



# **2017 OFFICIAL UKC<sup>®</sup> LURE COURSING RULEBOOK**

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Lure Coursing is a competition of primarily Sighthound breeds, structured in a brace elimination format and is designed to test and evaluate the skills required in a coursing dog. The format draws from traditional English and early American coursing tests. Each portion of the course tests a particular skill, and the winner is declared by the judge at the end of each course. This combination of a simplified format, and objective judging, will serve to attract existing coursers as well as new participants. Many dogs of all breeds are passionate about chasing the lure, so provision is made for all dogs, including mixed-breeds, to participate through the Coursing Aptitude Tests, structured as a single dog format evaluating the same skills as a coursing meet.

**Exhibitor Guidelines.** It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to do whatever they can to assist the host club and promote the family flavor of UKC events and good sportsmanship. Exhibitors' clothing should be neat and clean. Their apparel speaks to the respect they have for the sport, the event and its proceedings. Exhibitors' dogs should be clean and, where necessary, brushed or trimmed to present a neat appearance. Experienced exhibitors should make an effort to help new exhibitors; the future of the sport is in the hands of the beginner. All exhibitors must display good sportsmanship and respect for others. Exhibitors should take care when discussing a score/placement with the judge and 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. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them.

**Finality of judges' decisions.** By entering any coursing meet or coursing aptitude test, the owner and/or 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. Jurisdiction.** The following rules and regulations governing UKC licensed lure coursing meets and the awarding of UKC Championship points, qualifying scores and titles issued by United Kennel Club, Inc., are uniform and are not given on a local or geographical basis. *All UKC licensed Lure Coursing meets shall be governed by the Official UKC Rules for Dog Events, the Official UKC Lure Coursing Rulebook, and the UKC Misconduct and Discipline Guidelines for Dog Events.*

**Section 2. Who may offer Lure Coursing Meets.** Any UKC club that is eligible to offer coursing meets may be licensed to offer Regular Stakes, *Coursing Tested and/or Coursing Aptitude Tests*. UKC reserves the right to grant, withhold or revoke event licenses at its own discretion.

**Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs.** To be eligible to compete in licensed lure coursing events dogs must be:

- At least twelve (12) months of age on the day of the event.
- On the day of the event, the dog must be permanently registered, have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number, or a Limited Privilege (LP)/Performance Listing (PL) number (LP/PL numbers are for performance events only). At a Pre-Entry only event, the dog must be Permanently Registered, have a valid TL or a valid LP/PL number by the pre-entry deadline date of the event.
- To enter the Regular Stakes, a dog must be an eligible breed as defined in Chapter 1, Section 10.A of this rulebook and must have earned a Coursing Tested (CT) title, with at least one of the legs earned by running with competition. Dogs will be exempt from this requirement if they have earned a racing or coursing title from another approved organization.

The following titles will exempt a dog from the CT requirement to enter the regular stake. Proof of this title in the form of a photocopy of the title certificate must be included with the first entry at a UKC Coursing Meet.

- Canadian Kennel Club: FCh, NC (Novice Courser)
- American Kennel Club: FC, SC
- American Sighthound Field Association: FCh, LCM
- Large Gazehound Racing Association: GRC
- National Oval Track Racing Association: ORC, OTR, SOR
- Canadian Amateur Racing Association: ORM, SRM, RChS, RChO
- Whippet Racing Association: CR, WRCH
- North American Whippet Racing Association: RCH, SR
- National Open Field Coursing Association: CC, CM
- International Silken Windhound Society: ISWS FCh
- Deaf dogs are eligible to enter and participate in Lure Coursing Meets but must be able to safely perform all course requirements.
- Dogs missing all or part of one limb are eligible to enter and/or participate in any lure coursing meet.

### Section 4.

The following dogs must not enter and/or compete in Lure Coursing Meets even if otherwise eligible and may be refused by the Event Secretary.

- Dogs that have been disqualified by a judge at a UKC Licensed event in accordance with the *Official UKC Rules for Dog Events, Chapter 1, Section 14*.
- Dogs that are unfit to course must not enter or participate in coursing events. Judges have the right to excuse any dog they deem is unfit. The judge's decision is final. Dogs whose physical condition would compromise its ability to safely compete may be determined "unfit".
- Blind dogs must not enter and/or compete in Lure Coursing meets. A blind dog is defined as no useful vision.
- Lamé dogs must not enter and/or compete in Lure Coursing meets. A lame dog is defined as a dog demonstrating impaired locomotion, so as to limp or move with difficulty.
- Females in season must not enter and/or compete in Lure Coursing meets. 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 competitor who provides a veterinarian's certificate verifying that the female came into season after the closing date for entries.

- Pregnant or lactating females may not participate in UKC coursing meets. A judge who reasonably believes that a dog is pregnant or lactating must excuse the dog and mark the reason in the judge's book. The judge's decision is final and need not seek the opinion of a veterinarian.
- Dog that appear to be ill or dogs with sutures, bandages, adhesive or any other material that is indicative of or related to any surgical or medical procedure must not be entered in a coursing meet.
- No dogs under the influence of a performance-altering drug may participate in Lure Coursing meets.
- Any dog found to be participating in a licensed UKC lure coursing event in any condition described above must be given a mandatory excusal by the judge.

**Section 5. Eligibility of Owners/Handlers.** Coursing handlers may be any age provided the handler is able to control the dog. Handlers are not required to own the dog in order to enter or compete. 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 6. Handlers with Disabilities.** Only one person may handle a dog in the ring/competition area. Handlers may use a wheelchair, crutches, cane or any other means of mechanical assistance in this area. 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 exercise/performance in any way.

**Section 7. Entering a UKC licensed lure coursing event.** Dogs must be Permanently Registered, have a Limited Privilege (LP)/Performance Listing (PL) number or have a valid Temporary Listing 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 class for exhibition only.

**Section 8. Invalid entries.** Any dog coursed in a licensed class and whose entry is subsequently determined to be invalid after the event shall receive no points but shall count as having competed.

**Section 9. Official UKC Entry Form.** Entries to all events must be submitted using the most current official UKC entry form. Entry forms must be complete when submitted to the Event Secretary, including a valid UKC Permanent Registration number, UKC Limited Privilege (LP)/Performance Listing (PL) number or UKC Temporary Listing (TL) number. Incomplete or unsigned entry forms, or entries unaccompanied by entry fees, are invalid and are to be refused by the Event Secretary/Event Manager. The entry form used to enter the event and signed by the exhibitor specifically states that the exhibitor is familiar with UKC rules and regulations and agrees to abide by them.

**Section 10. Eligible Breeds.** The eligible breeds for lure coursing meets include any purebred dog or Limited Privilege/Performance Listed dog designated as one of the eligible breeds listed below; (breed will be indicated on the dog's Easy Entry™ Card).

**a. Breeds eligible to compete in Regular Stakes:**

Afghan Hound	Podenco Canario
Azawakh	Podengo Portugueso
Basenji	(All size varieties)
Borzoï	Rhodesian Ridgeback
Canaan Dog	Saluki
Carolina Dog	Scottish Deerhound
Chart Polski	Silken Windhound
Cirneco dell'Etna	Sloughi
Greyhound	Spanish Greyhound
Hungarian Greyhound	Thai Ridgeback
Ibizan Hound	Whippet
Irish Wolfhound	Xoloitzcuintli
Italian Greyhound	Limited Privilege/ Performance
Peruvian Inca Orchid	Listed dogs (designated as one of
Pharaoh Hound	the above eligible breeds)

- b. **Breeds eligible to compete in the Coursing Aptitude Tests.** Any breed recognized by UKC and all dogs eligible for the Limited Privilege/Performance Listing program.

**Section 11. Entry procedures and deadlines.** UKC clubs must use the following procedures for taking entries for licensed classes

- a. Each dog shall be assigned an entry number and the host club must write the assigned number on the submitted entry form and provide an armband/label displaying the entry number to the person exhibiting the dog.
- b. **Day-of-meet entries (aka Day of Show).** Clubs accepting day-of-meet entries must establish a day-of-meet (day of show) entry deadline time after which no further day-of-meet entries shall be accepted for that day's event. This information will be published with the other event information on the UKC website [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com). In the case of extreme weather or other emergency conditions, the Event Committee may decide to extend the taking of entries or delay the start of all judging by a reasonable period of time, or both. In such cases, the extension of entry-taking or delay of judging must be explained in writing by the Event Secretary when submitting the event report.
- c. **Pre-entry.** Clubs accepting pre-entries must establish a pre-entry deadline. The pre-entry deadline must be published with the other event information on the UKC website and on any official event announcement. Clubs may offer a discounted entry fee for pre-entries. In such cases, exhibitors whose entries fail to be "received by" the pre-entry deadline date may be accepted at the club's discretion but must pay the full entry fee.
- d. **Pre-Entry Only.** Clubs may elect not to take day-of-meet entries. In such a case, the club must include this information on its Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend. Such events will be designated "PRE-ENTRY ONLY" on the UKC website and in any official event announcement.

**Section 12. Exhibitors with more than one dog entered in a course.** Exhibitors who enter more than one dog in a course must be prepared to provide an additional handler for the additional dog if coursing in the same course. If an exhibitor has more than one dog entered, and a different person is handling the dog, the handler must meet the qualifications for the class in which the dog is entered.

**Section 13. Conditional Entries.** An entry which specifies any condition as to its acceptance must not be made and must not be accepted by a club.

**Section 14. Refusing an entry.** Host clubs may refuse the entry of an otherwise eligible dog and/or exhibitor. A club's decision is subject to review by UKC; in most cases it will not be overturned except where there is strong evidence that the club's decision is based on prohibited categories of discrimination (race, religion, national origin, sexual/gender orientation, etc.). UKC reserves the right to overturn a club's decision to refuse an entry for any reason. Clubs who choose not to accept any entry of an otherwise eligible dog and/or exhibitor must notify the owner/exhibitor in writing, with the reason why their entry(ies) will not be accepted by the club, and must send a copy of the notification to UKC. Should a day-of-show/trial entry be refused, the host club must notify the UKC with an explanation of why the entry was refused and send it in with the event reports for that event.

**Section 15. Refund or Cancellation of Entry.** The Host club shall be responsible for their own refund and/or cancellation of entry policy with the exception of a Female in Season as described in Chapter 1, Section 4. It is suggested that the policy be posted. No refunds will be offered for missed running time.

**Section 16. Substitutions of an Entered Dog.** The Host club shall be responsible for their own substitution of an entered dog policy. It is suggested that the policy be posted. If substitutions are allowed, the new dog must meet all entry eligibility requirements for entering a UKC event. Substitutions of a dog are prohibited when the close of entry deadline time has been reached or the dog is ineligible to compete. No refunds will be offered for missed runs.

**Section 17. Corrections or changes to entry form.** Corrections or change requests to any entry form must be done in writing. The exhibitor must complete an Official UKC Class Change/Entry Correction Form as provided by the club. The Event Secretary/Manager must attach the form to the original entry. Corrections to the dog and/or owner information may be made at any time prior to the judging of the event in which the dog is

being judged. Class changes must be completed prior to the start of any judging in which the class change is effective. In the case of a club running two shows simultaneously, the club must post its class change policy at the entry table and the Event Secretary/Manager's table on the day of the show, or publish the class change policy in the Judging Schedule.

- a. **Corrections of dog's and/or owner information.** An exhibitor or owner may correct the owner's contact information if what was submitted on the entry form is no longer valid. The exhibitor or owner may also correct the dog's name OR the dog's registration number on an individual entry, but he/she may not change both on the same entry form.
- b. **Class changes.** Any dog that has, according to the owner's records, completed the requirements for a UKC title may be shown at the next level of competition at the first event following the completion of the title. Once a dog has been shown at the higher level of competition, it may not be returned to a lower level class unless the owner has been notified by UKC that the dog is ineligible for the higher level. If the owner's records are incorrect, all wins earned while showing at the higher level of competition shall be invalid. Once an owner has been notified that his/her dog has earned a coursing title, the dog must thereafter be shown in the class appropriate to its title level.

**Section 18. Judging Schedule.** Start time for licensed classes. At pre-entry only meets, judging must start at the advertised start time. At all other meets, judging must start at the advertised start time or as soon as possible thereafter if there are a large number of day-of-meet entries. No dogs are to be judged prior to the start time advertised in any official event publication or on the UKC website. Dogs should be present at the time of judging. Judges are not required to wait for dogs. When the event site only accommodates a single area, and a club is offering both conformation and a performance event, conformation shall be judged last so that the performance dogs are not distracted by the scent of female dogs in season.

## **CHAPTER 2 RULES APPLYING TO EXHIBITORS AND SPECTATORS**

UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship on and off the course. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them. The judge is responsible for the course and must be sure the course is clear before running any dog. He/she may also excuse and/or dismiss any exhibitors from the course. The Event Committee and/or host club officers may expel any exhibitor and/or spectator from the event grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and event participants.

**Section 1. 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. The decision of a judge is the responsibility of the judge and not that of the United Kennel Club. Exhibitors are encouraged to discuss their runs with judges but may not argue about the judge's placements. If a judge is in violation of a specific UKC rule, it should be brought to the attention of the host club's Event Committee for a resolution. If the exhibitor believes the judge has violated a specific UKC rule which could not be resolved by the host club's Event Committee, or feels as if the judge's knowledge of the lure coursing rules is inadequate, complaints may be filed with UKC but must address specific deficiencies and/or rule violations. Complaints must be made in writing to the UKC. No anonymous complaints will be accepted. Electronic audio or video recordings will not be considered by UKC when reviewing a judge's competency to judge a lure coursing event.

**Section 2. Control of the dog.** Exhibitors are expected to keep their dogs under control at all times. The Event Committee may expel from the show grounds any person whose failure to control a dog interferes with judging or with the ability of other exhibitors to course their dogs.

**Section 3. Double handling.** Persons outside the course are prohibited from any intentional actions designed to affect the performance of a run. This prohibition shall apply equally to persons attempting to improve or to impair a performance. The Event Committee may expel from the show grounds any person they reasonably believe is double handling. Judges may excuse exhibitors (and their dogs) who they reasonably believe are benefiting from "double handling."

**Section 4. Interfering with the judge.** No person may interfere with the judge in any way while he/she is judging a course.

**Section 5. Course and event grounds cleanup.** Exhibitors are required to clean up after their dog if it fouls the course or the event grounds. The steward may bring cleaning supplies to the exhibitor and may hold the dog while the owner cleans the course. Any exhibitor who fails to clean up after his dog may be directed by the Event Committee to leave the event grounds.

**Section 6. 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 7. Misbehavior of handlers.** The judge must excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship. The judge has sole discretion whether or not to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the meet with a substitute handler. The judge's decision in these matters is final.

**Section 8. Handler Misconduct.** A handler who abuses their dog anywhere within the course area, which includes, but is not limited to, the starting line, the course/field and/or finish line shall be excused immediately by the judge. The judge must mark the dog as excused and the reason in the judge's book for the excusal. The host club's Event Committee or any person witnessing a dog being abused on the event grounds may file a complaint in accordance with the *Official UKC Rules for Dog Events, Misconduct and Discipline Guidelines, category 1*. 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 Rules for Dog Events and Misconduct & Discipline Guidelines, category 1*. The handler shall not be permitted to exhibit until the hearing has been held. A different handler may exhibit any additional dogs the handler has entered. In this case 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 if the dogs were shown or not.

## CHAPTER 3 LURE COURSING CLASSES AND TITLES

UKC lure coursing titles must be earned successively. Equivalent titles from other venues, may not be substituted for UKC coursing titles in determining eligibility for a class. A club may choose to offer any of the applicable licensed lure coursing classes on the Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend. However a club may only hold one coursing tested and/or one regular stake event per day and up to two coursing aptitude tests per day.

### Section 1. Lure Coursing Classes.

- a. **Coursing Aptitude Class** is open to all breeds.
- b. **Coursing Tested Class** is only open to any eligible breed listed in Chapter 1, Section 10. A.
- c. **Regular Stakes Class** is only open to any eligible breed listed in Chapter 1, Section 10. A.
  - **Breed Stakes.** This type of meet has only one breed running in the same stake where Titles / Championship points are earned.
  - **Mixed Stakes.** This type of meet is has more than one eligible breed running in the same stake where Titles / Championship points are earned.

### Section 2. Lure Coursing Titles.

- a. **United Coursing Aptitude Titles.**
  - 1) **Coursing Aptitude (CA).** To earn this title, a dog must earn three qualifying scores at three different UKC Licensed Coursing Meets in the Coursing Aptitude Test. A qualifying score is defined as; the dog shall run alone, and must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption.
  - 2) **Coursing Aptitude Excellent (CAX).** Any dog that has earned a Coursing Aptitude (CA) title may earn legs toward the Coursing Aptitude Excellent (CAX) title beginning at the next coursing meet following the completion of the requirements of the United Coursing Aptitude (CA) title. To earn a UKC Coursing Aptitude Excellent a dog must earn 12 qualifying legs by running alone. There shall be no restriction on the number of judges.

- 3) **Coursing Aptitude Supreme (CAS)** Any dog that has earned a Coursing Aptitude Excellent (CAX) title may earn legs toward the Coursing Aptitude Supreme (CAS) title beginning at the next coursing meet following the completion of the requirements of the Coursing Aptitude Excellent (CAX) title. To earn a UKC Coursing Aptitude Supreme a dog must earn 15 qualifying legs by running alone. There shall be no restriction on the number of judges. The CAS title will have numeric designations to signify the number of times the title has been completed, for example CAS2, CAS3, etc.

**b. Coursing Tested Titles**

- 1) **Coursing Tested (CT)**. The CT title must be earned from the Coursing Test and Regular Stake. To earn this title a dog must complete three qualifying runs. The first leg must be earned by running alone, one leg must be earned running as a bye dog in the regular stakes with another dog, and the third leg may be earned either way. Dogs must complete the course with enthusiasm, without interruptions, and demonstrate no inclination to interfere with or course the other dog.
- 2) **Coursing Tested Excellent (CTX)**. The Coursing Tested Excellent title must be earned from the Regular Stake and is earned separately from the CTS title. Any eligible breed listed in Chapter 1, Section 10.A that has earned a Coursing Tested (CT) title may earn legs toward the Coursing Tested Excellent (CTX) title beginning at the next coursing meet following the completion of the requirements for the Coursing Tested (CT) title. To earn a UKC Coursing Tested Excellent title, a dog need not place but must earn 15 qualifying legs by running in the Regular Stake. A qualifying leg is earned by running at least two courses in a meet, without an excusal, dismissal, disqualification or forfeit. There shall be no restriction on the number of judges. The CTX title will have numeric designations to signify the number of times the title has been completed, for example CTX2, CTX3, etc.
- 3) **Coursing Tested Supreme (CTS)**. The Coursing Tested Supreme title must be earned from the Regular Stake and is earned separately from the CTX title. Any eligible breed listed in Chapter 1, Section 10.A that has earned a Coursing Tested title may earn legs toward the Coursing Tested Supreme (CTS) title beginning at the next coursing meet following the completion of the requirements for the Coursing Tested (CT) title. To earn this title a dog must earn 15 qualifying legs by running in the Regular Stake. A qualifying leg is earned by running at least two courses in a meet, and winning one of those courses, without an excusal, dismissal, disqualification or forfeit. There shall be no restriction on the number of judges. The CTS title will have numeric designations to signify the number of times the title has been completed, for example CTS2, CTS3, etc.

**c. Breed Stakes Titles.**

- 1) **Lure Coursing Champion (CCB)**. To earn a Lure Coursing Champion Breed title, a dog must earn a minimum of 100 championship points from the Breed stake in a Lure Coursing Meet. Win one Meet with competition, competition being defined as four or more dogs coursing in the Breed stake.
- 2) **Grand Lure Coursing Champion - Breed (GCB)**. Any dog that has earned the Lure Coursing Champion – Breed title. To earn a Grand Lure Coursing Champion-Breed, a dog must earn an additional 200 points from the Breed stake. Win a minimum of 2 stakes with competition. Competition being defined as eight dogs coursing in the stake.

**d. Mixed Stake Titles.**

- 1) **Lure Coursing Champion (CCM)**. To earn a Lure Coursing Champion Mixed title, a dog must earn a minimum of 100 championship points from the Mixed stake in a Lure Coursing Meet. Win Breed Leader with competition at two different meets, competition being defined as at least two dogs of the same breed.
- 2) **Grand Lure Coursing Champion - Mixed (GCM)**. Any dog that has earned the Lure Coursing Champion – Mixed. To earn a Grand Lure Coursing Champion-Mixed, a dog must earn an additional 200 points from the Mixed stake. Win a minimum of 2 stakes with competition. Competition being defined as eight dogs coursing in the stake.

**e. Advance Coursing Titles**

- 1) **Supreme Grand Coursing Champion (SGC).** Any dog that has earned the Grand Lure Coursing Champion – Breed and/or the Grand Lure Coursing Champion – Mixed is eligible to earn the Supreme Grand Coursing Champion title. To earn a Grand Lure Coursing Champion, a dog must earn a total of 1,000 points from any stake or meet.

**Section 3. Champion Points.** Points will be awarded based on the following structure for all regular stakes as follows:

- a. Winners of Rounds 2, 4, and 5 advancing to the next round shall each receive 15 points.
- b. In addition, in mixed stakes, the Breed Leader (highest advancing dog in each breed) shall receive 5 points. In the event of a tie for Breed Leader, the dog that has lost fewer courses shall be the winner. This results in the following total points awarded.
  - 1) **Eight (8) dog stake.** The meet winner will receive 35 points (15 points from Round 2, 15 points from Round 4, plus 5 points as Breed Leader, except as designated in c. below), and the two runners-up will each receive 15 points, plus Breed Leader points in a mixed stake (if applicable).
  - 2) **Six (6) dog stake.** The meet winner will receive 35 points (15 points from Round 2, 15 points from Round 4, plus 5 points as Breed Leader, and the two runners-up will each receive 15 points, plus Breed Leader points in a mixed stake (if applicable).
  - 3) **Four (4) dog stake.** The meet winner will receive 20 points (15 points from Round 2, plus 5 points as Breed Leader). The runners-up will each receive 5 points. In a mixed stake, other Breed Leaders shall receive 5 points (if applicable).
  - 4) **Multiple Breed Stakes.** The Best of Breed winner (winner of the runoff between stake winners of the same breed) shall receive an additional 15 points, plus 5 as Breed Leader.

**Section 4. UKC Lure Coursing Title Certificates and Official Notification.** Once the requirements for a Lure Coursing title have been met and recorded, UKC will automatically mail a Certificate of Honor indicating the award to the dog's owner on record. The owner shall be deemed notified as of the mailing date of the title certificate. Duplicate title certificates may be ordered by contacting the UKC Dog Events Department.

## **CHAPTER 4 UKC LURE COURSING ALL STAR RANKING SYSTEM**

Effective May 5, 2017; The United Kennel Club has determined it is best to discontinue the All-Star ranking program for Lure Coursing due to the non-response from the Lure Coursing participants.

## **CHAPTER 5 LURE COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The judge shall walk the course prior to the start of the meet and verify that it has been properly set up, is free of hazards, and is as safe as possible.

**Section 1. Recommended Field Size.** The recommended field size is at least 200 yards by 300 yards which is 60,000 square yards (approximately 12 acres).

- a. **Minimum Field Coursing Size.** The minimum size of a coursing field must be at least 30,000 square yards (approximately 6 acres) with a minimum width of 150 yards and a minimum length of 200 yards. Larger fields are preferred.

**Section 2. Course plans.** Clubs are permitted leeway to adapt this standardized course plan to accommodate field conditions, and to take advantage of natural terrain. Course direction should be reversed for alternating rounds. A standardized course plan should be used, as follows:

- a. **Speed portion.** The first portion of the course should be a straight run of 100 to 200 yards in length.
- b. **Agility portion.** The middle portion of the course should consist of a series of turns, corners or boxes designed to test the dogs' agility, and may include natural or man-made obstacles and terrain. However no turn should be greater than 90 degrees.
- c. **Endurance portion.** The final portion of the course should consist of a straight run of 100 to 200 yards returning to the start.

## CHAPTER 6 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

**Section 1. Equipment provided by the club.** The club shall ensure that adequate equipment is available to run the meet 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 and/or receiving messages is recommended. In addition, the following equipment must be provided by the host club:

- a. **Lure Machine:** There are both gas engine and electric motor lure machines. The lure machine best suited for lure coursing is the lure machine with the gas engine as it is better able to handle the continuous running for a long period. The lure machine must be able to run both forward and reverse directions.
- b. **Pulleys.** Clubs should have sufficient pulleys to ensure adequate course design.
- c. **Lure.** White plastic, real or fake fur, a squawker, or any combination of the above may be used and attached to the line. It is suggested that two lures be used and placed approximately five (5) feet apart from each other.
- d. **Speed of Lure.** The lure machine must have an operator's switch that will allow the lure operator to stop, slow and/or start the lure based upon the speed of the dog(s) or any tangles that may occur on the field.
- e. **Lure Operator.** The lure operator is responsible to control the speed of the lure. It is mandatory that the lure operator sees the entire field of dogs on the course.

### **Section 2. Equipment for Dogs Provided by the Exhibitor.**

- a. **Coursing Blanket(s).** Coursing Blankets are required for any dog running in the Regular Stakes (including bye dogs). Handlers are responsible to have their own set of coursing blankets and to have the correct colored blanket on their dog when entering the field. The required blanket colors are yellow, pink and blue, and should be high intensity colors.
- b. **Slip lead.** One or two ring slip leads, or quick release slips may be used, or any slip lead that provides instantaneous release.
- c. **Muzzles.** Dogs may wear muzzles at the owner's discretion. Muzzles, if used, should be standard coursing or racing muzzles, and allow the dog to pant and breathe freely.
- d. **Collars.** Catch collars, if used, must be flat buckle type collar, and not have any tags, ornaments, or anything hanging that might interfere with the dog. Any other type of collar is prohibited.
- e. **Leg wraps.** Protective leg wraps are allowed, and at the owner's discretion.
- f. **Hair bands.** Long haired breeds may use a rubber band or barrette to keep hair out of the dog's eyes.

## CHAPTER 7 COURSING PROCEDURES

**Section 1. Check In.** Upon arrival and by no later than the designated published time, the exhibitor should check in to determine the assigned order of the meet. Each entered dog shall be checked in with the Event Secretary. Dogs that are entered in a coursing meet for the Coursing Test may check in with the entered Regular stake hounds if they are eligible as bye dogs, or may check in at a later time if they are to run alone following the coursing meet. If a separate Coursing Aptitude test is also being offered, it may specify a different check in time. Dogs absent from Check In will be marked absent and ineligible to run in the meet.

**Section 2. Conflicts.** If the meet is large enough and the schedule appears to create a conflict due to one exhibitor showing multiple dogs, multiple classes, or in multiple events, the Event Secretary should be notified so that accommodations, if allowed, can be made. A club hosting their coursing event in conjunction with other events may anticipate the likelihood of conflicts, and will be prepared to deal with them, but the exhibitor must also be flexible enough to deal with the requirements likely to result from multiple entries. All conflicts must have the judge's approval.

**Section 3. Handlers Meeting.** Following check in, there will be a Handlers Meeting, where the event procedures and rules will be explained. It is recommended that all handlers be present for the handlers meeting.

**Section 4. The Draw.** Following check in, the Event Secretary shall sort the dogs into stakes.

- a. **Breed stake.** Breeds that have 4 or more dogs entered may run as a breed stake. Stakes may be run with 4, 6, or 8 dogs, with the larger stakes preferred. Maximum entry for a stake is 8 dogs. In the event of multiple stakes of the same breed, the Stake winners will run off for Best of Breed. If there are an odd number of dogs, they may either run with the addition of a bye dog, or one dog may be moved to a mixed stake. For example, if there are 7 dogs, one bye dog may be added to make a stake of 8, or one of the entered breed may be moved to a mixed stake to leave a stake of 6. Breed stakes will be random drawn for running position. Mixed stakes will be seeded in the breed order listed below, and then drawn at random within each breed.
- b. **Mixed Stake.** Breeds that have fewer than 4 dogs entered will run together with other breeds in a mixed stake. Stakes consisting of 8 dogs are preferred, but may run as a 4 or 6 dog stake if necessary.
- 1) Breed order for mixed stake shall be as outlined below. Limited Privilege/Performance Listed dogs eligible should be seeded according to their breed, or breed similarity.

<i>Irish Wolfhound</i>	<i>Ibizan Hound</i>	<i>Silken Whindhound</i>	<i>Peruvian Inca Orchid</i>
<i>Scottish Deerhound</i>	<i>Podengo Portugueso (Grande)</i>	<i>Whippet</i>	<i>Xoloitzcuintli</i>
<i>Borzoi</i>	<i>Chart Polski</i>	<i>Pharaoh Hound</i>	<i>Podengo Portugueso (Medio)</i>
<i>Rhodesian Ridgeback</i>	<i>Hungarian Greyhound</i>	<i>Cirneco dell'Etna</i>	<i>Canaan Dog</i>
<i>Afghan Hound</i>	<i>Saluki</i>	<i>Podenco Canario</i>	<i>Italian Greyhound</i>
<i>Azawakh</i>	<i>Spanish Greyhound</i>	<i>Thai Ridgeback</i>	<i>Basenji</i>
<i>Sloughi</i>	<i>Greyhound</i>	<i>Carolina Dog</i>	<i>Podengo Portugueso (Pequeno)</i>

- c. **Draw of dogs into braces.** The Meet/Event Secretary will draw all dogs into braces, and will record the draw on the score sheet and on the draw sheet, and will post the draw for exhibitors. Multiple dogs from an owner will be separated in Round 1, if possible, and if requested. Bye dogs will be drawn to fill in any blank spaces, if available.
- d. **Coursing Blanket colors requirements.** The first dog listed in each brace will wear a yellow blanket, the second will wear a pink blanket, and any bye dogs (if drawn) will wear a blue blanket.
- e. **Bye Dogs.** A bye dog is a dog that is entered in the Coursing Test that wishes to run with competition for a qualifying run. If at any time during a meet, an unfilled position remains, either through an odd number of dogs advancing, or an owner withdrawing an advancing dog, the Event Secretary may fill that position with a bye dog, provided that dog has been checked in. Bye dogs will wear a blue blanket to identify them to the judge, who will record their run as pass/fail. After the completion of the finals, any bye dogs remaining to run shall be drawn to run in braces. If no bye dog is available, the advancing dog will run alone. No dog in a regular stake shall have more than 1 bye. If this situation arises, the Event Secretary shall shift a dog up from the following course, and replace it with a bye dog in its original course.
- f. **Failure to be present at a scheduled stake.** A dog that is absent for the running of their stake will be marked absent by the judge or allowed to run in a later stake at the discretion of the judge. The judge's decision is final.

**Section 5. Males and females coursing together.** Males and females may course together.

**Section 6. When a dog runs in the wrong class.** When a dog has run in the incorrect class it must be excused and any wins or placements invalidated. The dog must not be allowed to re-run in the correct class. The judge must mark the reason for the excusal in the judge's book.

## CHAPTER 8 SCORING

**Section 1. Judging position.** The judge should be located in a position to clearly view all areas of the course, and to be able to assess the dogs' abilities accurately.

**Section 2. Scoring.** Judges will score the dogs according to the following criteria:

- a. **Speed.** In the speed portion of the course, the judge will assign a score of 0 - 5 points to each dog, based on their speed. In the event that one or both dogs substantially varies from the line of travel of

the lure, such that their speed cannot be fairly assessed, those dog(s) should receive 0 points, and the dog that remains on the line of travel of the lure should score at least 2 points.

- b. **Agility.** In the agility portion of the course, the judge will assign a score of 0 - 5 points to each dog based on their ability to remain in proximity of the lure as it turns. In the event one or both dogs fails to attempt to directly pursue the lure as it turns, those dog(s) should receive 0 points, and the dog that attempts to remain in proximity to the lure should score at least 2 points.
- c. **Endurance.** In the final portion of the course, the judge will assign a score of 0 - 5 points to each dog, based on their endurance. Care should be taken to differentiate between a dog that lacks endurance, and one which checks his speed and slows as the lure stops.

### **Section 3. Bonus and/or Penalty points.**

- a. **Bonus points.** Judges may assign a bonus of up to 2 points for overall ability, a 'take' during the course (if such a take is the result of superior ability rather than lure operator error), a 'take' at the end of the course, remarkable recovery from a fall, avoidance of a collision, or other such demonstration of superior coursing ability. In the event of a tie, between two dogs, the bonus points shall determine the winner.
- b. **Penalty points.** Judges may assign a penalty of up to 2 points for delay of course (dog or handler), or pre-slip.

**Section 4. Tally of scores.** At the end of the course, the judge should tally the scores of the dogs, and indicate the winner on the judge's sheet.

**Section 5. Restarts.** In the event a course cannot be scored, the judge may stop the course and restart the course at the beginning of the portion of the course where it was stopped (preferred), or at the beginning (if necessary).

**Section 6. Signaling the winner.** The judge may either wave a flag to indicate the winner of each course, may radio the winner to the Event Secretary, or the Event Secretary may periodically send a runner to collect the judges sheets.

**Section 7. Conflicts.** No judge shall enter or handle a dog in the stake or stakes that he/she is officiating. No dog belonging to any judge, his immediate family, or household may be entered in any stake where that judge is officiating. A judges' hounds may be entered at that meet in other stakes. These hounds must be judged by the back-up judge.

**Section 8. Excusals, Dismissals and Disqualification.** Judges must indicate on the judging sheet any dog that has been excused or dismissed or disqualified and state the reason.

- a. **Excusal.** A judge may excuse a dog from competition for the following reasons:
  - 1) Unfit to compete.
  - 2) Coursing the other dog rather than the lure.
  - 3) Playful interference.
  - 4) Failure to run.
  - 5) Failure to appear for its course.
  - 6) A Female that appears to be in season.
- b. **Optional Excusals.** Exhibitors may request to be excused from coursing at any time, if due to illness or injury. Any other requests for excusal will be honored at the judge's discretion.
- c. **Dismissal.** A judge may dismiss a dog from competition for the following reasons:
  - 1) Aggressive interference during a course.
  - 2) Aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs. (**Note.** A dog should not be dismissed for defending itself; only the aggressor should be dismissed.)
  - 3) A dog which has been dismissed three times shall be considered prohibited from coursing, and may not be entered in another coursing meet.

- d. **Disqualified.** Dogs will be disqualified as per Chapter 1, Section 14 in the *Official UKC Rules for Dog Events*.

## CHAPTER 9 MEET SCHEDULE

**Section 1. Meet Schedule.** In order to help the club set up the meet and the schedule, the entries are separated between the three types of classes offered: Coursing Aptitude (CA) entries, Coursing Tested (CT) entries and Regular Stakes (RS) entries.

**Section 2. Order of coursing.** The order of the coursing classes may be in any order as determined by the host club and announced at the handler's meeting. It is permissible to announce the order in Premium Lists and/or Judging Programs.

**Section 3. Regular Stakes.** The running order for Regular stakes. To ensure that advancing dogs have adequate time to rest between courses, all round 1 courses from all stakes (breed and mixed) should be run first, followed by Round 2, then Round 3, etc. All advancing dogs should be allowed at least 20 minutes between courses. If no courses are available to run with at least 20 minutes rest, clubs may opt to run Coursing Aptitude Test dogs between courses.

**Section 4. Reruns.** Should a course be interrupted for any reason, the dogs should be restarted at the beginning of the portion of the course that was interrupted.

**Section 5. Ties.** Ties should be rerun immediately.

**Section 6. Backup judges.** Stakes utilizing the back-up judge may be run separately from the remaining stakes, to allow a smooth transition of workers.

## CHAPTER 10 EVENT MANAGEMENT

**Section 1. Event Committee.** The Event Committee shall consist of a minimum of two persons: the Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary who must be present at the events when they are serving in these capacities. Additional club members and/or stewards may be appointed to help the Event Committee with the tasks of managing the event as necessary. The overall authority regarding matters related to the dogs entered in this event shall fall upon the Event Committee.

**Section 2. Prohibition against Event Chairperson and Event Secretary serving as Judge.** No person may serve as a judge, backup judge, apprentice judge or be an emergency replacement judge for any UKC Licensed event held on the same weekend when that person is serving as Event Chairperson or Event Secretary.

**Section 3. Replacing Event Chairperson or Event Secretary.** Once an application to hold an event has been approved by UKC, the club may not replace the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary unless the change has been requested in writing to and approved by UKC. If circumstances prevent the Event Chairperson or the Event Secretary from serving on the day of the event, the club President or other club officer must appoint a replacement. The Event Secretary must include notice of the replacement with a written explanation of the reasons for the change when the event results are submitted to UKC.

**Section 4. Event Chairperson Responsibilities.** The Event Chairperson shall oversee the layout of the coursing area and make sure of the following;

- a. The grounds are free of hazards and that the field is safe for the dogs to run.
- b. The field equipment necessary to run the event is available and in good repair.
- c. The equipment such as pens, pencils, wickets and such are available on the day of the meet.

- d. Arrange judge travel and arrival time at the event site.
- e. Retain stewards for the event.

**Section 5. Huntmaster Responsibilities.** The Huntmaster shall call up each new course and check that each dog's blanket and slip lead is correct. The color order shall be as follows:

- The first dog in each brace will wear a yellow blanket,
- The second dog in each brace will wear a pink blanket,
- And any bye dog (if drawn) will wear a blue blanket.

In addition, the Huntmaster will perform the following duties:

- a. Stands to one side of the handlers to call the Tally Ho.
- b. Positions the yellow dog on the left and pink (or blue for bye dog) on the right when facing the lure.
- c. Verifies that the judge, lure operator and handlers are ready.
- d. Signals the lure operator to star the lure.
- e. Calls the "Tally Ho" to release the dogs.
- f. Will instruct the handler to retrieve the dog if the dog does not leave the start, or returns to the start during the course.
- g. Will inform the judge and handler of any pre-slip.
- h. Will stop the course if an unsafe situation develops.
- i. Will instruct the handlers to retrieve their dogs when necessary.
- j. Will inspect the lure between each course, and replaces it if necessary.
- k. Will inform handlers if a course is declared a "no-course; tie; or rerun" or if a dog is excused, dismissed or disqualified by the judge.
- l. Will notify the Chairperson if a dog appears to be lame or in season.

**Section 6. Lure Operator Responsibilities.** The Lure Operator will perform the following duties:

- a. Lays out the course as required.
- b. Makes at least one pilot run of the lure with a test dog for the judge's approval.
- c. Starts the lure at a signal from the Huntmaster.
- d. Will keep the lure 10-30 yards in front of the lead hound.
- e. Will stop the lure on a signal from the judge or Huntmaster, or when an unsafe situation develops.
- f. Stops the lure at least 20 yards from the lure machine.

**Section 7. Event Secretary Responsibilities.** There are many duties involved with this position and the overall responsibility of reporting the event results fall upon this position. The Event Secretary is responsible to have the necessary paperwork for recording and reporting the meet results. Additional duties include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Accepting only completed and signed entry forms.
- b. Assigning armband numbers to each entry, which must be written on the entry form and in the judge's book.
- c. Preparing prepare all judges' books by writing all of the required information for each dog in the appropriate type of meet/stakes.
- d. Preparing and receiving all judge's Book for the meet;
- e. Upon completion of the event, the Event Secretary shall make sure each judge's book is signed by the judge and provide them a copy of their judge's book prior to leaving the event grounds on the day of their last assignment.
- f. The Event Secretary must complete the activity reports and arrange the judge's books in order for each course.
- g. The Event Secretary is responsible for making a copy of each entry form prior to sending the original entry forms for each dog that is entered in the event to UKC with the event results.
- h. The event results, entry forms and processing fees are to be received by UKC within ten (10) business days from the last day of the weekend's event.

## **CHAPTER 11 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 but are not limited to: cash awards, gift cards, and gift certificates.

**Section 2. Awards and trophies.** Clubs may award such awards and trophies as they choose, however, awards and trophies must be given consistently to all winners at the same level. Clubs may accept trophies donated by individuals or other organizations and these trophies may be designated for specific breeds or specific accomplishments.

**Section 3. Announcing qualifiers and placements.** Class placements may be announced after each course or when the meet is completed. The Judge announces the placements and overall winners.

**Section 4. Ribbons and rosettes.** If offered, all ribbons and rosettes must include the UKC logo, and should specify lure coursing. The following ribbon colors are mandatory. Ribbons awarded for all other wins may be any other colors or combination of colors.

### **Meet Placements.**

- Stake winner – blue
- Runners-Up – red
- Breed Leader – purple
- Qualifying run – light blue
  - Total Dog Qualifier – red, black and white (Regular Stakes only).
  - Total Junior Qualifier – purple, black and white (Regular Stakes only)

**Section 5. Total Dog and Total Junior Awards.** All clubs offering total dog recognition and awards must also offer Total Junior recognition and awards. A club (or with special written approval by UKC, a combination of clubs holding events in conjunction with each other) offering conformation and at least one performance event may apply to offer the Total Dog and Total Junior Award when submitting its Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend.

**Section 6. Total Dog Participants.** Dogs that are permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the events and dogs that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) or limited privilege (LP)/performance listing (PL) number as of the day of the events are eligible to compete for the Total Dog Award.

**Section 7. Requirements for Total Dog Award.** To be eligible for this award, a dog must meet the requirements listed below at the same event.

**a.** Compete in conformation with competition and win one of the following classes:

- Best Male/Female of Variety
- Best Male/Female
- Best of Winners
- Champion
- Grand Champion
- Best of Breed
- Group 1 through 4 (Note: Group 4 win only counts if there are five or more breeds in the Group class)
- Best In Multi-Breed Show
- Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show
- Best In Show
- Reserve Best In Show

For the purpose of this award, competition through Best of Breed is defined as defeating another dog of the same breed. If there is no competition of the same breed, a Best of Breed winner who defeats another dog of a different breed by placing in the Group, by winning Best or Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show, or by winning

Best or Reserve Best In Show shall be considered to have a win with competition.

- b. Earn a qualifying score in a performance event.** A Total Dog Qualifying score will be earned in a lure coursing event when a dog completes a regular stakes, without a foul and with competition.

For the purpose of this award, a qualifying score in a lure coursing event is defined as winning at least one course against another dog in the regular stakes.

**Section 8. Total Junior Award.** When clubs offer Total Dog Awards, they are also to offer Total Junior Awards. The Junior Handler must:

- a.** Compete in a UKC Junior Showmanship Licensed class and earn a 1st-4th placement or an Award of Merit\* with competition. Licensed classes include Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior and Open Senior.

\*Award of Merit for UKC Junior Showmanship classes will only be given if the individual class meets these requirements be calculated as follows:

- 6 Junior Handlers in competition 1 AOM
- 9 Junior Handlers in competition 2 AOM
- 12 Junior Handlers in competition 3 AOM
- 15 Junior Handlers in competition 4 AOM
- 18 Junior Handlers in competition 5 AOM
- 21 Junior Handlers in competition 6 AOM
- 24 Junior Handlers in competition 7 AOM
- 27 Junior Handlers in competition 8 AOM
- 30 Junior Handlers in competition 9 AOM
- 33 Junior Handlers in competition 10 AOM

- b.** The Junior must also earn a qualifying score in any one performance event on the same day the conformation requirement was earned. Qualifying performance events are Agility, Dock Jumping, Lure Coursing (Regular stakes only), Obedience, Rally Obedience, Drag Racing and weight pull events.

## CHAPTER 12 JUDGING PROCEDURES

**Section 1. Discussion of scoring with exhibitors.** UKC judges are encouraged to discuss their scoring with exhibitors.

**Section 2. Judge's authority on the course.** Judges must be the same for all runs within a stake, but separate judges may be assigned to stake(s) on the day of the meet, based on entries. The judge may use whatever reasonable procedures he/she deems necessary to evaluate each dog's performance in an effective and efficient manner. The same procedures will be used to judge each dog in a stake.

**Section 3. Judge's book.** Judges are responsible for the accuracy of the information in their Judges' books. Each judge must sign their judge's book upon the completion of a judging assignment and return it to the Event Secretary.

**Section 4. Report on equipment and course.** 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 lure coursing field is in compliance with UKC rules. The Event Committee should rectify any substandard equipment or field deficiencies found by the judge. If the Event Committee is unable to resolve the problems prior to the start of the meet, the judge must report those deficiencies to UKC in writing within ten days of the meet.

**Section 5. Responsibility for supervising coursing stewards.** The judge is responsible for supervising and instructing all field stewards of their responsibilities prior to the start of the meet.

## **CHAPTER 13 JUDGING AND EXHIBITING**

### **Section 1. Conformation and Performance judges who exhibit.**

- a. Conformation judges are prohibited from exhibiting in any conformation event over a scheduled weekend until the day after their assignment. Conformation judges may, however, enter and compete in any performance event the day(s) preceding their assignment, and/or the day of their assignment, and/or the day(s) after their assignment.
- b. Performance judges are prohibited from exhibiting on the same day and for the same type of event they are officiating unless the backup judge system is in place. Performance judges may exhibit in conformation and/or for any other type of performance event the day(s) preceding their assignment, and/or the day of their assignment and/or the day(s) after their assignment.

**Section 2. 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 is to their assignment 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.

- a. Should a judge find an eligible handler for the entered dog if there is a conflict of time, the dog may still be exhibited in the event in which it is entered.
- b. Judges exhibiting in any event on the same day (other than the event they officiate) will be eligible for awards, placements, and Championship points where applicable.

**Section 3. Breach of Conflict Rules and Penalties.** The following applies to ALL UKC licensed judges, both conformation and performance.

- a. No judge may interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule an event in which he/she has entered a dog, in order to fulfill or complete their judging assignment. Nor may a judge interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule an event in which he/she is officiating in order to facilitate exhibiting their dog.
- b. No club or judge may interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule any event for any judge to accommodate a judge exhibiting a dog on the same day he/she is judging for any reason.
- c. Judges reported and proven to have interrupted, disrupted, delayed or rescheduled an event to allow themselves to exhibit a dog or interrupted, disrupted, delayed or rescheduled an event in which they are officiating, to exhibit a dog, will face disciplinary action which could include the suspension of judging privileges for up to 1 year and a fine up to \$500.
- d. Clubs reported and proven to have interrupted, disrupted, delayed or rescheduled an event to allow a judge to exhibit a dog or allowed a judge to interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule an event in which the judge is officiating in order to exhibit a dog will face disciplinary action which could include the suspension of event privileges for up to 1 year and a fine up to \$500.

**Section 4. Conformation Judging Restrictions.** Conformation judges may not pass judgment on a dog of which they are listed as owner, co-owner, breeder or co-breeder in any conformation class, 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 5. Performance Judging Restrictions.**

- a. Performance judges may not pass judgment on a dog of which they are listed as owner or co-owner or that is owned or co-owned by a member of the judge's immediate family or any person in the judge's household.
- b. Performance judges may exhibit a dog or have a dog they own or co-own exhibited by someone else in any event preceding the day of their judging assignment, the day of their judging assignment or the day after their judging assignment at an event in which they have been hired or in a scheduled weekend.
- c. The back-up judge system for performance events must be in place for an assigned judge to exhibit or have a dog that they own or co-own exhibited in the event in which they are judging.

#### **Section 6. Owners and/or Co-Owners and/or Immediate Family/Household Restrictions.**

- a. 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.
- b. A judge's immediate family and/or household members may exhibit a dog not owned or co-owned by the judge, in any event on the same day that the judge is officiating; except that the immediate family/household member may not enter or exhibit the dog in the same event-type that the judge is scheduled to officiate, with the exception of using the back-up judge system in the performance events. Immediate family/household members may enter any event without restriction on any other day the judge is not scheduled to judge.
- c. Additional restrictions may apply to immediate family and household members per specific event type which can be found in the corresponding rulebook for the specific event.

#### **Section 7. Backup Judge System.** Performance judges may compete in the same trial that they are assigned to judge under the following provisions:

- a. The judge must notify the club in advance that they wish to enter a dog in an event they are assigned to judge.
- b. The host club must designate a Chief (Head, Lead) judge and a backup judge on the event application. The chief judge will be the overall authority for judging the event.
- c. Dog(s) exhibited by the chief judge may compete only under the assigned backup judge. The backup judge may only officiate for the chief judge (and/or immediate family/household members of the judge) and may not officiate for any other exhibitors entered in that event with the exception of the events in which multiple dogs are judged at the same time (i.e. Drag Racing, Weight Pull (same weight class), Lure Coursing). In that case the backup judge may only judge the class/division/course in which the judge's dog(s) are competing.
- d. Judges are prohibited from interrupting their judging assignment in order to exhibit. Judges may coordinate when they will exhibit based on the event specific rules in which judges are entered/officiating.
- e. Judges competing in the events in which they are officiating will not be eligible for placements or awards as per the event specific rules in which they are entered/officiating, All Star and Championship points will still be available in events that points can be earned.
- f. Assigned backup judges will be eligible for awards, placements, and Championship points.

**Section 8. Emergency Replacement of Backup Judge.** Should an assigned backup judge fail to appear at an event in which they were assigned as the designated backup judge, there will be no emergency replacement of the backup judge's assignment if there is no other fully licensed judge that holds the same event type license at the event. In this case, the Chief Judge will forfeit their entry and fulfill their assignment. If an event was published in the UKC Upcoming Events on the UKC website as having a backup judge and if a fully licensed judge that holds the same event type license is in attendance at an event where the assigned backup judge did not appear; the judge in attendance may serve as the backup judge. Clubs must note the change in backup judges and provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances in their event report.

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Best of Breed winner.** Winner of the runoff between stake winners of the same breed.

**Blanket.** A solid colored jacket worn by the dogs during competition.

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

**Breed Leader.** Highest advancing dog in each breed in mixed stakes.

**Breed Stake.** A competitive stake (of multiple courses) consisting of dogs of the same breed.

**Braces.** A course consisting of two dogs.

**Bye.** A course in which a single dog remains to run alone.

**Bye Dog.** A dog added to a course that is not to be scored against the other dog.

**Check In.** All entered dogs must report to the Secretary by the published Check In time. Dogs not checked in will be marked absent and will not be eligible to compete.

**Course(s).** One or two hounds pursuing an artificial lure. The course begins when the Huntmaster receives an affirmative response to "Are you ready?", and ends when the dogs are under the handlers' control.

**Coursing Aptitude Test.** The coursing aptitude test is a noncompetitive pass/fail run for all dogs including mixed-breed dogs. The format is structured as a single run by the dog using the same course as in the coursing meet and the same judging criteria.

**Coursing Meet.** The coursing meet includes sighthound and pariah dog breeds competition (regular stakes in a brace elimination format and coursing test) and the all-breed Coursing Aptitude Test.

**Coursing Test.** The coursing test is the first level of competition for sighthounds, and includes both singles run and a run with competition.

**Corresponding date.** UKC schedules events based on a 52-week calendar and does not schedule events by which weekend an event falls within a month but rather by a corresponding date of the year. This means that the dates of your club's scheduled event will vary each year and approximately every 6 years the weekend date changes by up to 5 days. For example, if a club offers an event on the 4th weekend of this year, then that club's corresponding date in all subsequent years is also the 4th weekend, regardless of the actual date.

**Day-of-meet entries.** Most UKC clubs allow entries to be taken on the day of a show, trial or meet. The start and finish time for taking these entries is published in any official event announcement and on the UKC website, [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com). Shows that do not offer day of meet entries are designated as "PRE-ENTRY ONLY" in any official event announcement and in the "Upcoming Event" listings.

**Determining a dog's age.** In determining a dog's age for entry purposes, a month-to-month calendar day system shall be used. For example, a dog born on January 1 shall turn six months old on July 1 of the same year.

**Dismissal.** A dog that has been dismissed by a judge may not continue to participate in coursing meet. However, the dog may participate in any other events the same day, and if eligible, including an additional CA event held on the same day. A dog which has been dismissed three times for inappropriate behavior in the field, shall be considered prohibited from coursing, and may not be entered in another coursing meet.

**Disqualified.** Dog 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, an undesirable trait as listed in a breed standard, or a condition of or action by a dog that is prohibited under the rules of the United Kennel Club. A dog that has been disqualified from a conformation show, companion or performance event pursuant to *Dog Temperament and Behavior* must not participate in any further events unless reinstated by UKC.

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

**Draw.** A random drawing of names into the different stakes, and/or for position in each stake.

**Entry Form.** An official UKC document required for entry into a UKC licensed event. The entry form provides all of the necessary information regarding the dog being entered into the event as well as the owner 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. A dog excused from a conformation class in show 1 may be shown again on the same day in show 2, and it is also eligible for any performance events on the same day.

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

**Handlers meeting.** Running procedures and rules are explained to exhibitors at this time.

**Huntmaster.** The trial steward directly in control of the running of each course.

**Immediate family.** The spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, sibling, grandchild, in-law of a person is immediate family members.

**Licensed classes.** Classes that are required to be offered at a UKC conformation show performance events in which Championship points and qualifying scores can be earned.

**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. Performance Listed dogs designated as a breed from the Sighthound or Pariah Dog Group or Italian Greyhound from the Companion Dog Group are eligible for Coursing Meets in the Regular Stake. All other dogs with a Performance Listing are eligible for the Coursing Aptitude Test.

**Stake Winner.** The last remaining undefeated dog in each Breed or Mixed Stake shall be declared the stake winner.

**Mixed Stake.** A competitive stake (of multiple courses) consisting of dogs of different breeds.

**Permanent Registration.** A UKC "Permanent Registration Certificate" serves as proof of your 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-event entry. Pre-entries must be **received** by a specific date (usually called the "closing date" and published in any official event announcement and on the UKC website), and are normally lower in price than day-of-show entries. Events that do not accept day-of-show entries are designated as "PRE-ENTRY ONLY" in any official event announcement and in the Upcoming Events listing on the on the UKC website.

**Pre-slip.** Occurs when a hound is released before the Huntmaster calls the "Tally Ho".

**Qualifying Run.** A pass/fail (non-scored) run in which the dog must complete the entire course with enthusiasm and without interruption (Coursing Aptitude Test).

**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.

**Regular Stake.** A competitive stake for sighthounds in which points are earned towards coursing titles. Includes both Breed and Mixed Stakes.

**Stake.** Stakes may be run with 4, 6, or 8 dogs, with the larger stakes preferred. Maximum entry for a stake is 8 dogs.

**Tally Ho.** The command from the Huntmaster to the handlers to release the dogs at the start of each course. Dogs may not be released before the 'T' in Tally Ho.

**Take.** The catch of the lure by a dog while running.

**Temporary Listing (TL) number.** A Temporary Listing is a number issued to an eligible dog that is not permanently registered with UKC, prior to the start of any licensed events. 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.

## INHERENT RIGHTS AND POWERS OF UKC

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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 judgment 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.

### **UKC POLICY REGARDING PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH FIGHTING DOGS**

Any individual or group of individuals known by UKC to promote, support, raise dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give or trade dogs that will be used in fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting of dogs; or arrested for attending and/or participating in a dog fight, will have the following actions taken against them by United Kennel Club:

1. All dog registration privileges will be revoked for life.
  - a. The person(s) will not be permitted to register any litters of puppies.
  - b. The person(s) will not be permitted to transfer ownership of any puppies or adult dogs into their name.
2. The person(s) will be barred for life from participating in or entering any UKC licensed events. Their dogs will not be awarded any UKC Championship points or titles even if handled by another person.
3. The person(s) will be barred for life from advertising in any UKC publications and on the UKC website.

Anyone aware of any persons currently involved in such activities as are listed above should report them to United Kennel Club.

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