



# OFFICIAL DOCK JUMPING RULEBOOK

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## OFFICIAL UKC® RULES AND REGULATIONS

### GOVERNING UKC LICENSED DOCK JUMPING TRIAL

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#### UKC LOGO & MAILING INFORMATION

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#### Dock Jumping Competition and Philosophy

Dock Jumping finds its roots in hunting retrievers where the dogs use their natural ability to hunt and retrieve games from land and water. Dogs are expected to retrieve fallen games from the water and return the waterfowl to the handler. In 1997, Dock Jumping first appeared as a competition outside of a hunting retriever test that was open to all breeds. Dock Jumping has continued to grow as a fun and enjoyable sport across the world.

The United Kennel Club became an official registry of the Super Retriever Series (SRS) Dock in 2014. SRS was established in 2002 as a qualifier for the ESPN Great Outdoor Games with their Super Retriever Series Retriever Trials. Although UKC recognizes specific jumps when attending SRS events, exhibitors must follow the Super Retriever Series rules and regulations when attending and entering an SRS event.

#### Exhibitor Guidelines

Every exhibitor who enters a licensed UKC event is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them. Additional guidelines are as follows:

- Exhibitor clothing should be neat and clean. The exhibitors' apparel speaks to the respect they have for the sport, the event, and its proceedings.
- Exhibitor dogs should be clean and, where necessary, brushed or trimmed to present a neat appearance.
- Experienced exhibitors should try to help new exhibitors. Beginners are critical to the future of the sport. All exhibitors must display good sportsmanship and respect for others.
- When discussing a score with the Judge, exhibitors should accept the decision of the Judge gracefully. Remember, it was the Judge's evaluation of that performance on that day.
- Exhibitors should always keep their area clean, dispose of all dog waste appropriately, and leave an event site in the condition they found it.

**Finality of Judges' Decisions.** By entering any Dock Jumping event, the owner and handler of any dog agrees to accept the decision of the Judge as final. The decision of a Judge is the opinion of the Judge and not that of the United Kennel Club.

# CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL RULES

**Section 1. Governing Rules.** UKC licensed events are governed by UKC rules, classifications, and point systems. The entry form signed by the exhibitor states that the exhibitor is familiar with the UKC rules and regulations. Since it would be impossible to create a rulebook that addresses every issue, if something is not covered within this rulebook, it should be assumed to be prohibited until otherwise approved by UKC.

**Section 2. Jurisdiction.** All UKC licensed Dock Jumping trials will be governed by the Official UKC Dock Jumping Rulebook and the Official UKC All-Breed Events and Misconduct Regulations. UKC Championship points and titles issued by the UKC are uniform and not given locally or geographically.

**Section 3. Licenses.** Any club approved by UKC that meets the programs requirements may be granted a license to offer Dock Jumping trials. UKC reserves the right to grant, withhold, or revoke event licenses at its own discretion.

**Section 4. Eligibility of Dogs.** To be eligible to compete in licensed Dock Jumping classes, dogs must be at least six months of age on the day of the event and permanently registered with UKC, have a Performance Listing (PL) number, or have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number. Dogs that are entered and compete in licensed UKC events that do not meet the above requirements will have their wins invalidated. No dog may be entered in any UKC event for exhibition only. Dogs with eliminating faults may compete in performance events.

**Section 5. Ineligibility for Entry in Licensed Dock Jumping Classes.** Dogs with these conditions are ineligible to compete in a Dock Jumping trial:

- Dogs that have been disqualified by a Judge at a UKC licensed event in accordance with the Official UKC All-Breed Sports Events and Misconduct Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 13.
- Dogs less than six (6) months of age on the day of the trial.
- Blind Dogs
- Lameness Dogs
- Females in season, pregnant, or lactating
- Dogs that appear to be ill.
- Dogs that have sutures, bandages, adhesive, or any other material that is indicative of, or related to, any surgical or medical procedure.
- No dogs under the influence of a performance altering drug may be entered.

Should a handler attempt to compete in a Dock Jumping event with a dog in any condition listed above, the Judge must excuse the dog from competition and mark the reason in the Judge's book. The Judge's decision in the matter is final, and they need not seek the opinion of a veterinarian.

• **Canine Amputees, Deaf or Special Needs Dogs.** Special needs dogs may participate in Dock Jumping competitions, but must be able to safely perform the jumps and exit the pool. Owners or handlers of dogs with special needs must inform the Judge of those needs prior to accessing the dock. It is the Judge's decision if any special allowances will be made for special needs dogs.

**Section 6. Females in season.** The host club has the option of refunding the entire entry fee or retaining up to 50% of the fee as a processing fee of any Dock Jumping trial competitor who provides a veterinarian's certificate verifying that the female came into season after the closing date for entries. The certificate may be mailed, provided the postmark is no later than the date prior to the day of the trial, or delivered by hand to the Event Secretary before the published start time of the event.

**Section 7. Required Inoculations.** Please refer to the Official UKC All-Breed Events & Misconduct Regulations for rules regarding inoculations.

**Section 8. Disqualified Dog.** Dogs that have been disqualified by a Judge at a UKC Licensed event in accordance with the Dog Temperament section found in the Official UKC All-Breed Events and Misconduct Regulations are ineligible to enter a UKC licensed event unless or until reinstated by UKC.

• When an attack or attempt to bite a person happens inside of a ring, the Judge is to follow the official procedures outlined in the Official UKC All Breed Events & Misconduct Regulations. When this happens outside of the ring or anywhere on the event grounds, the Event Committee is to follow the same procedures outlined in the Official UKC All-Breed Events & Misconduct Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 13.

• Dogs disqualified for attacking are immediately rendered ineligible to compete at any UKC events, and the exhibitor shall forfeit all entry fees for any event where the dog has yet to compete. The exhibitor must secure the dog(s) and remain on the premises until the "Disqualified for Attacking" form has been completed in accordance with The Official UKC All-Breed Events & Misconduct Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 13.

**Section 9. Earning Titles from Licensed Classes.** UKC Dock Jumping titles may only be earned in UKC-licensed classes. Equivalent titles from other venues may not be substituted for UKC Dock Jumping titles in determining eligibility for a class.

**Section 10. UKC Dock Jumping Title Certificates and Official Notification.** Points or legs earned toward UKC titles are awarded after UKC receives and processes the official event report from the host club. Once the requirements for a Dock Jumping title have been met and recorded, UKC will automatically mail a Certificate of Honor to the dog's recorded owner. The owner will be deemed notified as of the mailing date of the title certificate.

**Section 11. Duplicate Title Certificates.** Duplicate title certificates are available for a nominal fee. Contact the All-Breed Sports department for current fees.

# CHAPTER 2 - EQUIPMENT

**Section 1. Equipment to be Provided by the Club.** The club will ensure that adequate equipment is available to run the trial, such as pens, pencils, clipboards, posting boards, clean-up supplies, etc., and available at the site. Communication devices such as radios, instant messaging via phone, or a runner for sending or receiving messages can be used if needed. In addition, the following equipment must be provided by the host club:

- **Dock.** The dock used must be of sturdy construction with a surface such as AstroTurf, outdoor carpet, or rubber matting to give better traction and prevent slipping. The dock must be at least 40 feet long. It must be at least 7.5 feet wide. For distance jumping, the dock must sit 2 feet off the surface of the water. The dock may sit lower for Vertical Jumping. The dock must have a barrier on the two long sides and the rear to prevent dogs from jumping off any other side of the dock.
- **Pool.** The pool or natural body of water should be at least 4 feet deep. The minimum water level will not be less than 38" in depth. A pool must be a minimum of 40 feet long and at least 17 feet wide. The water and pool must be clean, free of debris, and clear of algae. Pools must have a safe exit ramp or steps for the dog to exit the water. Any reports of unsafe or dirty pools may result in the denial of future trials.
- **Measuring Banner.** All pools must have a measuring banner on both sides of the pool. All banners will have the numerical number for feet and inches printed on both sides of the banner. For natural bodies of water, a similar type of measuring device or an electronic device must be used.
- **Measuring Devices.** Distances may be judged manually by each Judge by eye or by using electronic devices. The most common electronic device used for Dock Jumping is Digital Video Freeze.
- **Portable Docks and Pools.** UKC may allow a portable dock or pool that does meet the above specifications for special events. Natural or man-made pools must have some type of dock or entrance into the pool. Prior approval is required.
- **Vertical Jumping Extender.** The Vertical Extender suspends a bumper from the end of the dock and is adjustable in height. The bumper will suspend from the Extender so that it is parallel to the surface of the water and perpendicular to the path of the dog.
- **Fetch It Extender.** The Fetch It extender reaches from the side of the pool over the edge of the water at various distances. The bumper is hung at the end of the extender and is moved out in 1-foot increments after each successive splash.
- **Vertical, or Fetch It, or Raider Run Object.** The retrieve object must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach to the extender. The bumper will be approximately 1 ½ inches in diameter and 12 inches long.

## Section 2. Equipment provided by the exhibitor.

- **Chase or Throw Object.** The exhibitor must provide an object to throw from the dock that the dog will chase into the water. The object can be anything that does not sink or break, is not edible, does not dissolve in water, and is not a living or dead animal. It is not required that the dog retrieve the object to earn a qualifying score. Typical non-throw type objects, such as squirt guns, water in buckets, or toys controlled remotely, are prohibited. Food or treats are prohibited on the dock at any time.
- **Collar.** The handler has the option of jumping the dog with or without a collar. Only flat or rolled collars with a quick snap release or regular buckle may be worn while the dog is jumping. Chain collars, studded, pinch or prong collars, head harnesses, or any type of special training collars are prohibited in the competition area. Collars must properly fit the dog and be approved by the Judge. Collar tags or other items hanging from the collar are prohibited on the dock. Electric collars are prohibited on the grounds of a UKC licensed performance event.
- **Leash.** Dogs must always be kept on a slip lead or standard leash, no longer than six feet, except while on the dock. The leash must be removed prior to jumping. Retractable and long line leashes are prohibited in the competition area.
- **Vests.** Dogs may wear comfort vests on the dock, but the vest must be removed prior to jumping. Dogs can wear properly fitted flotation vests or swim-type suits while on the dock and during jumping.

**Section 3. Exhibitors Attire.** It is recommended that handlers wear rubber-soled, closed-toe shoes. Clothes should be neat and comfortable, with safety in mind. Handlers can wear articles of clothing and equipment such as vests, hats, etc., that display their club's name, logo, or kennel name.

**Section 4. Prohibited Items.** Dogs may not wear items of adornment, such as scarves, bandanas, caps, goggles, or sunglasses. Active mobile phones and any video recording devices are prohibited from being with or on the exhibitor or dog while physically handling the dog during their judged performance.

# CHAPTER 3 - EXHIBITOR AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT UKC EVENTS

**Section 1. Conduct Applicable to Exhibitors and Spectators.** UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship at all UKC-licensed events. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them. Judges and Event Committee Officials may excuse exhibitors or spectators from the trial grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and event participants.

**Section 2. Poor Sportsmanship.** Poor sportsmanship that rises to the level of misconduct must be dealt with in accordance with the rules as set forth in the Official UKC All-Breed Events and Misconduct Regulations, Category 1. If the person has any dog(s) entered in the event, they shall not be permitted to exhibit until a hearing has been held and the exhibitor cleared of misconduct. Any exhibitor not cleared of misconduct may be asked to leave the event grounds by the Event Committee. In such cases, the club is not required to refund entry fee(s) for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day, regardless of whether the dogs were shown or not.

**Section 3. Double Handling.** Persons outside the pool are prohibited from any intentional actions designed to affect the performance of a dog being judged in the pool. This prohibition shall apply equally to persons attempting to improve or to impair a performance. Event Committee Officials may expel from the event grounds any person they reasonably believe is double-handling. Judges may excuse exhibitors from the dock whose dogs they reasonably believe are benefiting from double handling. Only one team may handle each dog on the dock.

**Section 4. Interfering with the Judge.** No one may interfere with the Judge while judging a dog on the dock.

## CHAPTER 4 - RULES APPLYING TO EXHIBITORS

**Section 1. Eligibility of Owners or Handlers.** Handlers may be of any age, provided they can control the dog. Handlers are not required to own the dog to enter or compete. All handlers under 18 must have the entry form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Handlers, age 10 or under, must be accompanied by an adult on the dock. A Judge may excuse a dog at any time if they believe the handler is unable to control the dog. The Judge's decision is final.

**Section 2. Junior Handlers.** Handlers who have not reached their eighteenth birthday as of January 1 of the competition year may compete as a Junior Handler. After December 31 of the year in which a Junior Handler turns 18, the Junior may no longer participate in the Junior program. A club may request verification of the Junior participant's age.

UKC Junior Members competing for Total Junior (when offered) are responsible for notifying the Event Secretary of their participation upon checking in at the event. Handlers under 18 years of age do not have to be a member of the UKC Junior program to compete but will not be eligible for Junior points or acknowledgements for which participants in the UKC Junior program are eligible.

**Section 3. Handlers with Disabilities.** Only one team may handle a dog on the dock (except for blind handlers). Handlers may use a wheelchair, crutches, a cane, or any other means of mechanical assistance to access and exit the dock, or while on the dock. The Judge may also make reasonable modifications to the extent that it assists the handler. No modification may be made that gives any advantage to the handler's dog, or that changes the dog's part of the required performance in any way. If necessary, blind handlers may have someone else on the dock strategically positioned to indicate audibly where specific dock locations are. Exhibitors needing specific accommodations must notify the Event Secretary prior to the trial, so they can inform the Judge.

**Section 4. Dogs That May Not Be Entered Under a Judge in a Performance Event.**

- No Judge may pass judgement on a dog of which they are listed as owner or co-owner.
- No dog can be entered under a Judge that has been owned or trained by the Judge, or that has lived in the Judge's household, regardless of ownership, within three months of the date of the event.

**Section 5. Exhibitors Who Co-Own a Dog with an Officiating Judge.** No exhibitor may exhibit any dog that is owned or co-owned by an officiating Judge in the same event type that Judge is scheduled to officiate, except when using the backup Judge system in Performance events. The exhibitor may show any other dog to that Judge provided the Judge is not listed as owner or co-owner.

**Section 6. Immediate Family and Household Members.** The immediate family members of a Judge and members of a Judge's household may exhibit any dog not owned or co-owned by the Judge in any event, on any day of a scheduled weekend in which the Judge has been hired, provided that they do not enter or exhibit the dog in the same event-type that the Judge is officiating on the same day, with the exception of using the backup Judging system in the performance events. Immediate family or household members may enter any event without restriction on any other day the Judge is not scheduled to Judge.

**Section 7. Dock and Event Grounds Cleanup.** Exhibitors are required to clean up after their dog if it fouls or soils the dock, its surrounding area, or anywhere else on the event grounds. If on the dock, the handler must either clean up after their own dog or assist the dock crew in cleaning the dock. Exhibitors who fail to clean up after their dogs may be directed by the Event Committee to leave the event grounds.

**Section 8. Performance-Altering Drugs or Supplements.** The use of performance-altering drugs or supplements is strictly prohibited. Owners and handlers are presumed to know the condition of their dogs and risk disciplinary action for exhibiting dogs under the influence of performance-altering drugs.

**Section 9. Complaints About the Judge's Placements.** By entering a UKC event, the exhibitor is inviting the opinion of the Judge and must accept the Judge's decision as final. Exhibitors are encouraged to discuss performances with Judges but must not argue about the Judge's scoring or placements. Complaints about the Judge may only be lodged with the host club if the exhibitor believes the Judge has violated a specific UKC rule. Complaints about a Judge's knowledge or application of UKC Dock Jumping rules may be filed with UKC, but must address specific deficiencies. Complaints must be signed and provided with the name of the Judge, the host club, and the event date.

# CHAPTER 5 - JUDGING & EXHIBITING

**Section 1. Judging Restrictions.** Conformation or Performance Judges may not pass judgment on a dog of which they are listed as owner, co-owner, breeder, or co-breeder, or that is owned, or co-owned by a member of the Judge's immediate family or any person in the Judge's household.

## **Section 2. Conformation and Performance Judges Who Exhibit.**

- **Conformation Judges.** A Conformation Judge is prohibited from exhibiting any dog in Conformation classes on the same weekend as their Conformation Judging assignment at the event in which they have been hired. Conformation Judges may, however, enter and compete in any Performance event on any day preceding their assignment, on the day of their assignment, or on any day after their assignment.
  - If there is a conflict of time between judging and showing, should a Judge find an eligible handler to show the dog; the dog may still be exhibited in the event in which it is entered.
- **Performance Judges.** Performance Judges may exhibit in any event on any day preceding their assignment, on the day of their assignment, or on any day after their assignment, except for exhibiting in the event type for which they have been hired, on the day of their assignment.
  - Performance Judges can exhibit in the same event type they are officiating, on the same day, provided the Back-up Judge system is in place.
  - The Back-up Judge system for performance events must be in place before an assigned Judge's immediate family, household members, or any dog they co-own exhibited in the same event type, where that Judge is officiating.
  - A Performance Judge is not eligible for awards or placements for the event type on the day they officiate. However, they are eligible for points toward a title and All-Star points where applicable.

**Section 3. Judging Conflicts.** Judges accepting assignments in which they are considering exhibiting a dog, and clubs hiring Judges who wish to exhibit a dog at that event, must give utmost thought and care to avoid conflicts of time. The Judge's primary responsibility to their assignment is to judge. Should a conflict of time arise at an event on a scheduled weekend in which the Judge is forced to choose between exhibiting and judging, the Judge must fulfill the assignment the club hired them to fulfill and willingly and knowingly withdraw any entries in any event that presents the conflict.

**Section 4. Breach of Conflict Rules and Penalties.** The following applies to all UKC Licensed Judges, both conformation and performance.

- **Conflict Rules.**
  - No Judge may interrupt, disrupt, delay, or reschedule an event in which they have entered a dog to facilitate exhibiting their dog when using the Back-up Judge system, to fulfill or complete their judging assignment, or to accommodate a Judge exhibiting a dog on the same day they are judging for any reason.
- **Penalties.**
  - Judges or Clubs reported and proven to have interrupted, disrupted, delayed, or rescheduled an event to allow for a Judge to exhibit a dog will face disciplinary action, which could include the suspension of judging privileges or event privileges for up to 1 year and a fine of up to \$500.

**Section 5. Owners, Co-Owners, and Immediate Family, or Household Restrictions.** Each event type lists the specific additional restrictions that may apply to owners, co-owners, immediate family, and household members, per specific event type. These restrictions can be found in the corresponding rulebook for the specific event. Additional restrictions are as follows:

- No dog can be entered under a Judge that has been owned or trained by the Judge, the Judge's immediate family, or that has lived in the Judge's household or the household of a member of the Judge's immediate family, regardless of ownership, within three months of the date of the event.
- A Judge's immediate family or household members may exhibit a dog not owned or co-owned by the Judge, in any event on the same day the Judge is officiating; except that co-owners, immediate family or household members may not enter or exhibit a dog in the same event-type that the Judge is scheduled to officiate, except for using the Back-up Judge system in Performance events. Co-owners, immediate family, or household members may enter any event without restriction on any other day the Judge is not scheduled to judge.

**Section 6. Back-up Judge System.** Performance Judges may compete in the same trial that they are assigned to judge under the following provisions:

- The Judge must notify the club in advance that they wish to enter a dog in an event they are assigned to judge.
- The host club must designate a Back-up Judge on the event application.
- The officiating Judge will be the overall authority for judging the event for which they are assigned.
- Dogs owned by the officiating Judge may compete only under the assigned Back-up Judge.
- Dogs owned or co-owned by the Judge, their immediate family or household members are eligible for qualifying scores, points toward titles, and All-Star points, when applicable, in the classes they are competing.
- The Back-up Judge's dogs will be eligible for all awards associated in the classes they are competing.

**Section 7. Emergency Replacement of a Back-up Judge.** Should an assigned Back-up Judge fail to appear at an event in which they were assigned as the designated Back-up Judge, there will be no emergency replacement of the Back-up Judge's assignment. In this case, the officiating Judge will forfeit their entry and fulfill their assignment. If the event was published in the UKC Upcoming Events on the UKC website

as having a Back-up Judge and if a fully licensed Judge that holds the same event type license is in attendance, the Judge in attendance may serve as the Back-up Judge. Clubs must note the change in Back-up Judges and provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances in their event report.

## CHAPTER 6 - RULES APPLYING TO LICENSED CLASSES

**Section 1. Scheduled Classes.** Clubs do not have to offer every licensed class available at a Dock Jumping event. More than one Judge may be used per day. Classes may be offered as follows:

**Section 2. Classes and Divisions.** Classes and Divisions are as follows:

- **Open Division:** Open to all dogs
- **Small Dog Division:** Open to all dogs under 16 inches. Any dog measuring 16 inches or above must jump as an Open dog.
  - A dog's height is determined by measuring from the top of the withers perpendicular to the ground while the dog is standing normally and not leaning. Each handler is required to indicate a division selection on the entry form when entering a dog in the Small Dog Division of a Dock Jumping event.
  - Judges or event staff reserve the right to measure any dog competing in this division at any event. A proper measuring device, such as a wicket, must be used when the height division of the dog is unknown or cannot be determined. The judge's determination of the dog's height is final.
  - Small Division dogs will follow the same rules as Open Division dogs.

### Distance Jumping

- One trial with up to five splashes per day.

### All other classes (Vertical, Fetch-It, or Raider Run).

- In addition to Distance Jumping, two Vertical, Fetch-It, or Raider Run classes or any combination of those classes are allowed.

**Section 3. Order of Class Judging.** Licensed classes may be judged in any order determined by the club or Judge.

**Section 4. Requirement to Judge an Entire Class.** If two or more Judges are used at a trial, one Judge must judge an entire splash, except for Judges who are trialing their own dog and using the Back-up Judge system.

**Section 5. Entry Limits Allowed per Judge per Day.** Clubs should make every effort to ensure that a judging assignment does not exceed eight hours per day. This is approximately 240 actual jumps off the dock per day. Judges are limited to judging no more than 8 hours per day.

**Section 6. Limiting Entries.** Clubs can limit entries. Once the entry limit has been reached, no additional entries may be accepted unless the club has established a wait list.

**Section 7. Start Time.** The start of a Dock Jumping trial shall adhere as closely as possible to the advertised start time. Officiating Judges who are entered into the Dock Jumping trial under the Back-up Judge system may be judged at any time prior to or after the trial.

## CHAPTER 7 - DOCK PROCEDURES

**Section 1. Checking In.** All competitors, including pre-entered exhibitors, must check in with the event secretary before stepping onto the dock and have signed a waiver when applicable.

**Section 2. Practice and Warm-Up.** The dock may be open to competitors for practice before the start of the trial or between splashes, as time allows, determined by the Judge and Event Committee. Dogs will not be allowed on the dock during a Judge's briefing. Each dog and handler team will have a maximum of two minutes to practice from the time they enter the dock. Handlers may jump their dogs as many times as they wish within the allotted time.

**Section 3. Training Items.** The use of items such as hurdles, stride regulators, leashes laid across the end of the dock, or anything placed on the dock that could be used as a mark or target for the dog is prohibited.

**Section 4. Accessing the Dock for Competition.** The dog must be on leash while accessing the dock, and the leash will be removed before setting up to jump to avoid the danger of the leash catching something while the dog is in the water. The handler is to bring the preferred object they wish to use when entering the platform.

**Section 5. Fouling the Dock.** A dog that eliminates on the dock, platform, or ramp at any time must be excused. The splash will be marked as non-qualifying.

**Section 6. Splashes and Time Limits.** Jumping is broken into splashes. A splash consists of 1 optional practice jump and two judged jumps. Jumps will be done back-to-back within the allotted time allowances. Handlers may jump one or all their splashes back-to-back while on the dock. If more than one splash is jumped while on the dock, only one practice jump will be allowed during that time on the dock. All handlers will have a time limit during the competition to complete their jumps.

- From the time the dog and handler team step onto the dock, they will have three minutes to take the one optional practice jump first, followed by two competition jumps.
- If the handler has not completed the optional practice jump and the two competition jumps within the three-minute time limit, they will be excused from the dock and will forfeit that splash. Junior handlers are allowed up to four minutes.

- If a dog leaves the dock or the pool, or the handler leaves the dock before their turn is over, it will be considered the end of their splash and will be recorded as a non-qualifying jump. This includes, but is not limited to, a dog that jumps out of the pool either off the side by the ramp or over the side of the pool. If there are two handlers on the dock, one of the handlers may leave the dock without penalty.
- If the handler chooses to make any of their additional jumps, an additional sixty seconds will be allowed for each additional jump within a splash.
  - Vertical, Fetch It, and Raider Run are not included in this time of restriction.

**Section 7. Handlers.** Teams may have no more than two people on the dock per jump. One handler may hold the dog, and the other may throw the object. These handlers may not be reversed during a splash. The handler throwing the object is considered the handler of record. Handler changes are allowed at the beginning of each splash. A handler may jump multiple dogs.

**Section 8. Running Order.** The Running Order will be determined randomly by the Event Committee and posted prior to the trial.

- **Distance Jumping.** The splashes can be broken into groups of equal size based on the number of entries. For example, each team in Group 1 will jump once, and then the running order of Group 1 will start over for each team's second jump. The same process will be repeated for Group 2, and so on. Splashes can also be jumped back-to-back as determined by the handler.
- **Vertical Jumping, Fetch-It, and Raider Run.** Running orders are to be determined by the event secretary.

**Section 9. Fun Splash.** Practice turns, or fun splashes for dogs not entered in the trial, may be offered at the discretion of the facility as time and space allow. Clubs may charge a fee for fun splashes. Fun Splashes may not interfere with any portion of the licensed trial.

## CHAPTER 8 - JUDGING PROCEDURES AND SCORING

*The Judge shall examine the dock, exit ramp, and surrounding area prior to the start of the trial and verify that it has been properly set up, is free of hazards, and is as safe as possible.*

**Section 1. Eligibility to Judge a UKC Licensed Dock Jumping Event.** No person may judge a UKC licensed Dock Jumping trial unless they hold a current UKC Judging license for Dock Jumping and are in good standing with UKC.

**Section 2. Judge's Book.** Judges are responsible for the accuracy of the information in their Judge's books. Each Judge must sign or verify that the information is accurate in their Judge's book upon the completion of a judging assignment and turn this over to the Event Secretary. The Event Secretary must provide the Judge with one copy of the signed Judge's books prior to the Judge leaving the show grounds on the last day of their assignment. The Judge must keep all Judge's books on file for one year after the judging assignment.

**Section 3. Judge's Authority.** Judges must be the same for all jumps within a splash, but separate Judges may be assigned additional splashes on the day of the trial, based on entries. The Judge may use whatever reasonable procedures they deem necessary to evaluate each dog's performance in an effective and efficient manner. The same procedures will be used to judge each dog entered.

**Section 4. Judge's Decisions.** Judges are encouraged to speak to exhibitors about their dog's performance. Judges are not required to maintain conversation with angry or upset exhibitors. Judges may not ask an exhibitor any unnecessary questions regarding the dog while judging. All questions or disputes occurring on the dock will be resolved by the Judge. The Judge's decision on the day of the trial is final.

**Section 5. Report on Equipment.** The licensed club is responsible for providing proper equipment that meets the specifications found within these Rules and Regulations. The Judge is responsible for ensuring that the equipment and set up complies with UKC rules. The Event Committee should rectify any substandard equipment or deficiencies found by the Judge. If the Event Committee cannot resolve the problems before the start of the trial, the Judge must report those deficiencies to UKC in writing within ten days of the event.

**Section 6. Judging for More than one Event Type.** Judges can judge a conformation show and a performance event, or multiple performance events on the same day, provided they do not judge for more than 8 hours per day. However, the Judge must complete the judging of one activity before starting the other and must not rush through either assignment.

**Section 7. Judging Position.** The Judge must clearly view all areas of the pool and dock and be able to assess the dog's abilities accurately.

**Section 8. Misbehavior of Handlers.**

- **Excusing a Handler.** The Judge must excuse any handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship or displays inappropriate behavior on the dock. The following is strictly prohibited:
  - Pushing, pulling, or dragging a dog up the ramp or stairs to the dock,
  - Dropping or pushing a dog into the water from either the ramp or the dock,
  - Handler that sets the dog down at the very end of the dock or where the handler has the dog in front of their feet at the end of the dock, so it has no choice other than to jump.
  - Handlers that do not have their hands, legs, and feet completely off the dog when the dog jumps.
  - Cruel treatment of a dog on the dock or the event grounds
- Exhibitors who display any of the prohibited actions must be excused from the event. The dog of an excused handler will not be allowed to participate in the competition with a substitute handler. The Judge's decision in these matters is final. The club is not required to refund entry fees for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day, regardless of whether the dogs competed. The Judge must mark the dog as excused and not the reason in writing.

**Section 9. Judge's Briefing.** A general briefing should be held before the beginning of the trial. Additional Judge's briefings can be given as needed.

**Section 10. Scoring.** All distances will be scored to the closest increments that match the markings on the required measuring banner.

- **Distance Jumping.** Jump distances are scored according to where the base of the dog's tail breaks the surface of the water. The distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail base breaks the water's surface.
  - Each dog and handler team will have 2 jumps per splash. The larger distance between the two jumps will be recorded as the score.
  - The score's distance places the team into a division according to the divisional distances outlined in Chapter 9. The rankings will be by division, not overall.
  - **Sandbagging.** Handlers must not lower the distance the dog will jump to achieve a title, placement, or ranking in a division lower than the dog's current ability.
    - If a Judge considers a handler to be sandbagging, the handler will be excused from competition for that Splash, and the dog will not receive a qualifying score. The Judge's decision is final.
- **Finals.** (Distance Jumping). Divisional finals may be offered at the host club's discretion. Any scores earned in division finals will not be recorded by UKC, nor will they count towards any titles.
  - Divisional finals. The top five teams for the event weekend in each division will qualify for the divisional finals. Once the eligible dogs are posted, it is each competitor's responsibility to check in with the event Secretary. All finalists must check in. If a dog has qualified jumps in more than one division, the higher division will be used for the finals.
- **Ties.** Ties will be broken by using the second jump of the splash that was not used as the score. Whichever dog had the greater distance for the splash, not officially scored, will be the winner of the tie. If both jumps are identical, the tie will stand.
- **Vertical Jumping.** A dog is not required to bring the bumper down in their mouth. They can catch the bumper or knock it loose from the apparatus. If the dog is successful on the first attempt, the dog will not take a second attempt. During Vertical Jumping, there will be one or two Judges, or a Judge plus a helper by the pool using two or more bumpers. They will replace the bumper on the apparatus after each jump and measure the height.
  - After the running order has been finished, the bumper will be moved up 2 inches to the next height. If the bumper comes completely free from the apparatus, the dog will move on to the next height. This will be repeated until all dogs have missed the bumper, with the dog catching or knocking the highest being declared the winner.
  - Vertical distance will begin at 4ft for Open dogs and 2ft for Small dogs.
  - Each dog gets 2 chances at each height. The team will be out of the round when they miss both chances. Their score will be recorded as the last clean catch or knock they had. The score places the team into a division according to the divisions outlined in Chapter 9.
  - Each team will get up to two minutes on the dock per jump.
  - If both dogs start at the same distance, then the dog with fewer misses will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the tie will stand.
- **Fetch It.** A dog is not required to bring the bumper down in their mouth. They can catch the bumper or knock it loose from the apparatus. If the dog is successful on the first attempt, they will not take the second attempt.

During Fetch It, there will be one or two Judges, or a Judge plus a helper, by the pool using two or more bumpers. They will replace the bumper on the apparatus after each jump and verify the distance.

  - If the bumper comes completely free from the apparatus, the dog will move on to the next distance. This will be repeated until all dogs have missed the bumper, with the dog catching or knocking the farthest distance being declared the winner.
  - Each dog gets 2 chances at each distance and up to two minutes on the dock per attempt. The team will be out of the round when they miss both chances. Their score will be recorded as the last clean catch or knock they had. The score places the team into a division according to the divisions outlined in Chapter 9.
  - Fetch It distance will begin at 4ft for Open dogs and 2ft for Small dogs.
  - The length of each jump is measured from the edge of the dock to the bumper, and the greatest distance jumped will be recorded for each dog.
  - After the running order has been finished, the bumper will be moved out 1 foot to the next distance. In a tie, the dog that started jumping at a lower distance will determine the winner.
  - If both dogs start at the same distance, then the dog with fewer misses will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the tie will stand.
- **Raider Run.** Dogs will have two attempts per splash. Dogs will be timed from the time the handler releases the dog. Each team will get one minute on the dock.
  - The start line will be set at the 10-ft mark on the dock. The dogs' front feet must be entirely behind the 10-foot mark.
  - Handlers will acknowledge that they are ready and will then be given a countdown of 3, 2, 1, "GO" with the dog being released or leaving at "GO." This will be done within the one-minute time limit. If the handler releases the dog prior to the word "GO," this will be a false start and counted as "0.00". The handler can call for a reset; only one reset per jump.

- Dogs will swim to a bumper extended about two inches off the water by an apparatus or held by another person from the opposite end of the pool, release the bumper from both clips if being held by the apparatus, and swim back to the ramp.
  - If held by another person, the bumper must be held hanging by both ends, about two inches off the water and parallel to the water.
- Dogs are required to retrieve the bumper.
- No handling will be allowed from the side of the pool while the dog is racing.
- Time will start when the dog is released.
- Time will stop once the dog's nose crosses the designated finish line, which will be marked in the water. This finish line will be determined so that dogs do not slow down as they approach the ramp.
- The designated finish line will be as follows:
  - 10-foot mark in a 40-foot pool
  - 15-foot mark in a 45-foot pool
  - 20-foot mark in a 50-foot pool
- Toys will not be allowed on the dock that could be used to entice the dog.

## CHAPTER 9 - OFFICIAL DOCK JUMPING CLASSES AND TITLES

The initial UKC Dock Jumping titles do not need to be earned successively. The Champion and Grand Champion titles must be earned successively within each division. Equivalent titles from other venues may not be substituted for UKC titles. Once a higher title is obtained, it will replace the lower title of the same category and division.

### Section 1. Dock Jumping Classes.

- **Distance Jumping.** Distance jumping will measure the distance of a dog's jump. The distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface.
- **Vertical Jumping.** Vertical Jumping is a high jump competition. A bumper is suspended out and upwards from the dock at various heights.
- **Fetch It.** In Fetch It, a bumper is suspended out and over the edge of the water at varying distances. The dog must jump and catch or knock down the bumper.
- **Raider Run.** Timed event. Dogs must leave the dock at a specific place, get a bumper at the end of the pool, and swim back toward the exit ramp to the 10-foot mark.

**Section 2. Distance Jumping Titles (UNJ, UJJ, USJ, UMJ, UEJ, UMRJ).** To earn a Distance Jumping title, a dog must earn 5 qualifying scores in 5 different splashes in the same division. Dogs may work toward titles in different divisions in any order.

**Section 3. United Distance Jumping Champion Title (UNJCH, UJCH, USJCH, UMJCH, UEJCH, UMRCH).** A dog must earn an initial Distance Jumping title before it can earn points toward the Distance Jumping Champion title in that division. The dog must earn 150 championship points in the same division in accordance with the Championship Points schedule to achieve the title of United Distance Jumping Champion.

**Section 4. Grand Distance Jumping Champion Title (GNJCH, GJCH, GSJCH, GMJCH, GEJCH, GMRJCH).** A dog must earn a Distance Jumping Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Distance Jumping Grand Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 300 additional championship points in the same division in accordance with the Championship Points schedule to achieve the title of Grand Distance Jumping Champion. For each additional 150 points the dog achieves, a numerical designation will be added to the dog's Grand Distance Jumping Champion title. For example: GNJC2, GNJC3, etc.

**Section 5. Distance Jumping Table:** Distance Jumping for Initial title, Championship, Grand Championship, and Grand Excellent titles are as follows:

Division	Open Distance	Small Dog	Distance
Novice Jumper	1" to 9"11"	Novice	1" to 4"11"
Junior Jumper	10' to 14"11"	Junior	5' to 8'11"
Senior Jumper	15' to 19'11"	Senior	9' to 12'11"
Master Jumper	20' to 24'11"	Master	13' to 16'11"
Elite Jumper	25' to 29'11"	Elite	17' to 20'11"
Marvel Jumper	30' plus	Marvel	21' plus

**Section 6. Championship Point Schedule for Distance Jumping.** A qualifying jump is required to earn the following championship points:

Division	Open Distance	Small Dog Distance	Points
<b>Novice</b>	1" to 3'11"	1" to 1'11"	5
	4' to 5'11"	2' to 2'11"	10
	6' to 7'11"	3' to 3'11"	15
	8' to 9'11"	4' to 4'11"	20
<b>Junior</b>	10' to 10'11"	5' to 5'11"	5
	11' to 11'11"	6' to 6'11"	10
	12' to 12'11"	7' to 7'11"	15
	13' to 14'11"	8' to 8'11"	20
<b>Senior</b>	15' to 15'11"	9' to 9'11"	5
	16' to 16'11"	10' to 10'11"	10
	17' to 17'11"	11' to 11'11"	15
	18' to 19'11"	12' to 12'11"	20
<b>Master</b>	20' to 20'11"	13' to 13'11"	5
	21' to 21'11"	14' to 14'11"	10
	22' to 22'11"	15' to 15'11"	15
	23' to 24'11"	16' to 16'11"	20
<b>Elite</b>	25' to 25'11"	17' to 17'11"	5
	26' to 26'11"	18' to 18'11"	10
	27' to 27' 11"	19' to 19'11"	15
	28' to 29'11"	20' to 20'11"	20
<b>Marvel</b>	30' to 31'11"	21' to 21'11"	5
	32' to 33'11"	22' to 22'11"	10
	34' to 34'11"	23' to 23'11"	15
	35' and up	24' and up	20

**Section 7. Vertical Jumping Titles (UV, USV, UEV, UMV).** To earn a Vertical Jumping title, a dog must earn 5 qualifying scores in the same division. Dogs may work toward titles in a different division in any order.

**Section 8. Vertical Jumping Champion Title (UVCH, USVCH, UEVCH, UMVCH).** A dog must earn an initial Vertical Jumping title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Vertical Jumping Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 100 championship points in accordance with the championship points schedule.

**Section 9. Vertical Jumping Grand Champion Title (GVCH, GSVCH, GEVCH, GMVCH).** A dog must earn a Vertical Jumping Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Vertical Jumping Grand Champion Title in that division. A dog must then earn 250 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule. For each additional 150 points the dog achieves, a numerical designation will be added to the dog's Vertical Jumping Grand Champion title. For example: GVCH2, GVCH3, etc.

**Section 10. Vertical Jumping Table:** Vertical Jumping for Vertical, Supreme Vertical, Elite Vertical, and Marvel Vertical titles are as follows:

Open	Distance	Small Dog	Distance
<b>Vertical</b>	4' to 4'10"	<b>Vertical</b>	2' to 2'10"
<b>Supreme Vertical</b>	5' to 5'10"	<b>Supreme Vertical</b>	3' to 3'10"
<b>Elite Vertical</b>	6' to 6'10"	<b>Elite Vertical</b>	4' to 4'10"
<b>Marvel Vertical</b>	7' plus	<b>Marvel Vertical</b>	5' plus

**Section 11. Championship Points Schedule for Vertical Jumping:** A qualifying jump is required to earn the following championship points:

Open	Points	Small Dog	Points
<b>Vertical</b>			
4' to 4' 2"	10	2' to 2' 2"	10
4' 4" to 4' 6"	15	2' 4" to 2' 6"	15
4' 8" to 4' 10"	20	2' 8" to 2' 10"	20
<b>Supreme</b>			
5' to 5' 2"	10	3' to 3' 2"	10
5' 4" to 5' 6"	15	3' 4" to 3' 6"	15
5' 8" to 5' 10"	20	3' 8" to 3' 10"	20
<b>Elite</b>			
6' to 6' 2"	10	4' to 4' 2"	10
6' 4" to 6' 6"	15	4' 4" to 4' 6"	15
6' 8" to 6' 10"	20	4' 8" to 4' 10"	20
<b>Marvel</b>			
7' to 7' 2"	10	5' to 5' 2"	10
7' 4" to 7' 6"	15	5' 4" to 5' 6"	15
7' 8" and up	20	5' 8" and up	20

**Section 12. Fetch It Titles (NFI, JFI, SFI, MFI, EFI, MRFI).** To earn this title, a dog must earn 5 qualifying scores in the same division. Dogs may work toward titles in a different division in any order.

**Section 13. Fetch It Champion Title (NFCH, JFCH, SFCH, MRCH, EFCH, MRFCH).** A dog must earn an initial Fetch It title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Fetch It Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 100 championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 8, Section 9, to become a Fetch It Champion.

**Section 14. Fetch It Grand Champion Title (NFGCH, JFGCH, SFGCH, MRGCH, EFGCH, GMVFCH).** A dog must earn a Fetch It Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Fetch It Grand Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 250 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 8, Section 9, to become a Fetch It Grand Champion. For each additional 150 points the dog achieves, a numerical designation will be added to the dog's Fetch It Jumping Grand Champion title. For example: NFGCH2, NFGCH3, etc.

**Section 15. Fetch It Jumping Table:** Fetch it Jumping for Novice, Junior, Senior, Master, Elite, and Marvel Initial Title, Championship, Grand Championship titles are as follows:

Open	Distance	Small Dog	Distance
<b>Novice Fetch It</b>	4' to 6'	<b>Novice</b>	2' to 4'
<b>Junior Fetch It</b>	7' to 9'	<b>Junior</b>	5' to 7'
<b>Senior Fetch It</b>	10' to 13'	<b>Senior</b>	8' to 11'
<b>Master Fetch It</b>	14' to 17'	<b>Master</b>	12' to 15'
<b>Elite Fetch It</b>	18' to 21'	<b>Elite</b>	16' to 19'
<b>Marvel Fetch It</b>	22' plus	<b>Marvel</b>	20' plus

**Section 16. Championship Points Schedule for Fetch It Titles:** A qualifying jump is required to earn the following championship points:

Open	Distance	Small Dog	Distance	Points
Novice	4' to 5'	Novice	2' to 3'	10
	6'		4'	15
Junior	7' to 8'	Junior	5' to 6'	10
	9'		7'	15
Senior	10' to 11'	Senior	8' to 9'	10
	12' to 13'		10' to 11'	15
Master	14' to 15'	Master	12' to 13'	10
	16' to 17'		14' to 15'	15
Elite	18' to 19'	Elite	16' to 17'	10
	20' to 21'		18' to 19'	15
Marvel	22' to 23'	Marvel	20' to 21'	10
	24' plus		22' plus	15

**Section 17. Raider Run Titles (NRR, JRR, SRR, MRR, ERR, MRRR).** To earn this title, a dog must earn 5 qualifying scores in the same division. Dogs may work toward titles in different divisions in any order. Dogs must be within the time allowed to earn a qualifying leg in that division.

**Section 18. Raider Run Champion (NRRC, JRRC, SRRC, MRRC, ERRC, MRRRC).** A dog must earn the initial Raider Run title before it is eligible for legs toward the Raider Run Champion title. The dog must earn an additional 10 qualifying runs within a division to earn the Champion title.

**Section 19. Raider Run Grand Champion (NRRGC, JRRC, SRRGC, MRRGC, ERRC, MRRRC).** A dog must earn the initial Raider Run Champion title before it is eligible for legs toward the Raider Run Grand Champion title. The dog must earn an additional 15 qualifying runs within a division to earn the Grand Champion title. For each additional 10 qualifying runs the dog achieves within a division, a numerical designation will be added to Raider Run Grand Champion Excellent Title. Example: RRNG, RRNG2, RRNG3, etc.

#### Section 20. Raider Run Divisions and Qualifying Times

Open	Time	Small Dog	Time
Novice	25.000 – 39.999 seconds	Novice	28.000 – 49.000 seconds
Junior	22.000 – 24.999 seconds	Junior	25.000 – 27.999 seconds
Senior	19.000 – 21.999 seconds	Senior	23.000 – 24.999 seconds
Master	16.000 – 18.999 seconds	Master	20.000 – 22.999 seconds
Elite	13.000 – 15.999 seconds	Elite	17.000 – 19.999 seconds
Marvel	0.01 – 12.999 seconds	Marvel	0.01 – 16.999 seconds

## CHAPTER 10 - AWARDS, TROPHIES, RIBBONS, AND PLACEMENTS

**Section 1. Cash Prizes.** UKC clubs may offer cash prizes at Performance events without prior written authorization from UKC. Cash prizes include cash awards, gift cards, and gift certificates.

**Section 2. Awards and Trophies.** All awards and prizes, when offered, must be available prior to the event and offered to be won. Clubs may give such awards and trophies as they choose. Clubs may accept trophies donated by individuals or other organizations, and these trophies may be designated for specific breeds or specific accomplishments.

**Section 3. Ribbon Requirement.** The judges shall award up to four placements, where possible, in each jump category and division based on the dog's score. First place must be awarded to the dog with the longest or highest score, second place to the dog with the next-highest score, and so forth. Qualifying ribbons are not required. Clubs offering Total Dog must also offer Total Junior and must award the outlined Rosettes below.

Dock Jumping Ribbon Colors:

- Ribbons or Rosettes
  - 1st place – blue
  - 2nd place – red
  - 3rd place – green
  - 4th place - yellow
  - Qualifying Splash – light blue

- Mandatory Rosette or Double overlays requirements. Rosettes or double overlays must be the designated colors and size as outlined below. Clubs may choose to offer ribbons that exceed the minimum size and streamer requirements.
  - Total Dog Qualifier – red, black, and white - three-streamer rosette with an overall minimum length of ten 10 inches.
  - Total Junior Qualifier – purple, black, and white - three-streamer rosette with an overall minimum length of ten 10 inches.

**Section 4. Requirements for Total Dog and Total Junior Award.** Refer to the Official UKC All-Breed Sports Events and Misconduct Regulations for specific qualifications to earn a Total Dog and Total Junior award.

- **Total Dog.** Dogs must be entered in conformation (regular or altered) and a qualifying performance event on the same day. A dog must win an award as outlined under the Total Dog rules for conformation and qualify in the performance event to earn the award.
  - The dog entered in Total dog must be the same dog for both conformation and the performance event.
- **Total Junior.** A Junior Handler must be entered in Junior Showmanship and a qualifying performance event on the same day. The Junior must earn a class placement or award of merit over another junior handler in Junior Showmanship and qualify in the performance event to earn the award.
  - The Junior handler must handle the dog as outlined for the specific performance event to have the event count as a qualifying performance toward Total Junior.
  - The dog handled by the Junior does not have to be the same dog for both the Junior Showmanship classes and the performance classes.

**Section 5. Total Dog Invitational.** Dogs that earn a Total Dog award at a Regional Qualifying Event will be invited to enter the annual Total Dog Invitational competition. Please visit [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com) for more information about this prestigious event.

## CHAPTER 11 - DEFINITIONS

**Bubble.** A divisional ranking of dog/handler teams after all splashes are completed. The bubble indicates the top five teams that proceed into the finals.

**Age of Dog.** A dog's age, for entry purposes, is determined by the date of the event. A dog born on January 1 shall turn six months old on July 1 of that year.

**Blind.** A dog is blind if it has no useful sight.

**Briefing.** Running procedures and rules are explained to exhibitors during a briefing. Questions from exhibitors may be asked at this time.

**Distance Jumping.** This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. In summation, a dog takes a running start down the competition dock, from whatever point the handler chooses to place the dog, and jumps into the water, usually after a chase object.

**Chase/Throw Object.** This is an object that may be used to incentivize the dog to jump from the dock, but it is not a requirement. The object can be anything that does not sink, is not edible, does not dissolve in water, and is not a living or dead animal. Further, it is not required that the dog retrieve the object from the pool to achieve its score.

**Day of trial entry.** Most UKC clubs allow entries to be taken on the day of the trial. The start and finish time for taking these entries is posted on the UKC website. Trials that do not offer day-of-trial entries are designated as PE (Pre-Entry) only.

**Dismissal.** A dog dismissed by a Judge may not continue to participate in Dock Jumping classes for that trial. However, the dog may participate in any other events on the same day if eligible.

**Distance Jumping.** A competition that measures how far a dog jumps from the end of the dock and into the water.

**Disqualified.** Dog that is deemed ineligible for competition. This can be the result of a condition prohibited in the rules, such as an alteration to the dog's natural state or a condition of or action by a dog prohibited under the United Kennel Club rules. A dog disqualified from a conformation show or performance event pursuant to the UKC All-Breed Sports Events and Misconduct Regulations may not participate in further events unless reinstated by UKC.

**Dock.** The dock is the surface used for dock jumping competitions. It must be of sturdy construction with some sort of surface, such as astro turf, outdoor carpet, or rubber matting, to make for better traction and prevent slipping.

**Dog.** The word "dog" used in these rules refers to both sexes.

**Entry Form.** An official UKC document required for entry into a UKC licensed event. The entry form provides all the necessary information regarding the dog being entered into the event, as well as the owner's information for the dog.

**Excused.** A dog that has been excused by a Judge in any event may not participate in any other events of the same type in the same show or trial, except that in all applicable performance events, an excused dog may compete in another class at the same trial.

**Fetch It Jumping.** This is a competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump and includes the dog pulling or knocking a bumper down from the Fetch It apparatus for the jump to qualify.

**Fetch It Object.** The object used for Fetch It must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the Fetch It extender.

**Guideline.** An indication or outline of recommended policy or conduct.

**Immediate Family.** The spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, grandchild, in-law, or person considered immediate family members.

**Intact.** Dogs (males/females) that have full reproductive organs present, including for males, two normal descended testicles.

**Lame.** Impaired locomotion causing a dog to limp or move with difficulty.

**Leg.** A qualifying score in any performance event, or a qualifying win toward a Champion or Grand Champion conformation title.

**Non-Qualifying Score.** Also referred to as an NQ. A dog that has received a non-qualifying score in one class may compete in a different class in the same trial.

**Performance Listing Program (PL).** This program is open to mixed-breed dogs, purebred dogs of unknown pedigree or of non-UKC recognized breeds, and purebred dogs with disqualifying faults as described in the UKC breed standard. All Performance Listed dogs are eligible for performance events.

**Permanent Registration.** A UKC "Permanent Registration Certificate" serves as proof of a dog's registration with UKC and confirms the dog is eligible for all registration, breeding, and event participation privileges.

**Pre-Entry and Pre-Entry Only.** Some UKC clubs offer pre-entry in addition to day-of-trial entry. Pre-entries must be submitted by a specified closing date and are normally lower in price than day-of-trial entries. Trials that do not accept day-of-trial entries are designated as Pre-Entry Only.

**Pool.** The pool is a self-contained pool or natural body of water used for dock jumping.

**Raider Run.** A timed competition for how quickly a dog can swim to the end of the pool, grab a bumper, and return to a designated distance.

**Sportsmanship.** Conduct that demonstrates proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors while exhibiting responsibility, self-control, and respect for both authority and opponents.

**Suspended Individuals.** A list of individuals suspended by UKC is posted on the UKC website. A person who is suspended is prohibited from participating in any UKC Licensed event, including, but not limited to as an owner, co-owner, handler, back-up handler, Judge, back-up Judge, guide, vendor, spectator, Master of Hounds, bench show Judge, Judge or director for any conformation, performance or hunting events and are prohibited from holding office in any UKC approved club or association. (Other restrictions may also be applicable)

**Temporary Listing (TL) number.** A Temporary Listing is a number issued to an eligible dog not permanently registered with UKC, before any licensed events start. A TL number allows that dog to be entered and shown as a valid entry, receive wins, and have those wins converted onto its record once permanently registered.

**Vertical Jumping.** Competition measuring the height of a dog's jump. A vertical extender reaches from the dock's end to 8 feet over the water's edge. A bumper is hung at the end of the extender at varying heights. The object is for the dog to catch and pull down the bumper. The height is measured from the surface of the dock to the bumper.

**Vertical / Fetch It / Raider Run Extender.** An adjustable apparatus used to extend a bumper over a body of water.

**Vertical / Fetch It / Raider Run Object.** The object for Vertical, Fetch, or Raider Run must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the vertical extender.

**Veteran.** A veteran dog is a male or female dog 7 years or older on the date of the event. The dog's age shall be determined by the dog's actual date of birth.

**Splash.** A splash is a series of two rounds of distance jumping competition. Each group will go through its running order, with each dog taking one jump, and then start back at the top of that group for each dog to take its second jump. The higher long jump for each dog will become its score.

**Qualifying Score:** A qualifying score is earned when a dog competes in a UKC Licensed Dock Jumping event and successfully completes the requirements outlined for each event. Enters the water for the jump by the judge. The dog is given two opportunities to jump per splash, and the greater distance of the two becomes the dog's qualifying score. The score must be officially recorded and reported to UKC. A qualifying score also serves as a Total Dog qualifying score.

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# ADDENDUM - SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

UKC Dock Jumping Rulebook (Effective March 2, 2026) vs. Published Rulebook (Effective April 1, 2020)

## Global / Structural Revisions

- **Reorganized and expanded rulebook structure** from the 2020 format (7 chapters plus Inherent Rights) into a **10-chapter format** with dedicated chapters for **Equipment, Conduct, Exhibitor Rules, Dock Procedures, Judging Procedures, Classes/Titles, Awards, and Definitions**.
- **Expanded procedures and expectations** throughout (dock operations, time limits, handling rules, prohibited items, judge authority and responsibilities).

## Chapter-by-Chapter Change Log

### Chapter 1 — General Rules

- **Added “Governing Rules” language** clarifying that if an issue is not covered in the Dock Jumping rulebook, it is assumed prohibited until approved by UKC (new governance clarification).
- **Updated jurisdiction statement** to reference both the Dock Jumping Rulebook and the **Official UKC All-Breed Events and Misconduct Regulations** (expanded cross-reference and enforcement structure).
- **Revised dog eligibility pathways:**
  - 2020 includes PL/LP/TL and a “Non-UKC Registered Dog Fee” pathway.
  - 2026 draft lists Permanent Registration, PL, or TL only (and removes the published 2020 “Non-UKC Registered Dog Fee” pathway and LP references).
- **Expanded ineligibility list** (clarified conditions and judge authority), including more explicit health/condition restrictions and added special needs dog guidance.

### Chapter 2 — Equipment

- **Expanded equipment specifications** beyond the 2020 baseline dock/pool/extenders list. Key 2026 additions include:
  - **Minimum water level** requirement (38”) and additional pool cleanliness language.
  - **Measuring banner required on both sides** of the pool; adds guidance for natural bodies of water.
  - **Measuring devices clarified** (manual by-eye and electronic, such as digital video freeze).
  - **Defined bumper/object dimensions** for Vertical/Fetch It/Raider Run.
- **Greatly expanded exhibitor equipment rules** (collar/leash restrictions, vest guidance, attire recommendations, prohibited adornment items).
- **Added prohibition on active phones/recording devices on handler/dog during judged performance** (new technology restriction).

### Chapter 3 — Exhibitor and Spectator Conduct

- **New, dedicated conduct chapter** (separate from general exhibitor rules), including:
  - Expectations of sportsmanship and authority to excuse/expel.
  - **Poor sportsmanship handled under Misconduct Regulations** (Category 1 framework).
  - **Double-handling prohibition** and enforcement authority.
  - Clear “no interfering with the judge” statement.

### Chapter 4 — Rules Applying to Exhibitors

- **Expanded handler eligibility rules, including:**
  - Junior safety requirement: **handlers age 10 or under must be accompanied by an adult on the dock** (new explicit safety rule).
- **Expanded disability accommodations** language and judge discretion parameters.
- **Added/expanded judge conflict and family/household restrictions** (more detailed conflict-of-interest structure than the 2020 rulebook format).

### Chapter 5 — Judging & Exhibiting

- **Major expansion of judge/exhibitor conflict rules** (conformation and performance judge exhibiting restrictions, time-conflict obligations, breach penalties).
- **Added detailed Back-up Judge system** rules and emergency replacement limitations (far more detailed than the 2020 dock jumping rulebook’s scope).

### Chapter 6 — Rules Applying to Licensed Classes

- **New licensed-class operations chapter**, including:
  - Judge scheduling guidance (target 8 hours / ~240 jumps/day).
  - Entry limiting and waitlist language.
  - Requirement that **one judge judge an entire splash** (with exception for back-up judge system).
- **Added divisions framework:**
  - Introduced **Regular Division** and **Small Dog Division (Under 16.0”)** with measurement procedure and judge authority to measure.

## Chapter 7 — Dock Procedures

- **New dock operations chapter** with expanded clarity:
  - Mandatory check-in/waiver confirmation before accessing the dock.
  - **Practice time limit (two minutes per team)** and restrictions during judge briefing.
  - Prohibited training/markings items (stride regulators, hurdles, leashes placed as marks, etc.).
  - **Splash structure revised/defined:** optional practice + two judged jumps, with **time limits** (3 minutes; juniors 4 minutes).
  - Expanded rules about ending a splash (dog/handler leaving the dock/pool early, jumping out, etc.).
  - Clarified two-handler rules (holder/thrower) and restrictions on reversing roles within a splash.
  - Added “Fun Splash” guidance (non-licensed, may not interfere).

## Chapter 8 — Judging Procedures and Scoring

- **Expanded judge responsibilities** (dock/pool inspection, judge’s book retention, reporting equipment deficiencies).
- **Distance Jumping measurement clarified** (tail base breaking water) — consistent with published rulebook measurement concept.
- **Added “Sandbagging” rule** and judge authority to excuse.
- **Added/expanded “Finals” procedures** (divisional finals, top five bubble, tie-break methods).
- **Fetch It / Vertical procedures rewritten and clarified**, including detailed judge/helper process and attempt rules.
  - 2020 baseline includes general Fetch It mechanics and equipment.
- **Introduced Raider Run procedures as a defined judged event** (start line, timing start/stop definitions, finish line distances by pool length, no side handling, etc.). *Raider Run does not appear as an official class/titles structure in the 2020 Dock Jumping rulebook baseline.*

## Chapter 9 — Official Dock Jumping Classes and Titles

This chapter reflects the largest programmatic change compared to 2020:

- **Retained Distance Jumping as a primary class**, but **restructured the titles/divisions** and added Small Dog equivalents throughout.
  - 2020 baseline lists initial Distance titles such as UNJ/UJJ and others by division.
  - 2026 draft expands and reorganizes distance divisions and adds a full **Small Dog division title set** plus revised points tables.
- **Vertical Jumping titles/divisions revised:**
  - 2020 baseline uses different vertical division terminology and point schedules (e.g., “Supreme Vertical” / “Radical Vertical” schedules shown).
  - 2026 draft replaces with a new multi-division structure (Vertical / Supreme / Elite / Marvel) including Small Dog equivalents and a rewritten points schedule.
- **Fetch It titles/divisions revised and expanded:**
  - 2020 baseline uses a two-division structure for Fetch It titles (e.g., Supreme Fetch It and Radical Fetch It).
  - 2026 draft introduces a multi-division ladder (Novice/Junior/Senior/Master/Elite/Marvel) including Small Dog equivalents and updated title paths.
- **Raider Run titles added:**
  - New titles and progression (initial → champion → grand champion → grand champion excellent) with division qualifying times included.

## Chapter 10 — Awards, Trophies, Ribbons, and Placements

- **Expanded awards section** to include:
  - Total Dog and Total Junior ribbon/rosette requirements and color standards.
  - Explicit Total Dog / Total Junior qualification descriptions.
- The 2020 baseline ribbon section is simpler (placements and colors; qualifying ribbons not required) and does not include the expanded Total Dog/Total Junior rosette requirements shown in your 2026 draft.

## Chapter 11 — Definitions

- **Expanded definitions list substantially**, adding clearer operational definitions (bubble, splash, qualifying score, equipment items, etc.) and duplicative clarifications for key scoring concepts.
- Maintains several baseline definitions consistent with the 2020 rulebook (dock, pool, bubble, splash, etc.)