



## COONHOUND

# BENCH SHOW JUDGE

### REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR A UKC LICENSE

1. Review all the information provided herein.
2. The applicant's honesty, integrity and impartiality and their interest in the improvement of coonhound breeds is paramount. The judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge.
3. **UKC insists the applicant have a minimum of three years active experience handling dogs in Bench Shows** to be considered for a license.
4. The applicant must:
  - a. have a thorough knowledge of UKC's rules, policies and procedures and have demonstrated good judgment.
  - b. know and have a good understanding of the Official UKC Coonhound Breed Standards.
  - c. know and understand the anatomy of the dogs they are judging, including how to properly judge the dogs' gait.
  - d. Understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the owner or the handler is.
  - e. Be willing to accept the responsibility of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.
  - f. be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
  - g. meet qualification requirements, submit an application, pay the applicable fee and pass the test.
5. No applicant will be denied based on religion, race, color, national origin, or gender.
6. All licenses for UKC Bench Show Judge shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.
7. The licensed Bench Show Judge must remain up to date on all rules and policies. Otherwise, they are subject to having their license revoked.
8. Under no circumstances shall the applicant consider an assignment to serve as a Bench Show Judge until they have received their license.
9. Complete and submit the online application found here: [www.ukcdogs.com/coonhound-rules-forms](http://www.ukcdogs.com/coonhound-rules-forms)
10. A non-refundable fee of \$25 applies. The fee amount pertains to each separate license that may be applied for at the same time.
11. If approved, the applicant will receive an email providing the link to the test. The applicant is given 72 hours to complete and submit their test before the link expires.
12. Immediately following the completion of the test, the applicant will receive their test results. A passing grade will result in a license issued to the applicant. Should the applicant fail they are eligible to retest in six months.
13. A new license is issued under a "temporary" status for a period of one year from the issue date and has served at no less than five licensed events.
14. During the temporary status period, as noted above, the official may serve at regular club level events only. Further, those events shall not include World Qualifiers, State Championships or Breed Championships.
15. Once a license is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn or revoked by UKC at any time.

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**If you have any questions, please contact the Hunting Ops Department.**  
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