is equal to 100%, then a preponderance is equal to 51%. In other words, the evidence must be sufficient to convince the members of the Hearing Committee that the fact asserted is more probably true than not true.

copy of the completed UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form.

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

UKC Standard Of Conduct

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

Jurisdiction

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

The Complaint

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

Investigation, Findings, and Recommendations

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

Penalties For Misconduct

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

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

2. Suspension. The appropriate UKC Department Head shall impose a minimum Three Hundred Dollar (\$300) fine and a minimum one-year suspension for probation violations and for most other serious acts of misconduct. The period of suspension shall begin upon UKC's mailing of the notification to the respondent via certified mail (return receipt requested), but the fine must be paid by certified check or money

order before the time counts toward the sentence. For example, a person may be notified on January 1 that his penalty will be a one-year suspension and a fine of three hundred dollars. This individual will be suspended as soon as notice of the penalty is mailed by UKC to the respondent, but the one-year suspension does not start until the date UKC receives payment of the fine. If a respondent waits until March 1 to pay the fine, the suspension will actually run fourteen months until midnight of February 28 the following year.

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

Suspension and Barring

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appeals

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

UKC Inherent Rights and Powers

Notwithstanding anything herein, and regardless of whether these procedures are followed, under UKC's Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC reserves the right

to itself and its sole judgment and discretion, to investigate any suspected misconduct and to impose such sanctions and penalties as deemed appropriate.

Performance Standards

The following performance standards were written for the sole purpose of evaluating hunting hounds. In proper balance, the positive characteristics outlined below make the Beagle hound an efficient producer of game. At the same time, negative characteristics or faults (also outlined below), prevent a dog from excelling at his job. Depending on the severity of the faults, a hound may routinely fail at completing the task at hand and hinder pack mates from doing the same.

All hounds in UKC Large Pack and Small Pack competition will be evaluated on the following characteristics.

Positive Characteristics

Hunt/Search - Without the ability to search out and start game, the ability to pursue it would never come into play. Credit should be given to hounds that consistently search for game in an eager, efficient and intelligent manner.

Line Control - While pursuing game, a hound must keep in close contact with the line of scent. Recklessness, competitiveness and eagerness to overtake game must never excuse a hound for continually losing the line of scent.

Nose - A hunting hound must have a good nose to be able to operate under adverse conditions throughout the season. While the ability to work a tough track through bad conditions is a benefit, the hound that cold trails excessively does not contribute to the hunt. A good nose should not be confused with simply tonguing when other hounds do not.

Endurance - Is a positive hound trait that is affected by desire, climate, conformation and conditioning. Hounds must have the desire and ability (through conformation and conditioning) to hunt without showing undue signs of weariness or fatigue. A flawless performance of short duration should never take precedent over a hound that is staying with his game after several hours.

Check Ability - In check working ability, a hound must show patience, intelligence, and the desire to account for his game. Upon losing contact with the line of scent, hounds are expected to immediately

return to the point of loss and diligently work to reclaim the line.

Speed - In the proper balance, speed is an asset for keeping pressure on the game. A hound should only run as fast as conditions allow, however, should never lack the foot speed to run up to the level that provides the hunter with an exciting and efficient chase. Optimum speed is determined by both conditions and a hound's ability.

Correctness of Mouth - Hounds must be honest with their mouth. They should tongue freely while advancing the line and not open at all when lacking enough scent to make forward progress. Jumps and recoveries should be claimed quickly but honestly.

Desire - This necessary quality is the force that drives a hound. It helps him to succeed when things get tough. It puts him out front of the competition. It is a combination of strength, heart and the determination to pursue game.

Adaptability - A true mark of a hound's intelligence is his ability to smoothly and quickly adapt to different situations. Sudden changes in conditions, pack mates, terrain, cover, game, etc. require a hound that can adjust quickly and confidently.

Negative Characteristics

Quitting - Exhibited by hounds with a lack of desire, confidence, conditioning or sound conformation. This fault ranges in degree from briefly standing around while other hounds do the work to falling out of a chase and refusing or being unable to run.

Babbling / Tight Mouthed - Too much or too little mouth on track. The amount of mouth should correspond to the condition of the track and degree to which progress is being made. Extreme cases on each end of the spectrum would include ghost trailing and running silent.

Rough Running - Rough running is a term that collectively describes numerous faults in a hound's running style. The presence of these faults creates unnecessary checks and losses. In less severe cases it leads to a very inefficient, stop and go chase. When severe, it results in total failure to circle game. In the broadest sense, rough running includes such problems as skirting (leaving the line to gain the lead or avoiding heavy cover), swinging (wide, careless working of checks) and racing (too competitive or too fast for conditions).

Running Off Game - The severity of this fault is usually dependent on the type of off game being pursued and the fever with which it is run. A couple of off barks on non-target small game should not be judged as harshly as a lengthy run on fast game.

Backtracking - Continuing to work a line of scent in a direction opposite the way that the game traveled. Brief confusion should be noted but should not eliminate a hound from contention.

Pottering - A failure to make reasonable forward progress. Typically, hounds continue to tongue but fail to make any accomplishment with the track. A result of a lack of ability of ambition.

UKC Firearm Policy

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

In an effort to convey a family atmosphere, alcohol is not permitted on the grounds where a UKC licensed event is being run, during the judging of the classes. Clubs or individuals found to be in violation must be reported to the UKC Field Operations Department.

Large Pack Section

Judges shall make sure that hounds are down for no less than three hours and no more than necessary to accurately determine a winner. Classes may be held over when unforeseen circumstances prevent a final and accurate judging of a class.

Judges shall insure that all hounds are free cast to search for game.

Small Pack Section

Roll Call - After the posted deadline and before packs are announced, roll call is to be taken. Roll call should be taken by calling out each dogs entry number. Names of hounds and names of handlers are not to be used.

Colored Collars - In each pack sent to the field, all dogs must wear colored collars to be more easily identified by the judges. Dogs should be colored in the order in which they were drawn to their pack. The suggested collar order is red, white, blue, green, yellow, orange, black, pink, and silver. Since it is permissible to wear Shocking and/or Tracking Collars in all UKC events, when necessary collar order may be deviated from to match collar colors.

Drawing of Packs - After all dogs are measured then numbered, dogs must be drawn to their assigned packs in a public random drawing. A bingo ball type drawing device is recommended, however any device that insure a random draw is acceptable. This drawing must be completed for each series leading up to the Winners Pack. The hounds must be run in packs as drawn regardless of ownership. All packs must be run in the order in which they were drawn.

Pack size is not to exceed seven (7) dogs, with the exception of the Winners Pack which can be up to nine (9) dogs. Dogs must be drawn into the least amount of packs as possible. In the case where a class has less than five (5) entries, any entrant has the right to request a refund. The largest packs should always be ran before the smallest packs. For example, seven (7) dog packs should always be ran before any six (6) dog packs. Packs should be broke down as shown on page 38. Large Pack Section

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Judges shall make sure that each pack is evaluated in a timely manner. All hounds should be evaluated as long as the Judges feel it is necessary to accumulate enough score on the pack. There is no limit to how many dogs can be picked up at any one time from a given pack. The number of dogs eliminated from consideration at one time is left up to the Judges. Classes may be held over when unforeseen circumstances prevent a final and accurate judging of a class.

Judges shall insure that a marshal or club appointed individual shall fire a starter pistol in the

# of Entries	# of Packs	5 dog	6 dog	7 dog
10	2	2		
11	2	1		
12	2		1	
13	2		2	
14	2		1	1
15	2			2
16	3	3		
17	3	2	1	
18	3	1	2	
19	3		3	
20	3		2	1
21	3		1	2
22	3			3
23	4	2	2	
24	4	1	3	
25	4		4	
26	4		3	1
27	4		2	2
28	4		1	3
29	4			4
30	5	1	4	
31	5		5	
32	5		4	1
33	5		3	2
34	5		2	3
35	5		1	4
36	5			5
37	6		6	
38	6		5	1
39	6		4	2
40	6		3	3
41	6		2	4
42	6		1	5
43	6			6
44	7		6	1
45	7		5	2
46	7		4	3
47	7		3	4
48	7		2	5
49	7		1	6
50	7			7
51	8		6	2
52	8		5	3
53	8		4	4
54	8		3	5
55	8		2	6
56	8		1	7
57	8			8
58	9		6	3
59	9		5	4
60	9		4	5
61	9		3	6
62	9		2	7
63	9		1	8
64	9			9
65	10		6	4
66	10		5	5
67	10		4	6
68	10		3	7
69	10		2	8
70	10		1	9
71	10			10
72	11		6	5
73	11		5	6
74	11		4	7
75	11		3	8
76	11		2	9
77	11		1	10
78	11			11
79	12		6	6
80	12		5	7
81	12		4	8
82	12		3	9
83	12		2	10
84	12		1	11
85	13		6	7

close proximity of the hounds to test for gun shyness. It is suggested that hounds be fired over previous to the winners pack when possible. The starter pistol should not be fired unless all of the hounds on the ground are pursuing and opening on a rabbit track. Any hounds found to be gun shy, must be eliminated from consideration.

Judges shall insure that all hounds are free cast to search for game.

Traditional Brace Section

UKC Field Trial Procedures for Traditional Brace Beagles

- Hounds will be issued an entry number as they are entered in the trial.
- Roll call of the hounds will take place at the advertised closing time. After the roll call has taken place and all hounds are called in the class they were entered in, entries will be closed.
- All entry numbers of the hounds entered will then be placed in the bingo wheel and the hounds shall be drawn in braces.
- Any hound that is drawn in a brace with the same owner shall be moved to the next brace and another hound shall be drawn to complete that brace.
- If the last hound drawn is with the same owner, it shall be moved to the next available previous brace with a different owner, the dog it replaced will move to the last hound drawn.
- If there are an odd number of hounds entered, the judges shall choose the bracemate to complete the brace with the odd hound from the hounds that have already run.
- After being scored, all hounds called for in 2nd and subsequent series shall be run in braces.
- A hound cannot compete against another hound that it has previously defeated in direct competition in any series.
- The field trial will be over when all placed hounds shall have defeated, in direct competition, the hound that places directly below them. Places are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.
- The bracing of hounds in 2nd and subsequent series is the decision of the judges, according to their score in the 1st series for the bracing of 2nd series and according to winners of braces or which hounds deserve further evaluation in subsequent series.
- The hounds shall be placed on the line in the order in which they are drawn or called back in 2nd series, unless the handlers agree to switch positions and this applies to all series and is the decision of handlers (the exception to this would be if

- the judges ask for additional game for a brace and the hounds have switched positions during the run, the judges can put the brace down as picked up).
12. If the field trial committee decides that a hound has been run out of order, that hound shall be eliminated from competition and its bracemate shall be moved to the last brace. The hound that was supposed to have run will also be eliminated, and its bracemate will also be moved to the last brace. If it is determined that someone other than the owner or handler ran the hound out of order without the permission of the owner or handler, the hound shall not be disqualified.
 13. After the judges call for a brace each hound has 20 minutes to appear for competition. If any hound is a no show it will be eliminated and the bracemate will be moved to the last brace as an odd hound or to run with an existing odd hound.
 14. If a hound attacks its bracemate, it will be eliminated from competition and its bracemate will be run solo for evaluation.
 15. Each club holding a UKC field trial for traditional brace beagles will have a field trial committee of five (5) members with at least three (3) present at every UKC licensed field trial. Any issue that may arise during the running of the field trial will be decided by this committee. Their decision is final.
 16. Judges shall not judge hounds currently owned by family members. They may judge hounds that they or their family members have previously owned if six (6) months have passed since ownership has been transferred.
 17. The 13-inch and 15-inch male classes shall be drawn at the same closing time of the same day and no class shall be run with less than eight (8) hounds. If either class of males has seven or less entries, the two classes shall be combined. This does not apply to the female classes at this time.
 18. At this time no more than two licensed UKC traditional brace trials shall be run in each calendar year by any one club. Two clubs could run on the same grounds, running four (4) total trials, or three (3) clubs running six (6) trials, and so on.
 19. All hounds called for 2nd series shall be measured and must be measured in the class in which they were entered. If any are measured out, the judges shall call for a replacement (should the male classes be combined, all hounds must measure 15 inches or less). Hounds in any class may be pre-measured upon request prior to the drawing.
 20. The classes for UKC traditional brace beagle field trials will be: 13 inch female, 15 inch female; 13 inch male and 15 inch male, or combined male class.
 21. The following awards will be given to all placed hounds and reserve (5th):
 - 1st – blue rosette plus another award
 - 2nd – red rosette
 - 3rd – yellow rosette
 - 4th – white rosette
 - Reserve – green rosette
 22. At this time, the following point system will be used at all UKC traditional brace beagle licensed field trials:
 - 1st place – 25 points or 1 point per hound entered, whichever is greater.
 - 2nd place – 15 points
 - 3rd place – 10 points
 - 4th place – 5 points
 The title of UKC Field Champion will be awarded to all hounds that have earned three (3) wins and 120 points.
 23. Each day of the trial a person shall be appointed to oversee the gallery, giving instructions to where and how the grounds will be worked. No person shall object to these instructions, except the judges may object to where to run a brace.

Instructions to Judges for UKC Traditional Brace Beagle Field Trials

1. Accuracy is accomplishment and credit should be given to the hound that is accurate and successful.
2. Hounds should account for the most tracks possible in the most accurate manner possible using a steady, smooth tempo as conditions permit.
3. Hounds should compete in either position of the brace without (in the opinion of the judges) interfering with its bracemate.
4. Hounds should use patience and determination at the point of loss while working as close to the point of loss as possible, working the check inside out rather than outside in.
5. Hounds should be stylish in their work, but should also be accountable for success, remembering that no hound should be eliminated for the sole reason of a loss.
6. Accountability: Hounds should follow game in an acceptable manner long enough (in the opinion of the judges) to be evaluated for possible use in a later series.
7. Judges shall report to the field trial committee any person or persons that are abusive to them, physically or verbally, and appropriate actions should be taken by the field trial committee.
8. The judges decisions are final and no person that is handling a hound during the running of the field trial shall fail or refuse to comply with the judges orders.

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