



SETTING A NEW COURSE

Since the Spring of 2020 when UKC first officially licensed Precision Coursing®, the sport has quickly grown to become a favorite of many in our UKC community.

As with any new sport, we have learned, grown, and adjusted the rules to best serve UKC exhibitors, clubs, and judges. Today, UKC is happy to reveal the upcoming 2023 Precision Coursing® Rulebook!

Drag Racing Will Become Precision Coursing Dash and Steeple

After reviewing Precision Coursing's Dash and Steeple courses, it became clear that they could be redesigned to decrease the amount of equipment and time required to build them. Furthermore, as we simplified the Dash and Steeple courses, the resemblance to Drag Racing became more and more apparent.

Drag Racing got its start in 2004 as "Terrier Racing" and, as the name suggested, was limited to only allowing Terrier breeds. The sport eventually opened to all dogs 18 inches or under in 2014 and took on the new name "Drag Racing". Beginning in January 2023, the sport will evolve once again to become part of the UKC Precision Coursing® offerings as Dash and Steeple runs. This newest version will eliminate multi-dog races, muzzles, start boxes, and all height limitations on participating dogs.

In January 2023, Drag Racing clubs will be allowed to run Precision Coursing Dash and Steeple runs as

well as traditional Precision Coursing (if they have the necessary equipment). Drag Racing clubs hosting Precision Coursing® will be given the New Event Incentive.

Existing Drag Racing Judges will be sent a test and, upon passing, given a license to judge Precision Coursing®.

Drag Racing titles will remain on each dog's record and dogs may earn qualifying legs for Drag Racing through the end of 2022.

Total Dog

Beginning in 2023, all Precision Coursing® classes will be considered Total Dog qualifying events! Dogs must earn a qualifying win in Conformation and complete a successful pass in Precision Coursing® on the same day to qualify for a Total Dog award.

Additional Course Options

The 2023 Precision Coursing® Rulebook will offer more options for clubs and judges when building out courses, allowing them to keep runs fresh and exciting for dogs and their owner-handlers alike.

UKC is excited to be able to make our events more accessible to our exhibitors and clubs and we look forward to seeing you at our next Precision Coursing event!

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NEW PRECISION COURSING UPDATES FAQ'S

Why is UKC discontinuing Drag Racing?

Due to the similarities between Drag Racing and Precision Coursing, UKC thought it would be best to combine these two sports into one so that all breeds can participate.

When does this take effect?

January 1, 2023

What if a club doesn't have the Precision Coursing equipment?

Existing Drag Racing clubs should contact UKC and inform them of their club's equipment limitations. UKC will provide a modified course design that the club may use until they have the equipment to run all courses.

I just started Drag Racing and I have some wins towards the UKC Drag Racing titles. Do I lose those wins?

UKC is reviewing the current statistics for Drag Racing and will determine how current legs will be handled.

Is there any special equipment I need to have for my dog to participate in Precision Coursing?

Exhibitors must provide a leash that may be of fabric or leather that allows for adequate slack when walking. The dog may also wear a flat collar that buckles, or snaps closed without anything hanging from the collar. No other special equipment for the dog is required.

Does my dog have to be a certain breed to participate in DASH or other Precision Coursing Events?

No, all breeds will be allowed to compete in all Precision Coursing classes.

Will Precision Coursing become an All-Stars sport, like Drag Racing?

Due to the nature of Precision Coursing, there are currently no plans to include this sport as an All-Star event.

Will my dog be able to earn a Total Dog by competing in Precision Coursing?

Yes, all Precisions Coursing classes will be Total Dog eligible.

Will my dog be racing against other dogs in Precision Coursing?

No, all dogs will run individually.

Does my dog need to be muzzled in Precision Coursing?

There is no need for dogs to be muzzled since they run alone.

How old does my dog have to be to enter Precision Coursing?

To participate in Precision Coursing, dogs must be at least one year of age. Precision Coursing also offers a Puppy Dash for dogs that are 6 months to one year of age.

In Drag Racing, the track is enclosed, including the catch area. How is the track set up in Precision Coursing and how do I catch my dog?

Precision Coursing courses are required to be completely fenced. Once the dog starts the run, the handler moves into the specified catch/release area to catch their dog. The lure will follow a path that brings the dog into that area.

Are the hurdles in Precision Coursing Steeplechase like those in Drag Racing?

Yes, hurdles in Precision Coursing are constructed and used the same way as in Drag Racing.

