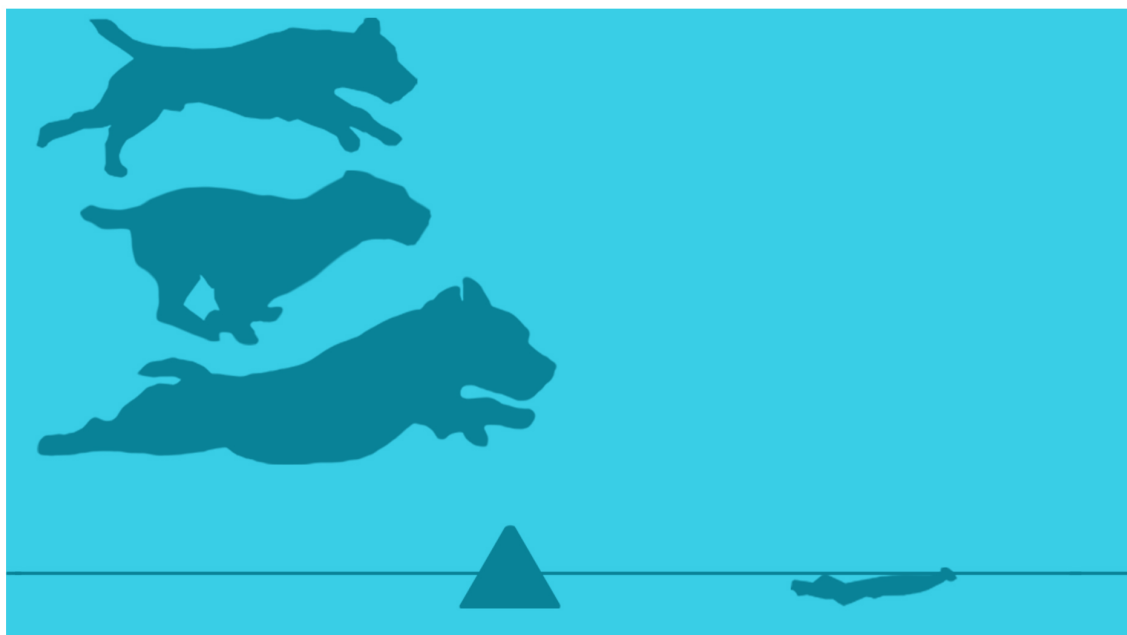


# **OFFICIAL UKC DRAG RACING RULEBOOK**



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*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 demonstrates the dog's willingness and enjoyment to work.*

**Exhibitor Guidelines.** It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to do whatever they can to assist the host club and promote the family atmosphere of UKC events and good sportsmanship. Exhibitors' clothing should be neat and clean. Their apparel speaks to the respect they have for the sport, the event and its proceedings. Exhibitors' dogs should be clean and, where necessary, brushed or trimmed to present a neat appearance. Experienced exhibitors should make an effort to help new exhibitors; the future of the sport is in the hands of the beginner. All exhibitors must display good sportsmanship and respect for others. Exhibitors should take care when discussing a score/placement with the judge and accept the decision of the judge gracefully. Remember, it was the judge's evaluation of THAT performance on THAT day. Exhibitors should always keep their area clean, dispose of all dog waste appropriately and leave an event site in the condition they found it. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them.

**Finality of judges' decisions.** By entering any 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. Jurisdiction.** The following rules and regulations governing UKC licensed Drag Races and 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. *All UKC licensed Drag Racing events shall be governed by the Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events, the Official UKC Rules for Drag Racing Competition, and the UKC Misconduct and Discipline Guidelines for All-Breed Events.*

**Section 2. Who may offer Drag Races.** 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.

**Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs.** 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) or Limited Privilege (LP) number (PL/LP numbers are for performance events only). At a Pre-Entry only event, the dog must be Permanently Registered, have a valid TL or a valid PL/LP number by the pre-entry deadline date of the event.
- Deaf dogs are eligible to enter and participate in Drag Racing events.

Dogs that are entered and compete in licensed UKC events that do not meet the above requirements will have their wins invalidated. No dog may be entered in any class for exhibition only.

**Section 4. Dogs that may not be entered or compete at licensed Drag Racing events:**

The following dogs must not enter and/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.
- Any dog that does not meet the specified size and equipment requirements, dogs that cannot be muzzled or do not fit comfortably in to 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. Judges have the right to excuse any dog they deem is unfit. The judge's decision is final. Dogs whose physical condition would compromise its ability to safely compete may be determined "unfit".
- Blind dogs may not enter and/or compete in Drag Racing events. A blind dog is defined as no useful vision.
- Lameness dogs may not enter and/or compete in Drag Racing events. A lame dog is defined as a dog demonstrating impaired locomotion, to limp or move with difficulty.
- Females in season may not enter and/or compete in Drag Racing events. 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.
- Pregnant or lactating females must not participate in UKC drag racing events. A judge who reasonably believes that a dog is pregnant or lactating must excuse the dog and mark the reason in the judge's book. The judge's decision is final and a veterinarian's opinion is not necessary.
- Dogs that appear to be ill or dogs with sutures, bandages, adhesive or any other material that is indicative of or related to any surgical or medical procedure must not be entered and/or compete in any Drag Racing events.
- Dogs missing all or part of one limb may not enter and/or compete in any regular Flat or Steeplechase Drag Racing events but may enter and/or compete in the Drag Racing aptitude tests.
- No dogs under the influence of a performance altering drug may participate in Drag Racing events.
- Any dog found to be participating in a licensed UKC Drag Racing event in any condition described above must be given a Mandatory excusal by the judge.

**Section 5. 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. The judge's decision is final.

**Section 6. Physically Challenged Handlers.** Physically challenged handlers may use a wheelchair, crutches or cane in the loading area, but for safety reasons are prohibited from the catch area due to the limited amount of space and possible ability to catch (pick up) their assigned dog as it comes through the hole. Any special accommodations for a handler must be made to the Judge, Event Secretary or Event Chair.

**Section 7. Invalid entries.** Any dog raced in a licensed class, and whose entry is subsequently determined to be invalid after the event, shall receive no points but shall count as having competed. When an entry of a dog is subsequently determined to be invalid, and that dog has won a Semi and/or Final round where championship points are awarded, the dog that places second shall be eligible to receive the points and/or competition win if applicable. No points or awards shall be given to the second-place dog in any heat where championship points are not awarded.

**Section 8. 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), Limited Privilege (LP) number or UKC Temporary Listing (TL) number. Incomplete or unsigned entry forms, or entries unaccompanied by entry fees, are invalid and are to be refused by the Event Secretary/Event Manager. The entry form used to enter the event and signed by the exhibitor specifically states that the exhibitor is familiar with UKC rules and regulations and agrees to abide by them.

**Section 9. Racing Categories.** *There are four designated categories. Breeds that are specifically listed in category A, B or C 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
<i>American Hairless Terrier</i>	<b>American Bully</b>	<i>Basset Bleu de Gascogne</i>	<i>This category is open to all other breeds that meet the entry qualifications as outlined in Chapter 1, Section 3 of this rulebook.</i>
<b>Austrian Pinscher</b>	<b>American Pit Bull Terrier</b>	<i>Basset Fauve de Bretagne</i>	
<b>Bedlington Terrier</b>	<b>English Bulldog</b>	<i>Basset Hound</i>	
<i>Border Terrier</i>	<b>French Bulldog</b>	<i>Cardigan Welsh Corgi</i>	
<i>Danish Swedish Farmdog</i>	<b>Miniature Bull Terrier</b>	<i>Cesky Terrier</i>	
<i>Jagdterrier</i>	<b>Staffordshire Bull Terrier</b>	<i>Dachshund</i>	
<i>Japanese Terrier</i>		<i>Dandie Dinmont Terrier</i>	
<i>Kromfohrlander</i>		<i>Glen of Imaal Terrier</i>	
<b>Lakeland Terrier</b>		<i>Lhasa Apso</i>	
<b>Manchester Terrier</b>		<i>Norfolk Terrier</i>	
<b>Miniature Schnauzer</b>		<i>Norwich Terrier</i>	
<i>Parson Russell Terrier</i>		<i>Pekingese</i>	
<i>Patterdale Terrier</i>		<i>Pembroke Welsh Corgi</i>	
<i>Rat Terrier</i>		<i>Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen</i>	
<b>Silky Terrier</b>		<i>Scottish Terrier</i>	
<b>Smooth Fox Terrier</b>		<i>Sealyham Terrier</i>	
<i>Toy Fox Terrier</i>		<i>Shih Tzu</i>	
<i>Treeing Feist</i>		<i>Skye Terrier</i>	
<b>Welsh Terrier</b>		<i>Sporting Lucas Terrier</i>	
<b>Wire Fox Terrier</b>		<i>Teddy Roosevelt Terrier</i>	
<b>Yorkshire Terrier</b>		<i>Tibetan Spaniel</i>	
		<i>West Highland White Terrier</i>	

**Section 10. Entering a dog class/category on the entry form.** Each exhibitor is required to *indicate* the height of his/her dog in the *appropriate check box* provided on the entry form when entering a dog in a Drag Racing event.

#### **Racing Class Divisions**

- ☐ 10" and under Class      ☐ Over 10" —12.5" Class  
☐ Over 12.5" - 15" Class      ☐ Over 15" & up to and including 18" Class

**Section 11. Entry procedures and deadlines.** Due to the task of organizing race entries it is recommended that clubs use Pre-Entry only for racing events. UKC clubs must use the following procedures for taking entries for licensed classes:

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

**Section 12. 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. If an exhibitor has more than one dog entered, and a different person is handling the dog, the handler must meet the qualifications for the class in which the dog is entered.

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

**Section 14. Refusing an entry.** Host clubs may refuse the entry of an otherwise eligible dog. While a club's decision is subject to review by UKC, it will not be overturned except where there is strong evidence that the club's decision is based on prohibited categories of discrimination (race, religion, national origin, etc.) or personal disputes.

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

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

**Section 17. Corrections and changes to entry form.** Corrections or change requests to any entry form must be submitted in writing. The exhibitor must complete an Official UKC Class Change/Entry Correction Form as provided by the club. The Event Secretary/Manager must attach the form to the original entry. Corrections to the dog and/or owner information may be made at any time prior to the judging of the event in which the dog is being judged. Class changes must be completed prior to the start of any race in which the class change is effective. In the case of a club running two events simultaneously, the club must post its class change policy at the entry table and the Event Secretary/Manager's table on the day of the show, or publish the class change policy in the Judging Schedule.

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

**Section 18. Judging Schedule.** Start time for licensed classes. At pre-entry only races, judging must start at the advertised start time. At all other races, judging must start at the advertised start time or as soon as possible thereafter if there are many day-of-race entries. No dogs are to be judged prior to the start time listed on the UKC website. Dogs should be present at the time of judging. Judges are not required to wait for dogs. When the event site only accommodates a single area, and a club is offering both conformation and a performance event, conformation shall be judged last.

## CHAPTER 2 RULES APPLYING TO EXHIBITORS AND SPECTATORS

UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship on and off the race course. 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 1. Complaints about the judge's placements.** By entering a UKC event, the exhibitor is inviting the opinion of the judge and must accept the judge's decision as final. The decision of a judge is the responsibility of the judge and not that of the United Kennel Club. Exhibitors are encouraged to discuss races with judges but may not argue about the judge's placements. If a judge is in violation of a specific UKC rule, it should be brought to the attention of the host club's Event Committee for a resolution. If the exhibitor believes the judge has violated a specific UKC rule which could not be resolved by the host club's Event Committee or feels as if the judge's knowledge of the Drag Racing rules is inadequate, complaints may be filed with UKC but must address specific deficiencies and/or rule violations. Complaints must be made in writing to the UKC. No anonymous complaints will be accepted. Electronic audio or video recordings will not be considered by UKC when reviewing a judge's competency to judge a Drag Racing event.

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

**Section 3. Double handling.** Persons outside the race course 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 (and their dogs), who they reasonably believe are benefiting from "double handling."

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

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

**Section 6. Performance-altering drugs or supplements.** The use of performance altering drugs or supplements is strictly prohibited. Owners and handlers are presumed to know the condition of their dogs and risk disciplinary action for exhibiting dogs under the influence of performance-altering drugs.

**Section 7. Misbehavior of handlers.** The Judge must excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship. The judge has sole discretion whether to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the races with a substitute handler. The judge's decision in these matters is final.

**Section 8. Handler Misconduct.** A handler who abuses their dog anywhere within the race track area, which includes, but is not limited to, the starting boxes, race course 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. The host club's Event Committee or any person witnessing a dog being abused on the event grounds may file a complaint in accordance with the *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events, Misconduct and Discipline Guidelines, category 1*. Poor sportsmanship that rises to the level of misconduct must be dealt with in accordance with *the Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events, Misconduct & Discipline Guidelines, category 1*. The handler shall not be permitted to exhibit until the hearing has been held. A different handler may exhibit any additional dogs the handler has entered. In this case the club is not required to refund entry fee(s) for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day regardless if the dogs were shown or not.

## CHAPTER 3 DRAG RACING TYPES, CLASSES AND TITLES

UKC Drag Racing titles must be earned in sequence. Equivalent titles from other venues may not be substituted for UKC Drag Racing titles in determining eligibility for a class. A club must offer all applicable licensed racing classes for the racing type on the Event Application for a Scheduled Weekend. A club may apply to hold Flat racing, Steeplechase racing, or both.

**Section 1. Race Types.** There are two types of races, Flat racing and Steeplechase racing.

Both types of racing are open to all eligible dogs, but dogs need not be entered in both types of races. 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. (Note: some dogs may be more prone to injury due to their physical characteristics and may not be suited to run Steeplechase races.)

**Section 2. Licensed Racing Classes.** There are three classifications of licensed race classes defined as; Regular, Champion and Grand Champion.

- a. **Regular Race Classes.** Regular race classes are for a dog that has not earned a race championship title of that race type.
- b. **Champion Race Classes.** Champion race classes are for a dog that has earned the Champion race title for that race type.
- c. **Grand Champion Race Classes.** Grand Champion race classes are for a dog that earned the Grand Champion race title for that race type.

**Section 3. Flat Racing Titles.**

- A. United Flat Racing Aptitude Test (UFA) Title.** All dogs (that have not earned a UKC Drag Racing title) must first earn the flat racing aptitude title to be eligible to compete for UKC flat (drag) racing titles. Grandfather clause for dogs with prior Terrier Race (TR) points: Dogs that have not earned a title but have racing points towards a Flat or Steeplechase race title will not be required to earn the UFA or USA title. The United Flat Racing Aptitude title is earned from the Racing aptitude test. To earn this title, a dog must:
  - a. Must earn a "pass" at three different UKC licensed flat drag racing events.
  - b. A "pass" is defined as: the dog shall run alone, complete the flat race course without a foul or assistance and in good form. The dog must come through the hole with its muzzle in place.
- B. United Flat Racer (UFR).** Any dog that has earned a United Flat Racing Aptitude (UFA) title may start earning points toward the United Flat Racer (UFR) title beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the (UFA) title.
  - a. To earn a UKC United Flat Racer title, a dog must earn a minimum of 100 points in flat racing regular classes; and win one flat racing regular class Semi-Final round (or higher) award with competition.
  - b. Competition is defined as two or more dogs, correctly entered, racing in the Semi-Final round (or higher.)
- C. United Flat Racer Champion (UFCH).** Any dog that has earned a United Flat Racer (UFR) title may earn championship points toward the United Flat Racer Champion title beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the (UFR) title.
  - a. To earn a UKC United Flat Racer Champion title, a dog must earn a minimum of 250 additional championship points in Flat racing regular classes; and win three (3) Flat racing regular class Final Round (or higher) awards with competition.
  - b. Competition is defined as three or more dogs, correctly entered, racing in the Final Round (or higher.)



- D. United Flat Racer Grand Champion (UFGCH).** Any dog that has earned a UKC Flat Racer Champion (UFCH) title may earn champion points toward the United Flat Racer Grand Champion title beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the (UFCH) title.
- To earn a UKC Flat Racer Grand Champion Title, a dog must; earn a minimum of 300 additional championship points in Flat Racing Champion classes; and win five (5) Final Round Champion Class racer awards with competition.
  - Competition is defined as at least three dogs, correctly entered, racing in the Champion class Final Round. A Champion winning the Fastest Racer may count the number of Champions defeated as well as any Grand Champions defeated by winning the Fastest Racer to fulfill the competition requirements towards the Grand Champion Flat Race Title.

#### **Section 4. Steeplechase Racing Titles.**

- A. United Steeplechase Racing Aptitude (USA) Title.** All dogs (that have not earned a UKC Steeplechase Drag Racing title) must first earn the steeplechase racing aptitude title to be eligible to compete for UKC steeplechase (drag) racing titles. Grandfather clause for dogs with prior Terrier Race (TR) points: Dogs that have not earned a title but have racing points towards a Flat or Steeplechase race title will not be required to earn the UFA or USA title. The United Steeplechase Racing Aptitude title is earned from the Racing Aptitude Test. To earn this title, a dog must:
- Earn a “pass” at three different UKC licensed Steeplechase Drag Racing events.
  - A “pass” is defined as: the dog shall run alone and complete the steeplechase race course without a foul or assistance and in good form. The dog must come through the hole with its muzzle in place.
- B. United Steeplechase Racer (USR).** Any dog that has earned a United Steeplechase Racing Aptitude (USA) title may start earning points toward the United Steeplechase Racer (USR) title beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the (USA) title.
- To earn a UKC United Steeplechase Racer title, a dog must; earn a minimum of 100 points in steeplechase racing regular classes; and win one steeplechase racing regular class Semi-Final round (or higher) award with competition.
  - Competition is defined as two or more dogs, correctly entered, racing in the Semi-Final round (or higher.)
- C. United Steeplechase Racer Champion (USCH).** Any dog that has earned a United Steeplechase Racer (USR) title may earn championship points toward the United Steeplechase Racer Champion title beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the (USR) title.
- To earn a UKC United Steeplechase Racer Champion (USCH), a dog must; earn a minimum of 250 additional championship points in Flat racing regular classes; and win three (3) Steeplechase racing regular class Final Round (or higher) awards with competition.
  - Competition is defined as three or more dogs, correctly entered, racing in the Final Round (or higher.)
- D. United Steeplechase Grand Champion (USGCH).** Any dog that has earned a UKC Steeplechase Champion (USCH) title may earn points toward the United Steeplechase Grand Champion title beginning at the next racing event following the completion of the (USCH) title.
- To earn a UKC Steeplechase Grand Champion (USGCH) title, a dog must; earn a minimum of 300 additional championship points in Steeplechase racing Champion classes; and win five (5) Final Round Champion Class racer awards with competition.
  - Competition is defined as at least three dogs, correctly entered, racing in the Champion class Final Round. A Champion winning the Fastest Racer may count the number of Champions defeated as well as any Grand Champions defeated by winning the Fastest Racer to fulfill the competition requirements towards the Steeplechase Grand Champion racing title.

**Section 5. Championship Points.** Points will be awarded based on the following structure for all race types and (breed) categories.

- a. Each Semi-Final Round winner - 10 points.
- b. Final Round winner - 15 points.

**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 Show Operations Department.

## CHAPTER 4 UKC DRAG RACING ALL STAR RANKING SYSTEM

**Section 1. Eligibility.** All UKC permanently registered dogs and all Performance Listed dogs eligible for Drag Racing are eligible to earn Drag Racing All Star ranking points. All Star points are automatically awarded at all UKC Licensed Drag racing events. Points are awarded separately for each type of racing event (Flat and Steeplechase Races).

- a. The winning dog in each of the Fastest Racer category size divisions will receive one point for each dog defeated.
- b. All Star points are calculated by UKC based in the official event report submitted by the event secretary.

**Section 2. Drag Racing All Star Competition Year.** All Star points are calculated from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

**Section 3. Publication of All Star Standings.** The names of the top dogs in each category of Drag Racing for Flat and Steeplechase will be published on the UKC website each month. UKC will tally the All Star points separately for Flat Race and Steeplechase as follows:

- a. **Flat Race All Star Ranking.** The names of the top 10 dogs in each category and in each size division of Flat racing will be ranked as follows:

Categories	Size Divisions			
Category A	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½"-15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category B	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½" -15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category C	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½" -15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category D	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½" -15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"

- b. **Steeplechase Race All Stars Ranking.** The names of the top 10 dogs in each category and in each size division of Steeplechase racing will be ranked as follows:

Categories	Size Divisions			
Category A	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½"-15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category B	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½" -15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category C	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½" -15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category D	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½" -15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"

**Section 4. Corrections to Drag Racing All Star Standings.** Corrections to All Star points or standings for any competition year must be reported to UKC not later than January 31 of the year following the competition year.

**Section 5. All Star Invitational.** The top ranked dogs in each category as defined above for Flat and Steeplechase racing may be invited to participate in the Drag Racing All Star Invitational competition.

## CHAPTER 5 RACE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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 race course consists of: a starting area, which includes a starting box; track; a finish line; and a catch area.

**Section 1. Approved track surfaces.** The following are approved drag racing surfaces.

- c. **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.
- d. **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. Racing track requirements.**

- a. **Track Size.** 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.
- b. **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. 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 (orange color preferred), wood planks and hog panels. The bottom outside edge of the barrier should be secured to prevent a dog from leaving the track.
- c. **Track Crowd Barrier.** It is suggested that a crowd barrier be used, and the barrier should be the same height, length and material as the track barrier and be placed at least three feet away from the outer edges of the chute. A crowd barrier prevents spectators from interfering with the dogs during the race and allows the handlers to go down the catch area speedily and without interference.
- d. **End Barrier.** This is the visible blockade (wall) that is set across the entire width of the track at the opposite end of 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.
- e. **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.
- f. **Catch area.** The area that surrounds the catch area must be secured by fencing. The recommended length of the catch area is 30-40 feet, and 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/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. \*May also use other suitable material (e.g., cushion, padding).
- g. **Loading area.** The loading area should be large enough to house up to six dogs, their owners, and the stewards working the area. It is suggested that a sign be posted that coordinates with the color so that the owners may line up in the order of box-loading.
- h. **Steeplechase Hurdles.** The minimum distance for a steeplechase race track is 180 feet. There must be 4 hurdles, with the first hurdle 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.

## CHAPTER 6 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

**Section 1 Race equipment.** The club must have items such as pens, pencils, clipboards, posting boards, clean-up supplies etc. available at the site. Communication devices such as radios, instant messaging via phone, or a runner for sending and/or receiving messages is recommended. In addition, the following equipment must be provided by the host club:

- a. **Draw materials.** The club must have materials to conduct the draw for heat races (such as dominoes, or a number that is indicated on one side of a recipe/index card). If box positions are decided in advance, the race officials must use a random draw method in making these assignments. A random draw method may be a randomization program or by drawing colored tiles/marbles/dominoes randomly from a bag, or other similar process. The same method must be used for any additional heats.
- b. **Dog catcher gloves.** For safety purposes, the dog catchers should wear protective gloves, regardless if the dog's owner is catching. If gloves are used, the heavy gauntlet-style gloves, such as welder's gloves, or heavy leather gloves are recommended.
- c. **End Barrier.** 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 (4) 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.
- d. **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 be adjustable to 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.
- e. **Straw Bale(s) or other Safety Barrier.** The club must provide a straw/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).
- f. **Lure.** The lure is made from unscented imitation fur, faux sheep's wool, or similar, and is typically cut into multiple strips and tied together. The lure is attached to at least 275' of heavy gauge string.
- g. **Drag Lure.** This type of lure provides a single line that is attached to a flywheel. This type of device allows the lure to operate 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 (hazards) that may arise.
- h. **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.
- i. **Lure Operator.** The lure operator is responsible for controlling the speed of the lure. 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.
- j. **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 lure pull (line) itself should be drawn under the straw bales or other suitable material to prevent access by dogs.

### Section 2. Starting box requirements.

- a. **Construction.** The starting box is normally made of wood. The starting box contains a minimum of 4 compartments (stalls) and a maximum of 6 compartments. The stalls must be free of all defects that might cause injury to a dog or a person, such as splinters and protruding nails.
- b. **Stalls.** *The minimum size requirements for stalls must be approximately 20 inches high and 12 inches wide and 20 inches deep. Construction of new starting boxes after January 1, 2020 must have stalls that 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 (1-6). Numbers must be clearly visible on the top or back of the

starting box. When standing directly behind the starting box, and facing the race course, 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 (#1 through #6).

- c. **Starting Box Gate.** The starting box gate(s) must open upward and from the front of each stall. If each stall has its own individual gate, the opening mechanism must be designed so that all gates open simultaneously. The (gate) must be constructed of wooden/metal frames covered with 12- gauge or heavier galvanized hardware cloth, wire cabinet shelving, or Plexiglas.

### Section 3. Steeplechase Hurdles.

- a. **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".) PVC pipe is acceptable, but not preferred. The hurdle must slant away from the dogs (for safety reasons) and must be flush with track fencing.
- b. **Height.** Hurdles have three heights.
  - 1) 6" maximum height for the under 10" class.
  - 2) 8" maximum height for the 10" but under 12½" class.
  - 3) 12" maximum height for the remainder of the classes.

**Section 4. Racing Collars.** Clubs must provide and maintain a selection of the pre-designated colored racing collars for both Flat and Steeplechase racers. It is recommended that each handler also maintain a selection of collars in the most common colors. 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 (heat). The exhibitor may elect to use their own colored color, provided it is approved by the judge.

Note: The dog may wear an additional flat, buckle/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 5. Prohibited collars / items.** 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 race course. Dogs may not wear items of adornment, such as, but not limited to, scarves, bandanas, caps or sunglasses.

### Section 6. Equipment for Dogs Provided by the Exhibitor.

- a. **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 (6) feet in length.
- b. **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.
  - 1) **Acceptable types of muzzles.** Softie, Plastic type and Wire Basket type muzzles with top straps are acceptable.
  - 2) **Prohibited types of muzzles.** The Figure 8 muzzle, Mikki <sup>TM</sup> 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.

## CHAPTER 7 RACING PROCEDURES

**Section 1. 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 his/her dog when entering a dog in a *Drag Racing* event.

**Section 2. Height 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 that 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 3. Correcting a size division before the dog runs.** When a dog is found to be above or below the limit for the size division in which it is entered, the dog must be moved to the proper size division; or if over the maximum height limit in the largest size division, the dog must be excused from the race.

**Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. Males and females racing together.** Males and Females may race together.

**Section 7. Checking in.** 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 box steward is required to wait for absent/missing dogs.

**Section 8. Conflicts.** If the race is large enough to require two or more courses, or a race is offering flat and steeplechase racing, and the schedule appears to create a conflict due to one exhibitor showing multiple dogs, multiple classes, or in multiple events, the Event Secretary should be notified so that accommodations, **if allowed**, can be made. A club offering a race with more than one race course will anticipate the likelihood of conflicts, and will be prepared to deal with them, but the exhibitor must also be flexible enough to deal with the requirements likely to result from multiple entries. All conflicts must have the judge's approval.

**Section 9. 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 10. Dogs ready to race.** Exhibitors must have dogs ready to race which requires that the exhibitor and dog are 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 11. 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.

## CHAPTER 8 SCORING

**Section 1. Scoring.** The dog whose whole body goes through the finish line first is the winner. The next dog whose whole body goes through the finish line will be scored as second, and so on, and so on through the last dog running the heat.

**Section 2. Types of fouls.** Fouls include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. 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 race track or within the race area should be deemed as inappropriate behavior.
- b. The dog urinates or defecates anywhere within the race area.
- c. The dog fails to meet the ready-to-race time.
- d. Any dog that is not muzzled when loading into the starting box.
- e. Any dog that is not wearing the correct colored collar.
- f. Handler misconduct.

**Section 3. 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.

- a. **First Foul.** The judge will call “foul” and give a warning of the act.
- b. **Second Foul.** The judge will call “foul” and will excuse the dog (racer) from that particular race type for the day.

**Section 4. Non-qualifying behavior.** Dogs that display non-qualifying behavior will be excused from the race. Types of non-qualifying behavior include, but are not limited to:

- a. Dog pulls its muzzle off before reaching the finish line.
- b. Failure to jump all hurdles in a steeplechase.
- c. Dog leaves the race course.
- d. Dog soils the race course **once**.
- e. Dog acts aggressively or threatens to act aggressively towards another dog during the race.
- f. Dog fails to complete the race without assistance.
- g. Dog fails to complete the race within a reasonable amount of time, as determined by the judge.  
**(reasonable time may vary by Category or Division.)**

**Section 5. Types of Excusals.**

- a. **Mandatory Excusals.** A judge must excuse a dog from competition if it meets any condition as described in Chapter 1, Section 4 of this rule book.
- b. **Discretionary excusals.** A judge may excuse any dog whenever he/she reasonably believes the dog’s physical condition creates a risk of injury to the dog, or the dog is not under the handler’s control. A dog that has been excused by a judge in any event may not participate in any other class of the same type, except that in a Drag Racing event, a dog may be excused from Flat racing and still be eligible to compete in the Steeplechase race for that event, provided that the excusal is not the result of a non-qualifying behavior of aggression as defined in the *Official rules for All-Breed Events, Chapter 1, section 13*. A dog that has been excused for aggression as defined above is ineligible to continue competing in any race until the next day’s races. A dog that has been excused for aggression at three different racing events will be ineligible for entry into any UKC Drag Racing event unless and until notified by UKC that the dog’s racing eligibility has been reinstated. A dog that is excused from a Drag Racing event for any reason is still eligible to compete in any other event on the same day.
- c. **Optional Excusals.** Exhibitors may request to be excused from racing at any time, if due to illness or injury. Any other requests for excusal will be honored at the judge’s discretion.

**Section 6. Determining heat and class placements.** Placement ribbons are not awarded for heat qualifiers. The judge will score the entire heat. Depending upon the number of heats being run, only the top two to three finishers will advance to the semi-final heat. The dog(s) must cross the finish line and will advance accordingly. The judge will give up to four placements, where possible, in each class based on the dog's finish position in the final heat.



## CHAPTER 9 RACING SCHEDULE

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

**Section 1. Order of racing.** The order of racing will be determined by the host club and announced at the handler's meeting. It is permissible to announce the order of racing in premium lists and/or judging programs.

**Section 2. Drag Racing Type.** The entries are first separated out by type of race. There are two types of races, Flat racing and Steeplechase racing. Both types of racing are open to all eligible breeds, but dogs need not be entered in both types of races. (Note that some dogs may be more prone to injury due to their physical characteristics and may not be-suited to run steeplechase races.) Owners take the full responsibility and should be aware of their own dog's ability to run in any type of racing event.

**Section 3. Group Categories.** There are four racing group categories (A, B, C and D) as defined elsewhere in this rulebook. All entered dogs are sorted into their respective group categories based upon their assigned racing group and must not be split by the individual breed.

**Section 4. Licensed Racing Classes.** There are four classifications of licensed race classes defined as Aptitude, Regular, Champion and Grand Champion.

- a. **Aptitude Race Classes.** Aptitude race classes are for a novice dog that has not earned any racing title or has not been grandfathered in from the former Terrier Race program (i.e., having earned any points towards the former Terrier Race titles from either the flat or steeplechase races).
- b. **Regular Race Classes.** Regular race classes are for a dog that has earned an Aptitude title (or have been grandfathered in from the former Terrier Race program) but has not earned a race championship title for the type of race they have entered.
- c. **Champion Race Classes.** Champion race classes are for a dog that has earned the Champion race title for the type of race they have entered.
- d. **Grand Champion Race Classes.** Grand Champion race classes are for a dog that earned the Grand Champion race title for the type of race they have entered.

**Section 5. Size Divisions.** Each class will be divided first by its racing class as defined above and then by size as follows:

Categories	Size Divisions			
Category A	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½"-15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category B	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½"-15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category C	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½"-15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"
Category D	10" or less	Over 10" -12½"	Over 12½"-15"	Over 15" up to & including 18"

**Section 6. Order of racing dogs.** Classes may be run in any order as determined by the host club. Dogs must race in the appropriate heat, according to the draw by the Event Secretary. 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 heat to be marked absent or to run in a later heat. The judge's decision is final.

**Section 7. Rounds.** Racing may consist of Preliminary Rounds, Semi-Final Rounds and Final Rounds. Preliminary Rounds and Semi-Final Rounds are dependent on the number of dogs entered and are scheduled at the discretion of the race committee/judge. The Event Secretary will determine the order of racing for the initial heats, the class/size division heat size and number of heats based upon the number of dogs entered in a category.

**Section 8. Preliminary Round.** Preliminary rounds (heats) may be run to determine the dogs advancing to the Semi-Final Round. Preliminary rounds are held for a class(es)/size divisions with a large amount of entries.

- a. **When there is only one entry in a class/size division,** the dog may run a single pass down the track. The dog must complete the run-in good form with no faults.
- b. **When there are six or less entered in a class/size division,** the dogs shall all run together in a single final heat. The first-place dog that crosses the finish line shall advance to the next level (Overall Fastest Race).
- c. **When more than 6 dogs are entered in a class/size division,** the number of running dogs in the class will be divided as evenly as possible between multiple heats as necessary to determine the advancing dogs. The advancing dogs will be the first, second, and third place dogs of each heat.

**Section 9. Semi-Final Round.** Semi-Final rounds (heats) must be run to determine the dogs advancing to the Final round. For class(es)/size divisions with a small amount of entries, the Semi-Final round and the Final round may be run together as one race at the discretion of the event committee.

**Section 10. Final Round.** The final round consists of one race featuring up to six of the top semi-final round winners.

**Section 11. Fastest Racer.** Fastest Racer competition is a race for each race type (Flat and Steeplechase), and between the final round winners for each group category and size division of the Regular class, Champion class and Grand Champion class. The winner of the fastest racer competition will also be used to determine points earned for the All Stars ranking listing as follows:

- **10" and under.**
- **Over 10" to 12½"**
- **Over 12½" to 15"**
- **Over 15" - 18"**

**Section 12. Starting Box Positions.** On the day of the event, the final races and fastest races will require the appropriate race official to determine starting box placement. For these races, the race official may use one of the following methods:

- a. Random Draw as described elsewhere in this rulebook, or
- b. Pre-Determined box placement based upon heat ranks and/or class;

For Example:

Starting Box Positions	
<b>BOX 1</b>	3rd place Heat 1
<b>BOX 2</b>	2nd place Heat 1
<b>BOX 3</b>	Winner Heat 1
<b>BOX 4</b>	Winner Heat 2
<b>BOX 5</b>	2nd place Heat 2
<b>BOX 6</b>	3rd place Heat 2

**Section 13. Determining Collar Colors.** Collar colors are determined by the race official(s) who are assigned the task of getting the race paperwork ready for the event. Whether entered in advance or on the day of the race, the collar colors should be determined by random draw. The collar colors are important to ensure accurate recording of the winners of each race and therefore each dog entered will be assigned an individual collar color for their heat. As the dogs advance the race officials will also determine supplementary collar colors for any additional rounds and final rounds as necessary.

**Section 14. Fastest Race Collar Color Assignment.** To prevent delays and allow the races to be run in a quick and timely manner, and reduce error and confusion, the GRCH winner will be assigned the Red Collar, the CH winner the Green Collar, and the Regular winner the Yellow Collar. Handlers MAY draw for box placement in the loading area, at the time of the race and at the discretion of the event committee. Box Steward and/or designee will be responsible for overseeing the randomization procedure.

### **Section 15. On Deck, In the Hole and Box Loading.**

- a. **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 by random draw. It is suggested that a sign (dry erase board) be posted in the on-deck area that coordinates the assigned box number with the collar color of the running dogs for the heat so that the owners may line-up in the order of box loading when entering the loading area.
- b. **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.
- c. **Box Loading.** At the direction of the steward, the handlers, with their dogs muzzled and wearing the proper color-coded collars must position the dog in the starting box as directed by the steward. All leads must be placed in the handler's pocket. As soon as the dogs are loaded and secured in the starting box, the handlers must proceed quickly to the catch area.

**Section 16. Rerun 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 EVENT MANAGEMENT

**Section 1. Event Committee.** The Event Committee will consist of a minimum of two persons: the Event Chairperson and the Event Secretary. Additional club members and/or stewards may be appointed to help the Event Committee with the tasks of managing the event as necessary. The overall authority regarding matters related to the dogs entered in this event will fall upon the Event Committee.

**Section 2. Event Chairperson.** The event Chairperson will oversee the layout of the racing area and make sure of the following;

- a. The grounds are free of hazards and that the track is safe for the dogs to run.
- b. The track equipment necessary to run the type of races are available and in good repair.
- c. The racing equipment such as collars, pens, pencils, wickets and such are available on the day of the race.
- d. Arrange judge travel and arrival time at the event site.
- e. Retain stewards for the event.

**Section 3. Steward Positions and responsibilities.**

- a. **Chief Race Steward.** The Chief Steward shall assign an appropriate number of stewards for each type of race and replace stewards as necessary.
- b. **Dog Catchers.** Dog Catchers must be a minimum of eighteen (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.
- c. **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.
- d. **Lure Operator.** The Lure Operator oversees the operation of the lure machine. Their overall responsibility is:
  - To start the lure when signaled by the Box Steward.
  - To stop the lure should an unsafe condition arise.
  - To block the finish hole/tunnel after all racing dogs have entered the catch area.
- e. **Lure Handler.** The lure handler returns the lure to the starting gate after each race.
- f. **Race Starter / Box Loader.** The race starter is the person assigned to assure that all dogs and handlers are ready. This position may be assigned to one or two individuals, depending upon the number of dogs/heats waiting on deck. The main duty of the Race Starter is to signal the lure operator to start the lure and to open the starting gate. Additional duties include:
  - Verify that all dogs are loaded and secured in starting boxes.
  - Verify that all stewards/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 race course;
  - When all is ready the race starter will then signal the lure operator to start the lure and
  - Opens the front box/gate to start the racing.

**Section 4. Event Secretary.** There are many duties involved with being an Event Secretary and the overall responsibility of reporting the event results falls upon this position. The Event Secretary is responsible for providing the necessary paperwork for recording and reporting the race results. Additional duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Accepting only completed and signed entry forms.
- b. Assigning armband numbers to each entry which must be written on the entry form, score sheets and in the Judge's book.
- c. Preparing the proper amount of Official Racing Results score sheets.
- d. Preparing the heat race participants (the Race Secretary should assist the Event Secretary when possible).
- e. Preparing and receiving the judge's book; The Event Secretary is to prepare all judges' books by writing all the required information for each dog in the appropriate class/heat.

- f. Upon completion of the racing event, the Event Secretary will make sure each judge's book is signed by the judge and provide them a copy of their judge's book prior to leaving the event grounds on the day of their last assignment. It is also acceptable to send the judge's books and entry forms electronically (must be sent within 10 business days post event conclusion).
- g. The Event Secretary must complete the activity reports and judge's books for each race.
- h. The Event Secretary is responsible for making a copy of each entry form prior to sending the original entry forms for each dog that is entered in the event to UKC with the event results.
- i. The event results, entry forms and processing fees are to be received by UKC within ten (10) business days from the last day of the weekend's event.

**Section 5 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:

- a. Help Event Secretary organize dogs into heats.
- b. Notifies the winners of their assigned collar color for their next race while in the catch area.
- c. Assign qualifiers to subsequent run off races.
- d. Provide the Box and/or Deck Steward written verification of the advancing dogs (call names) and collar colors.

## CHAPTER 11 AWARDS, TROPHIES, RIBBONS AND PLACEMENTS

**Section 1. Cash prizes.** UKC clubs may offer cash prizes at performance events without prior written authorization from UKC. Cash prizes include but are not limited to: cash awards, gift cards, and gift certificates.

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

**Section 3. Announcing qualifiers and placements.** Class placements may be announced after each, category or division or when the race is completed. The judge or race/recording secretary (after confirmation from the judge) announces the placements and overall winners.

**Section 4. Ribbons and rosettes.** All ribbons and rosettes must include the UKC logo. The following ribbon colors and combinations are mandatory. Ribbons awarded for all other wins may be any other color or combination of colors.

### **Race Placement:**

- 1st place - blue;
- 2nd place - red;
- 3rd place - green;
- 4th place - yellow;
- Total Dog Qualifier - red, black and white.
- Total Junior Qualifier – teal, black and white

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

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

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

- a. Compete in conformation with competition and win one of the following classes:
  - Best Male/Female of Variety
  - Best Male/Female
  - Best of Winners
  - Champion
  - Grand Champion
  - Best of Breed
  - Group 1 through 4 (Note: Group 4 win only counts if there are five or more breeds in the Group class)
  - Best In Multi-Breed Show
  - Reserve Best In Multi-Breed Show
  - Best In Show
  - Reserve Best In Show

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



- b. **Earn a qualifying score in a performance event.** A Total Dog Qualifying score will be earned in a racing event when a dog completes a Flat race or Steeplechase race without a foul or assistance and in good form and with competition in the Final Round.

For the purpose of this award, a qualifying competition in racing is defined as defeating another dog in the Final Round of each size division. Competition may be granted by defeating another dog in a higher race, such as Fastest Racer.

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

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

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

- 6 Junior Handlers in competition 1 AOM
  - 9 Junior Handlers in competition 2 AOM
  - 12 Junior Handlers in competition 3 AOM
  - 15 Junior Handlers in competition 4 AOM
  - 18 Junior Handlers in competition 5 AOM
  - 21 Junior Handlers in competition 6 AOM
  - 24 Junior Handlers in competition 7 AOM
  - 27 Junior Handlers in competition 8 AOM
  - 30 Junior Handlers in competition 9 AOM
  - 33 Junior Handlers in competition 10 AOM
- b. The Junior must also earn a qualifying score in any one performance event on the same day the conformation requirement was earned. Qualifying performance events are Agility, Dock Jumping, Lure Coursing (registered stakes only), Obedience, Rally Obedience, or Drag Racing.

## CHAPTER 12 JUDGING PROCEDURES

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

**Section 2. Judge's authority in the course.** The judge may use whatever reasonable procedures he/she deems necessary to evaluate each dog's performance in an effective and efficient manner. The same procedures will be used to judge each dog in a class.

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

**Section 4. Report on equipment and course.** The licensed club is responsible for providing proper equipment that meets the specifications found in these Rules and Regulations. The judge is responsible for ensuring that the equipment and race course follows UKC rules. At the race conclusion, the judge must sign the official race report indicating that the race equipment and course met the current requirements or report deficiencies that were not rectified before the race began.

**Section 5. 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 6. Prohibitions.** Judges may not judge a conformation show and a performance event on the same day.



## CHAPTER 13 JUDGING AND EXHIBITING

**Section 1. Conformation and Performance judges who exhibit.** Conformation judges may enter and compete in any performance event the day(s) preceding their assignment, the day of their assignment, the day(s) after their assignment.

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 day(s) preceding their assignment, the day of their assignment and the day(s) after their assignment.

**Section 2. Judging Conflicts.** Judges accepting assignments in which they are considering exhibiting a dog, and clubs hiring judges who wish to exhibit a dog at that event, must give utmost thought and care to avoid conflicts of time. The judge's primary responsibility is to their assignment to judge. Should a conflict of time arise at an event on a scheduled weekend in which the judge is forced to choose between exhibiting and judging, the judge must fulfill the assignment the club hired them to fulfill and willingly and knowingly withdraw any entries in any event that presents the conflict.

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. Judging and Exhibiting.** The following applies to ALL UKC licensed judges, both conformation and performance.

No judge may interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule an event in which he/she has entered a dog, to fulfill or complete their judging assignment. Nor may a judge interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule an event in which he/she is officiating to facilitate exhibiting their dog.

No club or judge may interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule any event for any judge to accommodate a judge exhibiting a dog on the same day he/she is judging for any reason.

Judges reported and proven to have interrupted, disrupted, delayed or rescheduled an event to allow themselves to exhibit a dog or interrupted, disrupted, delayed or rescheduled an event in which they are officiating, to exhibit a dog, will face disciplinary action which could include the suspension of judging privileges for up to 1 year and a fine up to \$500.

Clubs reported and proven to have interrupted, disrupted, delayed or rescheduled an event to allow a judge to exhibit a dog or allowed a judge to interrupt, disrupt, delay or reschedule an event in which the judge is officiating in order to exhibit a dog will face disciplinary action which could include the suspension of event privileges for up to 1 year and a fine up to \$500.

**Section 4. Conformation Judging Restrictions.** Conformation Judges may not pass judgment on a dog of which they are listed as owner, co-owner, breeder or co-breeder in any conformation class, or that is owned or co-owned by a member of the judge's immediate family or any person in the judge's household.

**Section 5. Performance Judging Restrictions.** 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 in which they are judging.

## **Section 6. Owners and/or Co-Owners and/or Immediate Family/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 and/or household members may exhibit a dog not owned or co-owned by the judge, in any event on the same day that the judge is officiating; except that the immediate family/household member may not enter or exhibit the dog in the same event-type that the judge is scheduled to officiate, with the exception of using the back-up judge system in the performance events. Immediate family/household members may enter any event without restriction on any other day the judge is not scheduled to judge.

Additional restrictions may apply to immediate family and household members per specific event type which can be found in the corresponding rulebook for the specific event.

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

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 (Head, Lead) judge and a backup judge on the event application. The chief judge will be the overall authority for judging the event.

Dog(s) exhibited by the chief judge may compete only under the assigned backup judge. The backup judge may only officiate for the races in which the judge's dog(s) (and/or immediate family/household members of the judge) are competing. **All dogs judged under the Back-Up Judge will be eligible for placement and awards.** All Star and Championship points will still be available in events that points can be earned.

Judges are prohibited from interrupting their judging assignment to exhibit. Judges may coordinate when they will exhibit based on the event specific rules in which judges are entered/officiating.

Assigned backup judges will be eligible for awards, placements, All-Star and Championship points.

**Section 8. Emergency Replacement of Backup Judge.** Should an assigned backup judge fail to appear at an event in which they were assigned as the designated backup judge, there will be no emergency replacement of the backup judge's assignment if there is no other fully licensed judge that holds the same event type license at the event. In this case, the Chief Judge will forfeit their entry and fulfill their assignment. If an event was published in the UKC Upcoming Events on the UKC website as having a backup judge and if a fully licensed judge that holds the same event type license 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 14 DEFINITIONS

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

**Champion Racer.** A dog that has earned its Championship title in Flat or Steeplechase events.

**Class.** A class is one of the four designated groups of racing dogs eligible to enter Flat and Steeplechase Races.

**Corresponding date.** UKC does not schedule events by which weekend an event falls within a month, but rather by a corresponding numerical weekend date of the year. This is based upon a 52-week calendar. If a club offers an event on the 4th weekend of this year, that club's corresponding numerical date in all subsequent years is also the 4th weekend. Approximately every seven years (or so), the actual date of the event may be up to five days different.

**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 in on the UKC website.

**Disqualified.** Dog is deemed ineligible for competition. This can be the result of a condition prohibited in the rules, such as an alteration to the dog's natural state, an undesirable trait as listed in a breed standard, or a condition of or action by a dog that is prohibited under the rules of the United Kennel Club. A dog that has been disqualified from a conformation show or performance event pursuant to *Official UKC Rules for All-Breed Events, Chapter 1, Sections 12 & 13* may not participate in any further events unless reinstated by UKC.

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

**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.** A flat surface race course.

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

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

**Handler Meeting Notes.** Recommended outline of important and necessary items to discuss at each drag racing handler's meeting.

**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, step-parent, child, step-child, 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 or negative action 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. In the Hole → On Deck → Loading.

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

**Limited Privilege Listing (LP).** This type of listing has been changed over to the Performance Listing program. Dogs with assigned LP numbers need not apply for a PL number and are still eligible to compete using their LP number and are eligible for UKC 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.

**Non-Qualifying.** Term used to mark a specific dog(s) in a race where a foul, broken equipment, incomplete run or other inappropriate behaviors marred the race. Non-qualifying racers cannot advance to the next heat level.

**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 performance rather than conformation. Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Weight Pull, Drag Racing, and Lure Coursing Meets are typical performance events.

**Pre-entry.** Some UKC clubs offer pre-entry in addition to day of show entries. Pre-entries must be submitted by a specific date (published on the UKC website) and are normally lower in price than day of show entries.

**Pre-Entry Only.** Some UKC clubs do not allow day of show entries and require that all entries be submitted by a specific date. *Events* that do not accept day of show entries are designated as "PRE-ENTRY ONLY" in the Upcoming Events listing on the UKC website and clubs may not accept any additional entries once the specific date has elapsed.

**Preliminary Heat.** Preliminary Heat races may need to be run (Race Committee's discretion) so that the appropriate number of dogs can advance into the semi-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 Aptitude title and/or advance to the next heat level and is dependent on entries and class sizes.

**Race.** Each racing event where dogs are placed inside the starting box, released 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.

**Race Course.** 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.** Events that are offered for certain breeds *that* run on flat, steeplechase or both race courses.

**Race type.** There are two types of Drag Racing events, Flat racing and Steeplechase. Flat racing is where dogs run over a relatively level or slightly inclined natural or man-made surface. Steeplechase racing is where dogs run over the same approved surface as flat racing but also have added jumps that the dogs must negotiate.

**Regular Class racer.** Any dog that has not earned a Champion or Grand Champion title in Flat and/or Steeplechase Racing. Can also be referred to as “Class Dog”.

**Round.** Also referred to as heat.

**Run.** Each racing event where dogs are placed inside the starting box, released and run after the lure. Can also be referred to as a race.

**Semi-Final Heat.** Heat race or races that need to be run (race committees' discretion) so that the appropriate number of dogs can advance into the final heat races.

**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.** Racing that requires the dog to go over hurdles on the race course. (Note: Some dogs may be more prone to injury due to their physical characteristics and may not be-suited to run steeplechase races. Owners should be aware of their own dog's ability before entering this type of race.)

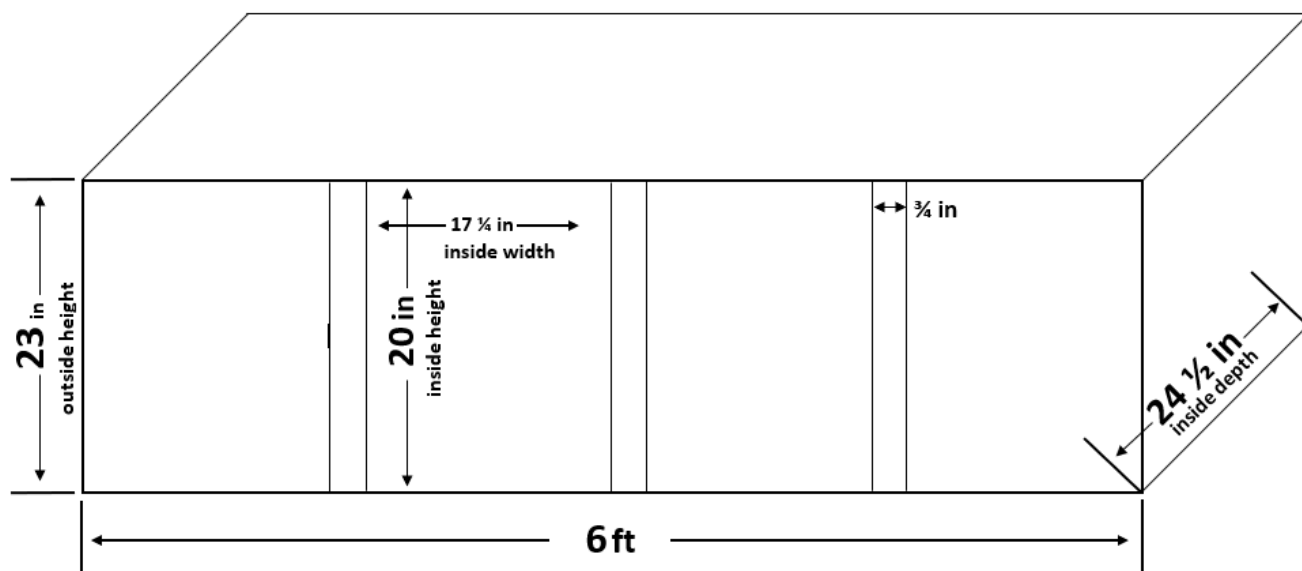
**Suspended Individuals.** A list of individuals who have been suspended by UKC is posted on the UKC website. A person who is suspended is prohibited from participating in any UKC Licensed event, including, but not limited to as an owner, co-owner, handler, back-up handler, judge, guide, vendor, spectator, 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.** Area that extends from the starting box to the catch area, where dogs are chasing the lure. Also referred to as the race course.

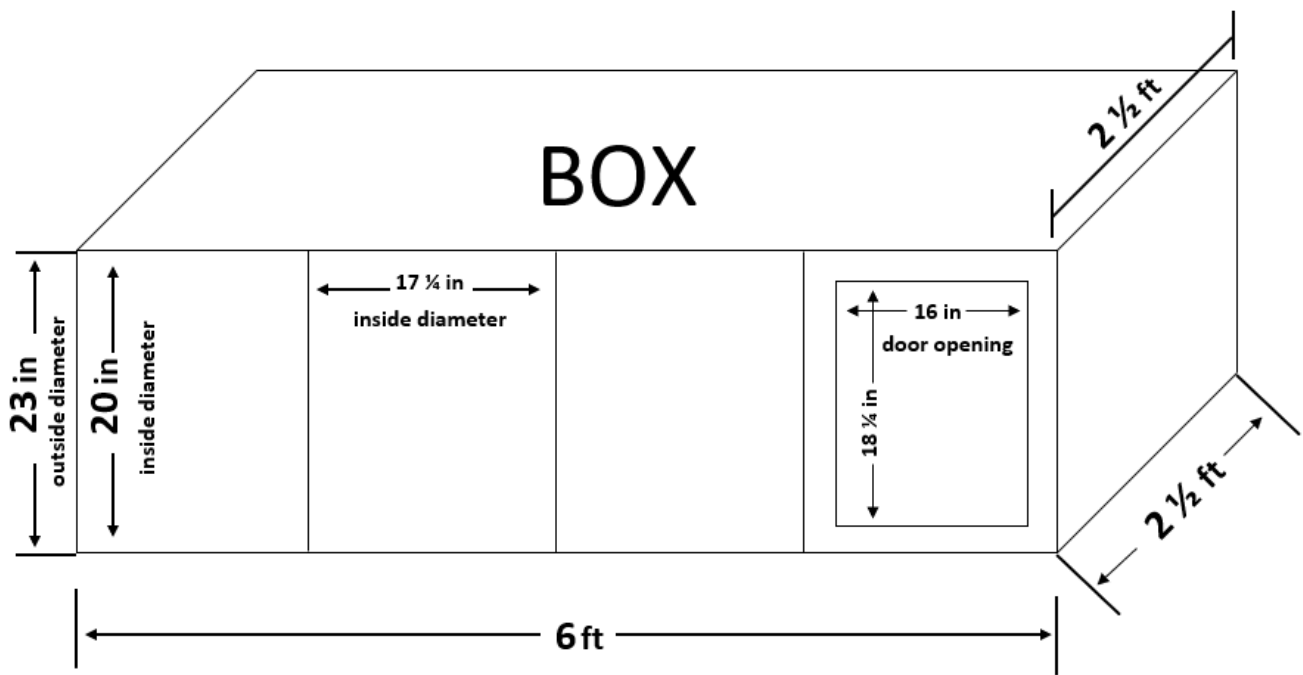
**Temporary Listing (TL) number.** A Temporary Listing number may be used to enter a dog in UKC events before the dog is registered or receives its Performance Listing number with UKC. (*Some restrictions apply*) For current Temporary Listing rules and regulations visit the UKC website at [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com).

## CHAPTER 15 UKC DRAG RACING EQUIPMENT SCHEMATICS



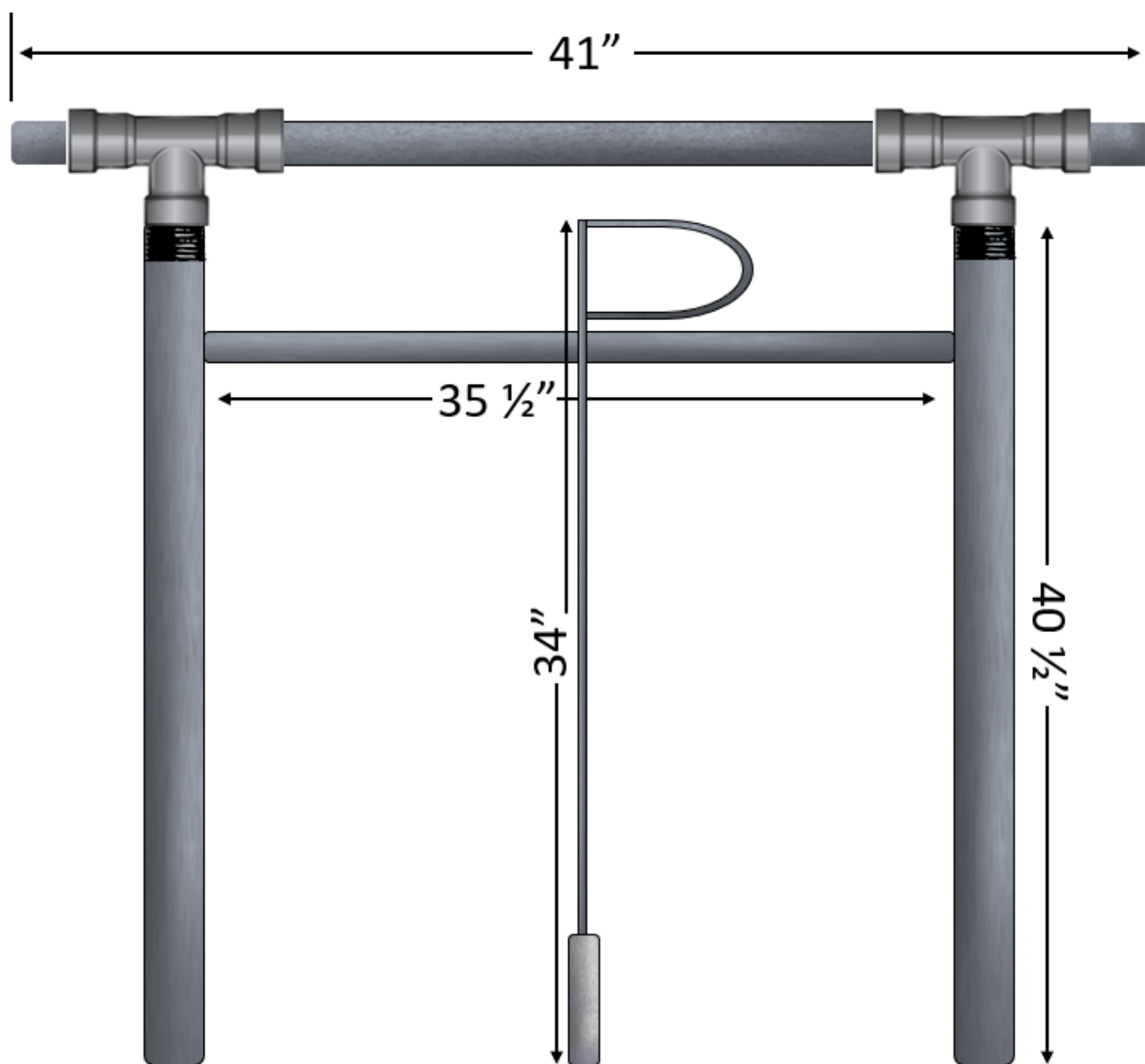
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**LOADING VIEW  
BACK OF BOX**

## Gate Handle and Opening Mechanism





# INHERENT RIGHTS AND POWERS OF UKC

*\*Revised December 18, 2009*

United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring registrations of dogs, licensing events, and awarding titles. These inherent rights and powers include but are not limited to the following:

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

- a. Scores;
- b. Disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- c. Errors by the recording person; and
- d. Documentation excluded for any reason.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## UKC POLICY REGARDING PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH FIGHTING DOGS

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

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

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