

OFFICIAL UKC PERFORMANCE PACK RULEBOOK

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LICENSES

Bench Show Judges License Application	\$20
Master of Hounds License Application.....	\$20
Event Licenses —	
Beagle Hunt	\$25
Bench Show	\$17
Event Recording Fee (per dog entered).....	\$2
Late Fee (for event reports received more than 10 days after the event is held).....	\$20
<i>Plus \$20 for each month past due.</i>	

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

Important Information About Fees

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

Registration Rules and Policies

For information on UKC Registration Rules and Policies, contact:

Registration Department • United Kennel Club

100 East Kilgore Road • Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584

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INHERENT RIGHTS & POWERS OF UKC

(Revised December 18, 2009)

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

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

- a) scores;
- b) disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- c) errors by the recording person; and
- d) documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found during such inspection whether or not the document has the signature of a Judge or Club Officer. UKC reserves the right to itself and in its sole judgement and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:
 - a) Bar an individual from entering or participating in any way in any UKC licensed event.
 - b) Bar an individual from transferring or registering any pups or dogs in

that person's name (joint or full registration) or to any member of that person's family.

- c) Bar an individual from receiving Championship points for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full registration). By way of illustration, the following constitute some, but not all, of the situations calling for the above sanctions:
 - a) Falsification or alteration of a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
 - b) Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
 - c) Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
 - d) Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
 - e) Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
 - f) Intimidating, threatening, or injuring a Judge, Club/Association member or official, event participant or spectator, or UKC representative.

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

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

UKC Policy Regarding Persons Associated with Fighting Dogs

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

1. All dog registration privileges will be revoked for life.
 - a. The person(s) will not be permitted to register any litters of puppies.
 - b. The person(s) will not be permitted to transfer ownership of any puppies or adult dogs into their name.
2. The person(s) will be barred for life from participating in or entering any UKC licensed events. Their dogs will not be awarded any UKC Championship points or titles even if handled by another person.
3. The person(s) will be barred for life from advertising in any UKC publications.

Anyone aware of any persons currently involved in such activities as are listed above should report them to United Kennel Club.

Sending Work to UKC

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

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

Mail Litter Applications to:

Litter Department

Mail Transfer Applications and inquiries on registration papers to:

Transfer Department

Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration Certificates to:

Duplicate Department

Mail requests and inquiries to:

Registration Correspondent

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

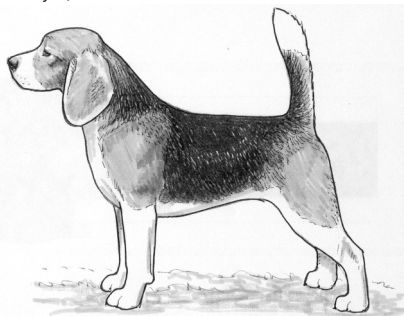
Beagle Field Operations

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 hounds. In literature, they were mentioned as far back as 1475.

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

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

GENERAL APPEARANCE

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

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

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.

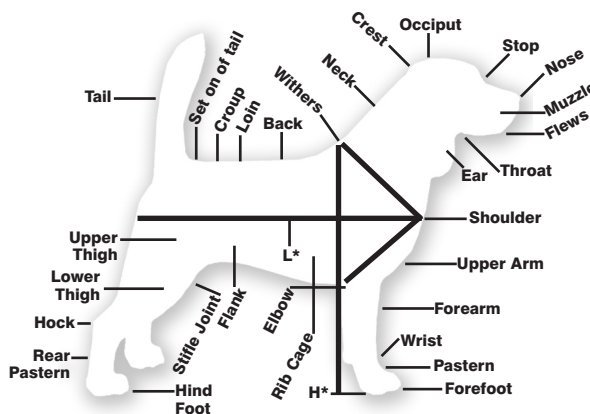
Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.)

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!



L* Point for determining length of dog
H* Point for determining height of a dog

EVENT INFORMATION

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ENTERING DOGS IN UKC LICENSED EVENTS

1. "REGISTRANT"

A registrant is any individual whose name appears on the front of the Registration Certificate or the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. If the Registrant utilizes the Registration Certificate instead of the UKC Easy Entry™ Card, they may enter the dog in the event provided that the Transfer Application/Bill of Sale is blank.

2. "NEW REGISTRANT"

The new Registrant(s) is/are an individual(s) who has/have purchased a dog from the current Sole Signatory/Registrant(s). The new Sole Signatory/Registrant(s) may enter the dog as Conditional (see Conditional Entries below) until the dog is transferred to the new Sole Signatory/Registrant(s). The new Sole Signatory or any new Registrant will enter the dog listing it in its current registered name, the current Sole Signatory's/Registrant's name (Seller) as the owner and the new Sole Signatory or any new Registrant as the handler. The new Sole Signatory or any of the new Registrants may not

enter using the old Sole Signatory or the old Registrant's UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

3. SOLE SIGNATORY

Beginning April 15, 2013 any dog that is registered to more than one Registrant must select a Sole Signatory. Up to four Registrants will be permitted on a dog's record. The individual whose name appears first on the Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card is recorded as the Sole Signatory of the dog. The individual selected and recorded as the Sole Signatory will assume all registration responsibility for the dog. The signature of the Sole Signatory is required to transfer the dog or register any offspring. However, any Registrant listed on the dog's record is permitted to enter the dog in a UKC event.

EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participant must submit one of the following to entry takers.

1. Dog's Registration Certificate.

2. Dog's UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

3. **CONDITIONAL:** A Conditional Entry is one where the participant is not in receipt of the required Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card for the dog. The participant may enter their dog as Conditional with a fee of \$5 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 points or 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. It is the responsibility of the participant to provide the most accurate information possible. 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 "Non-Registered Dog" with a fee of \$3, 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 a copy of the win receipt(s) along with the single registration

application and mail it to UKC. Any Championship points earned expire if the dog is not registered within 60 days after the event. However, the owner may request the expired points be reinstated after the dog has been registered by submitting a copy of the win receipt(s) along with a fee of \$50 to UKC Field Operations.

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

Warning! - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's 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 - No copies of Registration Certificates, Pedigrees, Championship, Grand Championship or UKC Easy Entry™ Cards will be accepted.

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

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

UKC EASY ENTRY™ CARD

Revised January 1, 2011

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

At no additional charge, UKC will mail, along with the UKC Registration Certificate and Pedigree, the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card may be used in place of the Registration Certificate when entering UKC licensed events. Updated cards will also be mailed, along with the Championship

Degree, to the Registered Owner without charge, each time the dog earns a new UKC title.

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

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. Refer to most current Beagle Single Application for details.

It will become the club's responsibility to forward all applications along with the proper fee to UKC. This may be sent along with the club's hunt report following the event. For your protection, please transfer all cash received into the form of a check or money order prior to mailing.

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

MEASURING HOUNDS

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

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

AWARDS AT UKC LICENSED EVENTS

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The Host Club has a few different options for awards 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.

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 in the Special Instructions section when confirming the event. Distribution of such prize money is the sole responsibility of the club. The UKC will not enter into any disputes thereof.

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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CLUBS

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

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

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

Show, kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and ensure success.

- f. Do not accept late entries! Doing so will void such entries at your UKC licensed event. Additionally, the club is subject to losing approval to host further UKC licensed events.
- g. Read information on the UKC website (www.ukcdogs.com) and *American Beagler* magazine for updates or more information regarding UKC rules and policies.
- h. Contact Beagle Field Operations with any questions pertaining to your club or its events.

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

TITLES OF EXCELLENCE FROM UKC AND REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THEM

Revised January 1, 2015

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

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

1. UKC PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPION (PCH)

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

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

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

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

licensed events until it has been certified and is eligible to move up to the Champion class.

This policy is set forth to accommodate those who finish immediately prior to a major event and do not have time to certify. However, it also prohibits dogs who fail to certify from staying in the lower ranks to accumulate points.

A. Performance Pack Champion Certification Procedures:

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

1. The Certification judges shall carry out the certification procedure in the same manner as Performance Pack competition in respect to the conduct of owners, handlers and spectators. Certification may take place:

A. Certification on a specific date is permissible if advertised in the magazine in the month preceding the certification or is posted on the Internet where it is publicly accessible at least 15 days prior to the certification date. The date, time and location for the certification must be listed.

B. Certification may be held the day previous, during, or at the close of a licensed Performance Pack event. It must be publicly announced at the event.

2. All hounds that are present at the certification shall be drawn in random order. Any dogs arriving after the draw will be added to the end of the list and will be certified if time permits. The hound's owner or handler must present to the judges the necessary paperwork to show that the dog is eligible for certification.

3. The number of dogs tested simultaneously solely depends on the number of judges available to test the dogs. If certifications are going on simultaneously, they must be done at distances great enough not to interfere with each other.

4. A licensed Judge cannot be involved in the certification testing of his/her own dog or a dog that he/she has owned within the past 6 months. They may not test a dog owned by a member of their

immediate family or household

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

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

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

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

A. When dogs are getting on highway, trail onto posted land or trail into a place where there is danger to dogs or hunters.

B. When other hunters get too close. If dogs get with another group of dogs.

C. If new ground must be found to finish test.

D. In case of accident or sickness.

E. If cast becomes lost.

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

Fees and Forms: The owner/handler must pay a

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

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

2. GRAND PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPION (GRPCH)

- Earned by winning five Performance Pack Champion events at a UKC licensed hunt. In this portion of the event, only Performance Pack Champions compete against other Performance Pack Champions.

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

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

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

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

3. UKC SHOW CHAMPION (CH)

- 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.

4. 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/Owners. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together.

UPCOMING UKC LICENSED EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Example:

MICHIGAN

MI, Kalamazoo; Kalamazoo Co. Beagle Club; follow I-94 north to N Westnedge exit; turn right; 1/2 mile to club. Contact Bob Jones (269) 555-1234. Jan. 14 Show 12:00 p.m. \$6. Hunt 8:00 a.m. CH. & GR. 12:00 p.m. \$10.

Explanation of Example

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

CLUB OFFICERS GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING UKC EVENTS

Revised January 1, 2015

I. Scheduling Your UKC Dates:

A. Contact the Beagle Field Operations Department at the United Kennel Club at the following address to determine if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event: Beagle

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

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

B. Request for additional club dates must be made with ample time to meet Upcoming Events publication requirements. (Allow at least 90 days prior to the event). A maximum of three dates for UKC licensed events will be granted for the first probationary year, thereafter the club may be approved for up to a maximum of 7 dates.

C. A club may not change the location of an event without contacting UKC at least 90 days prior to the event. UKC reserves the right to grant or deny approval.

D. When the Confirmation is received by the corresponding officer, they must fill out all the requested information on the front. If all information is not included no license will be granted. Make sure that the Officers List contains the correct names, addresses and phone numbers of the club's officers. Return one copy of the Invoice/Confirmation with the Officers List (if there are changes) and the proper fee two months prior to the event by the first of the month. Provided the completed confirmation is received on time, your event will then be listed at no charge in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing in *American Beagler* magazines the month before the event is to be held. If the confirmation is not received by the deadline, the date will not be held for the next year unless UKC is contacted.

1. Fees

a. Hunt: \$25

b. Bench Show: \$17

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

E. Advertising Your Event.

1. Advertising other than that appearing on the UKC website and *American Beagler* upcoming events listings is recommended but not required.

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

II. How to Conduct your UKC Licensed Event.

A. License and Event Supplies:

1. The license and supplies will be mailed to the club prior to the event.

2. Upon receipt of the package, the corresponding officer should check to make sure they have received all needed materials. If not, contact UKC immediately at (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com.

3. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact Field Operations immediately at (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukc dogs.com.

B. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Bench Show Judge has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in their possession, DO NOT schedule them to judge the event. You have the right to request to see the license or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event without a current license, the club will be held responsible. No championship points will be awarded and the club may lose approved status for future UKC licensed events. This policy will be rigidly enforced. If you have difficulty obtaining a licensed individual to judge your event, contact Field Operations for assistance. Please confirm the status of the license well in advance of the event.

C. Things to do the Day of the Event:

1. Post legible signs at all major intersections directing participants to your club.

2. Post UKC Licensed Event Form.

3. Post entry deadline time.

4. Club is responsible for having an adequate number of licensed judges on hand.

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

E. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC:

1. Complete the Official UKC report forms. Be

sure that the UKC number, Sire and Dam information, the Registrant's/Owner(s)' name, handler's name and address for each is correct. Use dog's complete registered name on reports since this information will be published.

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

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

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

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

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

PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPIONS, GRAND PERFORMANCE PACK CHAMPIONS:

Each hunt must have a Champion and Grand Champion cast offered. Champion and Grand casts may utilize a separate hunt entry deadline, provided

it is listed in event advertisement information. A Performance Pack Champion or Grand Champion cannot hunt in open competition. They must hunt in own class, not lower.

SCRATCHED FOR FIGHTING — UKC POLICY

Revised January 1, 2013

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

When three (3) reports — Bench Show or Hunt — have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been "Scratched for Fighting" or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: The reports will be checked to see if they have been properly certified by (1) Judge of the cast, (2) the Master of Hounds or Bench Show Judge and (3) two different officers of the club. If the reports are properly signed-off, the registrant/owner(s) 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/owner's name, address and the time barred for fighting will be published in *American Beagler* magazine. They will be requested to return their UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by a specific date (approximately 30 days). The Registration Certificate will be stamped BARRED FOR FIGHTING UNTIL _____.

It will then be sent back to the Sole Signatory/Registrant. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be retained by UKC. The dog will be barred for two (2) years from the date of the third "Scratched for Fighting" offense. At the end of two (2) year period, the Sole Signatory/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.

If the Sole Signatory/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.

1. Transfer of ownership will not be allowed.
2. The dog will not be allowed to be used in a breeding program. No litters will be registered where the dog is the sire or dam.

3. The dog will be barred from receiving any UKC Championship Points.

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

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

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

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

Dogs entered in UKC Beagle Hunts cannot be muzzled

CLUB OFFICERS GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERING BEAGLES AT UKC EVENTS

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, Inc.

Dogs may be single registered at events. Refer to most current Beagle Single Application for details.

It will become the club’s responsibility to forward all applications along with the proper fee to UKC. This may be sent along with the club’s hunt report following the event. For your protection, please transfer all cash received into the form of a check or money order prior to mailing.

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

BENCH SHOW INFORMATION UKC BEAGLE BENCH SHOW RULES

Revised January 1, 2015

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

2. UKC licensed shows MUST appear in the “Upcoming UKC Licensed Events” listing on the UKC website in order for the event to be approved and Championship points awarded.

3. The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or sex.

4. No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason. The show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.

5. The registration certificate or Easy Entry™ Card must be presented to the entry taker(s) to enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Otherwise, for an additional fee, the entry will be accepted as Conditional. These rules are to be strictly followed. Clubs found to be in violation of entry procedures are subject to no longer be approved for UKC licensed events. See “Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events” found elsewhere in this rulebook.

6. No copies of a registration certificate, pedigree, championship degree, or UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be accepted.

7. Only one UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge shall judge a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. A panel of Judges cannot be used. The Judge will follow the rules and regulations covering the show, and sign the official UKC report for show winners and award Championship points. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Beagle Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). The Judge must sign the report immediately following the show so that the officers of the club may sign.

8. The Judge’s decision is final. Any exhibitor entering dogs in any show is, in effect, asking the Judge for their personal opinion and decision. Any exhibitor may question the Judge concerning their decision at the time the decision is made, after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor’s dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsmanlike manner. It is suggested that the Judges give oral comments after selection of Best Male/Best Female winners and above.

9. If a dog is entered and shown in the wrong class, no Championship points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the registrant/owner to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class. Dogs must compete in each class as they advance unless scratched by the Bench Show Judge. The handler may not withdraw the dog at any point throughout the show, except for health reasons. Dogs withdrawn for health reasons will be subject to verification by a licensed veterinarian.

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

This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's registrant/owner(s) are in accordance with those kept by UKC.

Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by the registrant/owner(s) of these dogs concerning the dog's degree.

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

11. Receipts shall be issued to Class Winners, Best Male and Female (Registered), Best of Winners (Registered), Champion of Champions, and Grand Champion. These receipts are for your personal records and do not replace the official report.

12. The Judge shall have the right to disqualify any registrant/owner or handler for misconduct, or any dog for growling, snapping or fighting. If a dog is disqualified for growling, snapping and fighting, it must be reported and sent along with the Bench Show report to UKC Read detailed policy "Disqualified for Fighting - UKC Beagle Bench Show Policy," elsewhere in the rulebook.

13. Any person intimidating, threatening or injuring a Bench Show participant, Judge, club officer or UKC representative, will be barred for one year up to life from any UKC licensed event. Details on this particular rule can be found elsewhere in the rulebook.

14. Any person caught administering non-prescribed drugs to any dog will be barred for life from registering dogs and participating in UKC events.

15. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, non-prescribed drugs or gambling will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in the show or in the buildings during the hours of the event.

16. 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.

17. It is the responsibility of the registrant/owner or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog is not shown due to neglect of the registrant/owner or handler, there is no way to enter that particular dog in that show.

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

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

20. Handlers are responsible for their conduct and personal appearance.

21. 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. 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.

22. A Bench Show report shall be filled out and signed by two club officers and the Bench Show Judge. A total of three different signatures are required. One copy shall be retained by the club for one year, one copy by the Judge and one copy sent to UKC. The host club and Judge are responsible for the report being accurate, neat and properly filled out, showing the complete names of the dogs, correct UKC registration numbers, sire and dam information, names of registrant/owner(s) and handlers and their addresses. The United Kennel Club, Inc., accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.

23. The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report and the fee of \$2 per dog entered in the Bench Show to UKC. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten days of the event or a penalty fee of \$20 will be charged. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are 30 days past due.

24. Dogs shall not be judged on handler's showmanship.

25. No grooming devices are to be used while dog is on the bench.

26. Baiting dogs is not allowed in show rings.

27. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.

28. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.
29. Dogs will be disqualified if male is castrated or female is spayed.
30. A male is disqualified if monorchid or cryptorchid (lacking two normal descended testicles in the scrotum.)
31. A dog is disqualified if it is deaf or blind.
32. Any dog over 15 inches in height will be considered as having an Eliminating Fault. An Eliminating Fault eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a bench show.
33. A dog is disqualified if overshot or undershot.
34. Dogs will be evaluated both while gaited and shown on the bench.
35. The organization holding the UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show may award whatever prize or prizes it sees fit for the winner.

UKC BENCH SHOWS

Revised January 1, 2015

PROCEDURES AND DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

NOTE: Males and females are shown separately in the Registered category, except in the Best of Winners class. Males and females are shown together in the Champion and Grand Champion categories.

I. REGISTERED CATEGORY: Dogs that have not yet earned a bench show champion degree are shown in this category. The registered category is judged first starting with all male classes followed by all female classes, in the following order.

- 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 (10) 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 (10) 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 (10) points.
- d. **VETERAN CLASS:** Shall be for dogs three years of age and over. The winner of this class will be awarded ten (10) 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.

NOTE: After all male and female classes are judged the next class to be judged is Best of Winners.

BEST OF WINNERS: The Best Male is shown against Best Female. The winner will be known as

Best of Winners and will be awarded ten (10) points. If no competition (no registered male or no registered female entered in the show) in Best of Winners class, Best of Winners points will be withheld.

II. CHAMPION CATEGORY: Dogs that have earned the degree of Show Champion are shown in this class. Males and females are shown together in the Champion Category. The winner of this class is awarded a win towards their Grand Champion degree.

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

III. GRAND SHOW CHAMPION CATEGORY: Dogs that have earned the degree of Grand Show Champion are shown in this class. Males and females are shown together in the Grand Champion Category. The winner of this class is awarded a Grand Champion win that is noted on the winning dog's record.

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

IV. BEST OF BREED: This is the final class to be judged. The Best of Breed class will consist of the Best of Winners, Champion and the Grand Champion winner. No championship points are awarded for this class. The winner of this class is considered the overall winner of the show.

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING A UKC LICENSED BEAGLE BENCH SHOW JUDGE

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

1. The applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality, and their interest in the improvement of the Beagle breed. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.

2. Applicants shall have reached their twenty-first (21) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.

3. Applicants must know the Official UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules.

4. Applicants should be at least a high school grad-

uate or equivalent.

5. Applicants must know the official UKC Beagle breed standard.

6. The applicants must know and understand the anatomy of the dogs they are judging.

7. Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended in writing by officers of the club. At least three officers of the club must sign the UKC application form.

8. Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three different UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judges, and be recommended by them.

EXCEPTIONS:

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

Newly approved Beagle clubs may request to have a qualified individual be grandfathered in as a licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge (an individual who is not currently a UKC Licensed Show Judge). The individual that the club is sponsoring will need to fill out an application, take the written exam, and submit both of these with the fee of \$20. This individual will not be required to go through the apprentice program. Only one individual per club may be grandfathered in as a new Judge.

9. The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the registrant/owner or handler is.

10. The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.

11. No applicant for a UKC Beagle Bench Show Judge's license will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.

12. Each applicant must pass a test to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.

13. Once acquired, a Judge's license is valid indefinitely. Judges who have not judged a UKC licensed show within any two year period will be considered inactive and no longer approved to judge. Inactive judges must contact UKC for information pertaining to reactivating their license prior to accepting any judging propositions.

14. All licenses for UKC Beagle Bench Show Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

UKC BEAGLE BENCH SHOW JUDGES AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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AUTHORITY

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

1. The Judge is in charge of the show, and their decisions are final.

2. A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

3. A Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship points if, in their opinion, there is not a dog submitted that qualifies or meets the UKC Official Breed Standard.

4. A Judge may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show is over and the winners are announced. They have the right to refuse.

5. A Judge has the right to split or divide large classes when considered necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Judge must be UKC licensed for the year in which they are judging and should have their current Judge's card with them at the time of the show. No Championship points will be awarded otherwise.

2. Neither UKC Judges nor apprentice Judges are to enter their dogs in any UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show that they are judging in whole or in part. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler. Nor can any member of a Judge's or apprentice Judge's immediate family show under that Judge. Immediate family is considered: father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter and/or any member of their household. Judges are reminded to practice good ethics and not allow entry to dogs currently being housed, hunted or handled by the Judge.

3. A UKC Judge is responsible for their conduct and appearance, which should always be becoming of a Judge.

4. A newly approved Judge cannot have an apprentice serve under them until they have judged at least three shows.

5. No more than one apprentice can serve under a Judge at a show.

6. UKC Judges are to keep up-to-date on any changes in the standards.

7. A judge must see that all handlers gait dogs. Dogs must be gaited for Judge to determine to what degree each dog conforms to the breed standard. Dogs must be evaluated equally when gaited and shown on the bench.

8. For consideration of health issues the handler shall open the dog's mouth for Judge to check dog's bite.

9. Judge must physically check all dogs bone structure and conformation.

10. Judge will remove from the bench any female dog in season.

11. A Judge shall give equal time in examining each dog they are judging. Every dog warrants a Judge's complete inspection.

12. Judge shall not ask individual handling dog: (1) who owns dog; (2) who dog was purchased from; or (3) what line the dog is out of while judging the dog.

13. A Judge shall not remove an "off" standard dog from the bench. Instead, 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 shall submit the dog's name, UKC number and description of the fault along with the show report to UKC.

14. Judge shall not carry on conversations with spectators while show is in progress. Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.

15. The Judge must accurately report their decisions to the recording secretary.

16. The Judge must complete and sign the Official Show Report Forms for Championship points immediately following the show. Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant, the Bench Show Judge and to the club hosting the event. The Judge is responsible in that each party receives their proper copy of the report. Submit UKC's copy within ten days or a penalty charge of \$20 per month will be made.

Please note that the yellow copy is a personal receipt for the participant and is perforated for convenience. Receipts shall be issued to Class Winners, Best Male and Female (Registered), Best of Winners (Registered), Champion and Grand Champion.

17. The Judge must never sign blank show report forms or receipts.

18. If the Judge is also an officer of the club whose event they are judging, two other officers' signatures are also required on the Official Show Report.

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

UKC BEAGLE BENCH SHOW PROCEDURES (A GUIDELINE FOR JUDGES)

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

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

No entries shall be taken after the published closing time. There are no exceptions. The points will not be honored if these rules are violated.

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

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

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

3. Call the winners of Best Male and Best Female back for judging. The winner of this judging will be awarded Best of Winners.

4. Champion Class is next to be held. Male and Female Champions are shown together. The winner is awarded a win in the Champion Class.

5. The Grand Champion Class is the next class to be held. In the Grand Champion Class, males and females are judged together. This is an honorary class and no UKC points will be awarded.

6. Best of Breed: Immediately following the Grand Champion class, Best of Breed will be judged. Best of Breed will consist of the Best of Winners, Champion of Champions and the Grand Champion winner. The winner of this class will be awarded "Best of Breed" for the days show. No additional championship points will be awarded for this class.

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

SHOW SPECTATORS, REGISTRANT/OWNERS AND HANDLERS

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

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

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

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

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

Dogs entered in UKC Hunts cannot be muzzled.

PERFORMANCE PACK RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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1. UKC established clubs may be approved to hold up to seven events per year, unless otherwise determined by the UKC.

2. LICENSED EVENTS

All Performance Pack events must be licensed by United Kennel Club to receive championship points. All events must be listed in the official Upcoming Events listing in the magazine in the month previous to the event. All events are required to offer Registered, Champions and Grand Champion classes.

3. JUDGES

a. All judges must be UKC Licensed Performance Pack Judges.

b. A UKC licensed judge is an individual who has filled out the official UKC judge's application, passed the written test, and has completed three apprenticeships under three licensed Judges, one of whom must be a "Certification Judge" as designated by the United Kennel Club. Apprenticeship requirements must be met at UKC licensed Performance Pack events. Additionally, NKC licensed Progressive Pack Judges will be considered to be grandfathered in (at UKC discretion) providing that they fill out the application and pass the written test. All judges must be at least 16 years of age and must be knowledgeable in all Performance Pack rules. Judges may be asked to present their judge's card to the Master of Hounds before they are allowed to judge.

c. A Performance Pack judge and or apprentice judge will not judge their own hound, any hound that their name appears as a registrant, or a hound that they hunt competitively. A judge may not judge any hound owned by their immediate family or any member of their household.

d. The host club must provide at least 1 judge per cast. That judge shall be responsible for making all calls in the field and must accurately record all scoring. The judge's decision in the field is final. Handlers may appeal the judge's decision to the Master of Hounds.

e. During the hunt, the handler cannot use a controlling device to assist his hound in hunting. Training transmitters must be held by one appointed cast member. Handlers may not interfere with or direct dogs in any way unless instructed by the judge. The judge shall inform all handlers the exact starting time of the hunt, and shall announce when the cast is over.

f. In the unforeseen event that a judge cannot finish a cast due to sickness or injury, the cast will call time-out and return to the host club. The Master of Hounds will then assign another judge to complete the cast. All scoring by the original

judge will remain in effect. The new judge will simply complete the remainder of the cast.

- g. Any judge, handler or spectator who threatens, intimidates or uses abusive language toward another Judge, handler, spectator or official will be subject to sanction by United Kennel Club, Inc.. All handlers are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. If it is proven that a judge has not judged by the rules, they are subject to sanction from United Kennel Club.
- h. Individuals serving probation may have their licensed revoked during the suspension period.

4. SCORECARDS AND COMPLAINTS

- a. At the end of the cast the judge(s) shall assemble all cast members and total the scores in the presence of the handlers when possible. They will then announce cast placement and offer the scorecard to the handlers for their signatures. The handler may protest the judges scoring by signing the scorecard and placing a question mark on the scorecard. All handlers must sign the scorecard regardless of whether a question is on the scorecard or not. Handlers not signing the scorecard for any reason will be scratched. All questions must be presented to the Master of Hounds or assistant Master of Hounds within 15 minutes of both the Master of Hounds and the handler returning to the clubhouse.
- b. All questions shall be settled in private. Those people present at the hearing shall be the Master of Hounds, the judge(s) involved in the protest and the handlers on the cast. No spectators will be allowed to be called as a witness. No casts are to be re-run if possible. When possible, the Master of Hounds must make corrections to scorecard before resorting to rerunning the cast. Master of Hounds must make a final decision. The Master of Hound's decision is final, with the exception that any handler involved directly or indirectly in the protest may file a complaint. All complaints must be filed within 15 minutes of the Master of Hounds final decision. See Rule 6.

5. MASTER OF HOUNDS

- a. The host club shall select persons to serve as Master of Hounds. Additionally, an assistant Master of Hounds shall be selected for situations that arise on the Master of Hounds Cast. These people are to be licensed Performance Pack Certification Judges and are to be knowledgeable in the UKC Performance Pack rules, policies, and procedures for conducting

Licensed Performance Pack events.

- b. The Master of Hounds shall act as the final authority in the selection of judges and shall oversee the draw to make sure it is fair and impartial. Furthermore they shall oversee all aspects of the event to assure that all rules and policies are followed. The host club and the Master of Hounds shall have final say when choosing cast locations. The Master of Hounds must announce when entries are closed. No entries shall be accepted after this announcement has been made. Those in line at deadline are considered on time and their entries are to be taken.

6. Complaints: Appeal Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC® Licensed Nite 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 Master of Hounds. The Master of Hounds' decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual hunt. The Appeal Procedure does not apply to the UKC Performance Pack World Championship.

The following procedure does NOT apply to situations that deal with intimidating, threatening or injuring a Hunter, Judge, Master of Hounds, Club Official or a UKC Representative. Those situations must be sent to UKC on a Misconduct form.

The following steps must be followed:

STEP 1. Attempt to resolve the question with the 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 fifteen (15) minutes has elapsed from the time that the scorecard has been turned in.

STEP 2. If the question is not resolved at Step 1, request that a Panel be formed. A Panel Fee of \$10 must accompany the request. The MOH will then assemble a panel of three responsible, impartial individuals who are familiar with UKC rules, policies and procedures. 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 thirty (30) minutes after the MOH made his ruling.

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. 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 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.

Panel Responsibilities

A panel of qualified event participants needs to be formed in the event a handler is not satisfied with the MOH ruling. 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. Individuals who have a dog in contention to place in the event should not be used on a panel. 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.

Misconduct

Situations involving misconduct do not fall under the appeals procedure. Refer to the Misconduct Section in the Official UKC Performance Pack Rulebook for complete procedures and instructions.

Misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Intimidating, threatening, or injuring another individual.
- b. Falsifying event related documents.
- c. Abuse, neglect or drugging of a dog in conjunction with an event.
- d. Intentionally killing game in conjunction with an event.

- e. Use of any device used to control dog during hunting time.

7. CASTS

- a. No cast shall be drawn until the Master of Hounds has announced that the entries have been closed. This announcement must be made precisely at the advertised entry deadline. All handlers, registrant/owners must be present with their hounds at the time their cast is assembled. Any handlers not present when their cast is assembled and ready to leave for the field will be scratched. Judges for each cast and the location of the cast may be assigned and announced before any casts are drawn. If a judge's hound is drawn out in a cast which they are judging, the judge must be reassigned to another cast. Judges for each cast may be drawn out before or after the casts have been drawn out in any series.
- b. Cast shall be "drawn" by any random selection method that assures a fair and impartial draw. A bingo type machine may be used. Separate drawings shall be completed for the Registered, Champion and Grand Champion divisions. All sizes and sexes within a category will hunt together. Each first round cast in the registered division is to be made up of 5 dog casts. Subsequent rounds may have between 2 to 5 hounds per cast. Champions and Grand Champions will run with 5 hounds per cast. Fewer dogs may be drawn to a cast in the event of situations where 5 dogs are not possible. **Note:** When there are six dogs entered in a category or six dogs remaining in the hunt, refer to Rule 9 b(1) under Running Rules. Dogs must be drawn to the fewest casts possible. Guides shall be "drawn" by any random selection method that assures a fair and impartial draw.
- c. If a registrant/owner has two or more of their dogs drawn to the same cast, they may request that the second dog be drawn to a different cast or may choose to keep them as drawn. The hound must hunt in the cast into which it was drawn. If a hound is scratched for failure to be present when the cast is assembled, they are scratched and not eligible to be added to another cast.
- d. The drawing of the casts must be announced and completed publicly. If the draw is not done publicly, then it must be re-drawn. A hound's number may be rolled forward or backward. Also, one or more slots may be left open to be

filled later, when 1 or more registrant/owners have 2 or more hounds that have not yet been drawn. All judges and handlers should be present during the drawing of the casts. No hound may be rolled to another cast after the final number has been drawn. If a judge has a conflict after the final number has been drawn, another judge must be drawn to that cast.

8. IDENTIFICATION OF HOUNDS

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

9. REPORTING HUNT RESULTS TO UNITED KENNEL CLUB, INC.

The host club officers shall fill out all hunt reports and issue receipts to all placing hounds. The host club shall submit the completed hunt report to United Kennel Club within 10 business days after the event. Failure to submit reports in a timely manner will result in a \$20 per month late fee. Frequent offenses will result in loss of event privileges for the club.

PERFORMANCE PACK RUNNING RULES

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1. FORMAT

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

2. JUDGE

The judge shall be in complete authority of the cast and shall make all calls pertaining to the cast. The judge does not have to see the rabbit to award points although they should make every effort to verify that the dogs are in fact running a rabbit. No tame or domesticated rabbits are to be run. If score is accumulated on a tame or domesticated rabbit, that score is to be deleted. As a courtesy, the Judge shall try to keep all handlers informed of scoring by calling collar colors.

3. POINTS

Points shall be scored as plus for positive reward and as minus for penalty to dogs. A dog's total

score is determined by subtracting its minus points from its plus points. Points are scored as follows:

A. PLUS POINTS

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

B. MINUS POINTS

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

C. DELETED POINTS

- In the event of trailing a non-produced rabbit to a hole or place of refuge. = (strike points)
Note: Dog(s) must show hole or place of refuge.
- If dog(s) strike in the last four minutes of the hunt and time expires without a produced track. = (strike points)

D. GENERAL INFORMATION

- I. STRIKE: A strike is when a dog opens three or more times while free cast in the field or; when a dog jumps a rabbit that is seen by the judge prior to the dog opening. Once the first dog is struck, time is to be kept on the dog. Once the judge determines that the rabbit is produced, the first struck dog is to receive 20 plus points. All other dogs struck before the rabbit is produced will receive 10 plus points. If no rabbit is produced within the four minutes, strike points for all struck dogs to be scored as minus. First struck dog to receive 20 minus points, all others struck

to receive 10 minus points. If the judge cannot determine who the first struck dog is, they are to assign 10 points to all struck dogs before the rabbit is produced. Strike points may only be awarded once per rabbit. After the four minutes are up and no rabbit is jumped, the judge shall instruct the handler to catch the dog for recasting. No strike points will be awarded if a rabbit is inadvertently jumped by a cast member, spectator or a judge. No strike points will be awarded in the case of putting dogs on a track. No strike points will be awarded while any handler is making an attempt to catch a dog. If a hound is struck and for any reason quits the track that they are struck in on within the four minutes, they will be minused their strike points. The hound will then be caught and the cast will move to another area. Once first hound is struck, they are to be given the entire four minutes to work the track and produce a rabbit. However if another hound jumps the rabbit the judge may request that the struck in hound be moved into the dog(s) running the rabbit. In the case of catching a rabbit, the dog that catches the rabbit will receive 20 plus points that is recorded as rabbit caught (RC). No points are to be allowed on a nest of baby rabbits. If a dog strikes in the last four minutes of the hunt and time expires without a produced track, their points are to be deleted.

II. CHECKS: A check is defined as; "when it is evident that there is an obvious breakdown in the forward progress of the chase." There is no measurement of a check in feet or time. A hound does not have to cease barking in the check area, for it to be considered a check. If it is evident that no hound is making forward progress on the track, then it is considered a check. When working a check, a dog should work from the "inside out". They should work closely in the immediate area of the check and gradually work outward to regain the track. If a dog recovers the track refer to Article III for scoring purposes. If the judge determines that the track has ended in a hole or that the dogs have completely lost the rabbit, they are to announce that the track is "dead". All dogs are to be caught for recasting.

III. RECOVERIES: The judge shall award 10 recovery points each time they can determine a check is recovered. In order for a

recovery to be awarded, a hound must give mouth and make forward progress. Scoring of recoveries is possible as long as the rabbit is still running.

IV. ACCURATE DIRECTION: The judge shall award 10 points to the first dog that shows accurate direction of the track. A breakdown in the track is not required. Accurate direction is defined as either; 1) where the rabbit made a turn and the dog makes that turn accordingly or 2) If one or more dog leaves the line and a dog behind them continues trailing accurately. In either event a dog must give mouth and make forward progress to be eligible for accurate direction points.

V. LINES: Any dog that comes through on an established line (seen rabbit by judge) to receive 10 line points. It must be obvious that a dog has missed the line to withhold line points. Dogs are not to be rewarded for order on the line. All dogs that trail through the established line will receive 10 points.

VI. BABBLING: Babbling is defined as; where a dog opens three times where no track is evident (shall include "harking in" from another area).

4. DOGS WILL BE SCRATCHED

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

- After receiving a third minus, regardless of the amount of plus points accumulated.
- For fighting or attempting to fight. Attempting to fight is defined as when dog or dogs are interfering with other dogs by aggressive behavior.
- For running game other than rabbit.
- Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs, or a dog that is just bad to bother other dogs.
- After the first three minutes of the hunt, for failing to make any attempt to hunt within any continuous five minutes of the hunt.
- If a handler is drinking, or if he seems to want to stir up trouble.
- For handling a dog without the judge's permission.
- For arguing with the judge.
- For not being present when cast is sent to the field.
- Use of any device to control a dog during time in.

5. DEAD TRACK

- a. After a lengthy breakdown the judge will

announce to the handlers when he has determined that the track is dead and the chase ended.

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

6. TIME OUTS

- a. No scoring is to take place during time out. Only the judge of the cast has the authority to call time out, however, a handler may request a time out. During time out the judge will instruct each of the handlers to catch their dogs. The judge shall keep an accurate record of the amount of time involved in the time out. A judge must not allow the hounds to actively hunt during a time out, for the purpose of extending the hunt until a rabbit is jumped. Time outs may be called:

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

7. HANDLERS AND SPECTATORS

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

A handler is permitted to handle more than one dog per cast. The distances kept between judge, handlers, and spectators, will be determined solely by the judge. All handlers have the right to run with the judges. When request-

ed by the judge, handler shall identify their dog only if all handlers can identify the dog they are handling. The handler shall not interfere with any dogs on the cast unless instructed to do so by the judge. Any handler who uses abusive language, threatens or intimidates a hunter, judge, master of hounds or UKC official shall be reported and is subject to sanctions by the United Kennel Club. If a handler wishes to question a call, it must be questioned and addressed at the completion of the cast.

Handlers may use tracking telemetry during the hunt. Training devices may only be used during a time out. Handlers may not assist a dog in any way, unless instructed to do so by the judge.

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

8. Running Time

- a. All casts will run for 60 minutes. If for any reason a cast does not complete the one hour cast, no dog will advance to subsequent rounds from that cast.
- b. In final casts only: If 30 minutes have been used and time out is called, due to darkness, the hunt may be called and the dogs placed by current scores. If failure to begin hunt or the cast has been judged for less than 30 minutes, dogs are placed by reverting back to previous round scores. Master of Hounds shall make a reasonable effort to complete hunting time.

9. PLACING DOGS IN EVENTS

- a. In the event there are only six dogs entered in the category, those dogs will be drawn to the same cast. The second-in-cast hound will place second in the event (providing it is an eligible placement in the category). In the event six hounds of the same category remain in the hunt, those dogs will be drawn to the same cast. The second-in-cast hound will place second in the event (providing it is an eligible placement in the category).
- b. Only cast winners with positive points (rabbit produced) will be eligible for placement/-Championship points. No placements may be awarded until the final cast has been assembled. Hounds in the final cast will be placed according to highest total score in the final

cast even if the points are minus. If a tie results because of hounds scratching in a subsequent round, revert to previous round's score to determine placement. Any dogs scratched from a cast will receive the lowest position available in that cast unless scratched for off game.

- c. Hounds eliminated after the first round do not have to score positive points to be considered for placement in the event. Tie breaker rules to apply. Second-in cast hounds from the semi-final round will be placed next; in succession according to their score in that round. After second-in-cast hounds are considered for placement, third-in-cast hounds will be placed in succession according to their score in that round. (same for fourth-in-cast hounds). Any hound scratched for off game will not be placed in any event. No hounds to move up to fill placement voids.
- d. A minimum number of entries, as outlined below, are required for each specific category in order for Championship points to be awarded to the winners of that category.
 - Registered (5)
 - Champions (3)
 - Grand Champions (2)
- e. Placements in each category are awarded as follows:
 - Registered (10)
 - Champions (3) 1-20 entries = 1 placement, 21-40 entries = 2 placements and 41 or more entries = 3 placements.
 - Grand Champions (1)

10. TIES

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

1. The hound with the fewest minuses.
2. If still a tie, the hound with the most plus strike points.
3. Rabbit caught.
4. If still a tie, the hound with the most line points.
5. If still a tie, the hound with the most check points.
6. If still a tie, the dog that was put on the clock (for not hunting) the most will be defeated.
7. If still a tie, the hound with the highest score from the previous round.
8. If still a tie, the hound with the highest score from the second previous round (if applicable).
9. If still a tie, both dogs advance to the next round.
10. If at the end of any Winners Pack, no points have been scored or there is an unbreakable tie, dogs involved in the tie will hunt an additional 30-minute interval. If still a tie after this, a coin toss will determine winner. In the case of the final cast running into

darkness, they must return to the Master of Hounds for a coin toss.

MASTER OF HOUNDS GUIDELINES

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• Master of Hounds Personal Checklist:

One week prior to the event:

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

When you arrive at the club:

- (1) Check to see that the following are posted;
 - (a) UKC license.
 - (b) Entry deadline time.
- (2) Check to be sure qualified people are available to take entries.

• How to Take Entries:

UKC has found that the quickest way to take entries is to give an entry slip to each person entering and have them fill it out clearly and completely. They then present the entry slip completely filled out, together with their UKC Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card to the entry taker.

• Drawing Casts and Judges:

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

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

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

• After the Scorecards are Turned in:

- A. Ask if there are any questions.
- B. Recheck the scores and that each handler signed the scorecard.
- C. If there is a complaint, try to get the casts off by themselves to discuss the problem and make your decision. Only individuals directly involved in the dispute should be included in any of the discussions. Wait until the score-

cards are returned before discussing a situation that arises in the field. Members of the casts have 15 minutes to make a complaint after the scorecards are turned in.

- D. If a situation cannot be resolved and a complaint is made, be sure that the procedure for resolving the complaint is followed as outlined under Complaint Procedures in this rulebook.
- E. Do not get trapped in other Masters of Hounds' problems. Advise the individuals raising a question that there is a procedure for filing a formal complaint and that procedure should be followed.

- Reports:

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

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

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

- General Information:

- A. Encourage clubs to educate their members on the rules and conduct rules seminars for Judges, Masters of Hounds and participants.
- B. Study the rules in the rulebook. Make it a habit to read Full Circle, a monthly column published in *American Beagler* that covers rule interpretations and UKC policies and procedures.
- 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. The rulebook contains UKC's basic rules and policies.

UKC FIREARM POLICY

Possession of firearms, or other concealed weapons, at UKC licensed events is strictly prohibit-

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

MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

Revised January 1, 2014

UKC Standard of Conduct

United Kennel Club events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog enthusiasts and their UKC-registered dogs. Accordingly, UKC expects the highest standard of conduct at these events. Misconduct is defined as behavior or actions that are not in the best interest of the sport of purebred dogs. Conduct considered prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs is any action or behavior that could cause an average, reasonable person or family to be offended or potentially repelled from the sport of purebred dogs; i.e., conduct incompatible with a family friendly environment. There are three general categories of misconduct:

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

Category 2. Violation of UKC policies, procedures, or rules. This may include, but is not limited to, falsification of UKC registration papers; misidentification of a dog or the parentage of a dog; or non-event-related abuse or neglect of dogs.

Category 3. Uttering a payment with non-sufficient funds. This category refers to paying entry fees via a check with non-sufficient funds in the account, the use of a debit or credit card that is declined, forged or invalid money orders, or other forms of payment where an exhibitor's entry fees remain unpaid after competing.

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

Jurisdiction

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

The Complaint

Any person who becomes aware of an act of event-related misconduct during the hours of a UKC Licensed event, must notify a UKC-licensed official or any host club official. A UKC Licensed official so notified must immediately inform a host club official of the complaint. The host club may immediately expel any individual from the event where there is probable cause to believe that the individual threatened, intimidated, assaulted, or battered any person or abused or neglected a dog. Upon receipt of a complaint, the host club official shall provide the complainant with a UKC Misconduct Complaint Form. The complainant must complete all of Section 1, including the complaint description, which must contain a complete, factual, and detailed description of the conduct alleged to have occurred, and the identity of all persons, potential witnesses, and dogs involved in the alleged misconduct. The host club official shall enter the names, and where known, the addresses, daytime and evening phone numbers of the accused and all witnesses in Section 2 and Section 3 of the Misconduct Complaint Form. The Misconduct Complaint Form shall be forwarded to UKC with the Event Report. No action will be taken on a Misconduct Complaint Form unless it is signed and dated by the complainant. Any person who becomes aware of an act of event related misconduct AFTER the event, must notify UKC with a written, signed complaint within 7 days of the event. UKC staff shall forward to the complainant a Misconduct Complaint Form. Complainant shall complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Misconduct Complaint Form. Section 1 must be filled out com-

pletely. Complainant must fill out as much of Sections 2 and 3 as he/she is able and return the form to UKC. All signed Misconduct Complaint Forms will be reviewed by the UKC staff within thirty (30) days of receipt if possible. If in the sole judgment and discretion of the UKC staff there is sufficient cause to necessitate a hearing, UKC will notify the host club who initiated the complaint to hold a hearing on the complaint. UKC reserves the right to conduct its own investigation and to make a decision without a hearing. The notice to hold a hearing shall include a copy of the original Misconduct Complaint Form submitted and signed by the complainant and a UKC Hearing Procedure Form.

Notice To Hold A Hearing

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

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

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

If The Accused Fails To Appear At The Hearing

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

The Hearing Procedure

The Hearing Committee must follow and complete the UKC Hearing Procedure Form when conducting the hearing.

1. The Hearing Committee Chairperson (hereinafter referred to as Chairperson) shall introduce himself/herself and the other members of the Hearing Committee.
2. The Chairperson shall designate a member of the Hearing Committee to keep a written record of the proceedings and who will also be responsible for completing the UKC Hearing Procedure Form. The record keeper shall try to provide as detailed summaries as possible in the spaces provided.
3. The Chairperson will advise the accused of the specifics of the complaint, and also of the following:
 - a. The accused may be present during the testimony of all witnesses;
 - b. The accused may question all witnesses;
 - c. The accused may present witnesses on his/her behalf;
 - d. The accused may testify in his/her behalf.

No party in attendance is entitled to nor permitted to have an attorney present at the hearing.

4. The Chairperson will introduce and swear in¹ the complainant (if present) and witnesses in support of the complaint². Each will, in turn, present their testimony, followed by questions by the accused, and then any questions from the Hearing Committee.
5. The Chairperson will introduce and swear in¹ the accused (if present) and witnesses in support of the

accused². Each will, in turn, present their testimony, followed by questions by the accused, and then any questions from the Hearing Committee.

6. At the conclusion of all testimony, the accused may present a final statement in response to the complaint. If the accused cannot attend the hearing due to distance or other compelling reason that satisfies the Hearing Committee, he/she may submit a signed, written response to the complaint to be used at this stage of the hearing.

7. The Chairperson will then excuse the complainant, witnesses, and the accused to deliberate and make findings.

8. The evidentiary standard for findings is that of a preponderance of the evidence³. A simple majority is sufficient to make findings and a decision. In coming to a decision, the Committee may not consider the respondent's general reputation or status in the sport of purebred dogs, prior acts of misconduct for which no disciplinary action was taken, nor the extent of the respondent's investment in dogs. The sole consideration must be the specific instance of misconduct with which the respondent is charged.

9. To come to a decision, the Committee must decide:

- a. Whether the alleged misconduct was proven to have occurred;
- b. Whether the alleged misconduct was prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs;⁴
- c. Whether the alleged misconduct occurred in conjunction with a UKC event.

All three of these elements must be met in order to find against the accused.

10. Once the Committee reaches a decision, the Chairperson will call the accused back to notify him/her of the findings of the Committee.

11. Within ten (10) days of the hearing, the Chairperson must forward the Hearing Form and any attachments, such as written statements, to:

United Kennel Club
Attn: Senior Vice President
100 E Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo MI 49002

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

²If the complainant or a witness is unable to attend in person, they may testify via telephone if a speakerphone is available. Clubs shall make a reasonable effort to provide a speakerphone where a witness is willing to testify but cannot because of distance or other compelling reason. In the alternative, the complainant or witness may make a signed, written statement to be read aloud at the hearing. The accused may not testify via telephone.

³If the amount of evidence you need to be absolutely certain of a fact is equal to 100%, then a preponderance is equal to 51%. In other words, the evidence must be sufficient to convince the members of the Hearing Committee that the fact asserted is more probably true than not true.

⁴Prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs is that which could cause an average, reasonable person or family to be offended or potentially repelled from the sport of purebred dogs; i.e., conduct incompatible with a family friendly environment.

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

UKC Standard Of Conduct

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

Jurisdiction

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

The Complaint

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

Investigation, Findings, and Recommendations

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

Procedures for handling uttering a payment with non-sufficient funds (Misconduct Category 3)

1. When the club becomes aware of an act of uttering in the amount of \$100 or more, the Treasurer must make a written notification along with proof of the violation and a copy of the dog's entry form(s) to UKC within 21 days of the event.
2. The Disciplinary Action Committee will review the complaint and if a violation is found, the following steps may be taken:
 - a. Invalid Entry. The dog's record for the event will be treated as an invalid entry when recording the Event Results.
 - b. The exhibitor must contact the club immediately upon notification from their financial institution that the payment was insufficient and resolve the insufficient funds entry payment to the club. Additionally, the club must make every reasonable attempt to collect sufficient funds.
 - c. The club may collect a reasonable amount of fees in addition to the entry amount from the exhibitor.

- d. When the outstanding debt has been successfully paid by the exhibitor, which may include additional charges assessed to the club by their financial institution, the club must notify UKC within 7 days.

3. After UKC has been notified by the club or Event Manager that the uttering has been successfully paid, the exhibitor may make an appeal to re-instate the dog's points to the Disciplinary Action Committee. An appeal must be filed not later than 30 days from the date the uttering has been successfully paid to the club. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final.

4. Habitual Uttering. The UKC Disciplinary Action Committee may place on Probation or Suspension any exhibitor or owner for repeated instances of uttering as described in the Penalties section below.

Misconduct by Host Club

When any person or persons become aware of an act of misconduct by a club, its event officials, any person acting in an official capacity or acting event manager during the hours of a UKC event must make written notification of the violation by the club to UKC within 7 days of the event.

Actions For Misconduct

The Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC) of the UKC is the judicial body whose purpose is to properly handle violations of UKC rules, policies, and procedures. The DAC is in place to ensure that UKC policies are followed, protect the standards and philosophy of UKC, and assist UKC in standing behind the pedigrees that UKC is guardian over. The DAC shall review all Hearing Committee findings and results (Category 1 and 3 Misconduct) and make decisions for staff investigation findings and reports for Category 2 Misconduct. DAC shall decide if one of the following actions shall be taken:

1. **Written warning.** Some situations may not be serious enough to necessitate a hearing or warrant discipline. In those cases, the DAC may issue a written warning to the accused to put the actor on notice that his or her actions were unacceptable, and to serve as a reminder of the rules. A file for that individual will be created, referenced, and taken into consideration should any future issues arise.
2. **Probation.** Probation shall serve as a reprimand or serious warning. During the period of probation, the individual shall be closely monitored by UKC. Any other instance of misconduct may result in

immediate suspension or barring at the discretion of the appropriate UKC Department Head and may not require further DAC participation. If the probation is to be accompanied by a fine, the fine must be paid by the stated deadline, or the probation may be increased to suspension.

3. Suspension. Suspension (also referred to as barring) is a loss of event and registration privileges as defined under the Terms of Suspension. Indefinite and life suspensions shall be reserved for the most egregious offenses or repeat offenders. The loss of event and registration privileges shall begin upon UKC's mailing of the notification to the respondent via certified mail (return receipt requested), but if it is a defined period of suspension, the fine must be paid by certified check or money order before the end of the suspension period. If the fine is not paid by the end of the suspension period, the suspended individual will remain so until the fine is paid in full. Once the suspension period is served, event and registration privileges will be restored with an automatic 3 year probation period.

Terms of Suspension

During the period of suspension, the suspended individual:

1. May not register any dogs in his/her name (joint or individual ownership). A suspended person may transfer any dogs currently registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership), except that no dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person, regardless of co-ownership status, may be transferred to any member of that person's family, spouse, or companion. Companion is defined as anyone who resides at the same address as the suspended individual.
2. May not use dogs that are currently registered in his/her name for breeding purposes. No dog registered in the name of a suspended person (joint or individual ownership) may be used for breeding and no offspring of such a dog is eligible for registration with UKC.
3. May not register any litters or sign any litter registrations in any capacity.
4. May not enter or participate in any way in any UKC-licensed event, including, but not limited to: co-owner, handler, back-up handler, judge, guide, vendor, spectator, Master of Hounds, Bench Show Judge, Judge or Director for any Conformation, Performance, or Companion event, and are prohibited from holding office in any UKC approved club or association.
5. No dog registered in the name of a suspended person (joint or individual ownership) may be entered or participate in any way in any UKC-licensed event.
6. May not receive monetary payouts from any UKC specialty program, including the Performance Rewards Program, the Beagle Incentive Fund program, or the Merit Club Program.
7. May not receive Championship points for any dog registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership).
8. May not advertise in any UKC publication or internet site.

Appeals Any person placed on suspension may appeal directly, in writing, to the UKC President. The decision of the President is final.

UKC Inherent Rights and Powers

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

The constructions and/or application of UKC rules, procedures, regulations, and policies are governed by the laws of the state of Michigan.

Disclaimer: Any UKC Rules and or Policies as written in this rulebook are subject to change. Any such changes will be published in *American Beagler* and in the Rule Sections on the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com

UKC POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONE USAGE

Effective January 1, 2012

Other than those situations deemed necessary or reasonable by the judge, cell phone usage during a hunt is strictly prohibited. The use of any electronic messaging device with reference to scores shall be reported to the UKC. Those individuals will be subject to further action by the United Kennel Club.

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