



UNITED  
KENNEL CLUB

# CLASH OF CHAMPIONS

**\$35,000**

PAYOUT

**\$10,000**

TO WIN!

## ⚡ PURPOSE ⚡

The UKC Clash of Champions was developed for UKC hunting Beagles. It is the result of UKC and the UKC Chartered National Hunting Beagle Association (NHBA), working together to offer Beagle hunters a new pursuit and unparalleled prestige. NHBA will continue with their own Hound of the Year series. The UKC Beagle Clash of Champions replaces the previous UKC year-long Beagle race, called the All-Star Series. Enter: The UKC Clash of Champions! This hunt is designed to boost entries at local clubs by requiring five cast wins at UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Events to qualify. The payout is generated through a \$5 per dog event fee and the total payout is guaranteed by UKC. The Clash of Champions program is herein further referred to as the COC.

## ELIGIBILITY

Dogs eligible for the COC are those that earned a minimum of five cast wins, towards the dogs' UKC championship degree, throughout the previous calendar year. Cast wins may be earned at any UKC licensed Hunting Beagle Event. Dogs must be permanently registered with UKC to be eligible for entry to the COC.

## REGIONAL RUNOFFS

The first leg of the COC is the regional runoff. Qualified dogs may enter any one of the four strategically placed runoff locations, to be determined and announced later. Owners may select any region they choose to enter. All four regional runoffs will be held on the same weekend.

The regional runoff is an elimination format. Owners will have the option to enter in Round 1 (a) and or Round 1 (b), allowing handlers to handle multiple dogs. A cast win in Round 1 will count towards the dogs' degree. A total score of plus points is not required to advance in any portion of the COC.

All entries for the COC are advanced entries only. Owners in good standing and who have paid their membership dues to the National Hunting Beagle Association (NHBA), for the qualifying calendar year, will receive a discounted entry fee of \$25. Otherwise, the entry fee is \$50. This entry fee covers the regionals all the way through the COC Finals. The NHBA's top eight hounds in their final standings at the end of the calendar year are eligible for a first-round bye in the regional runoff.

Round 1 (a) and Round 1 (b) at the regions will be 90-minute hunts. All subsequent rounds will be 60-minute hunts. A total score of plus points is not required to advance to any round.

Two telemetry systems, two dog boxes, and one jacket are awarded to the top four finishers in each of the four regions, provided by UKC and NHBA.

## CLASH OF CHAMPIONS FINALS

A total of 32 dogs will advance from the four regions to the COC Finals, to be held on Thursday at the UKC Hunting Beagle Nationals. The number of dogs advancing from each of the four regions is pro-rated, based on the total entry and the number of dogs entered in the region. EXAMPLE: A region with 80 dogs entered will advance

twice as many to the finals as compared to a region with 40 entries.

Each round will be a 90-minute hunt with non-hunting judges. A total score of plus points is not required to advance to a subsequent round. Round 2 will feature braces in each of the four casts. A cast win in Round 1 will count towards the dogs' degree.

## 2022 PAYOUT

A grand total of \$35,000 is guaranteed to be paid out to those 32 hounds advancing to the Clash of Champions (COC) Finals as follows:

1st Place	<b>\$10,000</b>
2nd Place	<b>\$5,000</b>
3rd Place	<b>\$2,500</b>
4th Place	<b>\$1,500</b>
5th - 8th Place	<b>(4)\$1,000</b>
9th - 32nd Place	<b>(24)\$500</b>

## ENTRY INFORMATION

A UKC Clash of Champions Invitation is mailed to the first named owner of a dog who has earned five cast wins during the same calendar year, after the qualifying year and all wins are processed by UKC. The Invitation will include instructions for the owner to complete and submit an official entry to UKC, along with the entry fee, for entry into the UKC Clash of Champions. Advanced entries only are accepted. The official entry form will note the deadline entry date for the event.

To enter the 2022 UKC Clash of Champions, the entrant for each qualified Beagle must:

- Submit a completed Official UKC Clash of Champions Entry Form
- Pay the entry fee
- Be in good standing with UKC
- Be a resident of the United States

Entry fees are non-refundable with the following exceptions: a written statement received by UKC from the owner on or before the Region Event date, reporting; 1) a deceased dog; 2) injured dog (must include vet statement); or 3) a female in season.

## SCORING QUESTIONS, RULINGS AND APPEALS

All handlers are held to the procedures and timelines, as outlined in the UKC Hunting Beagle Rulebook, when questioning a judge's call or a call

that was not made. The portion of that procedure which states; {Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered}, will be enforced with no exceptions. By entering the UKC Clash of Champions, you agree to abide by these rules and decisions of any ruling made by the Master of Hounds, which will be determined in UKC's sole discretion. Failure to comply with any published rule is grounds for immediate disqualification.

### **⚡ PARTICIPATION WAIVER**

Complete details available at [ukcdogs.com](http://ukcdogs.com). The UKC Clash of Champions is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law. UKC reserves the right to reject entries from countries, states and jurisdictions where such sweepstakes are prohibited or restricted. The UKC reserves the

right, in its sole discretion, to refuse, disqualify or withdraw any entry at any time. The UKC will not be responsible for any injury, damage or loss of any kind arising out of your participation in the UKC Tournament of Champions. You agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless UKC, its affiliates, subsidiaries, employees, officers, directors agents and assigns from and against any and all claims, losses, injuries, or damages resulting from participation in the UKC Clash of Champions. Except where prohibited by law, by accepting a prize, winner grants UKC a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free license to use winner and his/her dog's name, photograph, voice and/or likeness without further authorization, compensation, or remuneration of any kind for promotion and other publicity purposes in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world.