## Scorecard

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### Notes

- **SPLIT POINTS**
  - **STRIKE:**
    - \(1 + 2 = 871/2\)
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  - **TREE:**
    - \(1 + 2 = 100\)
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- **Note:** After 2 minutes, 25 tree points only for any and all dogs involved.
1. DEADLINES
All deadlines must be strictly enforced; no exceptions.
(a) No entries will be accepted after the deadline.
(b) No scorecards will be accepted after the posted deadline to return scorecards.
(c) Deadline may only be extended if the time required is to M.O.H./H.D. for a non-hunting judge to finish casts.
(d) An Announcement is required and filed immediately following the panel's ruling, while panel is still assembled.

2. POINT SYSTEM
(a) Strike Points: 100 points for dog that is declared struck first; 75 points second; 50 points third; 25 points fourth. 
(b) Babling: Dog(s) declared struck and determined to be babbling* shall be minced on strike. If there is no Minicase when a hunting judge is used, the cast must vote immediately. It takes a majority of cast vote to minicase. A tied vote results in the case being declared Minicase.
(c) Tree Points: 125 points for dog declared treed first; 75 points second; 50 points third; 25 points fourth. Note: Any dog(s) declared treed on the same tree two minutes after the first dog was declared, shall receive 25 tree points. Dogs not opening on trail must be declared treed before a tree call may be made. 
(d) Other: Dog must open and be heard opening when declared treed or struck. Otherwise, call may not be accepted. Points may be split for position when casts are not adjacent.

3. POINTS WILL BE PLUS
(a) When dogs strike and tree and coon is seen, during drying time only, by a non-hunting judge; or by a majority of the cast when hunting judge is used.
(b) When dog is declared treed and a squirrel seen is other than in tree, dog declared to receive strike and tree points. Dog(s) declared treed, strike points only.
(c) For dog(s) catching, shooting, or striking only.
(d) One set of strike points in case of split tree, and each will be counted as separate trees for purposes of scoring.
(e) Dog(s) that are shut out* must still be declared strike. They are eligible for tree points if they are declared treed within the three minutes. If they are at treed out, but not shut out, strike points are deleted. For all situations they are accountable for their strike points.

4. POINTS WILL BE MINUS
Strike Minus
(a) After the first minute time dog is released, dog must be declared struck or on before the third. For dog not declared struck on third on first offense; judge shall minus the available strike points and ask for a call on next bark. For dog declared struck or on before the third, judge shall minus the available strike points and ask for a call on next bark. (Refer to Rule 6(a) for second offense)
(b) When dog is declared treed or on after three minutes has elapsed no additional dog can be declared treed at that tree. Dog(s) treed or on not declared treed when strike judge arrives minus strike points. Dogs shut-out* on strike will receive minus strike points (Refer to Rule 6(f) for Champion Division casts and off game). 

Tree Minus
(a) When dogs and (b) non-hunting judge or (2) a majority of the cast when hunting Judge is used, can plainly see no coon to be, strike and tree points will be minus.

5. CIRCLED AND DELETED POINTS
(a) When dog strikes and tree on a tree in the ground where there could be a coon to be, dog declared treed or on, and if no coon is seen. NOTE: In case of running coon in a hole or place of refuge other than a tree, the handler may call dog treed. However, if not called treed, cast may proceed to general area, and either a hunting judge is used or those other options either barred or otherwise, show to the satisfaction of the Judge, coon to be there. One dog must show end of trail. For dogs declared treed in a hole or tile, see Rule 5(d) or 4(f). If applicable.
(b) No dog to receive minus points for coming into tree after Judge arrives unless a minus call was made on the same minute before the tree is closed. 
(c) If all the casts vote to plus and half the cast vote to a circle.
(d) Dog must have visible hole large enough for a coon to enter into or the tree has a nest, or a place of refuge where a coon could be hidden.
(e) For casting purposes, the circles vote to cast the hole and half the votes to minus the cast.
(f) If dogs are trailing when time is out. If Judge has not called the cast in accordance with Rule 7.
(g) When tree dogs on a tree or coon previously scored. (Cast can go to tree if hole has been declared treed, if majority of cast agree, when hunting Judges are used.)
(h) When dog that is shut out* comes into tree shut out. (Refer to 3(e).

6. SCRATCHING OFFENCES
Dog(s) Rejected Rules
(a) If a dog has accumulated a total of 400 minus.
(b) For fighting or attempting to fight*, when off leash during the hunt, including any time-out periods. When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor off game only. If not known, scratch dogs involved. Withdrawing to avoid dog was insufficient grounds for scratch.
(c) Failure to make an attempt to hunt within any of the consecutive scorecorder minutes.
(d) Breeding strong enough to attract dogs, or a dog that is just bad to bother* other dogs
(e) For delaying completion of cast for one hour after time out is called during the hunting time.
(f) In Champion Division casts; for running, treeing or molesting off game (off game must be seen) during hunting time including any time out periods prior to the expiration of hunting time (except 5b). In the event the off game is a squirrel seen in 2 and 3) the tree is an obvious den, tree, refer to Rule 5(d).
(g) For running or molesting beechjack.
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(j) For going with the advertised hunt time.

Handler Related Offence:
(a) After first minute each dog is released, dog must be declared struck or on before the third. For dog not declared struck on third on first offense; judge shall minus the available strike points and ask for a cast on next bark. For dog declared struck or on before the third, judge shall minus the available strike points and ask for a cast on next bark. (Refer to Rule 6(a) for second offense)
(b) For use of any device used to control dog prior to cast completing hunting time.
(c) For doing anything including some time out periods prior to the expiration of hunting time (except 5b). In the event the off game is a squirrel seen in 2 and 3) the tree is an obvious den, tree, refer to Rule 5(d).
(d) If a handler fails to declare a dog obviously treed (Judge's decision) for a period of five minutes. Dog may be declared treed while five is running but not otherwise. Judge must verify dog to be at tree before it can be scratched. If the cast is in the process of a shining a separate tree time shall not be taken to declare other dog.
(e) If handler fails to return to M.O.H./H.D after cast becomes separated. Time period allotted is determined by M.O.H./H.D.
(f) For intentionally killing, shooting or molesting coon.
(g) For searching tree before the start of shining time.
(h) For handling dog(s) by any other method than acceptable use.
(i) For encouraging, discouraging or physically abusing a dog. Prazing a handler with a dog. 
(j) For use of spray that affects other than light, mechanical, squirrel, or thermal imaging devices. Laser pointer light is permitted.
(k) Points are minus by the judge's decision.
(l) If handler displays Unsportsmanlike Conduct* towards any individual on club grounds or off premises (Refer to Rule 12).

Other Offence:
(a) Impaired scratch (for violating a stated rule when no specific penalty is noted.)

7. TIME OUTS
(a) Judge or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, may call time out in accordance with Rule 7.
(b) Sessions declared time out prior to being called time out shall be scored.
(c) Note: Dogs declared treed prior to time out being called shall be scored. 
(d) The handling's responsibility to check their score and make all points accurate before signing scorecard.
(e) Any points incorrect will be made prior to ink dry or left on leash until the next tree is scored, or a dog leaves treed. Call of dead at time out shall be scored. 

9. JUDGES
(a) Judges are picked by the host clubs because they believe them to be honest and competent. Average years of experience are 5-9 years. Judges shall show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time out by their judge when he has officially designed and receives the scorecard. The Judge shall be in control of the cast. 
(b) Club will have the option of using non-hunting Judges on all casts for each category. Each Judge will be assigned to any cast at the discretion of M.O.H. and/or club officials. 
(c) The Judge or M.O.H./H.D. must be available by all members of cast. 
(d) Judge will be first to arrive at tree. 
(e) Even though their dog is withdrawn or scratched, they shall continue to judge the day. 
(f)Retry shall be allowed but shall be back to hang time of each time-out period. When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor off game only. If not known, scratch dogs involved. Withdrawing to avoid dog was insufficient grounds for scratch. 
(g) Judge is made, will not be considered.

11. SCORING DOGS
(a) Two spectators per handler will be allowed on all casts.
(b) Spectators may not shine tree unless all handlers in cast agree. This decision shall be made at start of hunt and applies for duration of hunt time. 
(c) Spectators may not be included in the majority required to score trees or enter discussions pertaining to the scoring of dogs.
(d) Spectators are otherwise held to the same rules and conduct as handlers.

13. TIES
(a) A minority of the cast will determine the tie with time or scores shall be noted with a question mark.
(b) If still a tie, that dog has the most plus tree points.
(c) If still a tie, that dog has the most circled tree points.
(d) If still a tie, the dog involved in the most recent circled strike tree.
(e) If still a tie, dogs involved will hunt in one-hour intervals until tie is broken or fire a coin if all parties agree.

14. QUESTIONING A JUDGE
(a) Any handler questions a judge's ruling, the judge's decision cannot be questioned in the field. The judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field. It may be scored with a question mark beside the score. 
(b) All questioning may only be pursued through the M.O.H./H.D.
(c) Handler may choose to ask a question to the Judge only if both cast members agree to a question being asked.

15. ELECTRONIC DEVICES
(a) The handheld of locating only devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used to locate a dog, but no other function is allowed. Dogs' Locating Devices Rules are provided in the host clubs Event Packet and also available on U.K.C.'s website. Lighted collars are allowed.

Any handheld device capable of controlling a dog (stimulating or toning) must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting.

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