



OFFICIAL BEAGLE GUNDOG RULEBOOK

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SECTION 1

Schedule of Fees

Effective January 1, 2020

LICENSES & FEES

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| Judge Licenses | \$20 |
| Event Licenses | |
| Gundog Brace Trial | \$25 |
| Small Pack Option Trial | \$25 |
| Event Recording Fee (per dog entered)..... | \$2 |
| Late Fee (for event reports received more than 10 days after the event is held) | \$20 |
| | <i>Plus \$20 for each month past due.</i> |

United Kennel Club, Inc. reserves the right to change any and all rules, fees, etc. without notice at any time.

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

Important Information About Fees

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

SECTION 2

Registration Rules and Policies

For information on UKC Registration Rules and Policies, contact:

Registration Department

United Kennel Club, Inc. • 100 East Kilgore Road

Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584

www.ukcdogs.com

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SECTION 3

INHERENT RIGHTS AND POWERS OF UKC

(Revised December 18, 2009)

United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring registrations of dogs,

licensing events, and awarding titles. These inherent rights and powers include but are not limited to the following:

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

- a) scores;
- b) disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- c) errors by the recording person; and
- d) documentation excluded for any reason.

UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found during such inspection whether or not the document has the signature of a Judge or Club Officer. UKC reserves the right to itself and in its sole judgement and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:

- a) Bar an individual from entering or participating in any way in any UKC licensed event.
- b) Bar an individual from transferring or registering any pups or dogs in that person's name (joint or full registration) or to any member of that person's family.
- c) Bar an individual from receiving Championship points for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full registration).

By way of illustration, the following constitute some, but not all, of the situations calling for the above sanctions:

- a) Falsification or alteration of a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- b) Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
- c) Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
- d) Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- e) Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- f) Intimidating, threatening, or injuring a Judge, Club/Association member or official, event participant or spectator, or UKC representative.

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

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

SECTION 4

Sending Work to UKC

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

Mail Litter Applications to:

Litter Department

Mail Transfer of Ownerships, duplicate requests and inquiries on registration papers to:

Transfer Department

Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration Certificates to:

Duplicate Department

Mail requests and inquiries to:

Registration Correspondent

Mail advertisements and subscriptions to:

COONHOUND BLOODLINES

Magazine Department

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

Beagle Field Operations

United Kennel Club Inc.

100 E Kilgore Rd • Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584

SECTION 5

Beagle Breed Standard

Official UKC Breed Standard

Scenthound Group

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Revised July 1, 2009

HISTORY

There is considerable doubt as to the origin of the Beagle. Beagles are known throughout Europe and are the smallest of the scent hunting hounds. In literature, they were mentioned as far back as 1475.

Their popularity has been greater in the United States and Canada. Beagles have been in the "Top Ten" of most popular breeds for over 30 years and are one of the most popular breeds in America. The UKC Hunting Beagle is a "total" dog, excelling as a hunter while possessing excellent conformation. Looks and ability go hand in hand in developing the ideal UKC Hunting Beagle.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

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

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

CHARACTERISTICS

An independent personality is a generalization of most hounds, although individuals may vary. Has a good hound voice. Usually friendly disposition. Can make a good house pet or outside dog.

HEAD & SKULL

The skull is fairly long. It is slightly domed at the occiput. The cranium is broad and full. The muzzle is of medium length. It is straight, and square cut, with the top moderately defined.

TEETH - A full complement of strong, white teeth meet in a scissors or level bite.

EYES - The large eyes are set well apart. They have a soft, hound-like expression; gentle and pleading. They are brown or hazel in color.

EARS - The ears are set moderately low, setting close to the head. The forward edge turns slightly into the cheek. They are long-reaching when drawn out, extending nearly to the end of the nose. They are fine in texture. The ears are fairly broad and rounded at the tip; with almost no erectile power.

NECK

The medium length neck rises free and light from the shoulders. It is strong in substance, yet not loaded. The throat is clean and free of folds of skin. A slight wrinkle below the angle of the jaw is acceptable.

Faults: A thick, short neck carried on a line with the top of the shoulder. Throat showing dewlap and folds of skin, termed "throatiness."

FOREQUARTERS

The clean, muscular, sloping shoulders convey the idea of freedom of action with activity and strength. They are not heavy nor loaded.

FORELEGS - The straight forelegs have plenty of bone in proportion to the size of the hound. The pasterns are short and straight.

Faults: Straight, upright shoulder. Out at the elbows. Knees buckled or bent backwards. Crooked or bowed forelegs.

BODY

The chest is deep and broad, but not so much as to interfere with the free play of the shoulders. The back is muscular and strong. The broad loins are slightly arched. The well-sprung ribs provide an abundance of lung room.

Faults: Disproportionately wide chest. Lack of chest depth. Very long, swayed, or roached back. Flat, narrow loins. Flat, narrow ribs.

HINDQUARTERS

The strong, well-muscled hips and thighs provide an abundance of propelling power.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are strong and well let down. The firm, symmetrical hocks are moderately bent.

FEET

The feet are close, round, and firm. The pads are full and hard.

Faults: Long feet. Open, spreading feet.

TAIL

The tail is set moderately high. It is carried gaily over the back with a slight curve, not turned forward. It is short as compared with the size of the hound, and has a brush.

Faults: A long tail. Excessive curve. Inclined forward from the root. Rat tail with absence of brush.

COAT

The Beagle has a close, hard, hound-coat of medium length.

COLOR

All typical hound color combinations. No solid colors are acceptable.

HEIGHT

Not to exceed 15 inches. Height is measured across the shoulders at the highest point (withers), with the hound standing in a natural position, with its feet well under it; not leaning forward or backward.

ELIMINATING FAULTS

(An Eliminating Fault is a Fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a conformation event.)

Over 15 inches in height.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid. Viciousness or extreme shyness. Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.)

Albinism. Deaf. Blind.

SECTION 6

TITLES OF EXCELLENCE FROM UKC AND REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THEM

Revised January 1, 2020

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

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

1. FIELD CHAMPION (FCH)

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

1st Place – 20 points (or 1 point per dog entered in the class, whichever is greater)

2nd Place – 15 points (75%)

3rd Place – 10 points (50%)

4th Place – 5 points (25%)

Reserve – 0 points

To be declared an official UKC Field Champion, a dog must have at least 120 UKC points recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office and have at least three first place wins in a UKC licensed Field Trial. **Note:** A dog is not a UKC Field Champion until the records of the dog in the UKC Registration Office indicate the same.

GRAND FIELD CHAMPION (GFCH)

To be declared a UKC Grand Field Champion (GFCH) a Field Champion must have earned three (3) First Place wins in open competition. After a dog has earned its Grand Field Champion degree it can only compete in Championship or National Championship trials.

2. UKC SHOW CHAMPION (CH) - The following points and classes have been established for the placement of a UKC registered dog in order to earn Show Championship points.

Definition of Classes: Males and females are shown separately except in the Best of Winners, Champion, and Grand Champion categories.

Puppy Class: Shall be dogs at least six months of age and under one year of age.

Junior Class: Shall be for dogs one year of age and under two years of age.

Senior Class: Shall be for dogs two years of age and under three years of age.

Veteran Class: Shall be for dogs three years of age and over.

Best Male and Female: Shall be selected from the winners of the Puppy, Junior, Senior and Veteran classes. Best Male and Best Female will be awarded 15 points.

Best of Winners: Shall be awarded to the winner of Best Male shown against Best Female. The winner will be known as Best of Winners and will be awarded ten points. If no competition in Best of Winners class, Best of Winners points will be withheld.

Points Awarded:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| First in Class Males | 10 points |
| First in Class Females | 10 points |
| Best Male | 15 points |
| Best Female | 15 points |
| Best of Winners | 10 points |

Qualifications for Show Champion: A Show Champion will be a dog that has earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win with competition while showing for Best Male or Best Female. Points must have been earned under at least three different UKC licensed Show Judges. Champion Males and Females are shown together, and a Championship win will be awarded to the winner.

3. UKC GRAND SHOW CHAMPION (GRCH) - A Grand Show Champion will be a dog that has won five Champion classes under at least three different UKC licensed Show Judges. Winning may be over a

period of years at any UKC licensed show. Degree of Grand Show Champion will be awarded to the registrant. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together.

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

SECTION 7

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

Bench Show Rules

- 1.** A UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show is a distinctive gathering of UKC registered Beagles and their registrants for the purpose of determining the winners and making an official record of such winnings. Only UKC registered dogs compete in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Non-registered dogs cannot be entered in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show.
- 2.** UKC licensed shows MUST appear in the “Upcoming UKC Licensed Events” listing on the UKC website in order for the event to be approved and Championship points awarded.
- 3.** The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or sex.
- 4.** No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason. The show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.
- 5.** The permanent registration certificate or Easy Entry™ Card must be presented to the entry taker(s) to enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Otherwise the entry may be accepted as Conditional. These rules are to be strictly followed. Clubs found to be accepting Bench Show entries without the approved items required could lose the right to hold UKC licensed events. See “Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events” in this rulebook.
- 6.** Only one UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge shall judge a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. A panel of Judges cannot be used. The Judge will follow the rules and regulations covering the show and sign the official UKC report for show winners and award Championship points. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Beagle Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). The Judge must sign the report immediately following the show.
- 7.** The Judge’s decision is final. Any exhibitor entering dogs in any show is, in effect, asking the Judge for their personal opinion and decision. Any exhibitor may question the Judge concerning their decision at the time the decision is made, after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor’s dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsmanlike manner. It is suggested that the Judges give oral comments after selection of Best Male/Best Female winners and above.
- 8.** If a dog is shown in the wrong class, no Championship points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the registrant to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class. Dogs must compete in each class as they advance unless scratched by the Bench Show Judge. The handler may not withdraw the dog at any point throughout the show, except for health reasons. Dogs withdrawn for health reasons will be subject to verification by a licensed veterinarian.
- 11. Notice** - Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a Grand Champion may be entered in the next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by the United Kennel Club.

Warning! - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog’s registrant are in accordance with those kept by UKC.

Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by the registrants of these dogs concerning the dog’s degree.

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

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

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

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

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

16. Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.

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

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

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

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

21. Dogs must be benched. The bench on which the dogs shall be shown must be two (2) feet high and eighteen (18) inches wide with the top covered with indoor/outdoor carpeting or some similar non-slip surface. (Dogs stand well on rough material while they tend to "cow down" on a slippery or smooth surface). Individual benches of a minimum length of 44 inches are recommended. If the benches do not meet these standards, the Judge shall still allow the show to be held but should instruct the club to correct the problem and notify UKC that the benches do not meet the standards.

22. A Bench Show report shall be filled out and signed by the Bench Show Judge. The report must then be mailed to UKC immediately after the event. A copy of that report shall be retained by the club for one year. The host club and Judge are responsible for the report being accurate, neat and properly filled out, showing the complete names of the dogs, correct UKC registration numbers, and owner information. The United Kennel Club accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.

23. The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report along with the per-dog UKC event recording fees associated with the licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten days of the event or a penalty fee of \$20 will be charged. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are 30 days past due.

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

25. No grooming devices (such as combs, brushes, cleaning cloths) are to be used while dog is on the bench.

26. Baiting of dogs is not allowed in show rings.

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

28. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.

29. Dogs will be disqualified if male is castrated or female is spayed.

30. A male is disqualified if monorchid or cryptorchid (lacking two normal descended testicles in the scrotum.)

31. A dog is disqualified if it is deaf or blind.

32. A dog is disqualified if overshot or undershot.

33. Dogs will be evaluated both while gaited and shown on the bench.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENCH SHOW JUDGE

AUTHORITY:

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

1. The Judge is in charge of the show, and their decisions are final.
2. Judge may disqualify any dog for unsportsmanlike actions by the handler.
3. Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship points if, in their opinion, the dog fails to meet the UKC Official Breed Standard.
4. A Judge may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show is over and winners are announced. They have the right to refuse.
5. Judge has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Judge must be UKC licensed for the year in which they are judging and should have their current Judge's card with them at the time of the show. No Championship points will be awarded otherwise.
2. Neither UKC Judges nor apprentice Judges are to enter their dogs in any UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show that they are judging in whole or in part. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler. Nor can any member of a Judge's or apprentice Judge's immediate family show under that Judge. Immediate family is considered spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter. Dogs housed (even though not owned) by an immediate family member shall not be entered.
3. A UKC Judge is responsible for his/her own conduct and appearance, which should always be becoming to a Judge.
4. Newly approved Judges may not have an apprentice serve under them until they have judged at least three shows.
5. No more than one apprentice can serve under a Judge at a show.
6. UKC Judges are to remain up to date on any changes in the standards.
7. A Judge must see that all handlers walk or gait dogs. Dogs must be gaited for Judge to determine to what degree each dog conforms to breed standard. Dogs must be evaluated equally when gaited and shown on the bench.
8. A Judge shall have handler open dog's mouth for Judge to check dog's bite (for dog's health reasons).
9. A Judge must physically check all dogs' bone structure and conformation.
10. A Judge will remove from the bench any female dog in season.
11. A Judge shall give equal time in examining each dog they are judging. Every dog warrants a Judge's complete inspection.
12. A Judge shall not ask individual handling dog: (1) who owns dog; (2) who dog was purchased from; or (3) what line the dog is out of while judging the dog.
13. A Judge shall not remove an "off" standard dog from the bench. The Judge will consider the "off" standard dog when making their ultimate decision, unless it is a disqualifying fault. In that case, the dog is not to be considered for judging. If a Judge determines a dog to have a disqualifying fault, they must submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the fault along with the show report.
14. A judge shall not carry on conversations with spectators while show is in progress. Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.
15. A Judge must accurately report his/her decisions to the recording secretary.

16. A Judge must complete and sign the Official Show Report Forms for Championship points immediately following the show.

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

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

BENCH SHOW PROCEDURES

(A Guideline for Judges)

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

When the Bench Show Judge arrives at the club grounds, they should remind each person taking entries for the show, of the requirements for accepting entries. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events," in this rulebook.

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

You, as the Judge, are responsible for the rules being enforced and the correct information being sent to the United Kennel Club.

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

- 1.**
 - a. Judge Male Puppy Class (six months of age and under one year)
 - b. Judge Male Junior Class (one year and under two years)
 - c. Judge Male Senior Class (two years and under three years)
 - d. Judge Male Veteran Class (three years and older)
 - e. Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Male.
- 2.**
 - a. Judge Female Puppy Class (six months of age and under one year)
 - b. Judge Female Junior Class (one year and under two years)
 - c. Judge Female Senior Class (two years and under three years)
 - d. Judge Female Veteran Class (three years and older)
 - e. Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Female.
- 3.** Call the winners of Best Male and Best Female back for judging. The winner of this judging will be awarded Best of Winners.
- 4.** Champion Class is next to be held. Male and Female Champions are shown together. The winner is awarded a win in the Champion Class.
- 5.** The Grand Champion Class is the next class to be held. In the Grand Champion Class, males and females are judged together. This is an honorary class and no UKC points will be awarded.

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

DISQUALIFICATION

If a Judge determines a dog to have a Disqualification, as listed in the official breed standard, that dog must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and the judge must submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the Disqualification along with the show report.

HANDLERS AND SPECTATORS

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

2. It is the responsibility the handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called. It is the responsibility of the handler that the dog is shown in the correct class. If a dog is not shown in the correct class championship points will not be awarded to that dog.
3. Registrants, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.
4. A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action.
5. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING BEAGLE BENCH SHOW JUDGES

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

1. The applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality, and their interest in the improvement of the Beagle breed. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.
 2. Applicants shall have reached their twenty-first (21) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.
 3. Applicants must know the Official UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules.
 4. Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.
 5. Applicants must know the official UKC Beagle breed standard.
 6. The applicants must know and understand structure and the anatomy of the dogs they are judging.
 7. Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended in writing by officers of the club. At least three officers of the club must sign the UKC application form.
 8. Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three different UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judges and be recommended by them.
- EXCEPTIONS: Approved Beagle clubs may grandfather in as a licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge, one qualified individual who is not currently a UKC Licensed Show Judge. The individual that the club is sponsoring will need to fill out an application, take the written exam, and submit both of these with the fee of \$20. This individual will not be required to go through the apprentice program. Only one individual per club may be grandfathered in as a new Judge.
9. The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the registrant or handler is.
 10. The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.
 11. No applicant for a UKC Beagle Bench Show Judge's license will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.
 12. Each applicant must pass a test to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.
 13. Once acquired a Judge's license is valid indefinitely, provided the individual is not inactive for a period of two years.
 14. All licenses for UKC Beagle Bench Show Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

UKC Beagle Single Registration Requirements

To single register a Beagle, a Single Registration Application designed specifically for the Beagle breed must be completed. These applications are available as a download from the UKC

website or by contacting the UKC Registration Department. Photos are required to be included with the single registration application. See application for complete requirements.

SECTION 8

EVENT INFORMATION

Entering Dogs in

UKC Licensed Events

Revised January 1, 2020

WHO MAY ENTER DOGS IN UKC LICENSED EVENTS?

Only those beagles registered or pending registration with UKC are eligible to enter an event. Beagles with a UKC "XB" Identification number are not eligible for entry in a UKC Gundog Field Trial or Bench Show. UKC registered dogs with an XB denotation are dogs that were single registered with no proof of parentage. See non-registered dogs below for exception.

1. THE "REGISTERED OWNER"

The registered owner is the individual whose name and address appears on the front of the Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card. If the registered owner utilizes the Registration Certificate instead of the UKC Easy Entry™ Card, they may enter the dog in the event provided that the back of the Registration Certificate is blank.

2. THE "NEW OWNER"

The new owner is an individual who has purchased a dog from the registered owner. The new owner may enter the dog as a Conditional Entry (see 3. Condition Entries below). The new owner will enter the dog listing it in its registered name, registered owner (seller) as the owner and the new owner as the handler.

3. CONDITIONAL ENTRIES

A Conditional Entry is one where the participant is not in receipt of the form of entry required to enter their dog in the event. Those include the following:

- a. Not in possession of current Easy Entry™ Card or Registration Certificate.
- b. Non-Updated Category Easy Entry™ Card after having been notified by UKC.
- c. UKC Registration Certificate (New owners not yet transferred Registration Certificate).
- d. Application for Permanent Registration (puppy papers).
- c. Previous owner's Easy Entry™ Card.

The participant may enter their dog as Conditional with an additional fee of \$5. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or handler that the information given and recorded on the Event Report is accurate. If the participant cannot provide an accurate UKC number for the dog it is better to leave that info blank. Otherwise, UKC may not award Championship points or wins for that specific entry. The Entry Taker will accept the entry and the additional \$5 fee. They will make record of such on the Event Report and mail them to UKC with all other Event Fees.

4. PENDING SINGLE REGISTRATION

Dogs may be entered as "pending" only if the dogs' registration is in process at the UKC office. Once permanent registration papers are received by registrant, that dog can no longer be entered as pending.

5. PENDING PERMANENT REGISTRATION

Dogs that were litter registered, but have not yet been permanently registered, may be entered as a Conditional Entry (see Conditional Entries (d) above) by presenting the dogs Application for Permanent Registration certificate (puppy papers). The UKC number on the certificate shall be noted on the event entry label for the dog. Dogs entered in this manner cannot be awarded any

championship points until the dog is permanently registered. Once permanently registered the owner must submit proof of any placement to UKC in order for championship points to be applied. No exceptions. Any pending championship points expire if the dog is not shown as permanently registered at UKC within 60 days of the date of the event. However, any expired championship points may be applied after 60 days if the dog is permanently registered and the owner submits proof of championship points earned, accompanied with a \$75 fee, to UKC.

THE PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ENTERING EVENTS

Three different ways to enter. Submit any of the following to entry takers. Note: No entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason.

1. Registration Certificate. Photo is not acceptable (not required to reflect Champion or Grand Champion).
2. UKC Easy Entry™ Card. Photo acceptable.
3. Conditional Entry (see CONDITIONAL ENTRIES above).

Note: If the participant cannot provide one of the first two items noted above, with exception to dogs that are pending single registration, then the dog may be entered as a Conditional Entry for a fee of \$5, in addition to the entry fee. No papers or additional conditional entry fee is required if single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club. Note “pending” in place of UKC number on entry label for single registered dogs whose owner has not yet received the dog’s permanent registration certificate.

BENCH SHOW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All owners or handlers wishing to enter a Beagle Bench Show must meet one of the following requirements in addition to meeting proof-of-registration requirements.

1. The dog must have 50 championship points from the hunt portion of a previous UKC Licensed Gundog Beagle Trial.
2. The dog must have been entered in and hunted in the hunt portion of the UKC Licensed Gundog Trial the day of the show. Dogs withdrawn by handler or scratched by the field judge for not hunting are not eligible to be shown that day. It will be the Master of Hounds’ responsibility, as part of their entry procedure, to see that the above requirements are met.

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

THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY

The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be refused or barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or gender. A handler shall not be refused based on their actions, circumstances or otherwise.

UKC® Easy Entry™ Card

At no additional charge, UKC will mail, along with the UKC Registration Certificate and Pedigree, the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card may be used in place of the Registration Certificate when entering UKC licensed events. Updated cards will also be mailed, along with the Championship Degree, to the Registered Owner without charge, after the dog earns a UKC title. Additional Easy Entry™ cards are available for a fee from the Registration Department for dual ownership situations. A photo of the Easy Entry™ card on a phone is an acceptable form of event entry requirements.

NOTE: UKC Easy Entry™ Cards are not transferable. Only the Registered Owner, whose name appears on the front of the card, or their Handler having in their possession the UKC Easy Entry™ Card will gain entry with the card. Once a new Easy Entry™ Card is received, the old one is void. Additional Easy Entry™ cards are available for a fee from the Registration Department for dual ownership situations.

SECTION 9

Requirements for New Clubs

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

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

1. Additional club requirements:

- a) UKC recommends a membership that includes enough active members to properly conduct a large event without relying on outside help.
- b) Constitution and bylaws must be submitted (sample copy available upon request.)
- c) UKC rules and policies and your local laws must be followed at UKC licensed events. A statement to this effect *must* be included in the constitution and bylaws.
- d) The club must provide a complete membership list of all the active members.

2. Rules concerning dates for UKC licensed events:

- a) Notify Field Operations at least five months in advance of dates preferred. A maximum of seven dates are allowed.
- b) UKC will mail a confirmation form, confirming your club's dates, entry deadlines and entry fees approximately four months prior to the event, to your club's corresponding officer. It must be completed and returned by the date indicated on the form. Incomplete forms, late forms or failure to include proper fees will result in no license being granted.

No exceptions will be made to this policy. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE CONFIRMATION FORM. THE INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO SUPPLY THE DATE FOR THE "UPCOMING EVENTS LIST." THE INFORMATION MUST BE GIVEN FOR THE EVENT SO IT WILL APPEAR IN *AMERICAN BEAGLER AND THE UKC ON-LINE EVENTS CALENDAR*, OR UKC CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED.

3. Suggestions for successful events:

- a) a. Practice or "buddy" hunts should be conducted to familiarize members with the UKC Honor Rules.
- b) b. Contact your state corporation office in order to make the club a non-profit corporation.
- c) c. It is suggested that you purchase a liability insurance policy before conducting events.
- d) d. Periodic rule seminars should be held to update judges and members on any rule changes.
- e) e. Appoint separate committees for all aspects of your event Committees for the hunt, Bench Show, kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and ensure success.
- f) f. Do not accept late entries! Doing so will void all entries at your UKC licensed event.

- g) g. Read *American Beagler* magazine columns or check UKC's website for updates on any UKC rules and policies.
- h) h. Contact Beagle Field Operations with any questions pertaining to your club or its events.
- i) Any advertising your club wishes to do in a publication is optional and does *not* cover the requirements for obtaining a license in accordance with UKC policy.

Upcoming UKC Licensed Events

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

This information appears each month in various industry publications and at www.ukcdogs.com, listing all UKC licensed events for the following month. Information on July events will appear in the June issue. "*Upcoming UKC Licensed Events*" contains the following information: location, directions, date, licensed events held, field judges scheduled, closing times, entry fees, and who to contact and their phone number. The information is organized first by state and then by date within that state. Club secretaries should read the article, "*Club Officer's Guidelines for Conducting UKC Events*." If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, then the "Upcoming Events" listing on UKC's online Events Calendar is the final authority and considered correct and what the club must go by.

CLUB OFFICERS GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING UKC EVENTS

Revised January 1, 2020

I. Scheduling Your UKC Dates:

- A. Contact the Beagle Field Operations Department at the United Kennel Club at the following address to determine if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event: Beagle Field Operations/United Kennel Club, Inc., 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584, (269) 343-9020, hounds@ukcdogs.com. This must be done to see if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event. To avoid conflicts, no two Beagle events with the same entry classes will be scheduled within 100 miles. UKC endeavors to maintain the same dates for your licensed club events from year to year; however, they may vary a week or so, depending on the change in the calendar. Be sure to check the dates indicated on the Confirmation. These dates cannot be changed without approval from United Kennel Club. UKC will mail the Confirmation to your corresponding officer approximately four months prior to your event. If there is any question about your dates, contact the Field Operations office immediately. Clubs or organizations cannot advertise their events until they have received a Confirmation of their requested date from the United Kennel Club, Inc.
- B. Request for additional club dates must be made with ample time to meet Upcoming Events publication requirements. (Allow at least 90 days prior to the event). A maximum of three dates for UKC licensed events will be granted for the first probationary year, thereafter a maximum of 7 dates may be granted.
- C. A club may not change the location of an event without contacting UKC at least 90 days prior to the event. UKC reserves the right to grant or deny approval.
- D. When the Confirmation is received by the corresponding officer, they must fill out all the requested information on the front. If all information is not included no license will be granted. Make sure that the Officer's List contains the correct names, addresses and phone numbers of the club's officers. Return one copy of the Invoice/Confirmation with the Officer's List (if there are changes) and the proper fee two months prior to the event by the first of the month. Provided the completed confirmation is received on time, your event will then be listed free in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing in *American Beagler* when possible the month before

the event is to be held. *If the confirmation is not received by the deadline, the date will not be held for the next year unless UKC is contacted.*

E. Advertising Your Event.

1. Advertising other than that appearing in *American Beagler* is recommended but not required.
2. If club does decide to advertise, the information in the advertisement must be the same as the information in the Upcoming Events listing. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, then the Upcoming Events list on UKC's online Events Calendar is considered correct and what the club must go by.

II. How to Conduct your UKC Licensed Event.

A. Event Supplies:

1. Supplies will be mailed annually to the club for their events scheduled that year. Additional material is available that may be printed off of UKC's website.
2. Upon receipt of the package, the corresponding officer should check to make sure they have received all needed materials. If not, contact UKC immediately at (269) 343-9020, fieldoperations@ukcdogs.com.

B. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as a Field Judge or a Bench Show Judge has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in their possession, DO NOT schedule them to judge the event. You have the right to request to see the license or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event without a current license, the club will be responsible and may lose approved status for future UKC licensed events. This policy will be rigidly enforced.

C. Things to do the Day of the Event:

1. Post legible signs at all major intersections directing participants to your club.
2. Post entry deadline time.

D. Taking Entries:

1. Carefully follow the procedures outlined "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events".

E. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC:

1. Complete the Official UKC Event Report forms. Be sure that the UKC number, the registered owner's name, and state for each is correct. Use dog's complete registered name on reports.
2. The completed report forms are then to be checked and signed by the Hunt Director. Bench Show Report Forms must be signed by the Bench Show Judge.
3. Clubs must retain their copies of their reports for a period of one year.
4. Completed and signed reports are then to be returned to UKC's Championship Department, along with the appropriate recording a fee for each dog entered in each licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10

UKC LICENSED FIELD TRIAL INFORMATION, RULES, AND PROCEDURES

NOTE: *These rules are considered preliminary and the following information is subject to any changes as provided and approved by the Beagle Gundog Alliance. Any such changes would be officially announced, published and made available.*

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| Dogs entered in UKC Beagle Field Trials may not be muzzled. |
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In an effort to convey a family atmosphere, alcohol is not permitted on the grounds where a UKC licensed event is being run, during the judging of the classes. Clubs or individuals found to be in violation must be reported to the UKC Field Operations Department.

UKC Firearm Policy - Possession of firearms, or other concealed weapons, at UKC licensed events is strictly prohibited. Persons found to have firearms in their possession will be dealt with in accordance with the Inherent Rights and Powers of United Kennel Club. Penalties will include barring individuals found to be in violation. Furthermore, the proper civil authorities will be notified concerning individuals found to be in violation of this policy. Persons knowing of individuals possessing firearms in conjunction with UKC licensed events should contact the Field Operations Department at United Kennel Club.

UKC Gundog Program Affiliate – The Beagle Gundog Alliance (BGA) was formed to serve as the official oversight committee and to further serve as a liaison and counsel to the United Kennel Club as it relates to the UKC Gundog Program. The BGA is comprised of up to 10 experienced individuals serving as advocates and whose judgement shall reflect the best interest of the sport allowing the program to grow to its fullest potential. Further responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Approve rules, procedures and policies
- Approve new clubs
- Approve field judges
- Judging seminars
- New programs
- Gundog Program representation
- Misconduct hearings

Field Trial - Club may schedule a trial to be ran over multiple days and schedule males to run on the opposite day of females. The 13-inch and 15-inch male and female classes shall be drawn at the same closing time of the same day.

Master of Hounds – The club must designate a qualified individual to serve as Master of Hounds for their UKC Licensed Field Trial. The Master of Hounds is in charge and shall oversee all aspects of the event, including all applicable rules and procedures are adhered to. They shall open the trial with remarks and publicly read the Master of Hounds Checklist, provided for all licensed events. The Master of Hounds shall make sure that event results have been accurately recorded by the secretary before signing off on the Official UKC Event Results Report.

Field Trial Committee - Each club holding a trial shall have a field trial committee of five (5) members, including the Master of Hounds, with at least three (3) present at every UKC licensed field trial. The Master of Hounds serves as the chairperson for this committee. Any issue that may arise during the running of the field trial will be decided by this committee. Their decision is final.

Field Marshall - Each day of a trial, the Master of Hounds shall appoint a person to serve as Field Marshall, responsible to oversee the gallery, giving instructions to where and how the grounds will be worked, and work with the judges and instruct handlers accordingly. No person shall object to these instructions, expect the judges for acceptable reason.

Measuring Dogs – All dogs advancing to the Winners Pack in Small Pack Option, or dogs advancing to the second series in a Brace Trial, must be measured before going to the field. The Master of Hounds shall publicly call all hounds to the measuring area. The measuring shall be done by the Judge and assisted by a Field Trial Committee member, if needed, and in the presence of the Master of Hounds, and owners or handlers. NOTE: Any dog that measures out for the class it was entered in; judge shall call another dog to Winners Pack but only if there are five or less dogs remaining.

Placements and Awards – Event placements and awards shall be awarded as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 st | Blue rosette or another overall award |
| 2 nd | Red rosette |
| 3 rd | Yellow rosette |
| 4 th | White rosette |
| Reserve | Green rosette |

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

1st Place – 20 points (or 1 point per dog entered in the class, whichever is greater)

2nd Place – 15 points (75%)

3rd Place – 10 points (50%)

4th Place – 5 points (25%)

Reserve – 0 points

To be declared an official UKC Field Champion, a dog must have at least 120 UKC points recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office and have at least three first place wins in a UKC licensed Field Trial. **Note:** A dog is not a UKC Field Champion until the records of the dog in the UKC Registration Office indicate the same.

GRAND FIELD CHAMPION (GFCH)

To be declared a UKC Grand Field Champion (GFCH) a Field Champion must have earned three (3) First Place wins in open competition. After a dog has earned its Grand Field Champion degree it can only compete in Championship or National Championship trials.

Classes -

1. Classes must be split according to size, the sizes being: hounds 13-inch and under; and over 13-inch but not over 15-inch. Hounds measuring over 15 inches are disqualified and are not eligible for placement or awards (must be rigidly enforced). Classes may further be split according to sex at the club's option. The host club must submit the availability of classes and order of running when confirming the event. This information will be advertised in the Upcoming Events list and is what the club must go by.
2. An advertised class may be split if the judges determine the class to be too large and provided that the host club can accommodate the split.

3. Classes advertised as combined, that reach a total entry of 40 dogs, may be split by sex and run as two separate classes, each awarding championship points.
4. No class of the same sex shall be run with less than five (5) hounds. If either class of males or females has seven or less entries, the two classes shall be combined.
5. All classes must be judged by two (2) UKC licensed Judges. In case of split classes, licensed judges should be paired with an alternative judge.
6. Females in season and males who are just bad to bother females will be immediately excused from combined classes.
7. All classes to be run on rabbit, hare or swampers.

JUDGES

1. There will be two licensed Judges responsible for judging each class. The decision of the Judges to place or eliminate any hound is final. Judges may be questioned by handlers immediately following the announcement of winners. It is recommended that one of the two Judges address owners and spectators immediately prior to or following the announcement of winners with oral comments as to the reasoning for placements.
2. **Alternate Judges** may be used in emergency situations only. An example would be if the advertised Judge does not show up or if a class is split. With the exception of the actual license, alternate Judges must meet the same requirements and follow the same guidelines as licensed Judges. When it is necessary for the club to use an alternate Judge, the host club must submit a short, written explanation as to the reason that an alternate Judge appears on the trial report.
3. **Immediate Family Members** - Judges shall not judge hounds currently owned by them or by a member of their immediate family. They may judge a hound that they or their family member has not owned for a period of six months. Immediate family is defined as; spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, and or stepfamily.

Authority and Responsibilities of a Judge

1. A Judge may disqualify any dog for unsportsmanlike actions by the owner or handler. Judges shall, at any given time select all, any or none of the hounds from a given pack for further consideration. Judges may at any time order up any faulty hound that is interfering with the smooth running of the pack. Judges may at any time pick up a dog that is not positively contributing to the pack.
2. Judges have the right to withhold placement and/or Championship points if, in their opinion, there is not a dog entered that is worthy of placement.
3. **Judges are responsible for their own conduct and appearance which should always be becoming to a Judge.**
4. It is the responsibility of the licensed Judge to stay up to date on any changes to the rules and procedures.
5. **A Judge shall not ask: 1) who owns a dog, (2) who a dog was purchased from, or (3) how dog is bred, while judging a trial.**
6. **A Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.**
7. Judges must accurately report their decisions to the Master of Hounds.
8. Judges must come to an agreement between themselves prior to casting hounds on the system they will use to evaluate hounds.

9. Judges must come to an agreement between themselves on the placement of the class.
10. The Judge's decision with respect to any part of the judging of a class is final.
11. Judges have the authority to order up all or part of the class in order to keep the pack together, find new game or ground, deal with cases of interference, etc.
12. Judges shall work with the Master of Hounds and the assigned Field Marshall to assist them with hounds and the control of spectators and handlers.
13. Judges shall give 15 minutes before disqualifying a hound that is late for his pack.
14. When hounds appear to be running game, the Judge must allow it the opportunity to prove whether or not it is true. Judges shall not penalize or fault any hound without ample proof. If doubt exists, hounds shall be given the benefit of the doubt.

SECTION 11

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The following performance standards were written for the sole purpose of evaluating hunting hounds. In proper balance, the positive characteristics outlined below make the Beagle hound an efficient producer of game. At the same time, negative characteristics or faults (also outlined below), prevent a dog from excelling at his job. Depending on the severity of the faults, a hound may routinely fail at completing the task at hand and hinder pack mates from doing the same.

Positive Characteristics

Hunt/Search - Without the ability to search out and start game, the ability to pursue it would never come into play. Credit should be given to hounds that consistently search for game in an eager, efficient and intelligent manner.

Line Control - While pursuing game, a hound must keep in close contact with the line of scent. Recklessness, competitiveness and eagerness to overtake game must never excuse a hound for continually losing the line of scent.

Nose - A hunting hound must have a good nose to be able to operate under adverse conditions throughout the season. While the ability to work a tough track through bad conditions is a benefit, the hound that cold trails excessively does not contribute to the hunt. A good nose should not be confused with simply tonguing when other hounds do not.

Endurance - Is a positive hound trait that is affected by desire, climate, conformation and conditioning. Hounds must have the desire and ability (through conformation and conditioning) to hunt without showing undue signs of weariness or fatigue. A flawless performance of short duration should never take precedent over a hound that is staying with his game after several hours.

Check Ability - In check working ability, a hound must show patience, intelligence, and the desire to account for his game. Upon losing contact with the line of scent, hounds are expected to immediately return to the point of loss and diligently work to reclaim the line.

Speed - In the proper balance, speed is an asset for keeping pressure on the game. A hound should only run as fast as conditions allow, however, should never lack the foot speed to run up to the level that provides the hunter with an exciting and efficient chase. Optimum speed is determined by both conditions and a hound's ability.

Correctness of Mouth - Hounds must be honest with their mouth. They should tongue freely while advancing the line and not open at all when lacking enough scent to make forward progress. Jumps and recoveries should be claimed quickly but honestly.

Desire - This necessary quality is the force that drives a hound. It helps him to succeed when things get tough. It puts him out front of the competition. It is a combination of strength, heart and the determination to pursue game.

Adaptability - A true mark of a hound's intelligence is his ability to smoothly and quickly adapt to different situations. Sudden changes in conditions, pack mates, terrain, cover, game, etc. require a hound that can adjust quickly and confidently.

Negative Characteristics

Quitting - Exhibited by hounds with a lack of desire, confidence, conditioning or sound conformation. This fault ranges in degree from briefly standing around while other hounds do the work to falling out of a chase and refusing or being unable to run.

Babbling / Tight Mouthed - Too much or too little mouth on track. The amount of mouth should correspond to the condition of the track and degree to which progress is being made. Extreme cases on each end of the spectrum would include ghost trailing and running silent.

Rough Running - Rough running is a term that collectively describes numerous faults in a hound's running style. The presence of these faults creates unnecessary checks and losses. In less severe cases it leads to a very inefficient, stop and go chase. When severe, it results in total failure to circle game. In the broadest sense, rough running includes such problems as skirting (leaving the line to gain the lead or avoiding heavy cover), swinging (wide, careless working of checks) and racing (too competitive or too fast for conditions).

Running Off Game - The severity of this fault is usually dependent on the type of off game being pursued and the fever with which it is run. A couple of off barks on non-target small game should not be judged as harshly as a lengthy run on fast game.

Backtracking - Continuing to work a line of scent in a direction opposite the way that the game traveled. Brief confusion should be noted but should not eliminate a hound from contention.

Pottering - A failure to make reasonable forward progress. Typically, hounds continue to tongue but fail to make any accomplishment with the track. A result of a lack of ability or ambition.

SECTION 12

SMALL PACK OPTION INFORMATION

Roll Call - Hounds will be issued an entry number as they are entered in the trial. After the posted deadline and before packs are announced, roll call is to be taken. Roll call should be taken by calling out each dog's name. After the roll call has taken place and all hounds are called in the class they were entered in, entries will be closed.

Colored Collars - In each pack sent to the field, all dogs must wear colored collars to be more easily identified by the judges. Dogs should be colored in the order in which they were drawn to their pack. The suggested collar order is red, white, blue, green, yellow, orange, black, pink, and silver.

Drawing of Packs - After entries close, all dogs must be drawn to their assigned packs in a public random drawing. A bingo ball type drawing device is recommended, however any device that insure a random draw is acceptable. This drawing must be completed for each series leading up to the Winners Pack. The hounds must be run in packs as drawn regardless of ownership. All packs must be run in the order in which they were drawn.

Pack size is not to exceed seven (7) dogs, with the exception of the Winners Pack which can be up to nine (9) dogs. Dogs must be drawn into the least amount of packs as possible. In the case where a class has less than five (5) entries, any entrant has the right to request a refund. The largest packs should always be ran before the smallest packs. For example, seven (7) dog packs should always be ran before any six (6) dog packs. Packs shall be broke down as shown in the Breakdown Chart.

| # of Entries | # of Packs | 5 dog | 6 dog | 7 dog | # of Entries | # of Packs | 5 dog | 6 dog | 7 dog |
|--------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 10 | 2 | 2 | | | 46 | 7 | | 3 | 4 |
| 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 47 | 7 | | 2 | 5 |
| 12 | 2 | | 2 | | 48 | 7 | | 1 | 6 |
| 13 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 49 | 7 | | | 7 |
| 14 | 2 | | | 2 | 50 | 8 | | 6 | 2 |
| 15 | 3 | 3 | | | 51 | 8 | | 5 | 3 |
| 16 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 52 | 8 | | 4 | 4 |
| 17 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 53 | 8 | | 3 | 5 |
| 18 | 3 | | 3 | | 54 | 8 | | 2 | 6 |
| 19 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 55 | 8 | | 1 | 7 |
| 20 | 3 | | 1 | 2 | 56 | 8 | | | 8 |
| 21 | 3 | | | 3 | 57 | 9 | | 6 | 3 |
| 22 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | 58 | 9 | | 5 | 4 |
| 23 | 4 | 1 | 3 | | 59 | 9 | | 4 | 5 |
| 24 | 4 | | 4 | | 60 | 9 | | 3 | 6 |
| 25 | 4 | | 3 | 1 | 61 | 9 | | 2 | 7 |
| 26 | 4 | | 2 | 2 | 62 | 9 | | 1 | 8 |
| 27 | 4 | | 1 | 3 | 63 | 9 | | | 9 |
| 28 | 4 | | | 4 | 64 | 10 | | 6 | 4 |
| 29 | 5 | 1 | 4 | | 65 | 10 | | 5 | 5 |
| 30 | 5 | | 5 | | 66 | 10 | | 4 | 6 |
| 31 | 5 | | 4 | 1 | 67 | 10 | | 3 | 7 |
| 32 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 68 | 10 | | 2 | 8 |
| 33 | 5 | | 2 | 3 | 69 | 10 | | 1 | 9 |
| 34 | 5 | | 1 | 4 | 70 | 10 | | | 10 |
| 35 | 5 | | | 5 | 71 | 11 | | 6 | 5 |
| 36 | 6 | | 6 | | 72 | 11 | | 5 | 6 |
| 37 | 6 | | 5 | 1 | 73 | 11 | | 4 | 7 |
| 38 | 6 | | 4 | 2 | 74 | 11 | | 3 | 8 |
| 39 | 6 | | 3 | 3 | 75 | 11 | | 2 | 9 |
| 40 | 6 | | 2 | 4 | 76 | 11 | | 1 | 10 |
| 41 | 6 | | 1 | 5 | 77 | 11 | | | 11 |
| 42 | 6 | | | 6 | 78 | 12 | | 6 | 6 |
| 43 | 7 | | 6 | 1 | 79 | 12 | | 5 | 7 |
| 44 | 7 | | 5 | 2 | 80 | 12 | | 4 | 8 |
| 45 | 7 | | 4 | 3 | 85 | 13 | | 6 | 7 |

SECTION 13

GUNDOG BRACE INFORMATION

1. Hounds will be issued an entry number as they are entered in the trial.
2. Roll call of the hounds will take place at the advertised closing time. After the roll call has taken place and all hounds are called in the class they were entered in, entries will be closed.
3. All entry numbers of the hounds entered will then be placed in the bingo wheel and the hounds shall be drawn in trios or braces.
4. Any hound that is drawn in a brace with the same owner shall be moved to the next brace and another hound shall be drawn to complete that brace.

5. If the last hound drawn is with the same owner, it shall be moved to the next available previous brace with a different owner, the dog it replaced will move to the last hound drawn.
6. If there are an odd number of hounds entered, the judges shall choose the bracemate to complete the brace with the odd hound from the hounds that have already run.
7. After being scored, all hounds called for in 2nd, and subsequent series, shall be run in braces.
8. A hound cannot compete against another hound that it has previously defeated in direct competition in any series.
9. The field trial will be over when all placed hounds shall have defeated, in direct competition, the hound that places directly below them. Places are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and reserve.
10. The bracing of hounds in 2nd and subsequent series is the decision of the judges, according to their score in the 1st series for the bracing of 2nd series and according to winners of braces or which hounds deserve further evaluation in subsequent series.
11. If the field trial committee decides that a hound has been run out of order, that hound shall be eliminated from competition and its bracemate shall be moved to the last brace. The hound that was supposed to have run will also be eliminated, and its bracemate will also be moved to the last brace. If it is determined that someone other than the owner or handler ran the hound out of order without the permission of the owner or handler, the hound shall not be disqualified.
12. After the judges call for a brace each hound has 15 minutes to appear for competition. If any hound is a no show it will be eliminated and the bracemate will be moved to the last brace as an odd hound or to run with an existing odd hound.
13. If a hound attacks its bracemate, it will be eliminated from competition and its bracemate will be run solo for evaluation.
14. The 13-inch and 15-inch classes shall be drawn at the same closing time of the same day and no class shall be run with less than five (5) hounds. If either class has five or less entries, the two classes shall be combined.
15. All hounds called for 2nd series shall be measured and must be measured in the class in which they were entered. If any are measured out, the judges shall call for a replacement (should the male classes be combined, all hounds must measure 15 inches or less). Hounds in any class may be pre-measured upon request prior to the drawing.

SECTION 14

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING A UKC LICENSED FIELD TRIAL JUDGE

NOTE: *The following procedure is pending Advisory Board's changes or approval.*

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

1. The applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality, and their interest in the improvement of the Beagle breed. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Judge.
2. Applicants shall have reached their eighteenth (18) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Judge.
3. Applicants must know the Official UKC Rules and Procedures.
4. Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.
5. Applicants must be experienced Beaglers who know and can identify correct and faulty Beagle work as it applies to hunting hounds.
6. Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended and approved by the UKC Beagle Gundog Program Advisory Board .

7. Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three different UKC Licensed Judges and be recommended by them.
8. The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the owner or handler is.
9. The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.
10. No applicant for a UKC Judge's license will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.
11. The Judge's license is \$20, and once acquired is valid indefinitely.
12. All licenses for UKC Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

SECTION 15

MEASURING HOUNDS

Revised January 1, 2020

The act of measuring hounds is an important part of all UKC Beagle field trials and bench shows. Unless permanently measured, all hounds called for a Winner's Pack in Small Pack Option or those called for second series in Gundog Brace, must be measured prior to going to the field. Those hounds measuring over the size class they were entered in are disqualified from the trial. Any hound measuring over 15 inches will not be eligible for placement in the trial or the show that day.

A drop bar type measuring stand or a rigid, one piece, wicket-type stand set for 15 inches are both acceptable types of measuring devices. A tape measure is not an acceptable means of measuring dogs at events. Dogs must be measured at ground level. The height of the dog is the distance from the ground to the top of the shoulders or withers. This point at the top of the shoulders is where the neck appears to meet the shoulders. The dog's legs should be directly under him and not leaning forward or backward. The measuring shall be done by the Judge and assisted by a Field Trial Committee member, if needed, and in the presence of the Master of Hounds, and owners or handlers. No physical alterations may be made to dogs to comply with height restrictions.

SECTION 16

SCRATCHED FOR FIGHTING

— UKC Policy

Revised January 1, 1999

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

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

will be retained by UKC. The dog will be barred for two (2) years from the date of the third “Scratched for Fighting” offense. At the end of two (2) year period, the registered owner of the dog can return the Registration Certificate, along with the proper fee, to the UKC Registration Office for the issuance of a new Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card. All reference to fighting will be removed, and the dog will once again be allowed to enter UKC licensed events.

If the owner of the dog does not send in the UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by the deadline indicated in the notification letter, the following actions will be taken.

1. Transfer of ownership will not be allowed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 17

MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

Revised January 1, 2007

Misconduct

Misconduct may be defined as conduct that is prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs. There are two general categories of misconduct:

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

Category 2. Violation of UKC rules. This may include, but is not limited to, falsification of UKC registration papers; misidentification of a dog or the parentage of a dog; non-event-related abuse or neglect of dogs; or continued failure to keep proper registration records. Procedures for handling event-related (category 1) misconduct are listed immediately below. Procedures for handling rules violations (category 2) are listed below.

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

UKC Standard of Conduct

United Kennel Club events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog enthusiasts and their UKC-registered dogs. Accordingly, UKC expects the highest standard of conduct at these events. The following procedures apply to all cases of misconduct occurring or associated with a UKC Licensed Coonhound or Beagle event, regardless of whether the misconduct is discovered during or after the event.

Jurisdiction

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

The Complaint

Any person who becomes aware of an act of event-related misconduct during the hours of a UKC Licensed event, must notify a UKC-licensed official or any host club official at any time during the hours of the event. A UKC Licensed official so notified must immediately inform a host club official of the complaint. The host club may immediately expel any individual from the event where there is probable cause to believe that the individual threatened, intimidated, assaulted, or battered any person or abused or neglected a dog.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the host club official shall provide the complainant with a UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. The complainant must complete all of Section 1, providing the following:

1. The complainant's name;
2. The complainant's address;
3. The complainant's daytime and evening phone numbers;
4. A complete factual description of the exact conduct alleged to have occurred, including the identity of all witnesses, other persons, and dogs involved in the alleged misconduct; and,
5. The specific sections of the pertinent UKC rulebook which have allegedly been violated.

The host club official shall enter the names, and where known, the addresses, daytime and evening phone numbers of all witnesses in Section 2 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. The Misconduct Report and Hearing Form shall be forwarded to UKC with the Event Report. No action will be taken on a Misconduct Report and Hearing Form unless it is signed and dated by the complainant.

Any person who becomes aware of an act of event-related misconduct after the event, must notify UKC in writing. UKC staff shall forward to the complainant a Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. Complainant shall complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. Section 1 must be filled out completely. Complainant must fill out as much of Sections 2 and 3 as he/she is able and return the form to UKC.

All signed Misconduct Report and Hearing Forms shall be reviewed by the UKC staff within thirty (30) of receipt. If in the sole judgment and discretion of the UKC staff there is sufficient cause, UKC will notify the host club who received the complaint to hold a hearing on the complaint. The notice to hold a hearing shall include a copy of the original Misconduct Report and Hearing Form submitted and signed by the complainant.

Notice To Hold A Hearing

Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the UKC notice to hold a hearing, the UKC Beagle Gundog Advisory Board that received the complaint shall:

1. Appoint a Hearing Committee Chairperson and two Hearing Committee members from among the Advisory Board . No committee member who witnessed the alleged misconduct shall serve on the Hearing Committee;
2. Set the time and place of the hearing. The date shall be no more than thirty (30) days from the date the UKC notice to hold a hearing is received. The date, place and time shall be selected to reasonably allow the person against whom the complaint is made (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent") to attend;

3. Notify the respondent by regular and certified mail (return receipt requested) of the date, place, and time of the hearing; the exact conduct which is the subject of the complaint; the name of the complainant; and the names of all witnesses. The Notice of Hearing shall further advise the respondent that he/she will not be allowed to have an attorney present at the hearing and shall also include a statement of the following respondent's rights:

- a. The right to be present during the testimony of all witnesses;
- b. The right to cross-examine all witnesses;
- c. The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf;
- d. The right to testify in his/her own behalf;

4. Notify the witnesses by regular mail or telephone of the date, place, and time of the hearing; the exact conduct which is the subject of the complaint; and the name of the complainant; and,

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

If The Respondent Fails To Appear At The Hearing

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

The Hearing

The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall advise the respondent of the following rights:

1. The right to be present during the testimony of all witness;
2. The right to cross-examine all witnesses;
3. The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf;
4. The right to testify in his/her own behalf.

All witnesses who come before the Hearing Committee shall testify under oath or affirmation administered by the Hearing Chairperson¹.

Witnesses who are unable to attend in person may testify by telephone if a speakerphone is available in the hearing room, but written statements or affidavits must not be considered. Clubs shall make a reasonable effort to provide a speakerphone in cases where a witness is willing to testify but is unable to do so because of distance or any other compelling reason.

The complainant shall present his/her evidence first, followed by the respondent's evidence. Each party shall be allowed to cross-examine the other's witnesses. Members of the Hearing Committee shall also be allowed to question the witnesses. Spectators shall not be allowed at hearings except for UKC Field Representatives appointed to attend the hearing on behalf of UKC or UKC staff. No party shall be entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing.

The Findings

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Committee shall deliberate and make their findings based on a preponderance of the evidence². A two-thirds majority is sufficient to make findings. The findings shall be reported as follows:

1. Whether the alleged misconduct was proven to have occurred;
2. Whether the alleged misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs;
3. Whether the alleged misconduct occurred in connection with a UKC event.

In making findings, the Hearing Committee may not consider the respondent's general reputation or status in the sport of purebred dogs, prior acts of misconduct for which no disciplinary action was taken, nor the extent of the respondent's investment in dogs. The sole consideration must be the specific instance of misconduct with which the respondent is charged.

Completing the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form

The Hearing Committee Chairperson shall complete Sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form as follows:

1. Section 3. The name, address, and phone number of each witness shall be filled in the appropriate spaces, where needed. The Summary of Testimony shall include a comprehensive summary of the testimony of each witness, including the specific facts established from the evidence that led to the Committee's findings and recommendations, and the specific UKC rules or policies that were violated.

2. Section 4. The time (only where respondent was served in person) and date of service of the Notice of Hearing, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Hearing Committee members shall be entered in the appropriate spaces. Respondent's presence at or absence from the hearing shall be noted in this section.

3. Section 5. One block must be checked on each line under **Findings**. If the Hearing Committee finds that the alleged misconduct did occur, that the misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs, and that the misconduct occurred in conjunction with a UKC event, then the Committee must recommend a penalty. Each Committee member must enter his/her signature and date in the spaces provided.

Within ten (10) days of the hearing, the Hearing Chairperson shall, forward one copy of the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form to: Beagle Field Operations, United Kennel Club, 100 E. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584. The Hearing Committee shall also keep a copy of the completed UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form.

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

² If the amount of evidence you need to be absolutely certain of a fact is equal to 100%, then a preponderance is equal to 51%. In other words, the evidence must be sufficient to convince the members of the Hearing Committee that the fact asserted is more probably true than not true.

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

UKC Standard Of Conduct

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

Jurisdiction

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

The Complaint

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

Investigation, Findings, and Recommendations

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

Penalties For Misconduct

The appropriate UKC Department Head shall review all Hearing Committee findings and results (category 1 misconduct) and staff investigation findings and results (category 2 misconduct). If the Department Head upholds the findings of the Hearing Committee or staff, one or more of the following penalties shall be imposed:

1. Probation for a period up to three years. During the period of probation, the individual shall be closely monitored by UKC. Any other instance of misconduct may result in immediate suspension or barring at the discretion of the appropriate UKC Department Head and without further due process.

2. Suspension. The appropriate UKC Department Head shall impose a minimum Three Hundred Dollar (\$300) fine and a minimum one-year suspension for probation violations and for most other serious acts of misconduct. The period of suspension shall begin upon UKC's mailing of the notification to the respondent via certified mail (return receipt requested), but the fine must be paid by certified check or money order before the time counts toward the sentence. For example, a person may be notified on January 1 that his penalty will be a one-year suspension and a fine of three hundred dollars. This individual will be suspended as soon as notice of the penalty is mailed by UKC to the respondent, but the one-year suspension does not start until the date UKC receives payment of the fine. If a respondent waits until March 1 to pay the fine, the suspension will actually run fourteen months until midnight of February 28 the following year.

3. Barring. The appropriate UKC Department Head shall impose barring for an indefinite period of time for repeat instances of misconduct or for the most serious forms of misconduct, including, but not limited to, cruelty to dogs. The period of barring shall begin upon UKC's mailing of the notification to the respondent by certified mail (return receipt requested).

Suspension and Barring

During the period of suspension or barring, a person who is suspended or barred:

1. May not register any dogs in his/her name (joint or individual ownership). No dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person (joint or individual ownership) may be used for breeding and no offspring of such a dog is eligible for registration with UKC. A suspended/banned person may transfer any dogs currently registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership), except that no dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person, regardless of co-ownership status, may be transferred to any member of that person's family.

2. May not register any litters or sign any litter registrations in any capacity.

3. May not enter or participate in any way in any UKC-licensed event. No dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person (joint or individual ownership) may be entered or participate in any way in any UKC Licensed event.

4. May not receive Championship points for any dog registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership).

5. May not advertise in any UKC publication or internet site.

Appeals

Any person placed on probation, suspended or barred by a UKC Department Head may appeal directly, in writing, to the UKC President or the Vice President for Administration. The decision of the President or Vice President for Administration is final.

UKC Inherent Rights and Powers

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