



Official UKC[®] Hunting Beagle Rulebook

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Licenses

All current fees available at ukcdogs.com

All Fees to be paid in U.S. funds.

UKC reserves the right to change any and all policies, fees, etc., without notice.

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 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.



UKC is the trademark of the United Kennel Club located in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The use of the initials UKC in association with any other registry would be in violation of the registered trademark. Notify United Kennel Club, 100 E Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584, should you become aware of such a violation.

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 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 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.

Registration Rules and Policies

For information on UKC Registration Rules and Policies, contact:

Registration Department · United Kennel Club
100 East Kilgore Road · Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584
(269) 343-9020 · registration@ukcdogs.com ·
www.ukcdogs.com

Sending Work to UKC®

United Kennel Club suggests that all fees for UKC services be submitted in a personal check, money order or with the use of most major credit cards. Sending cash is not suggested.

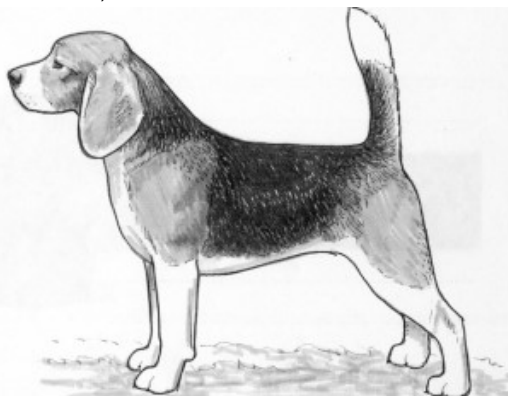
When more than one piece of work is mailed to UKC, and different services are requested; i.e., a seven-generation pedigree on one dog and a three-generation pedigree on another, instructions should be included as to exactly what work is required.

- Mail Litter Applications to: **Litter Department** · **Litters may also be registered online at www.ukcdogs.com/litter-registration.**
- Mail Transfer Applications and inquiries on registration paper to: **Transfer Department**
- Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration Certificates to: **Duplicate Department**
- Mail requests and inquiries to: **Registration Correspondent**
- Mail Applications for Events, inquiries about Championship points and Judges Applications to: **Hunting Ops**

Beagle

Official UKC® Breed Standard Scenthound Group

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: To furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

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 hound. 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.

Disqualifications: Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

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.

Disqualifications: Viciousness or extreme shyness.

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 stop moderately defined.

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

Disqualifications: Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.)

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.

Disqualification: Blind.

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.

Disqualification: Deaf.

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.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

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

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

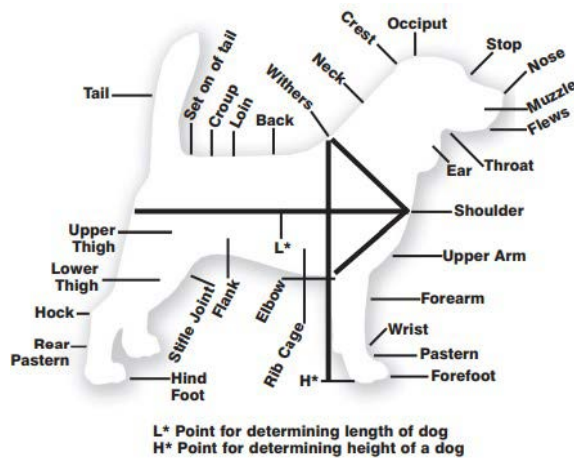
Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.)

Deaf

Blind.

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF BODY PARTS

To aid in the judging of Beagles, the following illustration is presented as a guide to assist the Judge. It must be remembered that balance is the most desired quality to seek in evaluating dogs. It is the way those parts work in unison that make up the proper working hound. Remember: the whole dog is more important than the individual parts!



EVENT INFORMATION

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EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participant must submit one of the following to entry takers:

1. UKC Easy Entry® Card:

A photo of the dogs' UKC Easy Entry® Card is also an acceptable form of entry

2. Registration Certificate:

The dogs' Registration Certificate is also an acceptable form of entry provided the Bill of Sale section on the back is blank.

3. CONDITIONAL:

If the participant is not in receipt of the required UKC Easy Entry® Card or the Registration Certificate for the dog they may enter their dog as Conditional, provided they pay a Conditional fee in addition to the entry fee. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or handler that the information provided to the entry taker is accurate. Otherwise, championship wins for the entry might not be awarded. Entry takers shall not require any copies of the Registration Certificate, UKC Easy Entry® Card or otherwise if the participant is entering as conditional. It is the responsibility of the participant to provide the most accurate information possible on the entry form as it relates to the dog being entered. Club officials will make record of any Conditional Entries taken on the Event Fees Worksheet Form included in the Event Packet.

4. PENDING:

Dogs may be entered 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 registrant, that dog can no longer be entered as pending.

5. NON-REGISTERED DOG:

Dogs may be entered as a "Conditional" with a fee Conditional fee, in addition to the entry fee. Clubs must note fees taken on their Event Fee Worksheet and include with all other event fees to UKC. If the dog entered places in the event the owner is given 60 days to single register the dog with the UKC. They must attach details (club and date) of those wins along with the single registration application and mail it to UKC. Any cast wins earned expire if the dog is not registered within 60 days after the event. However, the owner may request the expired cast wins be reinstated after the dog has been registered by submitting accurate details of those wins along with a fee of \$50 to UKC Hunting Ops.

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 compe-

tion even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by United Kennel Club.

NOTE - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's registrant are in accordance with those kept by UKC. Neither UKC nor the host club is responsible for any mistakes made by the registrant of these dogs concerning the dog's degree. If it is found that the registrant'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.

WARNING - Clubs not following the entry requirement procedures as noted above risk losing approval to conduct future UKC licensed event.

UKC EASY ENTRY® CARD

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

SINGLE REGISTERING BEAGLES AT UKC® EVENTS

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The single registration process has been approved for Hunting 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 Hunting 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 single 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.

Dogs May be single registered at events by following the outline below:

1. A qualified breed inspector shall be responsible for single registering dogs. A breed inspector is any individual who carries a valid UKC Beagle Bench Show license.
2. It is not required to take a height measurement of the dog for registration purposes.
3. The registrant 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.
4. Collect the fee that is due and issue the individu-

al a receipt for their payment. The club may wish to purchase a receipt book for this purpose. The single registration fee is listed on the registration application.

5. It will become the club's responsibility to forward all single registration 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 the application approved by a breed inspector 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 contact a customer service representative in the Hunting Ops department at United Kennel Club for any single registration related questions.

MEASURING HOUNDS

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1. All dogs, except those that are permanently measured, must be measured the day of the event prior to entry of hunt or show.
2. A drop bar type measuring stand or a rigid, one piece, wicket-type stand set for 15 inches are both acceptable types of measuring devices. A tape measure is not an acceptable means of measuring dogs at events. Dogs must be measured at ground level. Standing the dog on a flat board with a non-slip surface to be measured, is acceptable.
3. The height of the dog is the distance from the ground to the top of the shoulders or withers. This point at the top of the shoulders is where the neck appears to meet the shoulders. The dog's legs should be directly under him and not leaning forward or backward. The registrant/handler may assist in posing the dog and steadying him. No physical alterations may be made to dogs to comply with height restrictions.
4. Those dogs measuring over 15 inches will not be eligible to be hunted or shown at the event, be it the hunts or the show.
5. If a dog meets the measurement requirement in the morning prior to the hunt, that same dog need not be measured for the show.
6. A one-time measurement of the hound shall suffice for entry into all hunts and shows held by the same club on any given day and or that are held on the same weekend.
7. A hound that is measured out is not eligible to be remeasured for any additional hunts or shows held by the same club on that same day or that same

weekend. The registrant/handler of a hound that is measured over 15 inches, may appeal to have the hound measured by the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director or Bench Show Judge. The event officials' decision is final.

AWARDS AT UKC® LICENSED EVENTS

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1. The Host Club determines the awards presented to their winners. Trophies or plaques are the most popular because winners then have a memento by which to remember that hunt. Clubs may also choose to have a Poor Boy event where no awards are given. Generally, entry fees are lower for Poor Boy events. If the club chooses to not give awards they are strongly encouraged to note "Poor Boy" on the Event Confirmation form so it can be advertised as such.
2. Monetary prizes may also be awarded. The club may choose to pay back entry fees or some other monetary prize to their winners. In the event they wish to include an added purse in their award package the club should include such notice when confirming the event details with UKC. Distribution of such prize money is the sole responsibility of the club and UKC will not enter any disputes thereof.
3. The club must understand and be aware that there may be additional law and tax implications that they will need to adhere should they be interested in awarding monetary prizes or conduct any Calcutta type activities at their event. UKC cannot provide any legal advice or information regarding any additional laws and/or tax implications that may be associated with such activities and is not responsible for any complications that may arise. Clubs are responsible for ensuring compliance on their own and must know that they proceed at their own risk with any such activities.

TITLES OF EXCELLENCE AS ISSUED AND RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED KENNEL CLUB®

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The rules, regulations, classifications, and classes designated to earn those degrees 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 are as follows.

1. **UKC HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPION (HBCH)** – To be declared an official Hunting Beagle Champion, a dog must have earned five cast wins in UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Hunts recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office. A dog must

hunt designated hunt time and have a total score of plus points and be a cast winner before they can receive Championship wins, unless noted otherwise for the event.

2. **GRAND HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPION (GRH-BCH)** - Other than UKC Hunting Beagle Nationals and NHBA Days, unless otherwise approved by UKC; Hunting Beagle Champions and Hunting Beagle Grand Champions are drawn out and compete in the same category. GRHBCH degree is earned by winning eight (8) Champion Category casts at a UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Hunt. A dog must hunt designated hunt time and have a total score of plus points and be a cast winner before they can receive Championship wins, unless noted otherwise for the event.
3. **GRAND HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPION MULTIPLIER DEGREES** - Additional multiplier and UKC Hall of Fame degrees are earned and awarded to Grand Hunting Beagle Champions as follows. A dog must hunt designated hunt time and have a total score of plus points and be a cast winner before they can receive Championship wins, unless noted otherwise for the event.
 - a. 8 cast wins (GRHBCH2)
 - b. 16 cast wins (GRHBCH3)
 - c. 24 cast wins (GRHBCH4)
 - d. 32 cast wins (GRHBCH5)
 - e. 37 cast wins (GRHBCHHOF)

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

The following points and classes have been established for the placement of a UKC registered dog to earn Show Championship points.

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

- a. **Puppy Class:** Shall be dogs at least six months of age and under one year of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.
- b. **Junior Class:** Shall be for dogs one year of age and under two years of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.
- c. **Senior Class:** Shall be for dogs two years of age and under three years of age. The

winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

- d. **Veteran Class:** Shall be for dogs three years of age and over. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.
- e. **Best Male and Female:** Shall be selected from the winners of the Puppy, Junior, Senior and Veteran classes. Best Male and Best Female will be awarded 15 points.
- f. **Best of Winners:** Shall be awarded to the winner of Best Male shown against Best Female. The winner will be known as Best of Winners and will be awarded ten points. If no competition in Best of Winners class, Best of Winners points will be withheld.

5. **UKC GRAND SHOW CHAMPION (GRCH)** - A Grand Show Champion will be a dog that has won five Champion classes under at least three different UKC licensed Show Judges. Winning may be over a period of years at any UKC licensed show. Degree of Grand Show Champion will be awarded to the registrant. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together. NOTE: A dog is not an official Champion or a Grand Champion until the records of the dog in the UKC Registration Office indicate same.

UPCOMING LICENSED EVENTS

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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 a publication and on the UKC website, listing all UKC licensed events for the following month.

"Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" contains the following information: location, directions, date, licensed events held, entry deadlines, entry fees, and who to contact and their phone number. The information is organized first by state and then by date within that state. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, the "Upcoming Events" listing on the UKC website is the final authority and what the club must go by.

CLUB OFFICERS GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING LICENSED EVENTS

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Scheduling Your UKC Dates:

1. Clubs must contact Hunting Ops at the United Kennel Club at (269) 343- 9020 or at huntingops@ukcdogs.com. The club may schedule any available date that does not conflict with another club's event. To avoid conflicts, no two clubs will be scheduled for an event within 100 miles of each other.
 2. UKC endeavors to maintain the same dates for the club from year to year; however, they may vary a week or so, depending on the change in the calendar. A maximum of three dates will be granted for new clubs as a probationary period. A maximum of five dates may be granted thereafter, provided the club is drawing a reasonable number of entries. These dates cannot be changed without approval from United Kennel Club.
 3. The club determines and sets the entry deadlines and fees (event details) for all their reserved dates. Once details are confirmed and processed, they will appear on UKC's Event Calendar on the website. Additionally, if the club submits the event details at least 90 days prior to the event date, the event ad will appear, at no charge, in the Upcoming Events Section of another publication source the month prior to the event being held. If all event details are not included or submitted to UKC within 30 days of the event date, the event will not be approved to be held at all. If the confirmation is not received 30 days prior to the event date, that date will not be held for the next year unless the club contacts UKC requesting to hold the date.
 4. Clubs may choose to hold one bench show in conjunction with their hunts.
 5. The club has various options for their hunts as follows:
 - a. **Regular:** This hunt has one entry deadline ("a" deadline only).
 - b. **Split Entry:** This is one hunt that has two separate entry deadlines ("a" and "b"). Participants may enter one or the other portion of the hunt or enter and hunt one dog in "a" and a different dog in "b". The same dog may not be entered in both "a" and "b".
 - c. **Double Header:** This is two separate hunts held on the same day. The club would schedule an entry deadline for Hunt #1 ("a") and a separate entry deadline ("a") for Hunt #2. The same dog may be entered and hunted in both hunts. The event official completes and submits two separate Hunt Reports to UKC. One for Hunt #1 and a second report for Hunt #2.
 - d. **Split Entry/Double Header:** This is two separate hunts where one or both hunts may have a "b" entry deadline, as determined by the club and the event details that were submitted to UKC. Again, the same dog entered in the "a" portion of the same hunt may not be entered in "b". Hunt # 2 of the Double Header may have a "b" entry deadline also, but it is not required to. A popular option for clubs holding a World Qualifying Event is where Hunt #1 is a Split Entry Hunt ("a" and "b"), but Hunt #2 is "a" only. The event official completes and submits two separate Hunt Reports to UKC, one report for Hunt #1 and a second report for Hunt #2.
 - e. **Elimination:** This is a regular hunt with one entry deadline. Cast winners advance to subsequent rounds until all dogs have been defeated except for the overall winner. First round cast winners are the only dogs to receive credit for their cast win towards their degree, unless otherwise indicated as approved by UKC. "Elimination" must be indicated in the event details.
 - f. **Slam:** All categories draw out together regardless of category. Monetary awards are presented to the winners per the Payout Schedule based on the number of dogs entered. Slam must be indicated in the event details.
 - g. **Youth Only:** Dogs are drawn out together regardless of category. Handlers 17 years of age and under only. Casts are drawn out in two separate divisions. Those handlers 12 and under draw out together in the Junior division and those handlers 13 to 17 draw out in the Senior division. License and recording fees are waived by UKC for Youth only events.
6. **License Fees:**

All specific license fees available at ukcdogs.com. Checks or money orders for fees are to be made payable to: United Kennel Club
 7. **Advertising Your Event:**

Advertising other than those free ads appearing in UKC publications or the website upcoming events listing is recommended but not required. If club does decide to advertise, the information in the advertisement must be the same as the information in the Upcoming Events listing. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found on the website Upcoming Events Listing, then the website listing (UCE) is considered correct, the final authority, and what the club must go by. UKC has a no-cancellation policy for any event already published.

HOW TO CONDUCT YOUR UKC LICENSED EVENT

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In addition to UKC rules and policies, clubs must ensure that all Federal, state and local laws must be followed. It is the club's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and regulations, and a statement to this effect must be included in the club Constitution and By-Laws. Sample: All licensed events sponsored by the club will be run in accordance with the rules and policies set forth by the organization for which the license has been issued. The club shall also be aware of any and all Federal, state and local laws and are responsible to ensure that applicable laws and regulations are followed.

1. **Event Supplies:**

- a. Event supplies are available from UKC and mailed to the club several weeks prior to the event date. Some event material is also available on the UKC website.
- b. 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 or huntingops@ukcdogs.com.
- c. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact UKC immediately.

2. Master of Hounds: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Master of Hounds has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in their possession, DO NOT schedule them to serve as the event official. You have the right to request to see the license, or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event in the capacity of Master of Hounds 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, check the UKC website for a list of licensed judges in your region. Please confirm the status of the license well in advance of the event.

3. Hunt Director: Clubs have the option of using a Hunt Director to serve as the official for the hunt. The Hunt Director is not required to be a licensed Master of Hounds but must be well-versed on entry requirements, all cast draw-out procedures and how to fill out the Official Hunt Report properly. For more information on the Hunt Director's authority and responsibilities, refer to the Master of Hounds / Hunt Director Responsibilities section. Note: A Hunt Director may not be used to judge a bench show. The bench show judge must be a

licensed Bench Show Judge.

4. **Things to do the Day of the Event:**

- a. Post legible signs at major intersections directing participants to your club.
- b. The club must decide the amount of time that all casts will be running (60 or 90 minutes). Post that length of hunt time being used for the event. Note: It is mandatory that WQE events are 90-minute hunts.
- c. Post deadline time and deadline for return of scorecards.

5. Guides and Judges: Club is responsible for having an adequate number of qualified guides and judges on hand.

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

7. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC: Complete the Official UKC report forms. Be sure that the UKC number and the registrant's name are correct. Other than the title, include the dog's complete registered name on reports. The completed Event Report forms are to be checked by the club officer to make sure all is completed. Hunt Report Forms must be signed by the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director. Bench Show Report Forms must be signed by the Bench Show Judge.

8. Retain Official Documents: Clubs must retain their copies of their reports in addition to the scorecards for a period of one year. This is rigidly enforced.

9. Submit Reports to UKC Immediately: Completed and signed reports must be submitted to UKC's Hunting Ops Department, along with the appropriate Recording Fee for each dog entered in each licensed event, as shown on the Event Fee Worksheet provided in the Event Supplies. Event Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge will be applied. An additional charge will be applied per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due. This will be rigidly enforced. 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

FROM REGISTERING DOGS AND PARTICIPATING IN UKC EVENTS.

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 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.

PARTICIPANTS 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER HANDLING A DOG IN THE HUNT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OTHER THAN CAST MEMBERS THEY DRAW OUT WITH.

REGISTERED, HUNTING BEAGLE & GRAND HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPIONS

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1. Unless otherwise indicated and approved by UKC, each hunt must be open to two classes. The Open Class is one category, and the Champions Class is the other. The open class is for dogs that have not yet earned a UKC Hunting Beagle Champion degree. All Hunting Beagle Champions and Grand Hunting Beagle Champions are drawn out together and compete in the Champions' Class.
2. To receive credit towards their degree, a dog must have a total score of plus points, unless otherwise indicated for certain events, and hunt the entire hunt. This applies even if only one dog is entered in the class or remains in the cast.
3. A non-hunting judge must be assigned to any one-dog cast.
4. A Hunting Beagle Champion or Grand Champion may not compete in open class competition. They must hunt in the Champion Class, not lower. A dog found to have entered in the wrong class is ineligible for credit towards their championship degree. NOTE: If five dogs are entered in one class, divide into a three- and a two-dog casts.

Dogs entered in UKC Beagle Hunts may not be muzzled.

SCRATCHED FOR FIGHTING POLICY

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1. UKC will notify the registrants 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.
2. 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 registrant 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 registrant's name, address and the time barred for fighting will be published.

3. 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 registrant. The UKC Easy Entry®-Card will be retained by UKC.
4. 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 registrant 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.
5. If the registrant 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.
 - a. Transfer of registration will not be allowed.
 - b. 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.
 - c. The dog will be barred from receiving all UKC Championship wins.
6. If the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry® Card is returned after the notification deadline they will be reviewed on an individual basis as to what actions will be taken.
7. Dogs already reported as "Scratched for Fighting" will still retain their records.
8. 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/Hunt Director, UKC reserves the right unto itself to make the necessary corrections and adjustments in line with our Inherent Rights and Powers.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CLUBS

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Please read the following outline of requirements carefully. If you have any questions, please contact UKC's Hunting Ops department.

1. The club's 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. The application shall include the specific location where licensed events will be held, along with the names, complete addresses, and telephone numbers of new officers.

2. Additional club requirements: UKC recommends a membership that includes enough active members to properly conduct an event without relying on outside help.
3. Constitution and bylaws must be submitted (sample copy available upon request.)
4. The club must provide a complete membership list of all the active members.

Rules concerning dates for UKC licensed events:

1. Notify Hunting Ops at least five months in advance of dates you prefer. A new club will be allowed three event dates to start during a probationary period. Provided those three events meet expectations, a maximum of five dates may be allowed.
2. Your club's dates should be confirmed with UKC approximately four months prior to the event date, to meet all publication deadlines. Confirmed, in this case, is defined as submitting entry fees, entry deadlines, and any other special event related details. Incomplete details may result in no license being granted. Be sure details are complete, accurate, and on time. Otherwise, the event may not be scheduled.

Suggestions for Successful Events:

1. Practice or "buddy" hunts should be conducted to familiarize members with the UKC Honor Rules.
2. Contact your state corporation office in order to make the club a non-profit corporation. It is suggested that you purchase a liability insurance policy before conducting events.
3. Periodic rule seminars should be held to update members on rule changes.
4. Appoint separate committees for all aspects of your event. Committees for the hunt, bench show, kitchen, membership, awards, or any other club activity will spread the workload around and ensure success.
5. **Do not accept late entries!** Doing so will void the entry at your UKC licensed event, and the club will be subject to not be approved for any further licensed events.
6. Read the Full Circle articles published monthly and check the UKC website for updates on UKC rules and policies.
7. Contact Hunting Ops with any questions pertaining to your club or its events.
8. Any advertising your club wishes to do in a publi-

cation is optional and does not cover the requirements for obtaining a license in accordance with UKC policy.

BENCH SHOW INFORMATION

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1. Entry Requirements

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

- a. The dog must have a minimum of two cast wins in the hunt portion of a previous UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Event.
- b. The dog must have been entered in and completed the designated hunt time in the hunt portion of the UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Event, the day of the show.

Dogs withdrawn by handler or scratched for not hunting 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.

2. Bench Show Rules

- a. Only UKC registered dogs may compete in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Non-registered dogs may not be entered in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show.
- b. UKC licensed shows **MUST** appear in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing on the UKC website for the event to be approved and Championship points awarded.
- c. 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.
- d. No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason. The show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.
- e. The permanent Registration Certificate or Easy Entry® Card must be presented to the entry taker(s) to enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Otherwise, the entry may be accepted as Conditional. These rules are to be strictly followed. Clubs found to be accepting Bench Show entries without the approved items required are subject to lose approval to hold UKC licensed events. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events" in this rulebook.
- f. Only one UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge shall judge a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. A panel of Judges cannot be used. The Judge will follow the rules and regulations covering the

show and sign the official UKC report for show winners. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Beagle Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). The Judge must sign the report immediately following the show.

- g. The Judge's decision is final. Any exhibitor entering dogs in any show is, in effect, asking the Judge for their personal opinion and decision. Any exhibitor may question the Judge concerning their decision at the time the decision is made immediately after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor's dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsmanlike manner. It is suggested that the Judge give oral comments after selection of Best Male/ Best Female winners and above. In doing so, the judges' remarks should reflect the positive attributes of the winning dog opposed to the negative attributes of other dogs.
- h. If a dog is shown in the wrong class, no Championship points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the registrant to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class. Dogs must compete in each class as they advance unless scratched by the Bench Show Judge.
- i. The handler may not withdraw the dog at any point throughout the show, except for health reasons. Dogs withdrawn for health reasons will be subject to verification by a licensed veterinarian.
- j. **Notice** - Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a Champion or Grand Champion may be entered in that next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by the United Kennel Club. Warning! - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's registrant are in accordance with those kept by UKC. Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by the registrants of these dogs concerning the dog's degree. If it is found that the registrant's records were in error, and the dog had not fulfilled the requirements for Championship title, all wins attained by that dog in the higher level will be considered void.
- k. The Judge shall have the right to disqualify any registrant or handler for misconduct, or any dog for growling, snapping or fighting. If a dog is disqualified for growling, snapping and fighting, it must be reported and sent along with the Bench Show report to UKC. Read detailed policy "Disqualified for Fighting - UKC Beagle Bench Show Policy," in the rulebook.
- l. Spectators and/or handlers must remain away

from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.

- m. It is the responsibility of the registrant or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog is not shown due to neglect of the registrant or handler, there is no way to enter that particular dog in that show.
- n. Registrants, handlers, and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.
- o. Handlers are responsible for their conduct and personal appearance.
- p. Dogs shall not be judged on handlers' showmanship.
- q. No grooming devices (such as combs, brushes, cleaning cloths) are to be used while dog is on the bench.
- r. Baiting of dogs is not allowed in show rings.
- s. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.
- t. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.
- u. Dogs will be disqualified if male is castrated, or female is spayed.
- v. A male is disqualified if monorchid or cryptorchid (lacking two normal descended testicles in the scrotum.)
- w. A dog is disqualified if it is deaf or blind.
- x. A dog is disqualified if overshot or undershot.
- y. Dogs will be evaluated both while gaited and shown on the bench.
- z. Dogs must be benched. The bench on which the dogs shall be shown must be two (2) feet high and eighteen (18) inches wide with the top covered with indoor/outdoor carpeting or some similar non-slip surface. (Dogs stand well on rough material while they tend to "cow down" on a slippery or smooth surface). Individual benches of a minimum length of 44 inches are recommended. If the benches do not meet these standards, the Judge shall still allow the show to be held but should instruct the club to correct the problem and notify UKC that the benches do not meet the standards.

A Bench Show report shall be filled out and signed by the Bench Show Judge. The report must then be mailed to UKC immediately after the event. A copy of that report shall be retained by the club for one year. The host club and Judge are responsible for the report

being accurate, neat and properly filled out, showing the complete names of the dogs, correct UKC registration numbers, and owner information. The United Kennel Club accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.

The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report along with the per-dog UKC event recording fees associated with the licensed event. Event Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge will be applied. An additional charge will be applied per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due.

Any person intimidating, threatening or injuring a Bench Show participant, Judge, club officer or UKC representative, will be barred for one year up to life from any UKC licensed event.

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, unprescribed drugs or firearms will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in the show or in the buildings during the hours of the event.

3. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENCH SHOW JUDGE AUTHORITY:

- a. Bench Show Judges should pay particular attention not to penalize a dog that has been hunted. A Hunting Beagle shown on the bench should be in field ready condition and have the strength and endurance to compete according to the Hunting Beagle rules.
- b. The Judge is in charge of the show, and their decisions are final.
- c. Judge may disqualify any dog for unsportsmanlike actions by the handler.
- d. Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship points if, in their opinion, the dog fails to meet the UKC Official Breed Standard.
- e. A Judge may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show is over and winners are announced. They have the right to refuse.
- f. Judge has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. The Judge must be UKC licensed for the year in which they are judging and should have their current Judge's card with them at the time of the show. No Championship points will be awarded otherwise.
- b. Neither UKC Judges nor apprentice Judges are to enter their dogs in any UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show that they are judging in

whole or in part. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler. Nor can any member of a Judge's or apprentice Judge's immediate family show under that Judge. Immediate family is considered spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter. Dogs housed (even though not owned) by an immediate family member shall not be entered.

- c. A UKC Judge is responsible for his/her own conduct and appearance, which should always be becoming to a Judge.
- d. Newly approved Judges may not have an apprentice serve under them until they have judged at least three shows.
- e. No more than one apprentice can serve under a Judge at a show.
- f. UKC Judges are to keep up to date on any changes in the standards.
- g. A Judge must see that all handlers walk or gait dogs. Dogs must be gaited for Judge to determine to what degree each dog conforms to breed standard. Dogs must be evaluated equally when gaited and shown on the bench.
- h. A Judge shall have handler open dog's mouth for Judge to check dog's bite (for dog's health reasons).
- i. A Judge must physically check all dogs' bone structure and conformation.
- j. A Judge will remove from the bench any female dog in season.
- k. A Judge shall give equal time in examining each dog they are judging. Every dog warrants a Judge's complete inspection.
- l. A Judge shall not ask individual handling dog: (1) who owns dog; (2) who dog was purchased from; or (3) what line the dog is out of while judging the dog.
- m. A Judge shall not remove an "off" standard dog from the bench. The Judge will consider the "off" standard dog when making their ultimate decision, unless it is a disqualifying fault. In that case, the dog is not to be considered for judging. If a Judge determines a dog to have a disqualifying fault, they must submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the fault along with the show report.
- n. A judge shall not carry-on conversations with spectators while show is in progress. Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.
- o. A Judge must accurately report his/her decisions to the recording secretary.
- p. A Judge must complete and sign the Official Show Report Forms for Championship points

immediately following the show.

- q. A Judge must never sign blank show report forms or receipts.

UKC has the right to suspend or revoke any Judge's license.

5. BENCH SHOW PROCEDURES

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

- a. When the Bench Show Judge arrives at the club grounds, they should remind each person taking entries for the show, of the requirements for accepting entries. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events," in this rulebook.
- b. No entries shall be taken after the published closing time. There are no exceptions. The points will not be honored if either of these rules are violated.
- c. You, as the Judge, are responsible for the rules being enforced and the correct information being sent to the United Kennel Club.

6. JUDGING SEQUENCE

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

- a. Judge Male Puppy Class (six months of age and under one year)
- b. Judge Male Junior Class (one year and under two years)
- c. Judge Male Senior Class (two years and under three years)
- d. Judge Male Veteran Class (three years and older)
- e. Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Male.
- f. Judge Female Puppy Class (six months of age and under one year)
- g. Judge Female Junior Class (one year and under two years)
- h. Judge Female Senior Class (two years and under three years)
- i. Judge Female Veteran Class (three years and older)
- j. Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Female.
- k. Call the winners of Best Male and Best Female back for judging. The winner of this judging will be awarded Best of Winners.
- l. Champion Class is next to be held. Male and Female Champions are shown together. The winner is awarded a win in the Champion Class.
- m. The Grand Champion Class is the next class to

be held. In the Grand Champion Class, males and females are judged together. The winner is awarded a win in the Grand Champion Class.

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

7. DISQUALIFICATIONS

If a Judge determines a dog to have a Disqualification, as listed in the official breed standard, that dog may not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and the judge must submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the Disqualification along with the show report.

8. HANDLERS AND SPECTATORS

- a. Spectators and handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until they are called for showing.
- b. It is the responsibility of the handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called. It is the responsibility of the handler that the dog is shown in the correct class. If a dog is not shown in the correct class championship points will not be awarded to that dog.
- c. Registrants, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.
- d. A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person.
- e. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

9. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING JUDGES

- a. Persons interested in becoming a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge should: 1) complete the application and test (available upon request from Hunting Ops); 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.
- b. The applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality, and their interest in the improvement of the Beagle breed.
- c. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.
- d. Applicants shall have reached their twenty-first (21) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.

- e. Applicants must know the Official UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules.
- f. Applicants must know the official UKC Beagle breed standard.
- g. The applicants must know and understand structure and the anatomy of the dogs they are judging.
- h. Applicants should 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 application form.
- i. Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three different UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judges and be recommended by them.
- j. The applicants must understand that they are, at all times, to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the registrant or handler is.
- k. 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.
- l. No applicant for a UKC Beagle Bench Show Judge's license will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.
- m. Each applicant must pass a test to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.
- n. Once acquired a Judge's license is valid indefinitely, provided the individual is not inactive for a period of two years.
- o. All licenses for UKC Beagle Bench Show Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

HUNT INFORMATION

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1. Appeal Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC® Licensed Beagle Hunt

This procedure applies for all situations arising during the time that the Judge's authority is in effect.

Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the event official. The monthly Full Circle column provides official interpretations of UKC Rules and Policies. This Appeal Procedure does NOT apply to situations arising under rules that deal with intimidating, threatening or injuring a Hunter, Judge, Master of Hounds, Club Official or a UKC Representative.

The following steps must be followed:

STEP 1. Attempt to resolve the question with the licensed Master of Hounds, the handler raising the question, the Judge of the cast and the other members of the cast that are available. The Master of Hounds will make a decision based upon the statement of the

case provided by the handler, Judge and the other members of the cast. No complaints will be considered by the Master of Hounds after a period of thirty (30) minutes has elapsed from the time that the scorecard has been turned in.

STEP 2. If the question is not resolved at Step 1, request that a Panel be formed. A Panel Fee of \$10 must accompany your request. The MOH/HD will then assemble a panel of three responsible, impartial individuals who are familiar with UKC policies and procedures. (This is the first step taken when using the Hunt Director Format.) If Panel rules with handler, fee will be refunded; if they disagree, the Panel fee will be retained by the Host Club. The Panel meeting must be held within one (1) hour after the deadline for the return of scorecards.

STEP 3. The Panel will hear all sides. At the conclusion of all testimony the Panel will make a ruling. The Event Report shall reflect the Panel's decision.

STEP 4. If the question is not resolved at Step 3 a handler must immediately request a UKC Appeal Form while the Panel is still assembled. The form must be filled out by the handlers on the cast, the members of the Panel and the MOH/HD. A fee of \$20 must accompany the appeal when sent to UKC. The Appeal Form must be included with the Event Report mailed to UKC.

STEP 5. UKC will investigate the matter and make a final ruling. If the previous steps were not followed the appeal may not be considered. If the UKC supports the individual filing the appeal, the fee will be refunded. A written statement reflecting the final ruling will be mailed to those involved. The UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgment and discretion, the right to make corrections it deems necessary.

2. Panel Responsibilities

- a. A panel of qualified event participants needs to be formed in two situations. 1) in the event a handler is not satisfied with the MOH ruling in a MOH Format event and 2) when a question is placed on the card in a HD Format event.
- b. Complaint panels should consist of three individuals who are current on all rules and policies. They may or may not be club members with primary concern going towards finding individuals that are knowledgeable, honest and impartial. A panel must be formed of individuals that can remain totally objective in concerns to cast members and dogs on the cast in question.
- c. The panel will hear all viewpoints of cast members and come to a consensus decision regarding the final scoring of the cast. Should a panel's decision support the complainant, the \$10 will be refunded.

3. NON-HUNTING AND HUNTING JUDGES CLARIFICATION

Clubs have the option to use non-hunting judges for any or all categories. The event official has the authority to assign a non-hunting judge to any cast deemed necessary.

a. Non-Hunting Judges: The Non-Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for making all decisions. The decision of the Non-Hunting Judge may be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made, or a call that is not being made. It will be scored with a question mark (?) and taken to the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director Panel after the hunt is over, unless it involves a dog being scratched from the hunt. The Non-Hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field by a majority vote of cast members. If a question has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Master of Hounds a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

b. Hunting Judges: The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting Judges: The host club must designate a Hunting Judge for each cast from the entries received (see procedure for selecting hunting judges under MOH/HD Guidelines (Drawing Casts)). The Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for scoring all situations. Any cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges. If only one dog remains in the hunt, other cast members are encouraged to stay with cast. If a Hunting Judge scratches their dog, they are encouraged to stay with the cast and continue to judge the duration of the hunt as designated by the club. However, they may designate another qualified member of the cast to complete the hunt as Hunting Judge, if needed. If only one cast member remains, handler must return to Master of Hounds/Hunt Director for a Non-Hunting Judge to complete cast. Deadline may be extended, if necessary, for this cast.

Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.

Majority of cast rules. Each handler must

vote, or their dog will be scratched. If majority decision is not reached, the call stands as it was scored by the Judge. Any handler that is not satisfied with the majority of cast decision retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the MOH/HD Panel.

If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Master of Hounds a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

All current fees available at ukcdogs.com

Dogs entered in UKC Hunts may not be muzzled

OFFICIAL UKC® HUNTING BEAGLE HONOR RULES

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In addition to the rules on the scorecard and the Official UKC Hunting Beagle Rulebook, the most recent Full Circle articles contain additional applicable rules, statements of policies, and interpretations of UKC rules pertaining to the conducting of UKC events. All event activities, rules, policy applications and interpretations are subject to the final decision by UKC and its sole judgment and discretion.

1. POINT SYSTEM:

- a. STRIKE POINTS: One set of strike points. 100 points for dog that opens and is declared struck first, 75 points second, 50 points third, 50 points fourth.
- b. LINE POINTS: After rabbit has been completely circled and seen by a cast member or non-hunting Judge, first dog to trail through the line to receive 100 points, 85 second, 70 third, 55 fourth.
- c. CHECK AND RECOVERY POINTS: Check and recovery points are awarded accordingly as follows: Dog(s) to be minused 20 points at each check. (NOTE EXCEPTION: If all dogs in the cast are declared struck, no dog to be minused at check.) First dog to recover the check to be awarded 20+ points. No recovery points awarded for additional positions.
- d. DEAD TRACK: Unless it is determined that the track ended in a place of refuge, those dogs declared struck to be minused as follows: If majority of the cast is not declared struck, those dogs declared struck to receive their strike position minus. If majority of cast is declared struck, those dogs declared struck to each receive 50 minus points.

- e. SWITCHING SPLIT TRACKS: Dog(s) found to have switched tracks and joined a split track shall be minused 50 points. Unless already secured, strike points shall be deleted, and dog shall be declared struck for next available position.

2. PLUS POINTS:

- a. On strike for all dog's declared struck, after judge has determined rabbit is produced. Produced is defined as; when the rabbit has circled and at the point where the judge approves that a line may be marked as soon as the rabbit is seen.
- b. On recovery after dogs were in a check, the first dog to open honestly resulting in reasonable forward progress to be awarded 20+ points.
- c. On speed and drive, when non-hunting judge, or majority of cast if Hunting Judge is used, are present as Judge scores dogs on line at point where rabbit was seen by a Judge or cast member after completion of circle.
- d. On strike and recovery only if dog(s) catch rabbit.
- e. On strike, when rabbit is jumped and seen by nonhunting judge or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used but goes to a hole or place of refuge before completion of circle. Hole or place of refuge must be verified.
- f. On strike, if dogs are trailing a rabbit that has been seen by the majority of cast or the non-hunting judge when time runs out.

3. MINUS POINTS:

- a. If reasonable forward progress is not made within any three-minute period. Reasonable forward progress is defined as a track that is runnable by the majority of the pack or when it is obvious to the majority of the cast members that a dog or dogs have recovered the track to a runnable state.
- b. When it is visually evident by the majority of the cast or a non-hunting judge that dog(s) quits a trail that is being worked, he will be minused. Or, if none of the declared struck dogs open for a period of three minutes, the track will be considered lost and minused. However, if dog(s) goes back on the track, he will get the next available position. Once a position has been minused, it becomes available again. However, a dog cannot be "struck in" over a dog's position that is being held. If all positions are taken, dog will receive 50 points for going back, but these points will be minused every time he comes out. Dog is not to be tied or encouraged to go back.
- c. Each dog declared struck to be minused 20 points at each "check", unless all dogs in cast

are declared struck. If all dogs are declared struck, check minuses are not issued to any dog. If check loss occurs without a recovery, delete any check points and score in accordance with 3(d).

- d. When majority of dogs are struck in on a track, and all dogs on a particular track are minused simultaneously in accordance with rule 3(a) or 3(b), draw a line through the original strike points and minus each in accordance with Rule 1(d).
- e. When handler strikes another handler's dog, they are to receive the called position minus. After minus, position becomes available. For second offense see rule 5(o).
- f. After the first three minutes of hunt, dog must be declared struck on or before the third bark. Dog not declared struck on or before third bark will receive the available strike position minused, then awarded that same strike position. For second offense see Rule 5(n).
- g. After the first three minutes of the hunt, any dog(s) failing to hunt for any continuous three-minute period will receive 100 minus points. Dog(s) are not to be moved or encouraged to hunt while on the clock. See Rule 5(b) for dog(s) failing to hunt for any continuous five-minute period.
- h. Dog(s) leaving their track to join a split track, if majority of cast is declared struck, receive 50 minus points, and any unscored strike points shall be deleted.
- i. Dog(s) leaving their track to join a split track, if majority of cast is not declared struck, receive their strike position points minused, and any unscored strike points shall be deleted. If strike points are already secured (via produced rabbit), dog shall receive 50 minus points and is not eligible for a new set of strike points on split track.

4. CIRCLED POINTS:

Circle points will count neither for, nor against, dog except when ties are to be broken.

- a. In case of running into a hole or place of refuge, a rabbit that has not been seen by the majority of cast or the non-hunting judge's (cast must locate hole or place of refuge).
- b. If dog(s) are trailing when hunt time expires.
- c. If Judge has to call time out because of nearness to livestock, buildings, danger, etc.

5. SCRATCHING OFFENSES:

Dog Related Offense:

- a. Fighting or attempting to fight during the authority of the Judge. Dog's name, UKC registration number, and registrant's name will be reported to UKC on the Official Hunt Report form. No han-

bler will be allowed to scratch their dog to avoid being scratched for fighting. When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor only. If not known, scratch dogs involved. (Attempting to fight is defined as follows: when dog(s) are interfering with other dog(s) during the authority of the Judge by aggressive behavior.)

- b. After the first three minutes of the hunt, for failing to make any attempt to hunt within any continuous five minutes of the hunt. Cast will not move with dog(s) on clock.
- c. For running or molesting stock.
- d. Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs, or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches, or any other dogs, while other dogs pay them no attention.
- e. If dog is continuously silent on trail.
- f. For delaying completion of cast for 30 minutes after time out is called in accordance with Rule 6.
- g. For running game other than rabbit, even if time is out. Off game does not have to be seen.
- h. After the first three minutes of the hunt, any dog that leaves the handler two times babbling. Babbling is defined as when a dog opens three times, or has been struck, where no track is evident.
- i. For backtracking on second offense.
- j. On second offense, for "rough-running," "cutting," or "slashing" on track. This rule to be rigidly enforced.
- k. On second offense, when dog(s) quits a trail that is being worked, provided remaining dog(s) circles and scores its rabbit.
- l. If dog accumulates 300 minus points regardless of how many plus points the dog has.
- m. If dog fails to pack (shall only apply at the point it has become disruptive and detrimental to the hunt).

Handler Related Offense:

- n. On second offense, if handler fails to declare dog struck on or before the third bark. This rule is to be rigidly enforced.
- o. On second offense, if handler calls another handler's dog.
- p. If handler hollers at or physically abuses the dog.
- q. If handler handles dog without judge's permission.
- r. If handler is drinking or seems to want to stir up trouble.
- s. Hunting over or under designated hunting times.

6. TIME OUTS:

Judge, or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, may call time out and circle any un-scored strike points

in accordance with the following:

- a. When dogs are getting on road, trail onto posted land or trail into a place where there is danger to dogs or hunters.
- b. When other hunters get too close. If dogs get with another group of dogs.
- c. If new ground must be found to finish cast (no dog(s) to be called off trail without awarding minus points).
- d. In case of accident or sickness.
- e. If cast becomes lost.
- f. When dog(s) are trailing and out of hearing distance in different directions.
- g. If judge instructs all dogs to be leashed simultaneously.

7. TIES:

- a. All ties to be broken for UKC points. Dog will win out over other dog; dog that has the least number of minus points;
- b. if still a tie, dog that has the most plus strike points;
- c. if still a tie, dog that has the most plus speed/drive points;
- d. if still a tie, dog that has the most recovery points;
- e. if still a tie, dog that has the most circled strike points;
- f. if still a tie, dog that has the most deleted strike points;
- g. if still a tie; dogs involved only will hunt in one 15-minute overtime. Overtime scoring to determine tie breaker only and does not change original score. Cast shall not return to club until overtime hunt is completed. Return deadline to be extended 15 minutes for any cast hunting overtime.
- h. If still a tie; flip a coin to determine cast winner.

8. WINNERS:

Dog must enter and hunt in correct class, otherwise, dog is considered ineligible for championship win.

Dog must hunt designated time and have a total score of plus points to be considered a cast winner, unless otherwise indicated.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- a. All casts must hunt the complete hunting time designated for cast. Hunt time is indicated on scorecard. Casts to be run on rabbit that is native to the immediate area. All points accumulated on non-native rabbits will be deleted. This rule is to be rigidly enforced.
- b. Search and Jump; Dogs to be freely cast and walked in the general direction of the hunt. Dogs to be declared struck and recorded according to their called positions upon opening. Dog must have been heard opening immediately prior to a

strike call. Otherwise, call shall not be accepted. Judge will instruct handlers to call in dog(s) when necessary to keep cast hunting together. Dog(s), not handlers or Judges, to search for and jump rabbit. In case of handlers inadvertently jumping rabbit, hounds may be released on track for split strike points. It is a majority of cast decision to split points if the rabbit is seen by the majority of cast. If the rabbit is not seen by the majority of the cast, it must be a unanimous decision to split points. Cast may not agree to put dogs on a rabbit already ran.

- c. Rough Running, Cutting, or Slashing: Dogs to pursue rabbit as fast as scenting conditions allow, but must exhibit good line control. Dog(s) observed to be "running rough," "cutting," or "slashing" on track will be scratched on second offense. Rough Running is defined as attempting to run the front of the pack faster than scenting conditions allow or without regard for the actual line. Routinely overshooting turns leading pack mates astray. Cutting is defined as attempting to run the front by leaving the trail to head off pack mates or avoiding heavy cover and other obstacles. Slashing is defined as running in a hit or miss fashion as a result of gambling and without regard for the actual line.
- d. Speed and Drive: Judge to score dogs on speed and drive as rabbit is circled and seen by a cast member. At time rabbit is seen, Judge, or majority of cast if Hunting Judge is used, must decide whether to allow dog(s) to continue on trail or pick up dog(s) in order to find new ground or another rabbit. Speed and drive points are awarded in order that dogs pass through the line, splitting points when positions cannot be determined. It must be obvious that a dog is NOT trailing in order to deny the dog Speed and Drive points. After first dog has been scored on Speed and Drive, there is a one-minute time limit to score remaining dogs on that line. Dog(s) must be opening on the majority of circle being scored to be scored. Speed and drive may be scored three (3) times only on the same rabbit. If loss occurs before completion of any additional circle, each dog declared struck to be scored 50 minus points in the Losses/Recoveries column. No dog(s) to be called off a trail without awarding minused points.
- e. Split Tracks: In case of split tracks, score speed and drive on first track one time and recover dog(s) so they may be turned in to dog(s) running split track. However, if rabbit on split track is seen while attempting to score the first track, it may be scored one time and then dog(s) must

be handled and turned in on the split track. Dog(s) already scored on strike prior to being handled and put in with other dog(s), shall not receive new set of strike points when they open. See Rules 3 (h) or (i) if applicable.

- f. Checks, Recoveries, Losses: A check is defined as a temporary loss, where none of the declared struck dogs open for a period of one minute. Judge to start time immediately after last bark. Recovery points may be split in cases where positions cannot be determined. At point where dogs lose trail and become quiet, Judge to start clock on dogs. After one minute has elapsed without any dog opening, all struck dogs to be considered a loss (check) and minused 20 points. If all dogs are declared struck, do not award any check minuses per Rule 3(c). In case of split tracks, times to be kept separately for checks on each track. The first dog to open honestly resulting in reasonable forward progress to be awarded 20+ points for recovering the loss. Additional dogs opening after first dog, to receive no "recovery" points. A track is considered lost or dead after no dog has opened for a period of three minutes or where sufficient progress is not made within a three-minute period of the hunt. See Rule 1(d) for scoring.

10. ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

- a. Locating Devices: The handheld of locating only devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used during the hunt but only under those provisions as outlined in current Locating Device Rules. Locating Device Rules are provided in the host clubs Event Packet and are also available on UKC's website.
- b. Controlling Devices: Any handheld device capable of controlling a dog in the cast must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting. Device may be carried and used if collar is not capable of controlling dog (stimulating or toning). Reported controlling device infractions will be subject to disciplinary action by United Kennel Club.

11. SCORECARDS

- a. Scorecards must be finished in the field and signed by each handler or his/her dog will be scratched and no changes to be made later, except where a question arises and is noted in the field. Handler's signature verifies hunting time, and scores are correct. A scorecard may be signed still with the right of protest. Changes can only be made by the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director Panel.

- b. Any handler failing to sign scorecard in the field, may have the opportunity to sign upon returning the scorecard to and in the presence of the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director.

12. JUDGES, HANDLERS, INACTIVE HANDLERS & SPECTATORS:

- a. Individuals selected to judge must be experienced, honest, and capable of scoring all situations. Scorecard to be carried by Judge and situations must be scored in plain view of all handlers. Judge will be official timekeeper. They will show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time, if requested. Judges to keep handlers and spectators at a distance so as not to interfere with dogs. Judge will give permission to call in dog to keep the pack hunting in the same vicinity. Judge shall give permission for another handler to complete hunt if original handler is not able to finish hunt. Otherwise, handlers' dog must be picked up. If a hunting judge scratches his dog, they are encouraged to continue judging the cast. Otherwise, they may pass the scorecard to a qualified member of the cast. A Non-hunting judge must be assigned to any one dog cast. A Non-Hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Master of Hounds/Hunt Director and/or club officials.
- b. One handler to each dog. It is the handler's duty to know their dog's voice and nature. Also, to advise the Judge of any of the dog's peculiarities before the hunt begins. No encouragement or discouragement of any kind to dogs. They must tell the Judge when the dog opens on strike. Handler is not allowed to call dog in unless instructed by the Judge. Handlers may not give verbal or hand commands to dog without Judge's permission. All handlers must stay with Judge at all times unless given permission by Judge to leave. A handler may have a spectator lead, release or physically handle their dog during the hunt. No holes or places of refuge to be disturbed. No rabbits or other game to be killed. It is the handler's responsibility to verify time and score before signing scorecard. In the event only one handler remains in the cast that individual must return to the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director for a Non-Hunting Judge to complete the hunt. The deadline may be extended for this reason, if necessary.
- c. If a cast member entered the event as an Inactive Handler then he or she shall not be involved with any part of calling or scoring lines. An Inactive Handler may not be involved in any voting procedures related to scoring lines. An Inactive

Handler is not included in the equation when it comes to the majority of the cast required to be present when dogs are scored on speed and drive. Example: In a four-dog cast, two out of the three active handlers are considered a majority.

- d. Spectators are allowed on all casts. They may not get involved in any part of scoring throughout the hunt, including calling lines for speed and drive purposes. Handler's dog(s) will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators.

13. QUESTIONS, PANELS, APPEALS & MISCONDUCT:

- a. Non-Hunting Judge Cast: A Non-Hunting Judge may score any situation without cast members being present. The decision of a non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field. It may be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the MOH/Panel. A decision made by a non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the MOH/Panel.
- b. Hunting Judge Cast: The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time. Situations not questioned and notated at the time judges' decision is made, will not be considered. Each handler must vote, or their dog will be scratched. It takes a majority vote to overturn judge's decision. Any handler that is not satisfied with the outcome retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the scorecard and present his question to the MOH/Panel. Unless/until, it involves a dog being scratched from the hunt a question shall not be taken to the MOH/Panel until after the hunt. If there is a question noted on the scorecard all cast members MUST return to the MOH/Panel.
- c. Panels, Appeals, Misconduct: Requesting a panel requires a fee of \$10 to be paid before the question is heard. Requesting an Appeal requires a fee of \$ 20 to be paid before the form is provided to make the written complaint. If procedures, as fully outlined in the rulebook, are not followed the complaint will not be considered. For procedures and more information on

MASTER OF HOUNDS/HUNT DIRECTOR GUIDELINES

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1. UKC Licensed Field Trials must be listed on the UKC website Upcoming Events Listing. The listing for UKC Licensed must indicate a time deadline for closing entries. No entries will be accepted after the listed deadline for any reason. If a Club's event listing does not appear in the Upcoming Events Listing as specified, the UKC Licenses for the event will be withdrawn and no UKC Championship points or wins will be awarded. In the event an event advertisement is not consistent with the details noted on the UCE on UKC's Event Calendar, the details on the web UCE are considered the final authority and what the club must go by.
2. The official is in charge of the hunt. If a question arises, the Master of Hounds will hear each viewpoint and have last say. A handler may state his case plainly but if unreasonable; his dog may be scratched by Master of Hounds.
3. If a Hunt Director format is being used, then all questions go directly to a panel. If qualified, the Hunt Director may serve on the panel. Procedures and policies specifically related to a MOH or a HD format are as follows:
 - a. **Policies Specific to Master of Hounds Format:** All MOH must be licensed by UKC. A MOH may not have a dog, registered in their name (full or joint ownership), and entered in the event. A dog previously owned by the MOH may not be entered until it is transferred into the new owner's name. The MOH must remain at the event headquarters at all times. A MOH will listen to and rule on all questions brought in from the field.
 - b. **Policies Specific to Hunt Director Format:** The HD shall be knowledgeable all event related policies and procedures including taking entries, drawing casts, checking over returned scorecards and completing event reports. The HD is not required to be licensed by UKC. The HD may enter and handle their dog in the hunt. A Hunt Director will not rule on questions brought in from the woods. The HD is re-

sponsible for forming a panel of three qualified individuals to rule on all questions that come in from the field. If qualified however, the HD may serve as one of those individuals on the panel.

4. MOH/HD Checklist:

When you arrive at the club, check to see that the following are posted.

- a. MOH/HD checklist.
- b. Entry deadline time and time deadline for returning scorecards.
- c. Locating and Controlling Device Rules.

5. How to Take Entries:

- a. Give an entry slip to each participant and have them fill it out clearly and completely.
- b. If an individual attempting to enter appears, in your judgment, to be under the influence of alcohol or un-prescribed drugs, do not accept their entry. Notify the appropriate club individual or officer of what you are doing and why.
- c. Be sure to follow entry requirements outlined under Entering Dogs in UKC® Licensed Events.

6. Selecting Judges:

- a. Club Officers and the Event Official shall work together in selecting qualified individuals to serve as judges.
- b. Judges shall be selected based on their integrity and knowledge of the running rules and procedures. They must be honest and capable of scoring all situations. The judge must know the proper procedures that are to be followed if a question arises. They should also be willing to judge the cast for the duration of the hunt.
- c. When hunting judges are used, the number of judges needed in each category shall be pre-selected from that pool of entries.
- d. Individuals entering the event as an Inactive Handler may not be used as Hunting Judge.
- e. A Non-hunting judge must be assigned to a one-dog cast. A Non-Hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Event Official or club officials, if deemed necessary.
- f. The authority of Judge begins when he or she is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Event Official.

7. Selecting Guides

The Host Club is responsible for selecting qualified guides. In the event available guides are not needed the host club has the final decision on which ones will be used. The guide shall be a responsible individual who has permission to hunt on the property(s) they take their cast. The guide shall be willing to guide the cast for the duration of the hunt.

8. Separating Entries for Cast Drawing

Start your judge and guide selection process for each category when you begin taking entries. You should have four separate pools of entries for each category as follows:

- a. Pool 1. An entry serving as a hunting judge and the guide.
- b. Pool 2. An entry serving as a hunting judge only.
- c. Pool 3. An entry serving as a guide only.
- d. Pool 4. All remaining entries.

9. Drawing Casts

- a. Do not start drawing out casts until after entries are closed at the advertised deadline time.
- b. The drawing of entries must be announced and conducted publicly.
- c. If your state requires a license or permit number, make certain that it appears on each scorecard.
- d. The designated hunt time and the deadline time to return scorecards shall be clearly indicated on all scorecards.
- e. It is the responsibility of the Event Official to draw multiple same owner entries to separate casts, if possible. The only time it would not be possible is if there are not enough casts available to separate them. The first registered owner (Sole Signatory) only, will be considered when it comes to drawing multiple owner entries to separate casts. Co-owner (Successors) names will not be considered.
- f. UKC accepts any fair and impartial draw procedure as follows. Based on the entry, determine the number of judges and guides you need for a specific category. Determine how many three dog casts will be in the category. If any, add that amount of blank entry forms into pool 4. This allows having four entries to be "drawn" to each scorecard and eliminates any perceptions otherwise.
 - i. Draw an entry to each scorecard from pool 1 and 2 until all scorecards have a hunting judge. These entries may be turned up and stuck to the scorecards so you can see which cast(s) may still need a hunting guide entry.
 - ii. For any scorecards still needing a guide, draw a hunting guide from Pool 3. These entries shall be drawn and turned face-down on the scorecard.
 - iii. Complete your draw using the remaining entries from Pool 4. These entries shall also be turned face down on the scorecard.
 - iv. Each scorecard now has four entries on it. Turn your unstuck entries over but check for any multiple owner entries, (see multiple owner entries policy above) multiple Inactive Handler entries, and/or more than one

blank on the same scorecard. If you have any multiples on the same card, switch the lowest multiple with the entry on the subsequent card that was in the same slot (a, b, c or d).

- v. With all multiple conflicts now resolved, stick the entries to the scorecards.

10. Calling Casts:

- a. IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE MOH/HD CHECKLIST BE READ PUBLICLY BEFORE CALLING CASTS. The MOH/HD checklist may be updated from time to time to cover certain topics as deemed necessary. The most recent up-to-date Checklist is included in the Event Packet.
- b. Telemetry Rules are posted on the opposite side of the MOH/HD Checklist.
- c. After the checklist is read and any other related remarks are made, call out casts.

11. While Casts are in the Field:

- a. No questions, pertaining to scoring during the hunt, may be called in. The MOH/HD may not accept any information pertaining to final score via a phone.
- b. The scorecard must be returned by the deadline for the cast winning dog to be considered for placement.

12. After the Scorecards Are Turned In:

- a. Recheck each dog's score. MOH/HD has the authority to make changes to and correct mathematical errors.
- b. Check to see that handlers signed the scorecard. Any handler that does not sign the scorecard, may sign the scorecard in view of the event official. Otherwise, it results in that dog being scratched.
- c. Any questions must be notated with a question mark (?) on the scorecard. Remember the rule that states, *{situations not questioned and notated, may not be considered}*. If there is a question noted, get the cast off by themselves to discuss the situation and make your decision. Only individuals directly involved in the dispute should be included in any of the discussions. Wait until the scorecards are returned before discussing a situation that arises in the woods. Members of the cast have thirty (30) minutes to make their complaint after the scorecards are turned in. If a question is not satisfactorily resolved, any owner or handler has the right to request a panel. Refer to the rulebook in the section under; Appeal Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC® Licensed Event.
- d. Keep your scorecards confidential until deadline or until all scorecards have been returned. This must be rigidly enforced. Scorecards must

then be made available for review. Any owner or handler questioning a dog's score must do so not later than thirty minutes after the posted deadline to return scorecards. Scorecards must be retained by the club for a minimum of one year.

13. Reports

- a. Do not sign a blank report. Make sure that the report is completely filled out. Then you sign it.
- b. The original is sent to UKC, and the copy is retained by the club hosting the event.
- c. Submit UKC's copy within 10 days or a penalty per month will be applied.

14. General Information:

- a. Encourage clubs to educate their members on the rules and to conduct rules seminars for Judges, Masters of Hounds, Hunt Directors and participants.
- b. Study and stay current with all the rules. For official interpretation of the rules, policies or changes read the monthly Full Circle column written by UKC.
- c. Remember to use good judgment. You are the person responsible to see that the hunt is run in a manner that is fair to all and that everyone is treated in a fair and equitable way.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGING POLICY

All handlers and spectators are advised of the UKC Electronic Messaging policy as it relates to the integrity of the event and the hunt. This includes texting or posting messages on social media sites. Any individual found guilty of any messaging prior to the conclusion of an event, with reference to scores and/or that is deemed to have influenced any cast or handler, are subject to suspension.

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING MASTER OF HOUNDS

All clubs having UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Hunts should have a UKC Licensed Master of Hounds available to run their hunt, if needed. Although clubs have the option of using the Hunt Director format, using a qualified Master of Hounds generally allows for an all-around better event. Following are the procedures and requirements to be followed for an application to be considered.

1. The applicant must be a member of an approved club and be recommended by officers of the club. It is felt that the club will know the background and qualifications of the applicant through club activities.
2. The applicant's character, honesty and integrity must be above reproach. They must have a thorough knowledge of UKC's rules and policies and

have demonstrated good judgment.

3. The applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.
4. They must completely fill out the application and pass the test covering UKC rules and policies, which may be obtained at your local club or from UKC.
5. An applicant, having met the requirements and items above, must serve an apprenticeship under three (3) different UKC Licensed Masters of Hounds and be recommended by them to be considered for a license.
6. No more than two (2) apprentices may serve under a Master of Hounds at an event. Apprentices are subject to the same restrictions as the Master of Hounds concerning entering their dogs in the events where they serve. However, all decisions must be made by the licensed Master of Hounds.
7. Enclose appropriate fee when submitting the application for a license. All current fees available at ukcdogs.com.
8. Once a Master of Hounds is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.
9. All licenses for UKC Masters of Hounds shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.
10. The licensed Master of Hounds must keep up to date with the rules and policies. If they do not, they will place themselves in jeopardy of losing their license.
11. Each club should have a minimum of two licensed Masters of Hounds in case of emergencies where the assigned Master of Hounds cannot conduct the hunt.

ELIMINATION FORMAT EVENTS

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1. Drawing Casts

Event advertisement details must indicate Elimination. All dogs will run within their category, unless noted otherwise for certain events.

2. Plus-Point Requirements

All events require a dog to have a total score of plus points to be considered a cast winner and or to be eligible to advance to subsequent rounds and or to earn championship wins, with exception to those approved by UKC and specifically noted and as outlined in the event details.

3. Advancing Dogs

All plus-point cast winners will advance from the first round to subsequent rounds. Casts not scoring a total score of plus points in the first round will not have a dog advance to subsequent rounds and none of the

dogs participating in that cast will be considered for championship points, unless otherwise indicated for the specific event.

4. Hunt Time

The host club will be given the option of 60 or 90-minute hunts for all first-round casts of an Elimination hunt. Hunt time in subsequent rounds may differ from the first-round to be determined on the day of the event based on the total entry, consideration of the distance to running grounds, high temperatures in summer months, amount of daylight hours and availability of guides.

5. Placing Dogs in All Divisions of Elimination Format

- a. Only plus-point cast winners from the first round are eligible for placement, unless otherwise indicated. No placements may be awarded until the final cast has been assembled. Hounds in the final cast will be placed according to highest total score in the final cast even if the points are minus. After the first round, any unbreakable ties shall be determined by reverting to the previous round's score of those dogs involved.
- b. Those hounds eliminated in the cast immediately prior to the final cast will be considered for placement, provided they were cast winners from an earlier round. Second-in-cast hounds from the semi-final round will be placed next, in succession according to their score in that round. After second-in-cast hounds are considered for placement, third-in-cast hounds will be placed in succession according to their score in that round, followed by fourth-in-cast etc. Any dog scratched will place fourth-in-cast, for placing purposes.
- c. If there are not enough hounds in the semi-final round to fill available placements, the same procedure may be used to revert back to a preliminary round.

UKC SLAM EVENTS

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1. Slam Events are available to all UKC approved clubs. Clubs may designate any number of their scheduled dates as a Slam Event. Simply note the Slam designation portion on the Event Confirmation form. A regular bench show may be held in conjunction with a Slam Event.
2. **Entry Fees:** See ukcdogs.com for all current fees.
3. **License and Recording Fees:** SLAM events require a UKC Hunt License fee. Regular recording fees apply and must be included with the Event Report mailed to UKC. See ukcdogs.com for all current fees.
4. **Eligibility for Events:** See Entering Dogs in UKC®

Licensed Events.

5. **Running Rules:** UKC Official Hunting Beagle Honor Rules, as they apply in effect for the year the event is run.
6. **Drawing Casts:** All dogs, regardless of category, are drawn out together.
7. **Hunting Time:** Preliminary round casts will 60 or 90 minutes in duration as decided by the host club, on the day of the event. The Final Cast will hunt 60 or 90 minutes, as determined by the club on the day of the event.
8. **Judges:** One Hunting Judge per cast in the preliminary round. The Final Cast will have one (1) or two (2) Non-hunting Judges (club's discretion).
9. **Prize Money:** A percentage of the entry fee, based on the entry fee amount and as indicated on the Slam Prize Breakdown Form, is paid to the event winners. First, all first round plus-point cast winners are awarded the amount of the entry fee. Remaining prize money is awarded to those dogs in the Final Cast. Prize money will be paid by the host club in accordance with the Slam Prize Breakdown Form at the conclusion of the event. The distribution of Slam prize money is strictly the responsibility of the host club and not the responsibility of United Kennel Club. UKC reserves the right to set prize amounts and control distribution of prize money at its sole judgment and discretion.
10. **Final Cast:** The four (4) highest scoring preliminary round cast winners with a total score of plus points will advance to the Final Cast. Dogs in the Final Cast will be placed according to total score, including up to 300 minus. If tie cannot be broken, dogs remaining tied will split prize money. If all dogs in Final Cast scratch, purse will be divided equally among all members of the cast. See Slam Prize Breakdown Form (provided in the event packet) for other scratched dog breakdowns.
11. **Splitting Prize Money:** Slam prize money may only be split if majority of Final Cast agrees to do so. Otherwise, cast must hunt Final Cast round to determine prize money distribution.
12. **Championship Wins:** All hounds winning their first-round cast with a total score of plus points receive a win towards their championship.
13. **No Plus Point Cast Winners:** In the event there are no plus-point cast winners in the first round it will be considered the Final Round and prize money will be divided equally between all dogs entered in the event, and no Championship wins will be awarded.

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HUNTING BEAGLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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The UKC Hunting Beagle National Championship brings together the outstanding Hunting Beagles and handlers from the United States and Canada to participate in the Hunting Beagle Program's largest Hunt and Bench Show. This prestigious multi-day event is directly sponsored by United Kennel Club. The location is carefully selected based on areas with good hunting territory, guides, and a facility to accommodate the hundreds that attend. The National Championship is a family affair and an event where old friends become reacquainted and new ones are made.

Special awards and National recognition are given to its winners including the prestigious degree of Junior National Champion to the overall winner of the Junior Hunt and the degree of National Grand Champion to the overall winners in the Grand Champion classes of the hunt and show.

This major event is held in the spring each year. Entry to the hunt is by advanced entry reservation only. Complete details, including a schedule of events and entry forms, are posted on UKC's website at www.ukcdogs.com.

HUNTING BEAGLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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- 1. Format and Eligibility:** At all World Qualifying Events and the World Championship, dogs are drawn out together as one class. Any qualified dog must be UKC registered to be eligible to enter the World Championship.
- 2. Running Rules:** UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules will be in effect for the year the event is run, with special revisions as required.
- 3. Qualifying Requirements:**
 - a. Dogs may only qualify at designated UKC Hunting Beagle World Qualifying Events.
 - b. All plus-point cast winners are qualified for the World Championship.
 - c. A dog must have a TOTAL SCORE OF PLUS POINTS AND BE A CAST WINNER before they can be considered qualified.
 - d. The UKC Licensed Master of Hounds/Hunt Director of the Hunting Beagle Qualifying Event will sign a special receipt/World Championship Entry Form for each plus point cast winner of the event. This receipt will be required to enter the UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship.
- 4. Dates of Events:** Designated Qualifying Events are held each year from January through the first part of September with the World Championship

being held in early October to determine the UKC Hunting Beagle World Champion.

- 5. Location of Event:** Qualifying Events are approved for designated clubs and strategically placed throughout the regions where those clubs are located. The World Championship will be held at a location selected each year by UKC.
- 6. WQE Hunt Times:** All Hunting Beagle World Qualifying casts will hunt for 90 minutes. This applies to WQE only events.
- 7. Event Official:** A Master of Hounds or Hunt Director format may be used for World Qualifying Events and the World Championship.
- 8. Judges:** All Judges for Hunting Beagle Qualifying Events and the World Championship must be not less than sixteen (16) years of age. Judges must be physically fit to perform all duties of a Judge. They must have served as a Judge previously in at least five (5) UKC licensed Hunting Beagle Hunts and know the UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules. All Judges must be approved by the Official UKC Licensed Master of Hounds/Hunt Director. Judges and guides (if guides are needed) will be drawn each day. The Judges for the Final Cast will be appointed by UKC.
- 9. Qualified Dog may not Enter Another WQE:** Once qualified for the World Championship, a dog may not be entered in another Hunting Beagle World Qualifying Event; except for the Eliminator or the McVay Memorial. There is no limit to how many different Hunting Beagle World Qualifying Events a dog may enter to attempt to get qualified.
- 10. Substitutions:** An individual can substitute a dog that has been entered in the World Championship if the dog has died, come in season, or declared to be ill and not able to participate in the hunt. The dog can only be replaced by another dog that is registered in the same registrant's name and was also qualified in the current year. The substitution must be made by the advertised deadline to confirm entries.
11. No refunds will be issued after the advertised deadline for any reason.
- 12. Championship Wins:** Championship wins will be awarded to all Cast Winners with plus points as follows:
 - a. World Qualifying Event.
 - b. Finals: Cast winners in each round.
13. Advanced entries only will be accepted for the World Championship and must be submitted by the advertised deadline.
14. All previous UKC Hunting Beagle World Champions are not required to qualify for the World Championship. They must pay the entry fee for the World Championship by the advertised deadline.

15. Credit cards, personal checks, money orders or certified checks will be accepted for entry fees to the World Championship. No refunds will be made after the deadline unless the dog has died, and the Registration Certificate is turned into UKC.
16. The winner of the Finals will be designated the UKC Hunting Beagle World Champion and will have the following designation placed before the dog's name on their Registration Certificate, Pedigree and UKC Easy Entry® Card: WORLD HBCH
17. The Appeal Procedure will not be applicable during hunting time of the World Championship. The Master of Hounds/Hunt Director Panel decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual World Championship. The Appeal procedure will be in effect for all qualifying events.
18. The World Championship accepts advanced entries only. All dogs, regardless of Championship Degree, size and sex will run together in one class. This is a UKC administered event. The UKC Hunting Beagle Honor rules will be used, except where noted.
19. **The Finals:**
 - a. All rounds will run for 90 minutes, unless otherwise noted.
 - b. Using hunting or non-hunting judges in any round will be the decision of UKC.
 - c. Round 1(a): Up to 120 dogs will participate in Round 1(a). Preference for the morning hunt will be given strictly on entry number in the finals. Lowest entry numbers will be given the opportunity for the first round ahead of higher entry numbers.
 - d. Round 1(b): The remaining entries will participate in Round 1(b). Any dogs that did not participate in round 1(a) will run in this round.
 - e. All cast winners will advance to subsequent rounds in an elimination process until an overall winner is determined. At any point where four dogs or less are remaining in the hunt, the round in which they all four participate together; will be considered the final round.
 - f. Top Ten placements will be determined after the Final Cast has been assembled. Those placements to be determined by non-cast win scores in the round previous to the Final Cast. The winner of the Final Cast will be designated the Degree of World Hunting Beagle Champion (WORLDHBCH).
 - g. Unbreakable ties in any round of the World Championship will result in one (1) 15-minute overtime by those dogs involved in the tie only, except for the Final Cast as noted below. If after one (1) overtime the tie remains, the following applies:
 - I. Round 1 - Flip a coin.
 - II. Subsequent Rounds - Revert back to previous round score.
 - III. Final Cast - Dogs involved will continue to hunt in 15-minute overtime intervals until winner is determined.
 - d. Final Cast: If there are no plus points at the end of the Final Cast, dogs will be placed in the order in which they finished or in the order in which they were eliminated. If at any time only one dog remains in the Final Cast, that dog will be considered the winner. If ALL dogs are scratched simultaneously during the first hour of the hunt, all scores will revert back to zero and the cast will continue to hunt for one hour. If ALL dogs are scratched simultaneously after the first hour of the hunt, all scores will revert back to zero, and dogs will continue to hunt in 15-minute overtime intervals until winner is determined.

UKC HUNTING BEAGLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BENCH SHOW RULES

The UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship Show will be held at the UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship on a day and time as advertised for the event.

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Dog must be permanently registered and qualified for the World Championship or have proof of previous Championship hunt wins.
2. Entries are taken on day of show.
3. The first round of the UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship Show will be conducted under the regular show format, except there will not be a Best of Winners class in the Registered category and the Champion and Grand Champion classes will be separated by sex.
4. The Semi-Final Round will feature the following class winners:
 - a. Best Registered Male, Best Champion Male, Best Grand Champion Male
 - b. Best Registered Female, Best Champion Female, Best Grand Champion Female
5. The Final Round will feature the Best Overall Male and Best Overall Female. The winner of this class will be crowned World Champion and the non-winning dog will be the Opposite Sex.
6. The winner of the UKC Hunting Beagle World Show Championship will have the following designation placed before the dog's name on their Registration Certificate, Pedigree and UKC Easy Entry® Card: WSHOWCH

- The six category winners in the show (three males and three females) will all receive a win towards their degree.

OFFICIAL UKC LICENSED YOUTH EVENT RULES

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All UKC policies concerning entering dogs in UKC Licensed Events shall apply to all Youth Events.

1. HUNT RULES:

Handler Eligibility:

Hunt - Two (2) age divisions: 5-12 years old (Junior) 13-17 years old (Senior)

- Handler may be required to present proof of age to the entry taker. Only one handler per dog allowed. Handler must be enrolled in school or have completed the requirements for graduation from high school.
- ALL HANDLERS 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DESIGNATED ADULT OTHER THAN THOSE OTHER ADULTS IN THE CAST.
- Dog Eligibility: All United Kennel Club Registered Beagles, including Hunting Beagle Champions and Grand Hunting Beagle Champions, are eligible for running in this event. They will be drawn out together as one class.
- Format: UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules, as they apply in effect for the year the event is run. All dogs are drawn out together regardless of category but are drawn out based on handler age (Junior / Senior) albeit the same hunt. Hunt time period to be a 60-minute event, unless otherwise approved by UKC.
- Judges: Only adult, non-hunting Judges, 18 years or older, will be used. Children shall not be judged by their parents or members of their immediate family.
- ASSISTED (JUNIORS) VS NON-ASSISTED (SENIORS):
 - Handlers in a Junior cast may be assisted calling their dog by their parent or the designated guardian accompanying them. Otherwise, the parent or guardian may not enter any debates or discussions with the judge, other handlers, or other parents or guardians. Violations may result in the handlers' dog being scratched.
 - Handlers in a Senior cast may not be assisted calling their dogs or otherwise. Spectators may not get involved in any scoring debates or discussions. Violations may result in the handlers' dog being scratched.
- CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: Dog must have a total score of plus points and be a cast winner before

being considered for a championship win towards the dogs' degree.

- EVENT OFFICIAL: There will be a UKC Licensed Master of Hounds or Hunt Director in charge of the event. The host organization will be responsible for obtaining a UKC licensed Master of Hounds or Hunt Director.

BENCH SHOW RULES

- Handler Eligibility: Bench Show - One (1) age division: 5-17 years old. Handler may be required to present proof of age to the entry taker. Handler must be enrolled in school or have completed the requirements for graduation from high school.
- Championship Points: Points or wins are awarded for the Youth Bench Show in the same manner as with all UKC Licensed Bench Shows.
- Judge: A UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge is required. UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules apply to all licensed Youth Event bench shows.
- Benches: The height of show benches may be modified to accommodate youth handlers at the club's discretion.
- No Assistance Permitted: All handlers are required to gait and handle the dog on the bench without assistance.

MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

For current official UKC Misconduct & Guidelines please reference the official UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com.

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