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Drag Racing

Drag Racing is a competitive event designed for all dogs within a specified size range, including mixed-breeds, to evaluate a dog's natural prey drive and exhibit the dog's usefulness as a companion. This event also emphasizes the handler's ability to train a dog and the dog's willingness to work.

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

- 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 try to help new exhibitors. Beginners are critical to the future of the sport. All exhibitors must display good sportsmanship and respect for others.
- When discussing a score with the judge, exhibitors should accept the decision of the judge gracefully. Remember, it was the judge's evaluation of that performance on that day.
- Exhibitors should always keep their area clean, dispose of all dog waste appropriately and leave an event site in the condition they found it.

Finality of judges' decisions. By entering any Drag Racing event, 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. Governing Rules. UKC licensed events are governed by UKC rules, classifications, and point systems. The entry form signed by the exhibitor states that the exhibitor is familiar with the UKC rules and regulations. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and to be ready and able to abide by them.

Section 2. Jurisdiction. All UKC licensed Drag Racing events shall be governed by the Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events, the official UKC Drag Racing Rulebook, and the UKC Misconduct and Discipline Guidelines for All-Breed Events. The awarding of UKC Championship points, qualifying scores and titles issued by the United Kennel Club, Inc., are uniform and are not given on a local or geographical basis.

Section 3. Licenses. Any UKC club that is eligible to offer Drag Races may be licensed to offer Flat racing, Steeplechase racing or both. UKC reserves the right to grant, withhold or revoke event licenses at its own discretion. ***Clubs that offer Drag Racing events are encouraged to also apply for the Lure Coursing and Precision Coursing event licenses.***

Section 4. Eligibility of Dogs. Dogs that are entered and compete in licensed UKC Drag Racing events that do not meet the requirements below will have their wins invalidated. No dog may be entered in any class for exhibition only. To be eligible to compete in licensed Drag Racing events dogs must be:

- 18 inches or under at the withers.
- At least one year 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 Performance Listing (PL). At a Pre-Entry only event, the dog must be Permanently Registered, have a valid TL or a valid PL number by the pre-entry deadline date of the event.
- Deaf dogs are eligible to enter and participate in Drag Racing events.
- Dogs missing all or part of one limb may only enter the Novice Racer class in Drag Racing events.
- Dogs unable to be muzzled may only run in the Novice Racer class in Drag Racing events.

Section 5. Ineligibility of Dogs.

The following dogs must not enter or compete in Drag Racing events 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 *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events* Chapter 1, Section 13.
- Dogs that are under 1 year of age on the day of the event may not be entered into Drag Racing.
- Any dog that does not meet the specified size and equipment requirements including dogs that cannot be muzzled or do not fit comfortably into the start box must not be entered in any licensed Drag Racing event.
- Dogs that are unfit to race must not enter or participate in racing events
- Blind dogs
- Lameness
- Dogs that appear to be ill
- Females in season and pregnant or lactating females
- Dogs that have sutures, bandages, adhesive or any other material that is indicative of or related to any surgical or medical procedure.
- Dogs that have anything attached to them for adornment, are prohibited with the exception of elastic ties or small plain barrettes used to keep the hair from a dog's eyes.
- No dogs under the influence of a performance altering drug may participate in Drag Racing events.

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

Section 6. Females in season. The host club has the option of refunding the entire entry fee or retaining up to 50% of the fee as a processing fee of any Drag Racing competitor who provides a veterinarian's certificate

verifying that the female came into season after the closing date for entries. The certificate may be mailed, provided the post-mark is no later than the date prior to the day of the trial, or delivered by hand to the Event Secretary before the published start time of the event.

Section 7. Inoculations. Please refer to the Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events for rules regarding inoculations.

Section 8. Acceptable Behavior and Temperament in Drag Racing. Because the sport of Drag Racing brings out the dog's natural prey drive, feisty behavior and temperament in Drag Racing is acceptable. However, displays of aggression towards other dogs will be subject to UKC's regular Disqualified for Attacking procedures at the discretion of the judge.

Section 9. Disqualified Dog. Dogs that have been disqualified by a judge at a UKC Licensed event in accordance with the Dog Temperament section found in the Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events, are ineligible to enter a UKC license event unless or until reinstated by UKC.

- When an attack or attempt to bite a person happens inside of a ring, the Judge is to follow the official procedures outlined in the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events*, Chapter 1, Section 13. When this happens outside of the ring or anywhere on the event grounds, the Event Committee is to follow the same procedures outlined in the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events*, Chapter 1, Section 13.
- Dogs disqualified for attacking are immediately rendered ineligible to compete at any UKC events and the exhibitor shall forfeit all entry fees for any event where the dog has yet to compete. The exhibitor must secure the dog(s) and remain on the premises until the "Disqualified for Attacking" form has been completed in accordance with The *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events*, Chapter 1, Section 13.

Section 10. Earning Titles from Licensed Classes. UKC Drag Racing titles must be earned successively. Equivalent titles from UKC or other venues may be used to determine a dog's eligibility to enter the Advance or Regular Class without having to earn the lower title. Dogs that have no Drag Racing history must enter the Novice class.

Section 11. UKC Drag Racing Title Certificates and Official Notification. Points or legs earned toward UKC titles are awarded after United Kennel Club receives and processes the official event report from the host club. Once the requirements for a Drag Racing title have been met and recorded, UKC will automatically mail a Certificate of Honor to the dog's recorded owner. The owner shall be deemed notified as of the mailing date of the title certificate.

Section 12. Points Check. Owners may check titles and points using the UKC Online Points Check available at www.ukcdogs.com. Questions may be emailed to performance@ukcdogs.com or the All-Breed Sports department may be contacted by phone.

Section 13. Duplicate Title Certificates. Duplicate title certificates are available for a nominal fee. Contact the All-Breed Sports department for current fees.

CHAPTER 2 - RACE EQUIPMENT

Section 1. Equipment provided by the club. The club must have the following items which include but are not limited to:

- **Supplies.** Pens, pencils, clipboards, posting boards, clean-up supplies, etc. available at the site.
- **Communication devices.** It is recommended that clubs have devices such as radios, instant messaging via phone, or a runner for sending and receiving messages from one end of the track to the other.
- **Draw materials.** The club must have materials to conduct the draw for starting box placements, such as playing cards, dominoes, handwritten numbers on paper, or computerized randomization program.
- **Track Barrier.** A track barrier at least three feet high and running the entire length of the track and catch area is required for all races. The barrier shall be placed at the outer edges of the starting box, running the length of the track past the outer edges of the finish line, and enclose the catch area.
- **End Barrier.** This is the visible blockade or wall that is set across the entire width of the track at the opposite end of the track from the starting boxes, and which signifies the ending point of the race. The end barrier contains a tunnel opening which must only be large enough to allow one dog to go through at a time.
- **Loading Area.** The loading area is to be free of spectators and is located directly behind the starting boxes. This area must be large enough to accommodate the stewards assigned to that area, and for the owners to load dogs into assigned starting boxes. It is suggested that a sign such as a dry erase board be posted at the entrance, to show the heat and races, with the starting box assignment, and collar colors so that the owners may line up in the order of box loading.
- **Catch Area.** This is a fenced area that surrounds the end barrier so that dogs cannot escape once they cross the finish line. *This area **must be a minimum of 40 feet long**, and wide enough to allow room for the lure pull, lure operator, judge, the dog catchers, and all the incoming dogs.*
- **Starting Box.** The starting box must have a minimum of four individual stalls and no more than six individual stalls where the dogs are loaded prior to their race. The gate that is attached to the starting box must be designed so that all gates open simultaneously.
- **Straw Bales or other Safety Barrier.** The club must provide a straw or hay bale or other appropriate barrier over the drag lure line just on the inside of the catch area fencing in front of the lure machine, which is placed outside of the fencing.
- **Steeplechase hurdles.** The club must provide a minimum set of 4 complete hurdles to accommodate all size divisions.
- **Lure system.** The lure system is the entire setup needed to hold a Drag Racing event. The system includes the following:
 - **Artificial lure.** This is made from unscented imitation fur, faux sheep's wool, or similar material, and is typically cut into multiple strips and tied together.
 - **Drag Line.** This is a type of heavy gauge single string line that is at least 275 feet long. One end of the line is attached to lure and the other end is attached to a flywheel.
- **Flywheel.** This is the device that pulls the lure down the track in one direction only. The setting of the lure in front of the starting boxes must be done manually by pulling the lure line from the flywheel in a reverse direction while the machine is at idle or disconnected. ***A continuous loop pulley is prohibited due to safety issues that may arise.***
- **Lure Control Switch.** The lure machine must have an operator's switch that will allow the lure to be stopped and/or started based upon the speed of the class being raced.
- **Lure Motor.** It is required that the lure motor be placed outside of the catch area but directly behind the end barrier. The lure and drag line itself should be drawn under the straw bales or other suitable material to prevent access by the dogs.
- **Racing Collars.** Clubs must provide and maintain a selection of these pre-designated colored racing collars for both Flat and Steeplechase racers: blue, red, green, yellow, purple, orange, and pink. Additional alternate-colored collars may be kept on hand and used as a replacement color if necessary and provided the same-colored collar has not been delegated to another racer. The collars should be soft and easy to place on and off the dog. Each dog must wear the colored collar selected by the race stewards.

- For safety reasons, and to avoid unnecessary delays, all collars should be fitted to the individual racing dog prior to the running of their race.
- The exhibitor may elect to use their own colored collar, provided it is approved by the judge.
- The dog may wear an additional flat buckle or snap collar, but the collar must properly fit the dog and any additional links or length of collar must be removed. Collar tags or other items hanging from the collar are prohibited. Any additional collars other than the required racing colored collar must be approved by the judge.

Section 2. Prohibited collars. Electronic collars are prohibited on the grounds of a UKC licensed conformation or performance event. Studded, chain, "pinch" or "prong" collars, harnesses (head or body), or any other type of special training collars are prohibited on the racecourse.

Section 3. Equipment for Dogs Provided by the Exhibitor.

- **Collars.** It is recommended that each handler maintain a selection of racing collars in the following colors: Blue, red, green, yellow, purple, orange, and pink. Collars should be soft and fit comfortably without any slack and be easily changed between races.
- **Leashes.** All dogs must be on a leash when not entering and exiting the track. While in the racing area, a short lead is recommended.
 - Flexi-leads are not allowed in the racing area. Outside of the immediate racing area, flexi-leads must be in the locked position with no greater than six feet in length.
- **Muzzles.** Dogs must be accustomed to wearing a muzzle, which is required when racing. The muzzle must properly fit the dog. Handlers must be aware of the relative advantages and disadvantages of each type of muzzle.
 - **Acceptable types of muzzles.** Softie, Plastic type, and Wire Basket type muzzles with optional top straps are acceptable.
 - **Prohibited types of muzzles.** The Figure 8 muzzle, Mikki™ brand, open ended, or other similar styles are prohibited. Any muzzle that prevents the dog from breathing freely through its mouth or prohibits the dog from panting are not allowed. The judge's decision on unacceptable muzzles is final.
- **Leg Wraps.** Leg wraps are not mandatory, and if used, the material should be self-adhesive and of a neutral color. Leg wraps may only be applied after the dog has been checked in.
- **Protective Clothing.** Dogs may wear protective clothing in Drag Racing to prevent scrapes and lacerations to the dog's skin, which may occur occasionally. The material used must be of neutral color. The fitted outfit must be skintight and cannot fall off the dog or have any loose or dangling ties. ***Protective clothing may not be placed on the dog until after check in.***

Section 4. Exhibitors Ring Attire. It is recommended that handlers wear rubber-soled, closed-toe shoes. Clothes should be neat and comfortable with safety in mind. Handlers can wear articles of clothing and equipment such as vests, hats, etc., that display their club's name, a logo, club, or kennel name.

Section 5. Prohibited Items. Dogs may not wear items of adornment, such as but not limited to, scarves, bandanas, caps, or sunglasses. Mobile phones and video recording devices are prohibited to be with or on the exhibitor or dog while physically handling the dog, during their judged performance, including the catch area. Exhibitors may not take any toys, food, bait bags, fanny packs, or other items that a dog may associate with bait into the racing area which includes the on-deck and catch areas.

The judge must require an exhibitor to remove any such item that they believe may violate this rule before allowing the exhibitor to enter the racing area. Exhibitors who enter the race areas and are found in violation of any part of this rule must be excused by the judge. The judge shall mark the judge's book as "Excused" and identify the exhibitor by writing the armband number and the reason for the excusal at the bottom of the judge's book.

CHAPTER 3 - EXHIBITOR AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT UKC EVENTS

Section 1. Conduct applicable to exhibitors and spectators. UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship on and off the racecourse. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them. Judges, Event Committee members, and officers of the host club may expel any exhibitor or spectator from the event grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and event participants.

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

Section 3. "Double handling". Persons outside the racecourse are prohibited from any intentional actions designed to affect the performance of a race. 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 they reasonably believe are benefiting from double handling.

CHAPTER 4 - RULES APPLYING TO EXHIBITORS

Section 1. Eligibility of Owners/Handlers. Racing handlers may be any age, provided the handler is able to control the dog. Handlers are not required to own the dog to enter or compete. A judge may excuse a dog at any time if they believe the handler is unable to control the dog. Any handler under 18 years of age on the day of the event may not be one of the assigned catchers. The judge's decision is final.

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

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

Section 3. Handlers with Disabilities. Only one person may handle a dog in the competition area. Handlers may use a wheelchair, crutches, cane, or any other means of mechanical assistance in the loading area. The judge may also make reasonable accommodations to the extent that it assists only the handler. For safety reasons, a blind person or a person with a disability that impairs balance, inability to move rapidly, or rapidly pick up and hold a dog safely are prohibited from the catch area. Accommodations may be made for any handler with disabilities that needs help with loading or catching their dog, such as allowing another handler to either load or catch a dog. However, two exhibitors cannot be in the loading or catch area at the same time, for the same dog. The decision of the judge on this matter shall be final.

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 or performance in any way. Exhibitors needing specific accommodations must notify the Event Secretary who will then inform the judge.

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

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

Section 5. Exhibitors who co-own a dog with an officiating judge. No exhibitor may exhibit any dog that is owned or co-owned by an officiating judge in the same event type that judge is scheduled to officiate, except when using the back-up judge system in performance events. The exhibitor may show any other dog to that judge provided the judge is not listed as owner or co-owner.

Section 6. Eligibility of Judge's Immediate Family and Household Members to Exhibit.

- Exhibitors who own or co-own a dog with any member of the judge's immediate family or member of the judge's household, regardless of ownership, may not enter under the officiating judge.
- A judge's immediate family and household members may exhibit any dog not owned or co-owned by the judge in any event any day of a scheduled weekend for which the judge has been hired. They may not enter or exhibit the dog in the same event type the judge is officiating on that day unless the back-up judge system is used.
- A judge's immediate family and household members may enter any event without restriction on any other day the judge is not scheduled to judge.

Section 7. Eligibility of Dogs Owned by Judges. Drag Racing 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 hired or in a scheduled weekend.

- Dogs owned by a judge may be entered in and exhibited by the judge at the same trials in which they are scheduled to officiate under the back-up judge system for performance events.
- No judge may interrupt, disrupt, delay, or reschedule an event in which they are officiating to facilitate exhibiting their dog.
- Judges or clubs reported and proven to have interrupted, disrupted, delayed, or rescheduled an event to allow a judge to exhibit a dog will face disciplinary action.
- The judge must fulfill the assignment they were hired for and willingly and knowingly withdraw any entries in any event that presents a conflict.
- Judges exhibiting in any event on the same day other than the event they officiate will be eligible for awards, placements, All Stars, and Championship points where applicable.

Section 8. Back-Up Judge System. The judge must notify the club in advance that they wish to enter a dog in an event they are assigned to judge. The host club must designate a chief judge and a back-up judge on the event application.

- The chief judge will be the overall authority for judging the event for which they are assigned.
- Dogs owned by the chief judge may compete only under the assigned back-up judge.
- The back-up judge may only officiate when the chief judge or the chief judge's immediate family and household members are running their dogs.
- The dogs owned by the chief judge, immediate family, or household members are eligible for qualifying scores, placements, awards, championship points and titles in the classes they are competing.
- Back-up judges' dogs will be eligible for qualifying scores, placements, awards, championship points, and titles in the classes they are competing.
- There will be no emergency replacements for back-up judges unless there is another fully licensed judge at the event to officiate in place of the back-up judge.

Section 9. Ring and Event Grounds Cleanup. Exhibitors are required to clean up after their dog if it soils the racecourse, or anywhere else on the event grounds. If on the course, the handler must either clean up after their own dog or assist the ring crew in cleaning the course. Exhibitors who fail to clean up after their dogs may be directed by the Event Committee to leave the event grounds.

Section 10. Interfering with the judge. No person may interfere with the judge in any way while they are judging a race.

Section 11. 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 12. Complaints about the Judge's placements. By entering a UKC event, the exhibitor is inviting the opinion of the judge and must accept the judge's decision as final. Exhibitors are encouraged to discuss performances with judges but must not argue about the judge's scoring or class placements. Complaints about the judge may only be lodged with the host club if the exhibitor believes the judge has violated a specific UKC rule. Complaints about a judge's knowledge or application of UKC Drag Racing rules may be filed with UKC but must address specific deficiencies. Complaints must be signed and provide the name of the judge, the name of the host club, and the date of the event.

CHAPTER 5 - ELIGIBILITY FOR DRAG RACING, CLASSES AND TITLES

Owners should be aware of their own dog's ability to run in any type of racing event and take the full responsibility should their dog become injured. Dog must not measure more than 18 inches at the withers, must load safely into a race starting box, must be able to be muzzled in specific classes, and must finish the race by crossing the finish line located on the back side of the barrier hole. Dogs competing in Steeplechase races must be able to navigate hurdle jumps. *Some dogs may be more prone to injury due to their physical characteristics and may not be suited to run Steeplechase races.*

Section 1. Racing Event types and requirements. There are two types of races: Flat racing and Steeplechase racing. Both types of racing are open to all eligible dogs. Dogs do not have to be entered in both types of races.

- **Flat Racing.** Dogs are required to chase a lure on a flat surface and to cross the finish line by going through the barrier hole at the end of the track.
- **Steeplechase Racing.** Dogs are required to chase a lure on a flat surface that has 4 hurdle jumps and to cross the finish line by going through the barrier hole at the end of the track.

Section 2. UKC Drag Racing Classifications. *All Drag Racing classes are offered for both Flat and Steeplechase titles. Judges have the right to excuse any dog they feel cannot run safely in any Drag Racing class. The classification for each class is as follows:*

- **Novice Class.** *The Novice class is for dogs who are new to the sport of Drag Racing. Dogs with no experience will run alone and must earn the Novice Racer title before being eligible to enter the Advanced class. Dogs are not required to wear a muzzle in this class but may do so if the handler chooses. **To be eligible to enter the Advanced class, dogs coming from the Novice class must have at least two passing runs wearing a muzzle for each race type (flat, steeplechase).** Dogs who have not earned the Advanced Racer title may continue to race in the Novice class indefinitely and earn numerical Novice Racer titles.*
- **Advanced Class.** ***To be eligible to enter the Advanced class, dogs coming from the Novice class must have at least two passing runs wearing a muzzle for each race type (flat, steeplechase).** The Advanced class is for dogs who have earned the UKC Novice Drag Racing title or the former UKC UFA, or USA titles. Dogs who have not earned the former UKC UFR, or USR title, or who have Drag Racing experience in other venues that meet the outlined requirements, may enter this class. This class requires dogs to wear a muzzle and run with other dogs. The Advanced Racer title must be earned before being eligible to enter the Regular Racing classes and start earning points toward the Drag Racing Champion title, beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the lower title.*
- **Regular Class.** *The Regular class is for dogs who have earned the UKC Advanced Drag Racing title, and for dog's that have earned the former UKC UFR or USR title, or its equivalent titles in other venues. There is no title associated with dogs entered in the Regular class. These dogs are experienced dogs working toward their Drag Racing Champion title. Muzzles are required to be worn. Dogs with equivalent Drag Racing titles from other venues may enter directly into the Regular class and are not required to earn the lower class titles. However, once a dog has entered and earned a passing leg in this class, they are ineligible to move down to a lower class without UKC approval.*
- **Champion Class.** *The Champion class is only for dogs that have met the title requirements for the UKC Champion Racer title by running in the Regular class. Dogs that have earned the UKC Champion Racer title and are correctly entered in this class, are eligible to start earning points toward the UKC Grand Champion racer title beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the UKC Champion title requirements.*
- **Grand Champion Race Class.** *The Grand Champion class is only for dogs that have earned the UKC Grand Champion Racer title. Dogs that have earned the UKC Grand Champion Racer title may continue to run in the Grand Champion class and start earning points toward the Grand Champion Excellent numerical titles beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the Grand Champion Racer title.*

Section 3. Drag Racing Titles, Requirements. *UKC Drag Racing titles must be earned sequentially from the class in which the dog is entered and eligible to earn titles. Equivalent titles from other venues may be used for UKC Drag Racing titles in determining eligibility for a class. A club must offer all applicable licensed racing classes for both Flat and Steeplechase racing on the application. An approved single breed club may apply to hold Flat racing, Steeplechase racing, or both when offering a specialty event. The listed titles below are available for both Flat racing and Steeplechase racing,*

respectively. Requirements to earn a passing run (leg), or to receive championship points toward the UKC Drag Racing titles are as follows:

- A dog must complete the course in good form and without a foul.
- In the applicable classes, the dog must not purposefully interfere with any other dog on the course.
- A dog must come through the hole and cross the finish line.
- In the applicable classes, a dog must cross the finish line with its muzzle in place.
- Passing legs and competition wins may be earned under the same judge.

- **Novice Racer (UNFR / UNSR).** This class is for **any dog that has not earned the Advanced Racer title or higher**. To earn the United Novice Flat Racer or the United Novice Steeplechase Racer title, a dog must earn 3 passing legs by running alone on the track for each type of race. There are no placements given for competing in this class.
 - The handler has the option to run the dog with or without a muzzle.
 - Once the handler is behind the end barrier, they may encourage the dog to come to them, as well as encourage the dog to come through the hole and cross the finish line.
 - **To be eligible to enter the Advance class, a novice dog must have at least two passing runs wearing a muzzle for each race type (flat, steeplechase).**
 - Dogs who have not earned the Advanced Racer title may continue to run in the Novice class and earn numerical Novice Racer titles (e.g. UNFR2, UNFR3 or UNSR2, UNSR3 and so forth)

- **Advanced Racer (UAFR / UASR).** To be eligible to enter the Advanced class, dogs coming from the Novice class must have at least two passing runs wearing a muzzle for each race type (flat, steeplechase). This class is for dogs who have earned the United Novice Racer title or the former UFA or USA titles. **Dogs that have Drag Racing experience from other venues (such as racing titles from JRTCA), are eligible to enter this class but must show viable proof they can run with a muzzle.** To earn the United Advanced Flat Racer or the United Advanced Steeplechase Racer title, a dog must earn 3 passing legs for each type of race, with a minimum of one passing leg with competition. There are no placement awards given for competing in this class.
 - Competition is defined as beating one dog in a semi-final or final race.
 - Dogs are required to wear a muzzle in this class.

- **Regular Racer.** This class is only for dogs that have earned the UKC Advanced Racer title, United Flat Racer title, United Steeplechase Racer title, or its equivalent title or champion title in another venue. Dogs entered in this class are earning points toward the UKC Drag Racing Champion titles. Dogs that meet the regular class requirements listed below shall be deemed a United Drag Racing Champion in the specific race type the requirements are met. There are no placement awards given for competing in this class.
 - To earn the Champion Racer title a dog must earn 100 points and a minimum of 3 competition wins as defined in the champion point and competition schedule.
 - Points may be earned by placing 1st through 5th place in a semi-final, and a final race, and
 - Competition wins may be earned by placing 1st or 2nd, or 3rd place in the semi-final or 1st or 2nd place in a final race over another dog.

- **Champion Racer (UFCH / USCH).** This class is for dogs who have earned the United Flat Champion Racer title (UFCH), or United Steeplechase Racer title (USCH). Dogs who have earned the former United Flat Champion Racer title (UFCH), or United Steeplechase Racer title (USCH) are eligible to enter this class. Dogs that have a champion Drag Racing title in another venue are not eligible to enter this class but must enter the regular class and meet the title requirements. Eligible dogs may enter this class and begin earning points toward their Grand Champion Racer title, beginning at the next event after meeting the requirements for the United Champion Racer title. Placement ribbons are optional but are not required to be given in this class.
 - To earn the Grand Champion Racer title a dog must earn 300 Championship points, and 5 competition wins as defined in the champion point and competition schedule.
 - Points may be earned by placing 1st through 5th place in a semi-final, and a final race, and

- *Competition wins may be earned by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the semi-final or 1st or 2nd place in a final race over another dog.*
- ***Competition wins may be earned by placing 1st or 2nd place in a final race over another dog.***
- ***Grand Champion Racer (UFGR / USGR).*** *This class is for dogs who have earned the United Grand Champion Racer title. Eligible dogs may enter this class and begin earning points toward their Grand Champion Excellent Racer title, beginning at the next event after earning the Grand Champion Racer title. Placement ribbons are optional and are not required to be given in this class.*
- ***Grand Excellent Racer (UFXR / USXR).*** *This is a new and numerical title and only dogs that have earned the United Grand Champion Racer title are eligible to earn this numerical title.*
 - *There is no grandfathering of any prior wins or points for this new title.*
 - *To earn each numerical title for the UFXR / USXR title, the dog must earn 300 championship points in the specific race type by running in the Grand Champion class and 5 competition wins.*
 - *For each additional 300 championship points and 5 competition wins the dog earns by running in the Grand Champion class, a numerical value will be added to the UFXR / USXR title (for example UFXR2, UFXR3 or USXR2, USXE3).*

Section 4. Champion and Grand Champion titles and Competition Wins. *Points toward the Champion title, Grand Champion title and the Grand Excellent titles, may only be earned from competing the Regular Class, Champion Class and Grand Champion class. To earn a competition win, the dog **must** beat another dog in the Semi-Final or Final race. Points and Competition wins toward the titles may only be earned starting at the next race after the completion of the lower title. Dogs who are entered into a class they are not eligible to be entered will have the higher wins invalidated*

- ***Earning Championship Points.*** *Points are calculated based upon the dog's placement earned from the Regular class, Champion Class and Grand Champion class, as follows:*
 - ***Placing in a semi-final.*** *Placing 1st through 5th place in a semi-final race will receive championship points*
 - ***Placing in a final.*** *Placing 1st through 5th place in a final race will receive championship points*
- ***Earning Competition wins.*** *Only one competition win may be earned per race and type per trial. Competition wins are earned from the Regular class, Champion Class and Grand Champion class, by placing over another dog, as follows:*
 - ***Placing in a semi-final.*** *Placing 1st through 3rd place in a semi-final over another racer will receive a competition win*
 - ***Placing in a final.*** *Placing 1st or 2nd place in a final race over another racer will receive a competition win*
- ***Calculating championship points and competition wins.***
 - *Championship points are cumulative and are calculated for each placement described above for semi-finals, and finals.*
 - *Competition wins are not cumulative and only one competition win may be earned in a race but may come from placing over the required number of dogs in the semi-final or final round of a race.*
 - *A competition win shall be awarded, if not previously earned, should a Regular Competitor, Champion Competitor or Grand Champion Competitor be awarded the Fastest Racer over the other competing dogs.*

Championship Points and Competition Scale Table					
Placement	Semi-Final Points	Competition	Final Points	Competition	Fastest Racer Competition
1st	5	YES	10	YES	YES
2nd	4	YES	8	YES	
3rd	3	YES	5		
4th	2		3		
5th	1		1		
6th	0		0		

Section 5. Grandfathering for the UKC Drag Racing Program. Dogs that have earned points toward the UKC Drag Racing titles will be grandfathered legs as outlined in this section.

- **Novice Racer and Advanced Racer legs.** The number of legs granted toward the Novice Racer title and Advanced Racer title is based upon the total number of points a dog has earned while running toward the UFR or USR title but have not met the title requirements. A grandfathered leg will be credited for each cumulative total of 25 points.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 25 points shall be grandfathered with the 1 Novice Racer leg.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 50 points shall be grandfathered with the 2 Novice Racer legs.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 75 points shall be grandfathered with the 3 Novice Racer legs and the Novice Racer title.
 - For each additional 75 points a dog has accumulated, a numerical Novice title will be noted on the dog's record.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 100 points shall be grandfathered with the Novice Racer title and 1 Advanced Racer leg.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 125 points shall be grandfathered with the Novice Racer title and 2 Advanced Racer legs.
 - A dog that has earned a minimum of 150 points but has not earned the UFR or USR title will be grandfathered with the Novice Racer 2 title and the Advanced Racer title. The dog will need to enter directly into the Regular class and may start earning Champion points toward the Drag Racing Champion title.
 - Additional legs earned based upon points that exceed 225 points shall only be applied to the numerical Novice Racer title and will not be applied to any Championship points or titles.

- **Dogs Competing in the Regular Class for Champion points.** Dogs that have earned their UKC UFR or USR titles and have points toward their Drag Racing Champion title shall retain their points and competition wins.
 - Dogs competing in the Regular class that meet the Drag Racing Champion title requirements under the new rules based upon their points and competition on record may be granted the Drag Racing Champion title. Owners are to check with UKC regarding their title and eligibility to enter the Grand Champion class.
 - Additional points that exceed the new Champion title requirements will not be applied to any Grand Championship points or titles.

- **Dogs Competing in the Champion Class toward the Grand Champion title.** Dogs competing in the Champion class that have earned points toward their Drag Racing Grand Champion title shall retain their points and competition wins.
 - Dogs that meet the Drag Racing Grand Champion title requirements under the new rules based upon their points and competition on record may be granted the Drag Racing Grand Champion title. Owners are to check with UKC regarding this title and eligibility to start earning wins toward the Drag Racing Grand Champion Excellent title.
 - Additional points that exceed the new Grand Champion title requirements will not be applied to the Grand Champion Excellent titles.

Section 6. UKC Drag Racing Title Certificates and Official Notification. Once the requirements for a Flat or Steeplechase race 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 All-Breed Sports.

CHAPTER 6 - RACING CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

Section 1. Racing Categories. There are five designated categories. Breeds that are specifically listed in category A, B, C or E must run in that category. All other eligible breeds will be assigned to category D. UKC reserves the right to reassign breeds to other categories at its discretion.

Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Category E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>American Hairless Terrier</i> • <i>Austrian Pinscher</i> • <i>Bedlington Terrier</i> • <i>Border Terrier</i> • <i>Danish Swedish Farmdog</i> • <i>Jagdterrier</i> • <i>Japanese Terrier</i> • <i>Kromfohrlander</i> • <i>Lakeland Terrier</i> • <i>Manchester Terrier</i> • <i>Miniature Schnauzer</i> • <i>Parson Russel Terrier</i> • <i>Patterdale Terrier</i> • <i>Rat Terrier</i> • <i>Silky Terrier</i> • <i>Smooth Fox Terrier</i> • <i>Toy Fox Terrier</i> • <i>Treeing Feist</i> • <i>Welsh Terrier</i> • <i>Wire Fox Terrier</i> • <i>Yorkshire Terrier</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>American Bully</i> • <i>English Bulldog</i> • <i>French Bulldog</i> • <i>Miniature Bull Terrier</i> • <i>Staffordshire Bull Terrier</i> • <i>Bull Terrier</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Basset Bleu de Gascogne</i> • <i>Basset Fauve de Bretagne</i> • <i>Basset Hound</i> • <i>Cardigan Welsh Corgi</i> • <i>Cesky Terrier</i> • <i>Dachshund</i> • <i>Dandie Dinmont Terrier</i> • <i>Glen of Imaal Terrier</i> • <i>Lhasa Apso</i> • <i>Norfolk Terrier</i> • <i>Norwich Terrier</i> • <i>Pekingese</i> • <i>Pembroke Welsh Corgi</i> • <i>Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen</i> • <i>Scottish Terrier</i> • <i>Sealyham Terrier</i> • <i>Shih Tzu</i> • <i>Skye Terrier</i> • <i>Sporting Lucas Terrier</i> • <i>Teddy Roosevelt Terrier</i> • <i>Tibetan Spaniel</i> • <i>West Highland White Terrier</i> 	<p><i>This category is open to all other breeds that meet the entry qualifications as outlined in Chapter 1, Section 4 of this rulebook.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>American Pit Bull Terrier</i>

Section 2. Racing Class Division. Each exhibitor is required to indicate the height of their dog in the appropriate check box provided on the entry form when entering a dog in a Drag Racing event. Dogs will automatically be entered into their category by the hosting club.

Racing Class Divisions

- 12" and under class
- Over 12" and up to 15"
- Over 15" and up to and including 18"

CHAPTER 7 - RULES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

Section 1. 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 Performance Listing (PL), 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. 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.

- ***The Event Secretary must assign individual armband numbers on each entry form submitted to UKC in the space provided in the upper right-hand portion of the entry form.***
- ***If the same dog is entered in different types of events, the club may have the same or a different armband number on the entry form, depending on how the club sets up each event.***
- ***All entry and move up/entry correction forms must be submitted to UKC with the event reports.***

Section 2. Determining a dog's height. A dog's height is determined by drawing a straight line from the top of the withers perpendicular to the ground while the dog is standing normally and not leaning nor being stretched out. It is recommended that a wicket be used to measure the dog's height. Each exhibitor is required to include the height of their dog when entering a dog in a Drag Racing event.

Section 3. Height of Borderline dogs. If a dog is on the borderline of a height classification, before the race the handler should ask the judge for a measurement so the dog may be exhibited in the proper class without penalty (i.e. excused from the race or invalidated). Each club is required to have a wicket on hand for measuring dogs on the day of the event.

Section 4. Exhibitors with more than one dog entered in a race. Exhibitors who enter more than one dog in a race must be prepared to provide an additional handler for the additional dog if racing in the same race.

Section 5. Checking in. The exhibitor is expected to know the scheduled starting time and to be present and ready to go when they are called. Upon arrival, the exhibitor should check in to determine the order of the racing heats and to notify the Event Secretary of their presence. The club will post the race heats as soon as practical after entries close. The exhibitor is expected to know when their heat race time is scheduled, and to be present prior to that time. Neither the judge nor the stewards are required to wait for absent dogs.

Section 6. Starting time. The start of a Drag Racing trial shall adhere as closely as possible to the advertised start time.

Section 7. Leash Requirements. When not exhibiting, exhibitors are always expected to keep their dogs under control. Dogs must be on a leash held by a handler or may be in a crate. Any handler who cannot regain and maintain control over their dog under reasonable circumstances while on deck or in the hole shall be penalized with a fault at the judge's discretion. The Event Committee may expel from the event grounds any person whose failure to control a dog interferes with judging or with the ability of other exhibitors to present their dogs.

Section 8. Ring Conflicts. A club offering an event that has more than one activity or a trial with more than one ring should anticipate the likelihood of conflicts and be prepared to handle them. If the exhibitor believes they may have ring conflicts, they must notify the stewards of possible conflicts before their class starts.

The judge may allow the exhibitor to show out of order, but the exhibitor must be flexible enough to deal with the requirements likely to result from multiple entries. Should the race be completed prior to the exhibitor's run and the next class has begun, the exhibitor will be marked absent. Exhibitors are responsible for being at the track when it is their turn to exhibit. Judges have the final say and are not required to wait for dogs.

Section 9. Racing by sexes. Males and Females may race together.

Section 10. Handlers Meeting. The officiating judge must conduct a handler's meeting at the beginning of the race or before each class to explain the racing procedure for the day. It is recommended that all racing handlers be present for the handler's meeting.

Section 11. Dogs ready to race. Exhibitors must have dogs ready to race which requires that the exhibitor and dog be at the box loading area at the scheduled race time and dog is wearing a proper colored race collar and muzzle. Exhibitors are expected to adhere to the calls "On Deck" and "In the Hole" made by the stewards. A dog that fails to meet the ready to race time may be assessed a foul or marked absent at the discretion of the judge.

Section 12. Finish line. The finish line is the back opening of the barrier. The dog's entire body must cross the finish line for placement. A dog who is first in the opening is not necessarily the first through the back opening of the barrier.

Section 13. Judge's option to measure dogs. A judge may require that any dog be measured. The judge's determination of the dog's height is final.

Section 14. Fouling the track. A dog that eliminates, spits up, or vomits on the track at any time must be excused from that race. However, the dog is still eligible to complete in any other race they are entered. For example, if a dog is excused from Flat racing in race 1, the dog is still eligible to compete in Steeplechase racing in race 1 and in both Flat Racing and Steeplechase Racing in race 2. The excusal must be recorded on the judges' book.

Section 15. Leaving the track. A dog that leaves the track must not receive a qualifying pass for that race. The judge must record the non-qualifying run on the judges' book.

Section 16. Asking to be Excused. A handler may ask to be excused at any time, from any class, and for any reason. The excusal will be recorded on the judges' book.

Section 17. Excusing a Handler. The judge must excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship. The dog of the excused handler may not continue to run in any additional races they may be entered, nor may that dog be handled by another handler. The judge's decision in these matters is final.

Section 18. Excusing a Dog. A dog that shows fear or extreme shyness inside or outside the ring or a dog whose behavior is not responsive or under the handler's control must be excused and the excusal must be marked on the judges' books.

Section 19. Correcting a class or size division before the dog runs. When a dog is found to be entered in the wrong class or above or below the limit for the size division in which it is entered, the dog must be moved to the proper class or size division; or if over the maximum height limit in the largest size division, the dog must be excused from the race. If the race has already been held for the class or size division of the dog being moved, the race shall not be run again, and the dog will not be eligible to race.

Section 20. When a dog runs in the wrong class or size division. When a dog has run a heat in the incorrect class or size division, it must be excused, any wins or placements invalidated, and 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.

Section 21. Invalid entries. Any dog raced in a licensed class, and whose entry is subsequently determined to be invalid after the event will have their wins invalidated, but shall count as having competed.

Section 22. Dog Temperament and Behavior. A dog that demonstrates aggression to any person at any time or acts aggressively or threatens to act aggressively to other dogs during the race must be excused.

Section 23. Dog Abuse. Any person who observes dog abuse on the event grounds must report it to a member of the event committee or an officer of the host club.

- A member of the event committee or officer of the host club who becomes aware dog abuse on the event grounds must consider it misconduct and treat the incident in accordance with the UKC Misconduct and Discipline Guidelines, Category 1.
- A judge who is made aware that dog abuse on the event grounds must not allow the handler to compete and must report the matter in accordance with the UKC Misconduct and Discipline Guidelines, Category 1.

Section 24. Handler Misconduct and Discipline. Misconduct is considered an act or conduct incompatible with a family friendly environment, or an action or behavior that could cause an average reasonable person or family to be offended or repelled from the sport of purebred dogs. When misconduct as outlined in the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events* is observed, the offending party should be reported to the Event Committee and dealt with in accordance with the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events, Misconduct & Discipline Guidelines, Category 1*.

Misconduct that occurs within the racetrack area, which includes but is not limited to, the starting boxes, racecourse, and catch area shall be excused immediately by the judge. The judge must mark the dog as excused and the reason on the score sheet and in the judge's book for the excusal.

CHAPTER 8 - JUDGING STANDARDS, SCORING AND DEDUCTIONS

Section 1. Requirements to judge an entire class. If two or more judges are used at a trial, each judge must officiate for an entire class. The exception would be for judges who are running their own dog and using the back-up judge system. In such cases, the officiating racing judge would not judge the size division where their dog is entered, or any higher classes where the officiating judge's dog may advance.

Section 2. Entry Limits. A Drag Racing judge is limited to judging no more than 8 hours per day, regardless of how many trials are scheduled on the same day.

Section 3. Scoring. The dog whose whole body goes through the barrier hole and crosses the finish line first is the winner. The next dog whose whole body goes through the barrier hole and crosses the finish line will be scored as second, and so on, and so on through the last dog running in the heat.

Section 4. Types of fouls. Fouls include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Inappropriate Behavior by a dog.
 - Any negative action, aggression, threat of an action or indication that an attack or negative action is being considered by the dog on or off the racetrack or within the race area should be deemed as inappropriate behavior.
- The dog eliminates in the catch area.
- The dog is not muzzled when loading into the starting box **with the exception of the Novice class.**
- The dog is not wearing the correct colored collar.
- The handler fails to meet the ready-to-race time.
- The handler displays of poor sportsmanship.

Section 5. Consequence of fouls. Fouls are cumulative and are not required to be issued for the same offense to result in an excusal of the dog.

- **First Foul.** The judge will call "foul" and give a warning of the act.
- **Second Foul.** The judge will call "foul" and will excuse the dog (racer) from the race where the 2nd foul occurred. The dog will be ineligible to race in any additional qualifying rounds for that race. For example, if a dog receives two fouls in Flat Racing in race 1, the dog is still eligible to compete in Steeplechase Racing in race 1 and in both Flat Racing and Steeplechase Racing in race 2.

Section 6. Non-qualifying behavior. When non-qualifying behavior is noted, the judge must excuse the dog and handler from that race and write the reason for the excusal on the judge's book. The dog shall be eligible to compete in any other races they are entered in on that day with the exception of handler misconduct. When the event committee must require an entered exhibitor to leave the grounds, the committee must submit a completed misconduct and hearing report outlining the instances of the misconduct and submit the misconduct and hearing report with the event report. It shall be up to the event committee to determine if the handler may continue to compete with their dog in any remaining races they have not completed. Should the handler miss any races their dogs are entered, no refund shall be given. Types of non-qualifying behavior include, but are not limited to:

- **Non-qualifying behavior by the dog**
 - Dog pulls its muzzle off anywhere on the track
 - Dog fails to jump all hurdles in a Steeplechase
 - Dog leaves the racecourse
 - Dog soils the racecourse
 - Dog acts aggressively, or threatens to act aggressively toward another dog during the race
 - Dog fails to complete the race without assistance with the exception of the Novice class
 - Dog makes no attempt to race
 - Dog exceeds 30 seconds to complete the course may be excused at the discretion of the judge.
- **Handler displays of misconduct including, but not limited to:**

- Handler refuses to follow the directions of the racing officials
- Handler becomes argumentative
- Handler mistreats their dog

CHAPTER 9 - RACING PROCEDURES AND ORDER OF RACING

Setting a racing schedule and organizing entries as outlined in this chapter will help the club with time management and the running of their event.

Classes may be run in any order as determined by the host club. The judge must be informed of any conflicts before the race begins. The judge has the discretion to allow a dog that has missed its initial heat to be marked absent or to run in a later heat. The judge's decision is final.

Section 1. Sorting entries. The sorting order below is a suggestion for organizing Drag Racing entries.

- The entries are first separated out by the type of race being entered, Flat racing or Steeplechase racing. Once separated, each race type should then be sorted separately into the following sections.
- Sort the entries into their respective category, (A, B, C, D and E). When sorting the entries by category, they are not to be sorted out by the individual breed.
- Next sort the entries by the class they are entered (Novice, Advanced, Regular, Champion, Grand Champion)
- Sort the entries into the dog's respective height per the size division table below.

Size Division Table			
Category A	12" and under	Over 12" up to and including 15"	Over 15" up to and including 18"
Category B	12" and under	Over 12" up to and including 15"	Over 15" up to and including 18"
Category C	12" and under	Over 12" up to and including 15"	Over 15" up to and including 18"
Category D	12" and under	Over 12" up to and including 15"	Over 15" up to and including 18"
Category E	12" and under	Over 12" up to and including 15"	Over 15" up to and including 18"

Section 2. Running order for all classes. The classes and size divisions may be run in any order as chosen by the Event Secretary. The Novice Class may be run between the rounds of other classes that require heats.

- **Novice Class.** Dogs entered in the Novice classes will not be assigned into heats and are not eligible to run for the fastest racer.
- **Advanced Class.** Dogs entered in the Advanced class shall follow the randomization procedures outlined in Section 3 of this chapter.
 - Dogs entered in the Advanced classes are not eligible to run for the fastest racer.

Section 3. Advanced, Regular, Champion and Grand Champion class rounds. The only classes that require the assigning of heats for preliminary, semi-final and final rounds are the Advanced, Regular, Champion and the Grand Champion classes. The Event Secretary will use whichever method of assigning dogs to races that will eliminate any additional and unnecessary races to determine which dogs will advance to the final race or fastest racer.

- **Assigning heats.** The number of heats will be based upon the number of dogs entered in a category and size division for each class and the number of starting box stalls that are being used.
 - Dogs must race in the appropriate heat, according to the draw by the Event Secretary. When there are more dogs entered in a category and size division than there are starting boxes, the Event Secretary shall assign and divide each round of racers as evenly as possible in order for the most dogs to advance to the final round.

Section 4. Advancing Rounds. The number of dogs that will advance to the final round cannot exceed the number of starting boxes available. The final round should have the most dogs running as possible when entries warrant. How each round is divided from the individual heats to the final rounds will be at the discretion of the Event Secretary. However, if there are more than two rounds in any individual heat, semi-final or final round, there must be at least two dogs running per round.

Section 5. Pre-Determined Collar Colors. To prevent a delay in racing for the Advanced, Regular, Champion and Grand Champion classes, the collar color may be determined when the race official writes each dog entered in the same category and size division on to the judge's book.

- **Posting of the Collar Colors.** Once all the dogs are entered on the judge's books, the race official shall post the collar color assignments prior to the first race. When it comes time to race, the exhibitor shall have the appropriate colored collar assigned for their race on their dog.

Section 6. Starting Box Positions.

- **Novice Classes.** Placement into any of the stalls within the starting box is handler's choice, though the Box Steward can recommend the starting box position. The dog must still wear the colored collar assigned to them.
- **Advanced, Regular, Champion and Grand Champion classes.** A racing official will be responsible to oversee the assigning of the starting boxes by a random draw using an appropriate randomization method for each class and for each category and size division within each class.
 - **Heats and Rounds.** Each race will have a random draw for starting box placement.
 - Handlers must check in during the handler's meeting.
 - Prior to each race, each handler will draw a number and will immediately go to their assigned starting box for that race.

Section 7. Fastest Racer. A fastest racer will be held for both Flat and Steeplechase racing for each category and size divisions when there is a qualifying entry. The eligible dogs for the fastest racer consist of the final race winners from the Regular class, the Champion class, and the Grand Champion class. If there are not at least two eligible dogs to run from the same category and size division, a fastest racer will not be held for that category and size division.

- The dogs eligible for the fastest racer will be assigned a random colored collar prior to running the race.
- The starting box positions will be randomized.
- The fastest racer competition will be held after the final rounds have been completed for each race type.
- The dog that crosses the finish line first, who ran clean and without any fouls, will be determined as the Fastest Racer in Trial and shall receive the Fastest Racer rosette.
- There shall be no additional points awarded but a competition win will be granted if the winner of the Fastest Racer in Trial had not previously picked up a competition win.

Section 8. On Deck, In the Hole and Box Loading. Handlers are to be ready with their dogs in the correct collars when it is their turn to race. There are three stages of notifying exhibitors of their upcoming race: these are:

- **On Deck.** This is the call informing handlers that they are next up to race. It is suggested that the "On Deck" area be located just outside of the loading area where handlers are to report and prepare for their race. It is here where they are to receive their assigned starting box position. It is suggested that a sign or dry erase board be posted in the on-deck area that coordinates the collar color of the running dogs for the heat. This will allow the owners to verify they have the correct colored collar on their dog as they line-up in the order of box loading when entering the loading area.
- **In the Hole.** This is the call informing handlers that they are next "On Deck." When "In the Hole," handlers will report to the area just outside of the loading area to await further instructions.
- **Box Loading.** At the direction of the steward, the handlers, with their dogs muzzled and wearing the proper color collars must position the dog in the starting box as directed by the steward. All leads must be secured by the handler so that it does not interfere with the dog, the loading of the dog, or the safety of the dogs running the race. As soon as the dogs are loaded and secured in the starting box, the handlers must proceed quickly to the catch area.

Section 9. Re-running of a race. If a lure is caught or in some way the movement or lack of movement of the lure delays or alters the forward motion of any racer, the race will be rerun. The judge may determine if a race must be rerun due to interference (e.g., aggression on the track, body blocking, etc.). The judge's decision is final.

CHAPTER 10. JUDGING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Eligibility to Judge a UKC Licensed Drag Racing event. No person may judge a UKC licensed Drag Racing event unless they hold a current UKC judging license for Drag Racing and are in good standing with UKC.

Section 2. Judging Schedule. When the event site only accommodates a single ring or area, and a club is offering both conformation and a Drag Racing event, the Drag Racing event shall be judged first.

Section 3. Judges' Books. Judges are responsible for the accuracy of the information in their judges' books. Each judge must sign the judges' book upon the completion of a class and return it to the Event Secretary. The Event Secretary must provide the judge with one copy of the signed judges' books prior to the judge leaving the show grounds on the last day of their assignment. The judge is required to keep all judges' books and score sheets on file for a period of one year after the judging assignment.

Section 3. Judges' Authority in the Ring. The judge may use whatever reasonable procedures necessary to evaluate each dog's performance in an effective and efficient manner. The same procedures will be used to judge all dogs in a class. The judge should always consider the safety of both the dog and the handler.

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

Section 5. Report on equipment and course. The licensed club is responsible for providing proper equipment that meets the specifications found in these Rules and Regulations. The judge is responsible for ensuring that the equipment and racecourse follows UKC rules. The judge is responsible to report any deficiencies in the race equipment that were not rectified before the race began to UKC.

Section 6. Responsibility for supervising race stewards. The judge is responsible for supervising and instructing all race stewards. Prior to the start of the race, the judge must instruct the stewards regarding their responsibilities.

Section 7. Judging for more than one event type. Judges are allowed to judge a conformation show and a performance event, or multiple performance events on the same day, provided the judge does not judge for more than 8-hours per day. *However, the judge must complete the judging of one activity before starting the other and must not rush through either assignment.*

Section 8. Entry limits. There are no specific entry limits set in a Drag Racing event. However, regardless of what assignments are given to a judge, the judge is limited to judging no more than a total of 8 hours per day.

CHAPTER 11 - JUDGING AND EXHIBITING

Section 1. Conformation and Performance judges who exhibit. The following applies to all UKC licensed judges. No judge may disrupt, delay, or reschedule an event in which they have entered a dog to fulfill or complete their judging assignment. No judge may disrupt, delay, or reschedule an event where they are officiating to facilitate exhibiting their dog. See the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events* for more information.

- **Conformation Judges.** Conformation judges may enter and compete in any performance event the days preceding their assignment, the day of their assignment, and the days after their assignment.
- **Performance Judges.** 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 or any other type of performance event the days preceding their assignment, the day of their assignment and the days 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.

- 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.
- Judges exhibiting in any event on the same day (other than the event they officiate) will be eligible for awards, placements, All-Star and Championship points where applicable.

Section 3. Performance Judging Restrictions. 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.

- 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.
- 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 type, in which they are judging.

Section 4. Owners, Co-Owners, Immediate Family, and Household Restrictions. No dog can be entered under a judge that has been owned or trained by the judge, the judge's immediate family or that has lived in the judge's household or the household of a member of the judge's immediate family, regardless of ownership, within three months of the date of the event.

- A judge's immediate family or household members may exhibit a dog not owned or co-owned by the judge in any event on the same day that the judge is officiating, except that the immediate family or household member may not enter or exhibit the dog in the same event type that the judge is officiating, unless the back-up judge system is in place.
- Immediate family and household members may enter any event without restriction on any other day the judge is not scheduled to judge.
- 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 5. Backup Judge System. Performance judges may compete in the same trial that they are assigned to judge under the following provisions:

- The judge must notify the club in advance that they wish to enter a dog in an event they are assigned to judge.
- The host club must designate a chief judge and a backup judge on the event application. The chief judge will be the overall authority for judging the event.

- Dogs exhibited by the chief judge or their immediate family or household members may compete only under the assigned backup judge.
- The backup judge may only officiate for the races in which the judge's dogs, or the dogs of the judge's immediate family or household members, are competing.
- When both the chief judge and backup judge have dogs running in the same category and size divisions, both judges shall officiate and will come to a consensus, using the catchers if necessary, to determine placements.
- In Drag Racing, all dogs judged under the back-up judge will be eligible for all awards, placement, and championship points.
- Judges are prohibited from interrupting their judging assignment to exhibit. Judges may coordinate when they will exhibit based on the event-specific rules.
- Assigned backup judges will be eligible for all awards, placements, and championship points.

Section 6. 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 a back-up judge was scheduled on the UKC Events Calendar and if a fully licensed judge that holds the same event type license attends 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.

CHAPTER 12 - PLACEMENTS, AWARDS, TROPHIES, AND RIBBONS

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, gift cards, and gift certificates.

Section 2. Awards and trophies. All awards and prizes, when offered, must be made available prior to the event and must be offered to be won outright. Clubs may offer 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. The judge or race official should announce which dogs will be advancing to the Semi-Final and/or Final round after each individual race is completed. Once all the races have been completed, the judge or race official, after confirmation from the judge, will announce the overall winners.

Section 4. Ribbons and rosettes. The awarding of ribbons or rosettes are optional for all classes, with the exception of the Fastest Racer. When ribbons or rosettes are offered, they must include the UKC logo and the name of the event-giving club. The date and location of events is optional. Clubs may choose to offer rosettes in place of ribbons at their discretion. When giving placement or qualifying ribbons, they must be the designated color found below. Ribbons awarded for all other wins not indicated in this section may be any other color or combination of colors.

- **Ribbons.** All ribbons must measure a minimum of two inches in width by six inches in length.
 - 1st place - blue
 - 2nd place - red
 - 3rd place – green
 - 4th place - yellow
 - Qualifying run – light blue
- **Mandatory Rosette or Double overlays requirements.** Rosettes or double overlays must be the designated colors and clubs may choose to offer ribbons that exceed the minimum size and streamer requirements.
 - **Fastest Racer** – purple and white – two-streamer or double overlay with an overall minimum length of ten 10 inches.
 - **Total Dog Qualifier** - red, black, and white – three-streamer rosette with an overall minimum length of ten 10 inches.
 - **Total Junior Qualifier** – teal, black, and white – three-streamer rosette with an overall minimum length of ten 10 inches.

CHAPTER 13 - TOTAL DOG AND TOTAL JUNIOR AWARDS

Section 1. Total Dog and Total Junior Awards. A club offering conformation and at least one eligible performance event may apply to offer the Total Dog Award when submitting the Event Application as a non-licensed event. Clubs offering Total Dog must offer Total Junior. Participants for Total Dog and Total Junior must meet eligibility requirements.

Section 2. Combined Club events. A club (or with written approval by UKC, clubs holding events in conjunction with each other) offering conformation and at least one eligible performance event may apply to offer the Total Dog Award when submitting the Event Application. Clubs hosting more than one conformation and performance event on the day Total Dog awards are offered may consider all events eligible for Total Dog qualifiers.

- **Eligible dogs.** Dogs that are permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the show and dogs that have a valid Temporary Listing (TL) number as of the day of the show are eligible to compete for the Total Dog Award.

Section 3. Requirements for Total Dog and Total Junior Award. Refer to the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events* for specific qualification to earn a Total Dog and Total Junior award.

- **Total Dog.** Dogs must be entered in conformation (regular or altered) and a qualifying performance event on the same day. A dog must win an award ***as outlined under the Total Dog rules for conformation and qualify in the performance*** event in order to earn the award.
- **Total Junior.** A Junior Handler must be entered in Junior Showmanship and a qualifying performance event on the same day. The Junior must earn a class placement or award of merit, over another junior handler, in Junior Showmanship and qualify in the performance event in order to earn the award.
 - **For juniors participating in Drag Racing events.** The junior must have someone of age to catch the dog in the catch area, but all other requirements for drag racing must be completed by the junior handler in order to have the run count as a qualifying performance toward Total Junior.

Section 4. Drag Racing Performance pass. A qualifying pass in any licensed Drag Racing class is for the dog to run the entire course, in good form without a foul and to cross the finish line will count towards a Total Dog award.

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

CHAPTER 14 - EVENT STEWARDS

Section 1. Stewards. The Event Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the following categories of Drag Racing stewards are assigned to assist the judge in all matters related to this event. Any duties assigned in this rulebook to a steward may also be done by the judge at the judge's discretion. A steward must notify the judge of any errors discovered on the judges' book. Only the judge can make any corrections to the judges' book. It is the responsibility of all stewards to be vigilant of any violations of UKC Drag Racing rules at any time during the trial. All stewarding duties may be combined or shared among the stewards available.

Section 2. Steward Positions and responsibilities.

- **Chief Race Steward.** The Chief Steward shall assign an appropriate number of stewards for each type of race and replace stewards as necessary.
- **Dog Catchers.** Dog Catchers must be a minimum of 18 years old and be able to move about the catch area freely. For safety purposes, canes, crutches and/or wheelchairs are prohibited in the catch area. There must be as many catchers in the catch area as there are dogs running in each race.
- **Deck Steward.** The Deck Steward checks to make sure the racing dogs have on the correct colored collars prior to being loaded into the starting boxes. This steward may also check the dog's muzzle for proper type and fit.
- **Lure Operator.** *The lure operator must be an approved UKC lure operator.* There shall be only one lure operator to operate the lure throughout an entire class. When running the lure, the lure operator, gate operator and judge must have good communication. It is recommended that the lure operator stand behind the end barrier and in such a position to see the entire field of dogs on the racing track. The judge may be the assigned lure operator.
- **Lure Handler.** The lure handler returns the lure to the starting gate after each race.
- **Gate Operator / Box Steward.** The gate operator is the person assigned to assure that all dogs in their assigned starting boxes and handlers are ready. This position may be assigned to one or two individuals, depending upon the number of dogs and heats waiting on deck. The main duty of the gate operator is to signal the lure operator to start the lure and to open the starting gate. Additional duties include:
 - Verify that all dogs are safely loaded and secured in starting boxes.
 - Verify that all stewards and runners are off the course.
 - Checking to see that the lure is in place and if necessary (for new dogs), that the lure steward has teased the dogs with the lure and is off the racecourse; When all is ready the race starter will then signal the lure operator to start the lure and,
 - Opens the front box or gate to start the racing.

Section 3. Event Secretary Assistant. There are many duties involved with being an Event Secretary and the overall responsibility of reporting the event results falls upon this position. To assist the Event Secretary and to help keep the event running smoothly and on time, additional duties may be assigned to an assistant to include, but are not limited to the following:

- Any normal duties that generally fall under the responsibility of the Event Secretary, including that of the Race Recording Secretary.

Section 4. Race Recording Secretary. The Race Recording Secretary works closely with the Event Secretary and helps keep track of the racing board and heats. Additional duties may include:

- Help Event Secretary organize dogs into heats.
- Records the placements on the judges' books as the judge calls the race. The judge is responsible to verify that the recorded placements are correct before the recording secretary notifies the winners of their assigned starting box number for their next race while in the catch area.
- Provide the Box or Deck Steward written verification of the advancing dogs, such as their call names and starting box number.

CHAPTER 15 - TRACK REQUIREMENTS, SETUP, AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. Racing track requirements.

- **Track length and width.** The track must be straight and a minimum of 175 feet in length to a maximum of 250 feet in length. The recommended track length is 180 feet. The width of the track must accommodate the width of the starting box.
- **Approved track surfaces.** The judge shall walk the track prior to the start of the races and verify that it has been properly set up, is free of hazards, and is as safe as possible. The racecourse consists of the starting area (including the start box), the track, the finish line, and the catch area. The following are approved Drag Racing surfaces.
 - **Natural surface.** May be hard-packed dirt free of stones or may be short cut grass. Surfaces must be free of holes and debris. Slight uphill terrain is preferred; level terrain is permissible.
 - **Artificial surfaces.** Artificial surfaces may be used but must provide safe footing for the dogs (for example, artificial turf or composite rubber flooring which does not require matting).

Section 2. Track Barrier. Track barriers can be made of any material that will discourage the dogs from leaving the track during the race. Examples of suitable material include plywood, snow fence, wood planks, and hog panels. The bottom outside edge of the barrier should be secured to prevent a dog from leaving the track.

Section 3. End Barrier. The end barrier contains a tunnel opening which must only be large enough to allow one dog to go through at a time.

- **Construction.** The end barrier must be sturdy enough to withstand the blitz of dogs that may enter the tunnel to the finish line at the same time. The end barrier should be rectangular and must be constructed of a flexible material such as an upholstered covered foam pad, and the height of the end barrier must be high enough so that no dog can jump over the barrier. A minimum of four feet in height is recommended. The end barrier must be firm, but flexible, and have an unobstructed opening located in the center of the barrier wall called the tunnel opening.
- **Tunnel Opening.** The tunnel opening should only allow one dog at a time to pass through. For safety, it must be firm but flexible, to prevent injury. The tunnel opening must a maximum of 20 inches high. The width of the tunnel opening must allow for the larger breadth of dogs that are running. A flexible insert to adjust the width of the tunnel can be secured to the tunnel opening of the end barrier; however, it is not required.
- **Finish line.** The finish line is located at the back opening of the end barrier, also referred to as the back opening of the tunnel.

Section 4. Catch area. The area that surrounds the catch area must be secured by fencing and must be a minimum of 40 feet long. The width of the catch area must be wide enough to allow room for the lure pull, lure operator, judge, all the dog catchers and incoming dogs. The rear of the catch area (where the lure is pulled under the fence line) must have at least one bale of straw or hay placed inside of the fenced area to help prevent injury to the dogs chasing the lure and to stop any dog from continuing through the fence. In the place of a straw or hay bale, cushion, padding, or some other suitable material may be used.

Section 5. Loading area. The loading area should be large enough to house up to six dogs, their owners, and the stewards working the area. This area should be partitioned off so to prevent spectators from occupying the area or disturbing the running of the event.

Section 6. Steeplechase track and hurdles. The minimum distance for a Steeplechase racetrack is 180 feet. When setting the 4 hurdles, the first hurdle shall be set no closer than 45 feet from the loading boxes. Each successive hurdle must be placed evenly and at least 30 feet apart. The last hurdle must be no closer than 45 feet from the finish line.

Section 7. Starting box requirements. The starting box is normally made of wood. The starting box contains a minimum of 4 stalls and a maximum of 6 stalls.

- **Construction.** The stalls must be free of all defects that might cause injury to a dog or a person, such as splinters and protruding nails.

- **Stalls.** The minimum size requirements for stalls must measure 20 inches high and 17 ¼ inches wide and 24 ½ inches deep. (see diagram at the back of this rulebook)
 - Each stall must have a separate top or rear opening lid for loading the dog.
 - Each stall lid must have a latch for securing the dog in the stall.
 - Each stall must have an assigned number. Numbers must be clearly visible on the top or back of the starting box. When standing directly behind the starting box, and facing the racecourse, the first stall located on the far-most left would be designated as stall #1; moving to the right, the next stall is designated as stall #2 and so forth. Each of the stalls must reflect their designated stall number from left to right and in numerical order starting with the number 1, for the number of starting boxes available.
- **Starting Box Gate.** The starting box gate or gates must open upward and from the front of each stall. The gate must be constructed of wood or metal frames covered with 12- gauge or heavier galvanized hardware cloth, wire cabinet shelving, or Plexiglas.
 - If each stall has its own individual gate, the opening mechanism must be designed so that all gates open simultaneously.
 - The gate or gates must be constructed of wood or metal frames covered with 12- gauge or heavier galvanized hardware cloth, wire cabinet shelving, or Plexiglas.

Section 8. Steeplechase Hurdles.

- **Construction.** The hurdles must be identical and must be made of lightweight, forgiving material:
 - Foam or nylon or polypropylene webbing are strongly suggested, but other materials are allowed with safety in mind (such as Styrofoam swimming pool noodles).
 - The hurdle must slant away from the dogs (for safety reasons) and must be flush with track fencing.
- **Height.** Hurdles have three heights.
 - 6" maximum height for the under 12" class.
 - 8" maximum height for over 12" but under 15" class.
 - 12" maximum height for the over 15" through and including 18" class.

DEFINITIONS

Age of Dog. A dog's age, for entry purposes, is determined by the date of the event. A dog born on January 1 shall turn six months old on July 1 of the same year. Dogs must be the in the correct age group for the class or event being entered on or before the date of the event.

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

Champion Racer. A dog that has earned its Championship Racer title in Drag Racing, and is working on earning Grand Championship points in Flat or Steeplechase events.

Class. A class is one of the levels of competition a dog can enter. The classes in Drag Racing are: Novice, Advanced, Regular, Champion and Grand Champion.

Class Dog. This is any dog that has not earned a Drag Racing title and is entered in the Novice class, or a dog with little Drag Racing experience and is entered in the Advanced class. These dogs may also be referred as a "Class Dog."

Day-of-show entry. Most UKC clubs allow entries to be taken on the day of a show or trial. The start and finish time for taking these entries is published on the UKC website.

Disqualified. A dog that is deemed ineligible for competition. This can be the result of a condition prohibited in the rules, such as an alteration to the dog's natural state, 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, or performance event pursuant to the Dog Temperament and Behavior found in the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events*, may not participate in any further events unless reinstated by UKC.

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

Entry Form. An official UKC document required for entry into all UKC licensed events. The entry form provides all necessary information regarding the entry of the dog into the event as well as the owner's information.

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 Obedience, Rally Obedience, Drag Racing, Lure Coursing and Agility, 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.

Final Heat. Heat race that must be run to provide a final placement for the racing dog(s).

Finish Line. The imaginary line that extends across the back end of the tunnel opening. A dog's total body must cross over the finish line to complete its run.

Flat Racing. Flat racing is a type of race where dogs run over a relatively level or slightly inclined natural or man-made surface.

Foul. An intentional or unintentional act that a dog or handler may commit while within the racing area.

Grand Champion Racer. A dog that has earned its Grand Champion Drag Racing title and is working on earning points toward their Grand Champion Excellent Racer title in Flat or Steeplechase events.

Group Category. There are five group categories in Drag Racing events. Dogs are separated into their appropriate group category and size division and raced against other dogs in their group category and same size division.

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

Handler Meeting. Recommended outline of important and necessary items a judge will discuss with exhibitors prior to the start of each Drag Racing event.

Heat. Also referred to as round. One of several races in which a dog may have to compete. The dog may have to finish within a designated placement to advance to the next round. Designated placements will vary depending on the number of dogs entered in each Group/Division/Class.

Immediate family. The spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, grandchild, in-law of a person are immediate family members.

Inappropriate Behavior. Any negative action, aggression, threat of an action or indication that an attack is being considered by the dog should be deemed as inappropriate behavior. A dog showing inappropriate behavior should be "fouled" and a warning given to the owner/handler.

In Good Form. Refers to appropriate racing behavior where the dog completes a race cleanly without committing a foul or requiring assistance (i.e. without interfering with or exhibiting aggressive behavior towards another racing dog).

In the Hole. Term used to inform handlers that it is time to report just outside of the loading area. They are the next ones after the On Deck racers. They should be getting their dogs and walking up to the loading area to ensure timely start of the races.

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

Leg. A qualifying score/run toward an Agility, Nosework, Obedience or Rally title, Drag Racing, a qualifying pull in a Weight Pull, or a qualifying win toward a Champion or Grand Champion conformation title.

Licensed classes. Classes that are required to be offered at a UKC conformation show or performance event.

Loading Area. This is the area where the racers (dogs), are gathered just prior to the start of their assigned race. Loading is the action of the handler placing the dog into the starting box for their race.

Non-Qualifying. Term used to mark a specific dog(s) in a race where a foul, equipment failure (broken, or non-functional), incomplete run or other inappropriate behaviors, including those made by the handler, marred the race. Non-qualifying racers cannot advance to the next round.

On Deck. A term used to inform handlers and racers that they are in the next race. They should have their proper collar color and be fitting their muzzle so they ready to move into the Loading Area as soon as it is vacated by the previous group.

Performance event. Events where the dog is judged on the basis of their performance rather than conformation. Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Weight Pull, Drag Racing, Nosework, Precision Coursing, and Lure Coursing Meets are typical performance events.

Performance Listing (PL). This program is open to mixed breed dogs, purebred dogs of unknown pedigree or not recognized by UKC, and purebred dogs with disqualifying faults as described in the UKC breed standard. All Performance Listed dogs are eligible for UKC performance events.

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

Preliminary Round (Heat). Preliminary rounds or heats are held based upon the number of dogs entered in a category and size division that are run so that the appropriate number of dogs can advance into the semi-final and/or final races.

Qualifying Run. Term used to show that a specific dog(s) showed appropriate and sportsmanship-like behaviors and ran cleanly and “in good form.” Qualifying racers may earn a leg towards their Drag Racing titles and/or advance to the next race and is dependent on entries and class sizes.

Race. Each racing event where dogs are placed inside the starting box, released all at the same time, and runs after the lure. Can also be referred to as a run.

Racer. Any dog competing in a Flat and/or Steeplechase Drag Racing event.

Racecourse. Area that extends from the front of the starting boxes to the finish line, where dogs are chasing the lure. Also referred to as the track.

Race Events. Drag racing events that are offered for specific breeds that run on Flat, Steeplechase or both racecourses.

Race type. There are two types of Drag Racing events, Flat racing, and Steeplechase.

Regular Class racer. This is a dog that has earned the UKC Advanced Racer title or its equivalent and is entered in the Regular Class to earn its Champion Racer title in Flat and/or Steeplechase Racing.

Round. Also referred to as heat.

Run. See race.

Semi-Final Heat. This race is held after all the preliminary rounds have been completed so that the appropriate number of dogs can advance into the final races.

Size Division. There are three size divisions in Drag Racing events and the size division is based upon the dog’s height at the withers. Dogs are separated into their appropriate size division and raced against other dogs in their group category and same size division. Dogs entered in Drag Racing events must indicate the dog’s height at the withers on their entry form.

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.

Steeplechase Racing. Steeplechase racing is a type of race where dogs run over the same approved surface as Flat racing but also have added jumps that the dogs must negotiate.

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

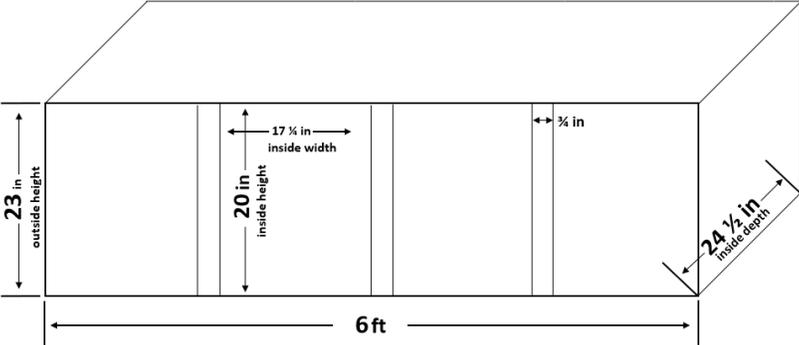
Titled Racer. Any dog that has earned a title in Flat or Steeplechase Racing.

Track. See racecourse.

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. For current Temporary Listing rules and regulations visit the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com.

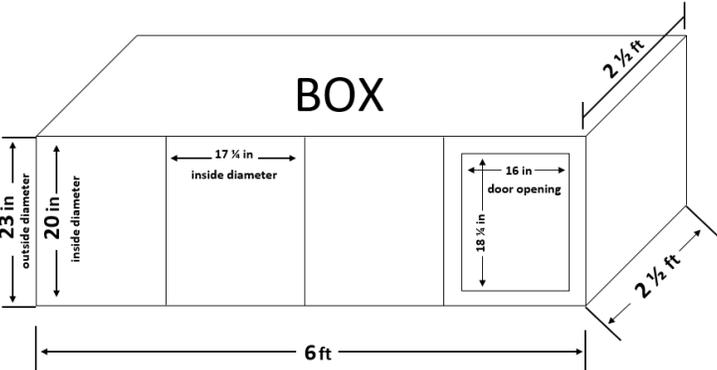
UKC DRAG RACING EQUIPMENT SCHEMATICS

#1 Front of Starting Box – Gate Up View



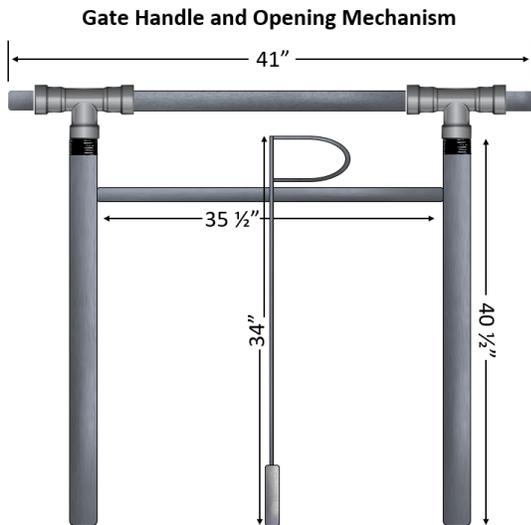
GATE UP VIEW
FRONT OF BOX

#2 Back of Starting Box – Loading View



LOADING VIEW
BACK OF BOX

#3 Gate Handle and Opening Mechanism



INHERENT RIGHTS AND POWERS OF UKC

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:

- Scores;
- Disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- Errors by the recording person; and
- 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:

- Bar an individual from entering or participating in any way in any UKC licensed event.
- 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.
- 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:

- Falsification or alteration of a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
- Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
- Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- 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.

FEBRUARY 17, 2022 RULE CHANGES INSERT

The following changes have been made to the grandfathering of the UKC Drag Racing Titles.

Section 5. Grandfathering for the UKC Drag Racing Program. Dogs that have earned points toward the UKC Drag Racing titles will be grandfathered legs as outlined in this section.

- **Novice Racer and Advanced Racer legs.** The number of legs granted toward the Novice Racer title and Advanced Racer title is based upon the total number of points a dog has earned while running toward the UFR or USR title but have not met the title requirements. A grandfathered leg will be credited for each cumulative total of 25 points.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 25 points shall be grandfathered with the 1 Novice Racer leg.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 50 points shall be grandfathered with the 2 Novice Racer legs.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 75 points shall be grandfathered with the 3 Novice Racer legs and the Novice Racer title.
 - For each additional 75 points a dog has accumulated, a numerical Novice title will be noted on the dog's record.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 100 points shall be grandfathered with the Novice Racer title and 1 Advanced Racer leg.
 - A dog that has a minimum of 125 points shall be grandfathered with the Novice Racer title and 2 Advanced Racer legs.
 - A dog that has earned a minimum of 150 points but has not earned the UFR or USR title will be grandfathered with the Novice Racer 2 title and the Advanced Racer title. The dog will need to enter directly into the Regular class and may start earning Champion points toward the Drag Racing Champion title.
 - Additional legs earned based upon points that exceed 225 points shall only be applied to the numerical Novice Racer title and will not be applied to any Championship points or titles.

- **Dogs Competing in the Regular Class for Champion points.** Dogs that have earned their UKC UFR or USR titles and have points toward their Drag Racing Champion title shall retain their points and competition wins.
 - Dogs competing in the Regular class that meet the Drag Racing Champion title requirements under the new rules based upon their points and competition on record may be granted the Drag Racing Champion title. Owners are to check with UKC regarding their title and eligibility to enter the Grand Champion class.
 - Additional points that exceed the new Champion title requirements will not be applied to any Grand Championship points or titles.

- **Dogs Competing in the Champion Class toward the Grand Champion title.** Dogs competing in the Champion class that have earned points toward their Drag Racing Grand Champion title shall retain their points and competition wins.
 - Dogs that meet the Drag Racing Grand Champion title requirements under the new rules based upon their points and competition on record may be granted the Drag Racing Grand Champion title. Owners are to check with UKC regarding this title and eligibility to start earning wins toward the Drag Racing Grand Champion Excellent title.
 - Additional points that exceed the new Grand Champion title requirements will not be applied to the Grand Champion Excellent titles.