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# GENERAL INFORMATION...

*Schedule of Fees*  
*Effective January 1, 2004*

## EVENT LICENSES

TAN.....	\$25
Field Trial.....	\$25

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United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring ownership 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, score-cards and documents related to UKC events. Some, but not all, of the items subject to inspection are:

- scores;
- disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- errors by the recording person; and
- documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found during such inspection whether or not the document has the signature of a Judge or Club Officer.

UKC reserves the right to itself and in its sole judgement and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:

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

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- 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.

## SENDING WORK TO UKC

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Mail Litter Applications to:

### **Litter Department**

Mail Transfer of Ownerships and inquiries on registration papers to:

### **Transfer Department**

Mail Applications for Duplicate Registration Certificates to:

### **Duplicate Department**

Mail requests and inquiries to:

### **Registration Correspondent**

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

### **Hunting Programs Department**

## **POINTING DOG RULES/GOAL**

The goal of the UKC field trials in the United States of America is the improvement of the Continental pointing breeds and the British pointing breeds by the recognition of the best representatives of the breeds. The structure of the field trial rules is specifically devised to aid in the selection and classification of dogs that hunt in a breed appropriate style that is effective for the foot hunter.

### **I. BREED CLASSIFICATIONS**

**A. British Pointing Breeds.** British pointing breeds include the English Setter, Gordon Setter, English Pointer, Irish Setter and the Irish Red and White Setter.

**B. Continental Pointing Breeds.** Continental pointing breeds include all other pointing breeds officially recognized and accepted by UKC as a pointing breed.

### **II. TRIAL CLASSIFICATIONS AND TYPE**

**A. Field Trial by Classification.** A sponsoring club or association shall specify whether a field trial will be open to one or more of the Continental breeds or to one or more of the British breeds. Other than at National level events designated specifically for a particular breed, sponsoring clubs are encouraged to hold field trials open to more than one breed for the designated breed classification. Any field trial involving both British and Continental breeds may be divided into separate divisions for each breed classification.

**B. Type of Field Trial.** The sponsoring club or association must designate whether the field trial is a Type (W) or Type (L) trial and the primary upland game bird species to be hunted. One or more species of upland game bird shall be designated as game for the field trial.

TYPE (W) FIELD TRIAL - A field trial run on wild (W) upland game.

TYPE (L) FIELD TRIAL - A field trial run on liberated (L) upland game.

### **III. LEVELS OF FIELD TRIAL COMPETITION**

A Licensed UKC Field Trial at the local or national level is a field trial at which points in the form of placements and passes may be earned and awarded towards titles or championship designations and are to be held by a UKC approved sponsoring pointing dog club. Unless specifically designated by UKC as a National Level Field Trial, each field trial shall be licensed as a Local Level Field Trial.



**A. National Level Field Trials.** UKC shall be responsible for organizing and conducting National Level Field Trials. UKC will separately establish and publish applicable supplemental Rules, Regulations and Procedures for qualifying to participate in National Level Field Trials. In conjunction with and with authorization from UKC, UKC designated parent breed clubs may sponsor, organize and conduct UKC licensed National Level Specialty Field Trials for a particular breed. Such breed club National Level Specialty Field Trials will not exceed two annual field trials of each type (W or L). Such National Level Trials may be run solo, braces or both as the sponsoring club may designate pursuant to these rules.

**B. Local Level Field Trials.** UKC approved pointing dog clubs may be licensed to sponsor, organize and conduct Local Level Field Trials. The sponsoring club may conduct four (4) field trials maximum per year at the Local Level; two of each type (W or L). Residents of Canada may participate in the nearest Local as designated by UKC. Local level field trials may be run solo, braces or both as the sponsoring club shall designate pursuant to these rules.

**C. UKC Cup and Winners for National Level Field Trials.**

**1. UKC Cup.** UKC may organize annually, either in the spring, fall or both, annual National Level Field Trials designated "UKC CUP NATIONAL GUN DOG FIELD TRIALS", at which dogs may compete for the title designated as Winner of the UKC CUP for the designated year, breed classification and type of trial (Type W or Type L). UKC shall establish any additional rules and regulations applicable to participation in UKC Cup National Level Field Trial competitions.

**2.** The First and Reserve placement winners of the Open Dog Class and Gun Dog Class of a National Level Field Trial organized by a UKC parent breed club and licensed by the UKC shall also be designated the title "Winner" for the designated year, breed, class and type of trial (i.e. 2006 UKC Epagneul Breton Open Winner (W), 2006 Portuguese Pointer Gun Dog Reserve Winner (L)). Such annual titles conferred via a UKC parent club for a breed shall not be included on the dog's UKC registration records. However, the dog shall be entitled to such prizes and awards as

provided by the sponsoring club or association. UKC, the owner and parent breed club may list such annual achievement in articles, advertisements and in appropriate UKC, parent breed club or other pointing dog publications.

#### **IV. CLASSES OF COMPETITION**

There are two (2) UKC classes for field trial competition defined as follows: Open Dog Class and Gun Dog Class. The Field Trial Committee shall designate to the UKC and prospective entrants whether the field trial will include Open Dog, Gun Dog or both classes of entries in the Premium List Advertisements and other notices/publications used to attract entrants. A minimum of four (4) entries are required per class whether run solo or braces for any win, placement or pass earned in any level of field trial competition to count towards attainment of a UKC title. If one class does not attract the required number of entrants, the field trial for the other class may be run, and the results counted for that particular class. A dog entered in one class may be moved to the other class to meet the required number of entrants.

**A. Gun Dog Class.** The Gun Dog Class shall be open to dogs six (6) months or older which have not earned a title in the Open Dog Class. The Gun Dog Class is designed for beginning and intermediate level dogs and handlers. The Gun Dog Class is normally run in solo. In Type (W) field trials involving designated wild game, a club may elect to run the Gun Dog Class in braced competition. In Type (L) field trials involving liberated (released) birds, the Gun Dog Class shall be run in solo only. (All previous versions of these field trial rules and regulations referring to the Novice Class shall be deemed to mean Gun Dog Class.)

**B. Open Dog Class.** The Open Dog Class shall be open to dogs at least one (1) year of age. The Open Dog Class is designed for dogs that are finished gun dogs. The Field Trial Committee of the sponsoring club shall designate the Open Dog Class as a competition in solo, braces or both.

**C. Order of Competition.** The Open Dog Class heats shall be commenced and run first in a field trial. However, so long as the Open Dog Class competition commences first at the start of the trial, nothing shall prevent the concurrent running of the Gun Dog Class competition heats on a separate area of the designated field

trials grounds in field trials where more than one Judge is serving.

## **V. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL FIELD TRIAL COMPETITIONS**

*\*Effective January 1, 2009*

The following apply to and provide for rules of competition for all classes of UKC field trial competitions.

### **A. Eligibility.**

1. All dogs entered must be of a breed designated as a pointing breed and be registered with UKC, or have a UKC Temporary Listing (TL) number, Limited Privilege (LP) number or Permanent Listed (PL) number (if permanent listing is enacted by UKC).
2. No entry shall be accepted from any person who is not in good standing with UKC.
3. Unhealthy or unsanitary dogs, dogs with a contagious disease and dogs owned by disqualified or barred persons are not permitted to enter or participate in field trials.
4. Bitches in heat are not permitted to participate in any field trial nor are bitches in heat allowed on or near the competition grounds or to accompany anyone in the gallery.
5. No Judge (nor any substitute or apprentice Judge) may handle or enter a dog in a field trial at which he/she judges. Nothing herein shall preclude a Judge or apprentice Judge from handling a dog in one field trial and also serving as Judge or apprentice Judge in a separate field trial held on a subsequent day, which is sponsored by the same club.
6. Neutered/Altered Dogs. Neutered/altered dogs shall be eligible for all UKC field trial competition in the Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class, so long as the entry form submitted by the owner and all scoring cards indicate that the dog is neutered/altered by the designation (Alt) appearing besides the dog's name. A dog's altered (Alt) status shall not be considered in judging the dog's performance. Failure of an owner to reflect a neutered dog's altered status (Alt) shall be cause for disqualification of the dog and forfeiture of the entry fee.

**\*B. Breed Specific Disqualifying or Elimination Faults.** It is the belief and policy of the United Kennel Club, Inc. that each parent breed club is best equipped to appropriately address issues surrounding the physical conformation of

members of such breed, to include whether such dog possesses disqualifying or eliminating faults as set forth the official conformation standard for a breed of dog. Therefore, any previous references in earlier versions of these rules requiring inspection of a dog for disqualifying or eliminating faults prior to a field trial is no longer in force and effect. UKC encourages owners of dogs and applicable breed clubs to address conformation issues in an objective, sensible and forthright manner. Where there is no UKC parent club for a breed, UKC reserves the right to address the breed standard and determine disqualifications and eliminating faults.

### **C. Prohibited Devices and Practices.**

During the field trial heat, the dog shall not wear coercive or electronic devices and the handler shall not use any coercive methods. Silent or supersonic whistles are forbidden. Check cords may not be used while any dog is under judgment in any stake.

Dogs may wear leather, nylon, chain or similar collars. Females or any dog with an injury may wear chest protective vests or boots, if approved by the Judge.

Bells or electronic beeper only collars may be used in field trials for ruffed grouse or woodcock, but may not be used in any other type of field trial, absent specific permission and approval from the UKC.

Any person who, during the running of a stake, strikes or otherwise abuses or mistreats a dog, or conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the sport, shall be expelled from that stake by the Judges who shall also report the matter to the Field Trial Committee, who shall report same to UKC.

**D. Prohibited Activities.** Motorized off-road vehicles (ATV's, golf carts, etc.) and horseback riding by any handler or Judge are prohibited on the grounds at or around all field trials. Further, no motor vehicle or motorized off the road vehicle shall drive across the grounds unless directed by the Judge or an authorized member of the Field Trial Committee. Notwithstanding the general prohibitions contained herein, nothing shall prevent the use of motor vehicles or motorized off the road vehicles by the Field Trial Committee in connection with the transporting of Judges, dogs, and han-

dlers around the course or for transporting and planting liberated birds in Type (L) field trials upon the direction of the Field Trial Committee or Judge(s), so long as same is intended to help the field trial proceed in an orderly fashion.

**E. Prohibited Dogs/Training.** There shall be no training on the field trial grounds for the trial the day(s) of competition or the preceding day. There shall be no running or training of a dog behind the gallery or anywhere else on the field trial grounds by anyone on the field. There shall be no free running dogs, no dogs not entered in the event, and no bitches in season on the field trial grounds where dogs are under judgment.

**F. Designated Game for Licensed Trials.** Both Open Dog Class and Gun Dog Class in a UKC licensed field trial shall be run on designated upland game, either wild, or liberated/released. One or more species of upland birds may be designated as game for the running of a field trial. There are two distinct field trials: (1) Type W (wild bird) and (2) Type L (liberated bird).

The Field Trial Committee shall designate in its application one or more species of wild (W) or released/liberated (L) upland game birds, as defined in these rules, to be hunted at the field trial. The club's application for a field trial shall further designate whether the field trial is to be conducted using wild (W) or liberated (L) upland game birds. It is the sponsoring club and Field Trial Committee's sole responsibility to know the state and federal laws that may apply to hunting wild or liberated upland game birds and to secure appropriate permits or licenses required by any governmental entity to lawfully conduct the field trial.

**1. Wild Game for Licensed Field Trials.** Wild upland game of one or more species approved by UKC may be hunted in any Licensed Type (W) field trial at the National or Local Level where state and federal laws permit.

**2. Liberated Game for Licensed Field Trials.** Pen-raised or liberated (released) upland game birds approved by UKC may be used at any Licensed Type (L) field trial at the National or Local Level where state and federal laws permit. Pheasants, chukar, partridge, grouse, bobwhite quail, or other acceptable upland game birds specifically authorized by UKC may be used. Pigeons may not be used as designated game in any UKC Licensed Field Trial.

**G. Registration of Participants.** Handlers should check in and register at the designated office at the field trial the morning of the event, before the heats begin. The registration of the participants should be completed prior to the beginning of the trial in order to begin the running of the heats on time.

**H. Handlers Required To Be Present.** Handlers who do not answer present to the call of their name may be declared forfeit, if not previously excused by the Judge. The handlers with the dogs must be on the field at the Judge's disposal. Those who do not present themselves on the field at the call of their name/dog by the Judge or in a timely fashion may be considered forfeit. The handlers must come in front of the Judge before and after their course and they must comply with the Judge's instructions. The dog(s) must be leashed during this time.

**I. Judge's Decision Final: Head Judge Prevails in Lack of Consensus.** The Judge's decision is final in all matters of judgment pertaining to placements, passes and failures. Judges will evaluate all dogs entered on a pass/fail basis as defined by these rules and by the style of the dog's breed. The Judge(s) shall have the right to place the top two dogs in each class as First Place and Reserve. Full discretionary power is given to the Judges to withhold any or all passes or placements for lack of merit and Judges should not award placements merely because a field trial was held, and shall pass or place dogs strictly as these rules of competition dictate.

In the case of field trials with multiple heats or which are run in braces where two or more Judges are utilized for judging, a Head Judge shall be chosen and designated to the participants by the Field Trial Committee prior to the beginning of the field trial. The Judges shall endeavor to reach a consensus in awarding placements. In a case where there is a lack of consensus about the placement of the top two dogs in any class, the decision of the Head Judge shall prevail.

**J. Safety Rules.** It is mandatory that the Judges, gunners, handlers of the working dogs, guides, marshals or any other person on the field where dogs are under judgment wear a blaze orange outer garment (hat/cap, vest, shirt or jacket as a minimum) in any shot game Type (L) field trial. Gun safety is of utmost importance and all entrants and participants at field trials shall consider safety paramount. Designated gun-

ners who, at the discretion of the Judge, do not handle the gun safely must leave the grounds and be replaced by another gunner provided by the sponsoring club. In addition, any person committing an unsafe act as determined by the Judges or any member of the Field Trial Committee may be requested to vacate the grounds and shall be reported to UKC for the violation.

**K. Running Order and Distribution of Dogs.**

The Field Trial Committee will conduct the drawing for the running order, distribution of the dogs and assign the Judges for the heats. It is preferable that such advance assignments be made prior to the day of the trial. Allocation of the entrants and the fields to different Judges shall be randomly drawn in the presence of at least three persons who may be Judge(s), the Field Trial Chairman, the Field Trial Secretary, or members of the Field Trial Committee. The Field Trial Secretary, or his or her designee, shall record the results of the drawn running order in writing and shall inform the participants as soon as practical following the drawing and recording of the distribution of the dogs among the assigned Judges and drawn running order.

The drawing gives only an indication of the desired running order and a participant may not refuse to be at the Judge's disposal, putting forward the running order as a reason. Judges shall generally follow the running order as drawn, but may alter the running order as they deem necessary to expedite the completion of the field trial.

**\*L. Same Day Entry and Run Limitations.**

A dog may run only once in a given field trial heat, whether solo or braces. A dog may only be entered in the Open Dog or Gun Dog Classification, but not both, whether running solo, braces, or both in a field trial regardless of whether such field trial is conducted in a day or over multiple days. However, a dog may run solo and braces in the same field trial, whether the field trial is conducted in a single day or whether the field trial is conducted over multiple days, so long as both heats are run in the same Classification (Open Dog or Gun Dog). **"Field Trial" as used in this section means a single competition at which placements are eligible to be awarded, whether run in a single day, or over multiple days. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to mean that a single dog is**

**restricted from running in separate classes in different field trials.**

**\*M. Multiple Heats.** Multiple heats are required to be run in a field trial where there are twenty (20) or more entrants in a class. In such cases, the total number of dogs shall be divided into two or more heats with roughly equal number of dogs in each heat, and each heat will be judged separately for a possible callback for placement or barrage. Trials with less than twenty (20) entrants in a single class may all be run in a single heat, unless the Field Trial Committee desires and assigns multiple heats to expedite completion of the field trial. **In any multiple heat trial, each heat will be judged separately for a possible callback for placement or barrage.**

**\*N. Multiple Heat Trials and Placement Callbacks for Barrage.** In Open or Gun Dog Class field trials where multiple heats are run, the Judge for a heat may, or may not, pick one dog out of each group's heat that runs a course of excellent merit (solo or in braces) which will contend for First Place in the barrage. Each of the dogs that are picked shall then return to compete in the barrage for the final award of First Place and Reserve Placement. During this run off heat known as the barrage, all dogs shall compete in braces of brief duration and not to exceed five (5) minutes. The Judge shall break a tie after considering the style of the dogs in the barrage or runoff heat. The Judge(s) shall proceed by elimination via braces until the final two top dogs are observed in brace, utilizing this portion of the judging to compare the gait, style and desire of the dogs as well as the quartering method and the obedience. First Place and Reserve Placement must be attributed by the Judge(s) only to dogs of outstanding merit that run an excellent course. In the event there are not two or more dogs chosen that are eligible to compete for the final award of First Place, then the single dog chosen shall not be required to complete a barrage run off and shall be declared the First Place winner for that class of competition.

At field trials where multiple heats will be run, the sponsoring club may obtain the services of more than one Judge to facilitate the judging of the individual heats. Obtaining more than one Judge at multiple heat trials is not a require-



ment, but instead is a means to facilitate the running of dogs and judging of multiple heats in a timely fashion. **Although no specific restriction is imposed concerning allocation of the number of dogs to a particular judge, it is strongly suggested that a maximum of twelve (12) dogs be allocated to a single judge in a day as a workable number, and that an allocation above the number of fifteen (15) dogs to a single judge in a day is considered excessive.**

**O. Single Heat Trials and Placement Callbacks.**

In field trials where there are less than twenty (20) entrants in a single class and judged by a single Judge, the field trial may be run in one single heat. The Judge may place after the first heat, or may call back dogs for a placement callback. The Judge shall break a tie after considering the gait, style and desire of the dogs as well as the quartering method and the obedience in the callback heat. The First Place award must be attributed by the Judge only to a dog of outstanding merit which runs an excellent course. Therefore the Judge may, or may not, pick dogs out of the single heat (solo or in braces) to award as First Place winner and as Reserve winner, as the situation may dictate.

**\*P. Attribution of Placements.** First Place may be awarded at licensed field trials to the winners of the Open Dog Class and the Gun Dog Class. A single Reserve Placement may be awarded to a second place dog in the Open Dog Class and Gun Dog Class. No placements are mandatory and awarding a First Place or a Reserve Placement is not mandatory, but in the sole discretion of the Judge. Judges should be discriminating in the awarding of placements, and shall award same only as specifically provided under these rules and regulations.

To award a First Place and/or a Reserve placement in trials with more than one Judge, a Head Judge will be chosen by the Field Trial Committee and designated prior to the commencement of the field trial. The Judges should endeavor to reach a consensus in awarding placements. However the Head Judge's decisions as to all placements will prevail in the event of a lack of consensus.

The winning of Reserve shall not count towards satisfaction of First Place requirements

for either Championship designation (CHF or GRCHF) in the Open Dog Class but two Reserve Placements shall satisfy **a portion** of the requirements for the title Trialer designated as "TR" as provided in the requirements for earning title and championship designations in the Open Dog Class. In the Gun Dog Class two Reserve Placements shall satisfy the requirements for the GUN title, replacing the one First Place required.

## **VI. RULES APPLICABLE TO BOTH TYPE (W) AND TYPE (L) FIELD TRIALS**

*\*Effective January 1, 2009*

In addition to the previous rules, the regulations and procedures in this section apply to both Type (W) and Type (L) Gun Dog Field Trials.

### **A. Depicting of Accurate Hunting Situation.**

All field trials must present an accurate picture of a hunting situation and must involve one or more UKC approved upland game bird species as the designated game. The goal of these competitions is to reward the best hunting dogs that are representatives of the breed, in particular by the spirit, the efficiency and by the aptitude of the dogs to receive and demonstrate intensive training.

### **B. Topography of Grounds and Cover.**

These competitions may take place on any type of grounds but those selected must fulfill the conditions of adequate cover for the game. The surface area for each type of trial must meet the requirements for the type of trial as further set forth herein.

### **C. Judging Criteria.**

Judges shall not place, pass or fail a dog solely by the number of birds found, but shall take into consideration the overall quality of performance in the heat, as well as taking into consideration the dog's style in the context of its breed, the desire of hunting, the nose, overall ability and the level of training demonstrated.

### **D. Similar Conditions.**

The Judges shall do their best to put all dogs in the same or similar working conditions. However, nevertheless, as in an actual hunting situation, the topography of ground covered in a given field trial may vary as well as the amount of upland game encountered.

### **E. Pass or Fail/Callback for Opportunity to Point.**

The Judge will pass or fail each dog after the first heat, except that a dog which has not failed, but not had the opportunity to point game may be called back for an opportunity to

point prior to failing. The callback for opportunity to point shall be allowed only if in the Judge's opinion the dog is a dog of outstanding merit which has run an excellent course.

**F. Changing Fields.** In the event of changing a field, the time shall be stopped and started again. A dog that bumps birds on the left and on the right sides during the first minute of the first heat upwind on a new field shall not be failed. On the other hand, a dog that flushes a bird on purpose shall be failed.

**G. Discretion in Handling Required.** In all heats, the handler must use the voice and the whistle with discretion. The Judges will take into account excessive use of the voice and whistle by handlers in the scoring.

**H. Behavior of Handlers.** The dog will be failed and the handler will be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct if the handler attempts to block the dog's view to restrain it from breaking to flush, to wing, or to wing and shot, as the situation may present.

**I. Bells and Beeper Only Collars.** In field trials where grouse or woodcock are the designated game to be hunted, handlers are permitted to run dogs with bells on their dogs' collars or with an electronic beeper only collar (defined as an electronic collar with beeper only, but containing no other capability for coercive electronic control). Bells and electronic beeper only collars will not be otherwise permitted in any trial, without the specific approval of the UKC.

**\*J. Warm-Up Period.** At the beginning of each heat, one minute of warm-up will be allowed for each dog. During this period, any points acquired shall be taken into account in scoring, but no faults committed during the relaxation period shall be taken into account in scoring the heat.

**K. Conclusion of Heats.** When the Judge announces the end of the heat, any point or fault committed thereafter shall not be taken into account. However, if the dog cannot be controlled by its handler and put on leash, this will be considered as a fault that shall be counted against the dog's performance in the heat.

**L. Handling Following a Point.** After the point, flush, fire of the gun and retrieve (when applicable) the handler must put his dog on leash and come back towards the Judge until the Judge orders the dog released again.

## **M. Required Steadiness Sequence**

### **Open Dog Class**

1. Steadiness to wing and shot is mandatory and required in order to win First Place or Reserve or to be awarded a Pass with Honor or a Pass in the Open Dog Class.
2. A dog in the Open Dog Class may receive a score of Pass or higher score only if the dog establishes a point on upland game and demonstrates the requisite steadiness to wing and shot. Judges shall be discriminating in awarding passes based on the requisite degree of steadiness required.
3. A dog in the Open Dog Class which chases furred game shall be disqualified, if not immediately brought under control of the handler.
4. A dog in the Open Dog Class which chases feathered upland game shall be disqualified.
5. In Type (L) liberated bird field trials, where game is shot and retrieving is required, in the Open Dog Class a retrieve upon command is required. A dog in the Open Dog Class shall receive credit for a successful retrieve, only after demonstrating the requisite steadiness sequence, and then retrieving the bird to hand upon command of the handler, after receiving authorization from the Judge to make the retrieve.

### **Gun Dog Class**

1. Steadiness to wing and shot in Gun Dog Class dogs is highly desirable, but not required. However, steadiness to wing (steadiness until the bird is flushed AND the gun has been fired) is required to win First Place or Reserve or to be awarded a Pass with Honor in the Gun Dog Class. A dog may receive a First Place, Reserve, or Pass with Honor only if a dog establishes a point on upland game and the dog remains steady to wing, as defined herein.
2. A dog in the Gun Dog Class may receive a score of Pass, but no higher score, if the dog remains steady to flush (steadiness until the bird is flushed). A dog in the Gun Dog Class may receive a Pass or better score only if the dog establishes a point on upland game and demonstrates the requisite steadiness as required herein for a score of Pass. Judges shall be discriminating in awarding Passes based on the requisite degree of steadiness to flush as required.
3. A dog in the Gun Dog Class which chases furred game shall be disqualified if not imme-

- diately brought under control of the handler.
4. A dog in the Gun Dog Class which chases feathered upland game shall be disqualified if not brought immediately under control of the handler.
  5. In Type (L) trials where game is shot, a retrieve is required to receive a score of Pass or better in the Gun Dog Class. Retrieving upon command and after receiving authorization from the Judge by a dog in the Gun Dog Class is highly desirable, but not required. A dog in the Gun Dog Class may receive credit for a successful retrieve if the dog retrieves without command by the handler after demonstrating the requisite steadiness, and delivers the bird to hand or to within fifteen (15) feet of the handler.

**N. Heats.** The first heat for each dog must be run as much as possible with a fair wind and should last at least fifteen (15) minutes except if the dog commits a fault or if the dog is declared to be out of judgment. The Judge shall announce the beginning of the heat, the end of the relaxation period of one minute, and end of the heat. At the Judge's discretion, the heat may extend beyond fifteen (15) minutes for a dog of outstanding merit which runs an excellent course. Judges should be discriminating in extending heats, and should do so only for outstanding dogs running an excellent course.

**O. Point and Retrieval Required.** A dog shall not receive a First Place, a Reserve Placement, a Pass with Honor or a Pass in the Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class if the dog has not pointed upland game, except that in braces competition, a dog that honors (backs) its bracemate while on point, without point of its own, may receive a Pass but no higher score. In Type (L) liberated bird field trials where game is shot, a retrieve as defined for each class is required in order to receive a First Place, a Reserve Placement, a Pass with Honor or a Pass in the Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class, except that no retrieve shall be required for a bracemate who backs to receive a Pass in braces competition.

**P. Style of Ground Coverage.**

1. The dogs should quarter appropriately as the topography permits and cover the ground efficiently. The search for game must be particularly active and intelligent. The scoring relative to ground coverage shall depend on the topography of the ground, the thickness of the

- cover and the breed of the dog being judged.
2. Handlers and Judges will move at a walking pace without waiting for the dog. The dog should quarter to the front of the handler and not repeatedly cast behind the handler.
  3. All dogs must always stay in contact with the handler and must obey him/her at all times.

### **Q. Requirements for Braces.**

1. Any field trial, or class within a field trial, may be advertised as running in braces except that the Gun Dog Class shall not be run in braces at Type (L) liberated bird field trials.
2. All dogs in braces trials are expected to honor (back) when a bracemate establishes a point on upland game.
3. If a single dog in braces competition establishes all the points on upland game encountered during a heat, and does not have the opportunity to demonstrate an honor (back) of a bracemate's point, no honor (back) shall be required. The opportunity for a dog to honor (back) shall not be set up or staged, if such honoring (backing) opportunity does not occur during the heat.
4. Dogs running in brace must remain in contact and be under control of their handler even if their bracemate commits a fault.
5. If a dog is encouraged by its bracemate to commit a fault when holding a point it shall not be penalized if it stands steady after the first command of its handler.
6. A dog shall not be awarded First Place, Reserve Placement, Pass with Honor or a Pass if the dog has not pointed upland game except a dog honoring point of its bracemate, without a point of its own, may Pass but may not win First Place, Reserve, or a Pass with Honor.
7. The handlers in heats run in braces shall endeavor to work shoulder to shoulder during the course, shall follow the directives of the Judges, and must remain under the control of the Judges.
8. No two dogs in the same class and handled/owned by the same handler/owner shall run in the same brace.
9. Dogs in competition run in braces shall be failed should the handler hinder a bracemate by excessive use of voice or the whistle. The Judge shall issue a verbal warning prior to ordering a dog picked up for this reason.
10. Any dog that continuously hinders its bracemate in a heat or callback shall be failed.

**11. Open Dog Class.** A dog in braced competition that does not back or honor its bracemate's point shall be failed. Once a dog honors or backs its bracemate, then the handler shall leash the dog honoring or backing and shall move to a safe location so that the flush, shot and retrieve (applicable in type (L) braced field trials) may be completed. A handler should command a dog to whoa and shall leash the dog as soon as possible, or may order the dog to heel until it can be leashed, if it appears that the dog intends to fail to honor a bracemate's point.

A dog in the Open Dog Class which is commanded to whoa either once during the point and/or a backing dog which is commanded to whoa once during the commanded retrieve and complies with such command may Pass, but may not receive First Place, Reserve Placement or a Pass with Honor. A dog shall be failed if the whoa command is given more than once to honor the point and/or if a backing dog is commanded more than once to honor the commanded retrieve.

In Type (L) liberated bird field trials where game is shot and the retrieve is required in the Open Dog Class, the dog which establishes the point shall be commanded to make the retrieve unless otherwise commanded by the Judge. A bracemate which interferes with the designated dog's retrieve of a shot bird shall be penalized and shall be failed if not brought immediately under control by the handler. The Judge may set up an opportunity for a retrieve as otherwise provided by these rules for a dog in the Open Dog Class which established the point on upland game and remained steady, when the bracemate failed to honor.

**\*12. Gun Dog Class.** Dogs in the Gun Dog Class competing in brace in type (W) wild bird field trails as authorized under these rules are expected to honor (back) a bracemate's point. Once a dog honors or backs its bracemate, then the handler shall leash the dog honoring and backing and shall move to a safe location, so that the flush and shot may be completed. Proper backing shall be taken into account in the scoring of the overall heat.

The break and flushing of a bird pointed by a bracemate shall result in a dog's failure in the Gun Dog Class. However, partial failure of a dog in the Gun Dog Class to properly honor (back) shall not result in the immediate dismissal of a dog from contention to place or pass if the dog is brought immediately under control by the handler by verbal command such as "whoa," leashing the dog, or commanding the dog to heel. The partial failure to honor shall be taken into account in the scoring, along with the overall quality of the rest of the heat. A handler should command a dog to whoa and leash the dog, or may order the dog to heel if it appears that the dog intends to fail to honor a bracemate which is on point. A dog in the Gun Dog Class shall not be failed for the handler's discretionary and non-excessive use of the "whoa" command, but excessive use of the "whoa" command shall be taken into consideration.

## **R. Traits Required of Dogs.**

1. All dogs must be obedient.
2. All dogs must indicate quickly and clearly the presence of game without encouragement to point.
3. A dog in the Open Dog Class that is verbally encouraged/discouraged, such as with a "whoa" after establishing a point on game, may Pass but shall not be awarded a First Place, Reserve Placement or a Pass with Honor. Dogs in the Gun Dog Class shall not be penalized if given only slight encouragement at the point. However, the amount of such encouragement may be taken into account by the Judge for scoring First Place, Reserve Placement and Pass with Honor. Dogs in the Gun Dog Class shall be penalized for receiving more than slight encouragement.
4. All dogs must not have non-justified bursts without purpose where they are chasing game, not in search of game or not under the control of the handler.
5. The dog must hold the point upon the arrival of its handler who will move without any rush.
6. If the couler is commanded, a dog must couler with decision in front of handler.
7. Long coulers are allowed if they are energetic and efficient.
8. The dog must couler if given the command to



do so (decision of handler) and only at the command of the handler. An Open Dog Class dog that coulers prior to command to do so shall be failed. Dogs in the Gun Dog Class which couler prior to command shall be penalized.

**S. Performance in the Field.** After holding a point, the dogs that perform perfectly and are thereby eligible for First Place or Reserve Placement are as follows:

**\*1. Placements - First Place and Reserve, and Additional Rankings**

**a. Open Dog Class**

Are steady to wing and to shot. (After establishing the point, the dog must not move prior to or after the shot unless commanded by the handler to couler prior to the flush.) Retrieve to hand in Type (L) liberated game trials at the handler's command, after getting the Judge's authorization to make the retrieve. Run an excellent 15-minute course of outstanding merit as described by the dog's breed working standard. **The winning dog and runner up (reserve) shall be placed accordingly, and the judges may also rank the next three (3) dogs which run in the barrage which shall receive the following designations: Pass with Honor 3rd, Pass With Honor 4th, and Pass With Honor, 5th. Such rankings shall be announced at the field trial and reported in any publications but such rankings shall not result in any additional points earned towards titles.**

**b. Gun Dog Class**

Are steady to wing. (Steady through the flush and the point where the gun is fired unless commanded by the handler to couler prior to the flush.) Dogs in the Gun Dog Class may move at the shot, but must be brought immediately under control by the handler and shall not chase. Such movement will be taken into account in the scoring. Retrieve (in Type (L) liberated trials) to hand or within fifteen (15) feet of the handler. (Waiting to retrieve until the handler's command after getting the Judge's authorization is not required, but is desirable and should be taken into account by the Judge in the scoring.) Run an excellent 15-minute course of outstanding merit as described by the dog's breed working standard.

## **2. Pass with Honor and Pass**

### **a. Open Dog Class**

*Pass with Honor:* An Open Dog Class dog which completes a heat and runs an excellent course of outstanding merit, is steady to wing and shot and would otherwise be eligible for a Placement, but which does not receive First Place or Reserve Placement shall be eligible to receive a Pass with Honor.

*Pass:* An Open Dog Class dog which demonstrates the minimum requirements for Open Dog Class dogs as set forth in Section M above, but which is not otherwise eligible for a placement shall be eligible to receive a score of Pass.

### **b. Gun Dog Class**

*Pass with Honor:* A dog in the Gun Dog Class which completes a heat and runs an excellent course of outstanding merit, is steady to wing (through the point where the bird is flushed and gun is fired) and would otherwise be eligible for placement, but which does not receive First Place or Reserve Placement shall be eligible to receive a Pass with Honor.

*Pass:* A dog in the Gun Dog Class which remains steady to flush (steady through the flush of the bird) and demonstrates the minimum requirements for Gun Dog Class dogs as set forth in Section M above, but which is not eligible for a Placement shall be eligible to receive a score of Pass.

## **\*3. HIGH NATURAL QUALITIES (HNQ)**

**The award for High Natural Qualities may only be given to a single dog in a field trial class in recognition of an excellent run, completed during the heat where: (1) a point was established but placement could not be awarded due to a training fault, or (2) the dog has an excellent run, exhibited no training faults, and lacked an opportunity to point. The HNQ is not a placement, but recognition of a dog with excellent potential and an encouragement to the owner or handler to perfect the training of a dog that shows excellent breed quality. The HNQ award is awarded solely by the sponsoring club and does not allow the dog any points within the UKC trialing system. A dog which earns a placement, Pass with Honor or Pass is not eligible for a HNQ award. Judges should be discriminat-**

ing in awarding the HNQ award.

**T. Performance Faults and Eliminations.**

Dogs will be faulted and/or failed for any one of the following:

- 1. Missed or Bumped Game.** The ground must be thoroughly searched. Any game bumped by the dog or flushed in close proximity to the dog shall be counted as an eliminating fault in the Open Dog Class and a penalized fault in the Gun Dog Class. Game that flushes wild or game that is missed and is accidentally moved or flushed by the Judge, handler or any other person shall not be cause for elimination in either the Open Dog Class or the Gun Dog Class.
- 2. Flushing Game.** A dog that deliberately flushes upland game at any point during the heat or is out of control of the handler during its course will be failed.
- 3. Chasing.** A dog in the Open Class that chases feathered game shall be failed, and a dog in the Gun Dog Class that chases feathered game and cannot be brought under control by the handler will be failed. (Dogs in the Gun Dog Class may break at the shot but must be brought immediately under control by the handler to avoid being failed.) A dog that chases any other non-feathered game shall not be failed if the dog comes back after the first call of its handler and if the dog thereafter pursues its course normally.
- 4. False Points.** A dog in the Open Dog Class or a dog in the Gun Dog Class will be failed that false points three times without any reason.
- 5. Out of Judgment.** A dog in Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class that is out of judgment or out of control of its handler shall be failed.
- 6. Barking.** A dog in the Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class that barks during its course shall be failed, except as permitted during the one minute relaxation period.
- 7. Gun-Shyness.** All dogs in any class proving to be gun-shy shall be failed.
- 8. Hard Mouth.** In Type (L) trials where shot game is retrieved, hard mouth dogs shall be failed. A dog which eats all or part of the shot game bird shall be failed.

**U. TAN Equivalency.** The TAN certificate or TAN by way of equivalency may be awarded in the Judge's discretion as encouragement to improve the training of a dog which demonstrates the natural abilities required to receive a TAN certificate

under the UKC rules pertaining to Natural Ability Tests (TAN). Receiving a TAN certificate should not be a goal of entering a field trial nor should it be considered as an award for the field trial such as a Pass, Pass with Honor or a Placement.

The TAN certificate by way of equivalency shall only be attributed to a dog less than three years of age and meeting the requirements of TAN certification.

The handler must notify the Judge prior to beginning the dog's heat that the dog has not previously received its TAN certificate and that it is within the age requirement for receiving a TAN under the applicable UKC TAN rules. Should the dog be awarded a TAN during a field trial heat, the handler shall be required to submit a separate and additional entry fee for a TAN of not less than \$20 as designated by the sponsoring club prior to submission of the results by the Field Trial Committee if the fee was not already submitted for entry in a separate TAN event scheduled by the same sponsoring club contemporaneously with or in close proximity to the field trial in which TAN equivalency is demonstrated.

- V.** In situations where native upland game birds are encountered in addition to the listed liberated/released game or upland game birds specifically designated to be hunted in the field trial, the proper handling of such native upland game birds shall count toward satisfaction of the requirements of the heat.

## **\*VII. RULES APPLICABLE TO ONLY TYPE (W) FIELD TRIALS**

*\*Effective January 1, 2009*

The following rules, in addition to rules in previous sections, apply to only Type (W) field trials run on wild upland game.

**A. Firing of Shot Required.** In Type (W) wild game trials, where legal to do so, a shotgun blank or starter pistol must be fired when the bird is flushed as the result of a commanded couler, or is flushed by the handler or by another person requested by the Judge to flush the bird.

**B. No Game May Be Shot.** No game may be shot in Type (W) wild bird trials.

**\*C. Flushing of Game.** In Type (W) Field Trials, the handler shall flush the bird and fire the shotgun blank or starter pistol, unless another person is authorized or directed to do so by the judge.

**D. Course Layout.** Type (W) wild bird field trials shall be run on a Continuous Course, with series of successive courses for each heat, with each subsequent heat's course typically beginning near the point where the previous heat ended. However, in the discretion of the Judge(s) or Field Trial Committee, and consistent with the drawn running order, one or more dogs running in heats on a Continuous Course may be moved to a new location to complete the running of the heats on such Continuous Course route as space, logistics, safety considerations and the desirability of habitat reasonably anticipated to hold game shall dictate. Such decision shall be solely in the discretion of the Judge, who may consult the Field Trial Committee.

**E. Callback Heats - Opportunity to Point.** The Judges may call back for additional heats as many times as they judge it appropriate for dogs running an excellent course of outstanding merit that did not have any opportunity of pointing in the first heat. The Judge should stop the dog after the first opportunity to point game in the callback heat.

**F. Requirement of Grounds: Continuous Course.** Type (W) wild bird field trials may take place on any type of grounds or topography suitable for holding upland game, but the grounds selected must contain adequate cover to hold and hide the designated game being hunted. The surface area of acreage for a Type (W) wild bird field trial must be sufficiently large that the dogs participating in the field trial heats cannot cover it more than twice during any single day of the field trial; once prior to noon and once after noon.

## **\*VIII. RULES APPLICABLE TO ONLY TYPE (L) FIELD TRIALS**

*\*Effective January 1, 2009*

The following rules, in addition to rules in previous sections, apply to only Type (L) field trials run on liberated upland game where game is shot and a retrieve is required.

### **A. Shooting Game in Type (L) Field Trials.**

1. All Type (L) trials are shot game field trials and the gunner designated by the sponsoring club shall make a safe attempt to shoot and cleanly kill the bird for testing gun-shyness, steadiness and retrieving ability, when safe to do so.
2. Game flushed by a free running dog or birds that flush wild shall not be shot except on

- instruction from a Judge and where such shot may be safely made.
3. If a bird does not fly after an attempt to flush, or does not fly adequately it shall not be shot on the ground or at an unsafe height off of the ground.
  4. Any person in the field at a field trial where dogs are under judgment and game is shot shall wear a blaze orange cap or outer garment for safety as provided in these rules.
  - \*5. **Due to safety considerations, the designated gunners shall flush the birds in Type (L) field trials where game is shot. Only if the bird cannot be flushed by the gunners, may the handler assist. The handler may assist only upon request and authorization by the Judge in trying to produce the bird for the flush.**

## **B. Designated Gunners.**

- \*1. The Field Trial Committee shall appoint one or more official guns to shoot at Type (L) field trials. **At least a single gunner shall shoot for each dog in a heat. However, two gunners per dog are strongly preferred.**
- \*2. **In a type (L) field trial, if a commanded couler is not utilized by the handler, the Judge(s) shall request that the gunner(s) flush and shoot the bird. If the bird cannot be produced and flushed by the gunner(s), the handler or another person may then request authorization from the Judge to assist in flushing the bird. It is mandatory that the Judge and handler not shoot the bird in a type (L) field trial in order to observe the dog's steadiness sequence.**
- \*3. **There shall be a minimum of two official guns for each heat when running braces; one gunner for each handler. However, two gunners per dog are strongly preferred.**
4. The designated gunners shall wear the game bags and a blaze orange cap or outer garment for safety.
5. Designated Gunners shall consider safety paramount and shall not take any shot which may place a dog or person in danger.
- \*6. **Designated Gunners shall be instructed to attempt to flush a pointed bird in a clean single motion, to make a clean kill, and to thereafter**

remain motionless, until the dog is sent to retrieve. After the retrieve is commanded the gunners should promptly repositions behind the handler and/or judge. The gunners shall make all efforts to avoid distracting a dog making a retrieve by voice, motion, or visual obstruction and shall endeavor to provide a clear and unobstructed view for judge and handler to observe and complete the retrieve.

- \*7. **Gunners shall work in tandem, approximately six to eight feet apart, attempting to flush the bird and should endeavor to avoid crossing the scent cone as much as possible. Typically the gunner on the right shall shoot birds flushing to the right, the gunner of the left shall shoot birds flushing to the left, and both may shoot birds flying straight away. Each should attempt to safely back up the other gunner if they miss, as the object is to safely produce a shot bird for the retrieve.**

**C. Retrieving.** In all Type (L) field trials with shot game, retrieving is mandatory to receive a Pass or higher score.

1. In Open Dog Class, the retrieve must occur after getting the Judge's authorization. An Open Dog Class dog that retrieves before the handler receives the Judge's authorization to command the retrieve shall not be awarded a score of Pass with Honor, Reserve Placement or First Place.
2. Dogs in the Gun Dog Class may retrieve before the handler gets the Judge's authorization to command the retrieve. A dog that retrieves after authorization by the Judge and the command of the handler is preferred and such a commanded retrieve will be taken into account by the Judge in scoring the dog's overall performance.
3. Judges and handlers must make every effort to allow the dog to demonstrate its steadiness to wing and shot. Therefore, dogs should be sent to retrieve only after reasonably demonstrating the requisite steadiness.
4. The dog should mark the downed bird, and when commanded to retrieve, must proceed directly to the area of the fall, establish a hunt to find the bird, pick it up, and return directly

- to the handler.
5. In the Open Dog Class, dogs must retrieve to the handler's hand.
  6. In the Gun Dog Class, a retrieve to hand or to within fifteen (15) feet of the handler shall satisfy the requirement of the retrieve.
  7. The Judge must inspect each delivered bird for evidence of hard mouth, such as broken bones, partially or wholly eaten birds. Hard mouthed dogs will be failed immediately in all classes of competition.
  8. A dog in the Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class that refuses to retrieve in a Type (L) field trial as "retrieve" is defined for the applicable class may not receive a score of Pass, Pass with Honor or Placement.
  - \*9. If a dog does not have any opportunity to retrieve during the course due to a missed shot, due to the inability of the **gunners** to take a safe shot, or due to a bracemate hindering the opportunity to retrieve, a cold retrieve shall be set up at the discretion of the Judge, preferably at the end of the course, with a freshly shot bird thrown or planted, or with a healthy bird flushed and shot, as the Judge in his discretion shall direct. **The judge may consult the handler to state a preference as to how to set up a cold retrieve.**
  10. If a shot bird is damaged to the point that a dog refuses to retrieve, upon the request of the handler or upon the Judge's own initiative, the Judge may in his discretion authorize and request a second retrieve with a fresh bird as provided above.
  11. In evaluating the retrieve, it shall be taken into account how the dog finds the shot bird (how difficult this task is) and how enthusiastically the dog retrieves it.

**D. Release of Liberated Birds.** The following rules shall apply concerning the liberation and planting of birds in Type (L) liberated bird field trials.

1. Number of Birds. A minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) of the designated game bird(s) shall be planted on the course anticipated for the running of a solo heat. In braces competitions, a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) of the designated game birds shall be planted. Such birds shall be liberated the same day of the running of the field trial heats over such section of the course. (These birds liberated specifically for



- the running of the field trial shall be in addition to any wild birds or previously liberated birds naturally occurring on the course.)
2. Spacing of Birds. Each bird shall be planted separately, randomly and at reasonable intervals/distances, but not in a straight line or predictable pattern. The birds shall be planted singularly and not as a group. The Field Trial Committee shall endeavor to accomplish that each dog will be placed under reasonably similar working conditions insofar as the liberation and planting of birds. Where motorized off road vehicles are used to assist in the planting of birds, the birds should be planted at least twenty-five (25) feet away from the path left by the motorized off the road vehicle.
  3. Handling of Birds. The birds shall be liberated into cover which is naturally occurring on the course, rather than artificially created cover (such as manmade tepees or cut piles of brush). Birds shall not be placed into holes or into any type of structure or cover (other than brush, trees, grass and foliage naturally occurring on the grounds) where the bird's ability to fly may be impeded.
  4. Birds may be temporarily rocked or dizzyed to prevent them from immediately flying from the point of release, but no bird shall be injured, harmed or impeded from natural movement. No bird shall be disabled, hampered or restrained from flying or freedom of movement in any way.
  5. Timing of Release of Birds. The birds shall be released in sufficient time (a minimum of thirty (30) minutes is recommended) prior to the running of the heats over that portion of ground in order that the birds may leave scent and seek out cover.
  6. Designated game birds planted/liberated for a Type (L) liberated bird trial shall be healthy, full feathered and flight conditioned birds of one or more UKC approved species designated by the Field Trial Committee as the designated game to be hunted for the subject field trial.
  7. All birds shall be released out of the presence and sight line of handlers anticipated to run over a designated area of the course. Sponsoring clubs should use a holding blind, an appropriate physical structure, or other reasonable means to obstruct handlers' view of birds being planted. A handler who inadvertently observes the location of the release of birds shall report same to the Judge, and

shall be moved to another place in the running order and run over a different section of the course. A Judge shall disqualify any handler who purposefully or intentionally observes the release of birds over a section of the course over which his dog is to run and who conceals or fails to report such observation to the Judge or Field Trial Committee.

8. The rules set forth herein for the liberation and planting of birds for Type (L) liberated trials is intended to provide a basic method by which the Field Trial Committee can endeavor to make reasonable efforts to place each dog and handler under similar, but not identical working conditions. However, under the best of circumstances, it is impossible for each dog and handler to be presented with the same identical opportunities, and in no event shall the Field Trial Committee be required to re-plant birds on a given section of a Continuous Course merely because one or more of the birds released or liberated thereon may have relocated.

- \*9. On sections of a course which are covered more than once in a single day, the Field Trial Committee shall replace any birds shot or observed to be flushed off of a section of the course, prior to subsequent heats being run back over the same section of the course later the same day. **However, the number of birds planted/released should be judicious, and the number of birds planted earlier in the day shall not be automatically duplicated or doubled, as such would provide dogs running later in the running order a greater advantage to point game.**

#### **E. Requirement of Grounds: Types of Courses.**

1. General Requirements - Type (L) liberated bird field trials may take place on any grounds or topography suitable for holding upland game, but the grounds selected must contain adequate cover to hide and hide the designated game being hunted. Type (L) liberated bird trials shall be conducted in a manner such as to depict an actual hunting situation.
2. Course Layout - The running of Type (L) liberated bird field trials are prohibited to be run in a single bird field course layout such as that utilized for a TAN as such does not accurately depict an actual hunting situation. Type (L) liberated bird field trials shall be run on one or

the other of the following types of courses which shall be clearly set forth in the Premium List and Advertisements for the Field Trial and on the score results submitted to UKC:

- a. Continuous Course - Field trial grounds designated as a Continuous Course include a series of successive courses where the breakaway area for each subsequent heat shall typically begin at or near where the last heat ended. A Continuous Course may be run in any direction which the Field Trial Committee may designate for a particular course keeping in mind the prevailing wind. In the discretion of the Judge, one or more dogs running in heats on a Continuous Course may be moved to a new location to complete the running of the heats as wind direction, space, logistics, safety considerations and other factors may dictate. The surface area of field trial grounds designated as a Continuous Course should be sufficiently large that the dogs participating in all classes of the field trial whether running solo or braces shall not cover the same ground or course more than once prior to noon and once subsequent to noon on a single day during the running of the field trial. A Continuous Course field trial grounds format is preferable to a Limited Successive Course layout field trial grounds format.
- b. Limited Successive Courses - Field trial grounds designated as Limited Successive Courses (without single bird field) shall include multiple (at least two) forward courses with designated breakaway area and multiple (at least two) back courses with designated breakaway area, which forward and back courses shall be used in systematic rotation, without intended covering of ground covered in the previous heat run on an adjoining designated course. The surface area of field trial grounds designated as Limited Successive Courses should be sufficiently large to provide for an adequate area for running the field trial heat for each dog entered without required overlapping of the other designated forward and back successive courses on the designated field trial grounds. There shall be no specific limitation on the number of dogs participating in all classes of the field trial that may cover

a particular designated Limited Successive Course in a day. On Limited Successive Courses field trial grounds, each subsequent heat, whether run in solo or braces, MUST be run on a different designated successive course from the previous heat. (Dogs running in successive heats shall not be permitted to run over and over the same designated course as same would amount to a single bird field format, which is expressly precluded by these rules because such grounds do not depict an accurate hunting situation.)

3. The Limited Successive Courses field trial grounds format is intended for use by clubs in areas where large amounts of ground for the running of a field trial are difficult or impossible to secure. Sponsoring clubs may limit the number of entries in a particular class to a designated number of entries in the order received, or may run a field trial over multiple days in order to make allowance for the amount of ground surface area available for the running of the field trial.
  - Note under the UKC requirements for various titles and championships for Open Dog Class dogs as set forth in these rules, that there are specific limitations on the number of placements which can count towards satisfaction of title or championship designations which may be earned in field trials conducted on grounds designated as Limited Successive Courses.
4. Intent of the Grounds Requirement - The intent of the above rules concerning grounds requirements is to preserve the integrity of the venue by insuring that UKC Type (L) field trials are conducted in a manner that accurately depicts an actual hunting situation. Conducting field trials in this manner will aid in the objective evaluation of the pointing breeds under normal working conditions in the field. Thus, the course layout in the form of a Single Bird Field is expressly prohibited, except for the conduction of TAN (Natural Ability Tests) events.
5. Limitation on Satisfaction of Title or Championship Requirements for Open Dog Class Dogs in Field Trials Run on Grounds Designated as Limited Successive Courses - Only one Placement in a Field Trial run on grounds designated as Limited Successive Course shall count towards the satisfaction of requirements for dogs in the Open Dog Class attempting to earn the titles Trialer "TR"

or Champion of the Field "CHF". Only two such placements on grounds designated as Limited Successive Courses shall count towards satisfaction of the title Grand Champion of the Field "GRCHF". No such limitations shall apply to the titles HUNT or GUN which may be earned in the Gun Dog Class.

## **IX. ADMITTANCE ON COMPETITION FIELDS**

Open Dog Class and Gun Dog Class stakes are not opened to the public. In addition to the Judge(s), guide, marshal or designated gunner, only the owners and the handlers of the competing dogs are admitted on the fields. Admittance is also allowed to selected members of the sponsoring club, special guests, photographers or reporters invited to do so by the sponsoring club, only if agreed and authorized by the Judge. Such individuals must follow and remain at a reasonable distance behind the Judge and without joining the Judge(s) and without making any comments, conversation or distractions.

If the owners of the working dogs under judgment are not handling their own dogs, upon request, the owner of said dog shall be permitted to follow at a reasonable distance and must remain behind the Judge and without joining the Judges and without making any comments, conversation or distractions to the dog or any other person.

## **X. GALLERY RULES**

The Field Trial Committee may limit gallery view as may be appropriate to insure the safety of all concerned and to promote the orderly and timely completion of the trial, and as well to allow the dogs in competition unrestricted and unhampered opportunity to complete their heat without any distractions or any impediments.

Because of safety consideration, gallery view is discouraged in Type (L) field trials where game is shot.

The observers composing the gallery must follow the rules such as no admission on the fields, staying in group, following in silence, not trampling crops, and not crossing fields that have not been quartered by the dogs. Any individual who disturbs the competition or who will not comply with the Judge or marshal's orders may be expelled from the on-going UKC field trial and from future UKC field trials.

Members of the field trial gallery must remember that they are spectators and should do nothing that would distract dogs in competition, handlers, or Judges. The following Gallery Etiquette should help make everyone's experience a good one.

### **Gallery Etiquette:**

- The gallery must not enter onto fields that are to be utilized by the dogs in the trial.
- It is important to be courteous to the other members of the gallery.
- Stay quiet; distractions can cause a dog to lose its opportunity to perform well.
- The marshal(s) are in control of the gallery at all times. The gallery may not move in front of or parallel to the marshals, Judges, guides or handlers and may not follow behind these individuals on the course or grounds in use. If the dogs in a brace become separated, only the appointed guide(s) may move forward with the handler and Judge, and members of the gallery must remain behind the marshal.
- If a dog or handler is trying to come up through the gallery, members of the gallery should move aside and let them through.
- Regulations prohibit members of the gallery from talking to the Judges.
- Members of the gallery may not have bitches in heat accompany them while they are observing.
- Members of the gallery should be sure to practice good sportsmanship because being in the gallery should be fun for all.
- The Judge(s) or the Field Trial Committee may expel any person from the gallery for cause and request that they vacate the grounds.
- Type (L) field trials at which game is shot are normally not appropriate for gallery view, because of safety considerations.

## **XI. JUDGES OF FIELD EVENTS**

Only individuals designated as UKC approved Field Trial Judges will be authorized to Judge a UKC licensed trial.

**A. Qualification of Judge.** Before any Judge shall be eligible to judge a UKC licensed field trial, he/she shall first be licensed by UKC to judge under the UKC Field Trial Rules, Regulations and Procedures, and shall judge in strict accord with them.

**B. Substitute Judges.** Substitute Judges may be appointed by the Field Trial Committee holding the trial if it is impossible for an advertised Judge to fulfill or complete his assignment. Such substitute or additional Judges shall be approved by UKC as soon as practical, shall be persons who are in good standing with UKC and shall comply in all respects with these Field Trial Rules, Regulations and Procedures relating to Judges.

**C. Judges Allowance.** Apprentice Judges shall not be entitled to receive any allowance (travel-lodging-meals), except in the sponsoring club's discretion. However, Judges shall receive such allowance (travel-lodging-meals) as agreed with the sponsoring club. A club shall also be authorized to provide a Judge a small honorarium or gift, in the discretion of the Field Trial Committee.

**D. Judges Handling Dogs Precluded.** No Judge (nor any substitute or apprentice Judge) may handle or enter a dog in a field trial at which he/she judges.

**E. Head Judges.** At field trials where two or more Judges are utilized for judging, a Head Judge shall be designated by the Field Trial Committee. Such designation shall be made in writing and shall be published prior to the commencement of the field trial.

## **XII. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR JUDGES**

*\*Effective January 1, 2009*

**A. Judges Work Alone.** The Judges must work alone. While dogs are under judgment, Judges are only to be accompanied by persons designated by the Field Trial Committee of the sponsoring club and approved by the Judge.

**\*B. Braces Competitions.** Two (2) qualified Judges (senior or licensed) must score each brace of a competition heat. **Two apprentice Judges may be in the field with each Senior Judge during braces competition.**

**\*C. Solo Competitions.** One (1) qualified Judge (senior or licensed) must score each solo competition heat, although **two (2) apprentice Judges** may accompany a Senior Judge.

**D. Results of a Field Trial.** The Head Judge shall give the results of the field trials and a short and brief run-down about the dogs that earned placements. This may be done in the field or at a post event banquet or celebration as described in the sponsoring club's premium.

**\*E. Recording the Results.** The Judges' workbook or scorecard shall be signed by each Judge certifying the results, and returned to the Field Trial Secretary. The Placements, Passes with Honor, Passes, **HNQ award** or TAN Certificates (by way of equivalency) earned shall be recorded in writing, and the originals shall be retained in the official offices of the sponsoring club or by the Field Trial Secretary or the Field Trial Committee for not less than one year. (See Section XV.G.).

**F. Qualification of Foreign Judges.** To designate foreign or visiting Judges residing outside the United States or Canada, the sponsoring club must send in advance a request to the UKC for approval so that UKC may give its approval of the visiting Judge. The club shall normally be required to submit a resume or list of the visiting or foreign Judge's qualifications prior to approval, which may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of UKC.

**G. Protests/Appeals.** Decisions of the Judge(s) are final. However, any official protest of certified results or appeal of finding of a disqualifying or eliminating fault must be in writing and addressed to UKC and the Field Trial Committee of the sponsoring club and postmarked within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the trial, accompanied by a deposit to UKC of twice the entry fees for the subject field trial, which deposit shall be retained by UKC if the protest is not sustained. After an investigation of the protest or appeal, UKC retains the right in its sole discretion to void or modify the results of any trial based on any official protest, which is filed and sustained.

### **XIII. REQUIREMENTS FOR TITLE AND CHAMPIONSHIP DESIGNATIONS**

*\*Effective January 1, 2009*

No person shall advertise, publish or hold out a dog as holding a title or championship designation until written certification of such title or championship has been issued by UKC. After a dog has completed the requirements for a UKC title or championship designation, UKC will mail the owner(s) of record a certificate of attainment of the title or championship designation.

UKC has established the following titles and championship designations which are effective as of the date set forth in these rules. Any prior title and championship designations conferred by UKC shall not be affected by the changes included herein. UKC reserves the sole right to determine whether any and all requirements for earning a title or designation are met based on these rules as modified compared to any previous version of these rules.

**\*A. TAN.** A dog that has passed the requirements outlined in the Natural Ability Test (TAN) shall be awarded the designated title TAN. The designation "TAN" will be placed before the dog's name on the UKC registration records. The Judge may award any dog the age of three (3) or under **as of the date of the field trial** that displays natural ability in any class of



field trial competition and satisfies the UKC TAN requirements, TAN certification by way of equivalency. A dog that has previously earned a pass or a higher title in any class of field trial competition may not earn a TAN, or compete in a TAN event.

In order for a TAN certification that is awarded due to entry in any licensed field trial event to be recorded, the handler must notify the Judge prior to the running of the heat that his/her dog is eligible for a TAN certificate. **Should the dog be awarded a TAN during a field trial heat, the handler will be required to submit a separate and additional entry fee in such amount set by the sponsoring club but not less than for the TAN certificate to the sponsoring club prior to submission of the results by the Field Trial Committee if the fee was not already submitted for entry in a separate TAN event scheduled by the same sponsoring club in close proximity to the field trial.**

**\*B. HUNT.** A dog in the Gun Dog Class that earns three (3) passes (such passes being inclusive of Passes with Honor) in Gun Dog Class licensed field trials, shall be awarded the designated title **HUNT**. The designation "HUNT" shall be placed before the dog's name on the UKC registration records until a higher title or championship designation is earned.

**\*C. GUN.** A dog in the Gun Dog Class that earns three (3) passes (such passes being inclusive of Passes with Honor), including at least one First Place or two Reserve Placements in Gun Dog Class licensed field trials, shall be awarded the designated title **GUN**. The designation "GUN" will be placed before the dog's name on the UKC registration records until a higher title or championship designation is earned in the Open Dog Class.

*(Any references in prior UKC rules to "Novice" Class shall hereafter be deemed to apply to the Gun Dog Class.)*

**\*D. Trialer.** A dog in the Open Dog Class that has earned and been awarded a total of three (3) Passes (such passes being inclusive of any Passes with Honor) in the Open Dog Class; either one (1) of which must be a First Place, in the Open Dog Class, or in the alternative two (2) of which may be Reserve Placements in the Open Dog Class will be awarded the title of Trialer, designated as "TR". Of the three passes or placements in Open Dog Class field trials required to satisfy requirements for the Trialer "TR" title, only one of such passes may

be received in a field trial run on grounds designated as Limited Successive Courses. The designation as a Trialer, which is "TR", will be placed before the dog's name on the UKC registration records until a higher title or championship designation is earned in the Open Dog Class.

**\*E. Champion of the Field.** A dog that has earned and been awarded three (3) First Places in the Open Dog Class as specified herein will be awarded and designated as a Champion of the Field. "CHF" will be placed before the dog's name on the registration records until a higher title or championship designation in the Open Dog Class is earned. **At least** one First Place must be earned in both Type (W) and Type (L) trials in order for a dog to receive the designation as a Champion of the Field, "CHF". Only one (1) of the three (3) First Places required for the title Champion of the Field may be received in a field trial run on grounds designated as Limited Successive Courses and count toward satisfaction of the requirements for the title Champion of the Field "CHF". **The three (3) first places required for the Champion of the Field "CHF" title may be earned in field trials run in solo, run braces, or run in a combination thereof, so long as each first place is earned in a separate field trial, judged by separate judges. (First places earned in braces and solo in the same field trial, shall not satisfy more than one (1) of the three (3) first places required to earn the Champion of the Field "CHF" title, as the required three first places must be earned in separate field trials.)**

**\*F. Grand Champion of the Field.** A dog that has earned and been awarded five (5) First Places in the Open Dog Class in separate field trials as specified herein will be awarded and designated as a Grand Champion of the Field. "GRCHF" will be placed before the dog's name on the registration records. **A minimum of** two (2) First Places in Type (W) and two (2) First Places in Type (L) field trials must be earned, with **at least** one (1) of such required First Places being earned in Type (W) braces competition and **at least** one (1) of such required First Places being earned in Type (L) braces competition. Only a maximum of two (2) of the five (5) First Places required to earn the title Grand Champion of the Field "GRCHF" may be received in field trials run on grounds designated as Limited Successive Courses and count towards satisfaction of the requirements

for the title Grand Champion of the Field "GRCHF." **(First places earned in braces and solo in the same field trial, shall not satisfy more than one (1) of the five (5) first places required to earn the Grand Champion of the Field "GRCHF" title, as the required five first places must be earned in separate field trials).**

**G. Multiple Titles.** A dog in either the Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class that has satisfied the requirements for a particular title or championship designation more than once shall be entitled to receive multiple titles or championship designations for the applicable title or championship status. The appropriate certificate for the additional title or championship designation shall be issued by UKC and the appropriate designation shall be placed before the dog's name in the registration records until a single higher title or championship designation is earned in a higher class (i.e. 2XHUNT, 2XGUN, 2XTR, 2XCHF, 2XGRCHF). There shall be no limit on the number of times which a dog shall be permitted to obtain a particular UKC title or championship designation, except that a dog which has earned any title in the Open Dog Class shall not thereafter be permitted to compete for any duplicate title in the Gun Dog Class.

**H. Placements Under Different Judges Required.** First Placements and Reserve Placements in solo or braces must be earned and awarded under different Head Judges for all satisfying requirements for titles in the Open Class or Gun Dog Class. First Placements and Reserve Placements awarded by the same Head Judge will not count more than once towards satisfaction of the requirement for any UKC title except the HUNT title.

Attainment of the titles "CHF" and "GRCHF" are the supreme achievements in UKC field trial competition and shall be bestowed only upon dogs which have repeatedly demonstrated outstanding merit in the Open Dog Class of UKC Field Trials.

#### **XIV. GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR CLUBS SPONSORING FIELD TRIALS**

**A. Sponsoring a Field Trial.** A UKC approved pointing dog club desiring to conduct a field trial shall submit an application on forms provided by United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC). If authorized and licensed by UKC to conduct such field trial, then the sponsoring club shall conduct the requested field trial pursuant to these Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Field trials are open to all pointing breeds registered by UKC. Up to

two (2) field trials may be run on successive days, if desired by the sponsoring club.

**B. Fees Required by UKC.** UKC shall establish the amount of field trial event license fees (presently \$25 for each event) and such license fees are due with the application for the field trial. Additionally, a recording fee per dog entered as set by UKC (presently \$1.50 per dog) is due upon submission of the field trial results report form. An additional recording fee per dog receiving TAN certification by equivalency shall be included.

**C. Application.** A UKC approved parent breed club shall apply for a license to conduct National Level Type (W) or Type (L) field trials for the parent club's specific breed. A UKC approved pointing dog club shall apply to UKC for a license to conduct a field trial as a local level Type (L) or Type (W) field trial. The sponsoring club must state in the application the day or days upon which the trial will be held, the location of such field trial and such other information as required in the application by UKC.

**D. Calendar.** UKC establishes the calendar of the field trials. Clubs must submit their proposed dates in writing at least two (2) months in advance of the proposed event. The event application must be received by the printed deadline to ensure the event will be listed at [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com). A club's first event in the Spring or Fall will be its Preliminary Event for such season. The date of this Preliminary Event will be the club's regular date for the subsequent year, unless a request to change the date is made in writing and submitted to UKC.

**\*E. Liability Insurance Required.** Neither the UKC, the sponsoring club or association, the Field Trial Committee, nor the members, hosts (to include property owners), or guests conducting the field trial may be held liable for injury to person or property which loss occurs during or in connection with the field trial. **Clubs are encouraged to maintain adequate insurance coverage for the type of event being held. However, it is mandatory that prior to conducting a Type L field trial the sponsoring club must secure general liability insurance coverage with applicable liability limits of not less than \$300,000 per occurrence from an insurer authorized to transact business in the state where the field trial is held.** Written documentation of such liability insurance listing the sponsoring

club as named insured and naming UKC as an additional insured, reflecting that said coverage is in force and effect as of the date of the field trial, must be presented to UKC before the final documentation licensing the holding of the trial will be issued to the sponsoring club by UKC.

## **XV. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR CLUBS SPONSORING FIELD TRIALS**

*\*Effective January 1, 2009*

**A. Field Trial Committee.** For a sponsoring club to be licensed to conduct a field trial, the sponsoring club must have established a Field Trial Committee composed of as many members as the sponsoring club's membership deems appropriate to efficiently conduct the field trial. Such committee must be composed of at least three (3) individuals: a Field Trial Chairman, a Field Trial Secretary and at least one additional member. Only persons in good standing with UKC may serve on a Field Trial Committee.

The Field Trial Committee shall have responsibility for planning, organizing, publicizing and conducting the field trial and for publishing and reporting the results. The Field Trial Committee shall be responsible for compliance with all of the Field Trial Rules, Regulations and Procedures except those concerning the field performance of dogs and coming within the sole jurisdiction of the Judges. The members of the Field Trial Committee should familiarize themselves with the contents of the latest edition of these rules.

The Field Trial Committee shall only designate UKC licensed and approved Field Trial Judges to judge a UKC licensed field trial. Upon approval from UKC, the Field Trial Committee shall have the right to modify the list of Judges in the event of necessity. Substitute Judges may be appointed by the Field Trial Committee holding the trial if it is impossible for an advertised Judge to fulfill or complete his assignment. Such substitute or additional Judges shall be approved by UKC, shall be persons who are in good standing with UKC and shall comply in all respects with these Field Trial Rules, Regulations and Procedures relating to Judges.

Members and officers of the sponsoring club and Field Trial Committee may enter and handle their dogs in a field trial so long as they are not serving as a guide, Judge, substitute Judge or apprentice Judge.

**1. Field Trial Chairman.** A Field Trial Chairman must be selected by the sponsoring club and his or her name submitted to UKC for its records on forms supplied by UKC. Any qualified person who is in good standing with the UKC may act as Field Trial Chairman. The Field Trial Chairman shall be responsible for overall operation of the field trial and should insure that the field trial is properly organized, publicized, insured and conducted pursuant to the letter and spirit of these Field Trial Rules, Regulations and Procedures. The Field Trial Chairman shall either serve as treasurer of the sponsoring club or alternatively shall see that the treasurer elected by the sponsoring club promptly collects and deposits all entry fees and settles all debts and obligations of the committee and forwards any applicable fees, or required forms or information to UKC.

The Field Trial Chairman shall, in consultation with the Field Trial Committee, have authority to decide upon any issue or matter arising during the trial, except those matters falling within the jurisdiction of the Judges. Such decisions must be made in accordance with the letter and spirit of these Field Trial Rules, Regulations and Procedures.

**2. Field Trial Secretary.** The sponsoring club must select a Field Trial Secretary and his/her name submitted to the UKC for its records on forms supplied by the UKC. Any qualified person who is in good standing with UKC may act as Field Trial Secretary.

The Field Trial Secretary must report all results promptly to UKC and should endeavor to publish a synopsis of the trial in appropriate forums. The Field Trial Secretary may delegate these reporting and publishing responsibilities to a reporter designated for the field trial.

The Field Trial Secretary shall receive, process, approve or reject and keep complete records of all entries and all other matters pertinent to operation of the field trial. He/she shall be responsible for conducting and publishing the Premium List Advertisement, the Distribution of the Dogs and Judges and the Drawn Running Order of Competition for the Field Trial. The Field Trial Secretary (or his/her designee if not present) must record in writing the drawn running order and the actual running order of the field trial. The Field Trial Secretary must report all of the results to the UKC promptly to include copies of the Judges'

scorecards for each dog awarded a Placement, Pass with Honor, Pass or TAN and the event score sheet supplied by UKC. Such original scorecards and records shall be maintained by the Field Trial Secretary for a minimum of one year from the conclusion of the field trial.

**3. Field Trial Marshal(s).** The Field Trial Committee shall appoint one or more Field Trial Marshals. It shall be the duty of one Marshal to assist the Judges and to carry out their instructions, including regulating and controlling the gallery. The Field Trial Marshal shall advise the handlers, Judges and gallery as to the direction and limits of the course. Other Marshals shall see to it that dogs and handlers are ready when summoned, and assist the Field Trial Committee in all other matters necessary for the smooth and expeditious running of the field trial.

**4. Field Trial Guide(s).** Guides may be utilized at field trials to assist Judges and handlers in the location of fields and upland game designated to be hunted at the field trial and shall advise the handlers and Judges as to the limits of the course.

**5. Reporter.** The Field Trial Secretary shall serve as reporter for the field trial unless an official reporter is designated by the Field Trial Committee. The Reporter shall compose a synopsis of the trial for publication in appropriate forums such as the UKC website/publications, the sponsoring club's website/newsletter and any suitable newspaper or other publication of general circulation. Such synopsis shall include a short overview of the heats run, should include all dogs receiving placement(s) or passes and a listing of the owners and handlers of said dogs and should make every effort to obtain photographs of the winning dogs, handlers and/or owners.

**B. Field Trial Headquarters.** A headquarters must be opened in the morning at the place where the field trial is held and remain open during the entire competition for the following purposes:

1. In order to give the last modifications to the program and final distribution of the dogs, fields and Judges;
2. To give the results of the field trial after annotation and signatures by the Judges on the official records;
3. To send to UKC the official reports and scorecards with results of the field trial within fifteen

(15) days following the competition.

**C. Premium Lists.** After a sponsoring club has been granted provisional permission to conduct a field trial pending issuance of a license by UKC, a Premium List Advertisement shall be published which will give the following information:

1. Location of the trial, the dates on which it will be held and the entry fee for each class;
2. Whether the trial is limited to one or more breeds, or open to all breeds in either the British Breed or Continental Breed Classifications;
3. Set forth in detail the classes to be run, the designated upland game and the type of course layout (Continuous Course or Limited Successive Courses);
4. A complete list of the trophies, ribbons or any other prizes which the sponsoring club wishes to offer;
5. A list of the names and addresses of the Judges and the heats they are to judge (if known);
6. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the officers of the club, including the Field Trial Secretary and Field Trial Chairman and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the other designated members of the Field Trial Committee as may be appropriate;
7. The date, hour and place of the closing of entries and the number of entries to be accepted for each class if the number of entries is to be limited to a certain number;
8. Each premium list shall specify that the Field Trial Secretary is to receive entries and the address. Every premium list shall contain one or more copies of the official entry form;
9. A Premium List Advertisement may adopt and incorporate by reference the UKC Standard Field Trial and TAN Rules and Regulations Template. If adopted by a sponsoring club, such Rules and Regulations Template shall be published on the sponsoring club's website or the one set forth below and listed on the UKC Pointing Dog Program website shall be expressly adopted and incorporated by reference in said Premium List Advertisement.
10. Address of the sponsoring club's official website (if applicable).

Two copies of the Premium List Advertisement shall be supplied to UKC at the time the application to hold a licensed event is submitted to UKC. A



copy of the Premium List Advertisement shall be retained by the Field Trial Secretary of the sponsoring club or association for a minimum of one year. The Field Trial Secretary shall cause the Premium List Advertisement to be distributed and published via U.S. mail or via electronic mail to prospective entrants who request one.

## **UNITED KENNEL CLUB, INC. FIELD TRIAL AND TAN RULES AND REGULATIONS STANDARD PREMIUM TEMPLATE**

The following UKC Field Trial and TAN Rules and Regulations Standard Premium Template may be specifically adopted by and incorporated by reference in all UKC approved pointing dog club Field Trials and Tests of Natural Ability (TAN) by setting forth such adoption and incorporation in the Applicable Event Premium Advertisement. This Standard Template is intended to be adopted and incorporated by reference into any UKC Licensed Field Trial or TAN Event Premium in order to give actual and reasonable notice to all event participants or potential participants. It is intended to supplement the content of any applicable event Premium.

1. All licensed events are held under the Rules and Regulations of the United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC).
2. Absolutely no consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or gambling will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings during a UKC licensed event.
3. UKC, and any sponsoring club and their agents, officers, members and employees assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by spectators or by exhibitors and handlers, or to any of their dogs or property, and further assume no responsibility for injury to children who are deemed to be under the control of their parents or guardians. UKC, the sponsoring club, hosting landowners and the specified persons referenced in the Release and Waiver of Liability provision included in the UKC Field Trial or TAN entry form are not responsible for injury, loss, accident or theft.
4. Dogs may arrive any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. Dogs not required for further judging will be excused.
5. No smoking in all buildings and areas designated as such.
6. Exhibitors and dog owners are expected and required to clean up after their own dogs. Any person witnessing a violation of this rule must report it to the Event Committee. The Event

Committee may ask any person violating this rule to leave the event grounds. No refund of an entry fee will be made if a participant is asked to leave the grounds.

7. UKC and the sponsoring club will support any business or individual that files a complaint about exhibitors who fail to keep their dogs quiet or to clean up after them. In order that the bad conduct of a few exhibitors does not spoil it for the majority of responsible exhibitors, the sponsoring club will take appropriate disciplinary action against any offenders.
8. All dogs at the Field Trials or TAN Events must be contained and in control at all times. The exception being if there are designated exercise areas available. Dogs must be collared, leashed, secured on tie out chains, or in an airline kennel, dog box or travel kennel when not performing in a TAN or Field Trial Event. During a Field Trial or TAN, dogs not yet contesting should be on ready status at the place designated by the Judge or Field Trial Committee. Dogs restrained for lengthy timeframes should be watered regularly.
9. All owners and handlers **MUST** sign the Release and Waiver of Liability provided on the entry form as a condition of being allowed to participate in any UKC licensed event. The parent or natural guardian must sign the entry form containing the Release and Waiver of Liability provision for any person under the age of majority in the State where the Field Trial or TAN Event is held.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

10. Field Trial areas are not protected by security. No dog(s) may be left on any meeting grounds overnight. All times are the prevailing Standard Time for the location where the event is being held.
11. No admission or parking fees unless designated in the Premium List.

### **ENTRY ELIGIBILITY**

12. Dogs must be a member of a UKC recognized Pointing Breed as specified eligible for the field trial and must have a Permanently Registered Number (PR#) with the UKC or have a Temporary Listing Number (TL#) with UKC, or have a Limited Privilege Listing Number (LP#), or have a Permanent Listing Number (PL#) with UKC by the closing date and time in order to enter. No exceptions will be made. Entries for ineligible dogs will be returned.
13. A non-entered dog may not be substituted for an entered dog.

### **TRIAL AREA, TYPE DESIGNATED GAME**

14. Field trial will be conducted on native vegeta-

tion and planted vegetation habitat usual to the local ecosystem where the trial is being held. The trial will be designated as a Type W (wild bird) trial or Type L (liberated bird) trial as set forth in the Event Premium and the designated game shall be as specified in the Event Premium.

### **JUDGES/APPLICABLE RULES**

15. Judges shall be UKC licensed to judge the applicable events and shall be announced in advance, if possible. Head Judges shall be announced prior to the commencement of any field trial.
16. The handler is requested and expected to read and abide by the applicable Field Trial Rules and Regulations and the TAN Rules and Regulations as published by the UKC.

### **FIELD TRIAL - GUN DOG CLASS AND OPEN DOG CLASS**

17. Placement of dogs in a field trial is not mandatory. All dogs will pass or fail according to Judge's final ruling.
18. Passing dogs will be placed as follows:
  - a. *First Place*: Owner will receive an individual Trophy and Ribbon from the sponsoring club.
  - b. *Reserve Placement*: Owner will receive a Trophy and Ribbon from the sponsoring club.
  - c. *Pass with Honor*: Owner of dogs receiving a Pass with Honor shall receive a Ribbon from the sponsoring club.
  - d. *Pass*: Owner of dogs receiving a Pass shall receive a Ribbon from the sponsoring club.
  - e. *TAN by Equivalency*: Owner to receive a TAN Ribbon from the sponsoring club and certificate from UKC.
  - f. *HNQ High Natural Qualities*. Dogs receiving the High Natural Qualities Award shall receive a ribbon from the Sponsoring Club.
  - g. Sponsoring clubs may award additional prizes for winners as specified by the club, but such prizes shall not be cash prizes.
19. Applicable achievements and championship points will be attributed to the dog's records by the UKC upon the sponsoring club submitting the final report of results to the UKC.

### **RUNNING ORDER**

20. The drawn running order is drawn ahead of time as a general guideline as to running order and time for the Field Trial or TAN. Handlers and their dogs must be readily available at the Judge's disposal to accommodate any change in running order. All dogs not needed for further judging will be excused.

## **SUBMITTING ENTRIES**

21. Entries must be submitted on the Official UKC Entry Form included with the Premium List or on the current official UKC approved Event Entry Form for the event. Downloaded copies or photocopies of these forms may be used and accessed at the field events section of [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com) or the website of the sponsoring club which is listed on the Event Premium List Advertisement. All forms must be sent by some form of land-mail to the Field Trial Secretary by the closing date set forth in the Event Premium Advertisement. Last minute entries may be hand delivered to the Field Trial Chairman, Field Trial Secretary or a member of the Field Trial Committee.
22. All entry forms and fees must be postmarked by or hand-delivered and received by the Field Trial Secretary prior to the closing deadline.
23. Mailed entries must include fully completed entry form and associated fees. Mailed entries received without fees will not be accepted at that time. Late fees may be mailed upon notification of the deficiency.
24. All entries must be received by the closing date and time which is 5:00 p.m. on the date designated in the applicable Premium Listing for the event.

## **ENTRY INFORMATION**

Entries will be in either the Gun Dog Class or the Open Dog Class. Gun Dog Class is a relatively inexperienced dog six (6) months or older that has not earned a title in the Open Dog Class. Open Dog Class is a dog of one (1) year of age or older. Open is for dogs which are supposed to be a finished gun dog, i.e., broke to wing and shot. TAN events are for dogs not older than three (3) years of the date of the event. All neutered or altered dogs must be entered with the notation "ALT" printed on the entry form next to the dog's name.

25. Entry fees shall be specified for each separate event in the Event Premium.
26. Entry Deadline: Entries will be accepted by the Event Secretary through the closing date.
27. Mail or hand deliver entries to the Event Secretary designated in the Premium for the event.

## **PAYMENT**

28. Payment may be made by cash, check or money order. No entry will be accepted without payment.
29. Make checks and money orders payable to the sponsoring club. Checks and money orders must be payable in U.S. funds.
30. Post-dated checks or returned checks do not constitute valid entry fees. The sponsoring club

will add a collection fee of \$25 to the amount of each returned check or negotiable instrument. Exhibitors who repeatedly submit invalid entry fees may be put on a CASH ONLY basis in the discretion of the Field Trial Secretary or Event Committee.

## **REFUNDS**

31. No refund of entry fees will be required for entries cancelled after the closing of entry deadline, except in the cases of bitches that come into season. In those cases, refunds may be obtained by providing the Field Trial Committee with a veterinarian's certificate verifying that the bitch came into season after the closing date. The certificate may be mailed, provided the postmark is no later than the date prior to the day of the trial, or delivered by hand to the Field Trial Secretary or TAN Event Secretary before the start of the events.
32. Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, declared forfeit, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, or disqualified or barred from competition by action of the Field Trial Committee.
33. If, because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the sponsor organization, it is impossible to open or to complete a field trial event, no refund of entry fee will be made.
34. Every effort will be made to ascertain any duplicate entries before processing. If a duplicate entry is processed, however, no refund will be made.
35. If, in the opinion of the sponsoring club, the well being of dogs, exhibitors or spectators are at risk due to extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to, heavy rain, hail, snow storms, hurricanes, lightning, or extreme heat, the Judge in consultation with the Field Trial Committee may cancel or postpone the field trial before completion. No refunds are required to be made in such cases.

## **ENTRY CONFIRMATION**

36. Written confirmation of entries will be made by the Field Trial Secretary by mail and/or email as soon as practicable after receipt of entries. If you do not receive your confirmation within a week prior to the event, please notify the Field Trial Secretary or the TAN Event Secretary at the address shown in the Field Trial or TAN Event Premium.
37. Receipt of email entry forms will be acknowledged as soon as practical, but this does not constitute an official entry or a confirmation of the entry. Entry will be confirmed upon receipt of the appropriate entry fee and form by hand

delivery or land delivered mail prior to the designated closing date and time.

### **CORRECTION OF ENTRY**

38. Owners are responsible for the accuracy of information in the entry forms, regardless of who may make such errors. Owners and handlers are responsible for correcting any errors in their entry.
39. Dogs that, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a placing or title after the closing of entries, may be transferred from the entered class to another class for which the dog is eligible, provided that a request for transfer is made to the sponsoring club Field Trial Secretary and Judge not later than one-half hour prior to the start of any regular judging at the field trial.
40. All other corrections to entries must be made in writing to the Sponsoring Club not later than one-half hour prior to the start of any regular judging at the field trials.

### **IDENTIFICATION**

Identification in the form of armbands or numbers will be assigned to each handler entering a dog for all field trials in which the dog is entered for the event. If you do not receive your identification prior to the start of the trial, please come to the Field Trial Secretary's table at the field trial office on the grounds for a replacement. You will not be allowed to compete without identification, and if a handler is not present with identification when called to run the applicable heat, the Judge may declare the entry forfeited.

### **DRAWING, AND FIELD TRIAL TIME AND LOCATIONS**

Announcements at the event preclude date and time schedule presented in the Premium. Drawing for running order will be conducted by the TAN Event or Field Trial Secretary and other members of the Field Trial or TAN Event Committee prior to the date of the trial or TAN and will be forwarded to exhibitors as soon as practical.

Open Dog Class will be followed by the Gun Dog Class until the respective heats are concluded. TAN Events shall be conducted as set forth in the Event Premium.

**\*D. Designated Game.** A club sponsoring a field trial shall designate one or more species of game bird anticipated to be encountered during the course of the field trial. However, in the event that a dog points a native game bird, not specifically designated to be hunted for the field trial, in either type (W) or type (L) field trials such point on the non designated

native game bird shall count towards satisfaction of the requirements of the heat. In type (L) field trials where game is being shot, such native game bird shall NOT be shot by the gunner unless authorized by the judge. **At the judges direction, the gunner may fire a shot into the air.** However, the judge shall be authorized to set up a cold retrieve for the dog utilizing a game bird of the type designated to be shot in the Type (L) field trial.

**\*E. Entries.**

1. **A dog may only be entered and compete in a single classification, whether Open or Gun Dog, in a particular field trial. However, a dog in a single class (Open or Gun Dog) may be allowed to run solo, braces or both in a single field trial within the class selected, as provided in section (V)(L) of these rules. Further, nothing herein shall be construed so as to prevent dogs from competing in different classes, within SEPARATE field trials conducted over successive days, so long as the dog competes in a single classification (Open or Gun Dog) within a single field trial.**

2. No entry shall **be required to** be accepted after the day of closing of entries as set by the organizing club, set at least seven (7) days before the competition (dated upon receipt).

3. Each Entry Form must be completed in full and the information given on the form must be that which applies to the entered dog and must be complete and accurate. The owner or co-owners and handler must sign each Entry Form and must tender the full entry fee prior to the commencement of the field trial.

4. The sponsoring club/Field Trial Committee has the right to refuse entry to any individual so long as the refusal is not based on religion, sex, age, race or creed and is based on some applicable rule or requirement. No entry shall be made under a business/kennel name, but shall be entered in the individual owner(s)' name(s) with the name of a designated handler being specified on the Entry Form.

5. In case of absolute necessity, the Field Trial Committee reserves the right to cancel the trial without reimbursing the entry fees, considering that the sponsoring club has to cover its own expenses. Once tendered, entry fees are non-refundable for any reason except as provided herein.

6. Entry fees are set by the sponsoring club and are not refundable. Withdrawals shall not be required to be reimbursed. Only injured or sick dogs, after presentation of a health certificate from a veterinarian and bitches in season may be declared "forfeit" the morning of the stake (except for the UKC National level events). In the case of such specified forfeits, the owner may request a reimbursement of entry fees applying to the individual dog which shall be in the discretion of the Field Trial Committee.

7. Neutered or altered dogs may participate in field trials. Their altered status must be denoted by the placement of "Alt" by their name by the owner on the Entry Form. Such altered status shall not be considered when judging the dog's performance.

8. Bitches in season may not participate in a field trial.

**F. Cancellation or Postponement of a Field Trial.** In the event of inclement weather, lack of entries or other necessity in the sole discretion of the Field Trial Committee, the Field Trial Committee may cancel or postpone the field trial. In the event of cancellation, the Field Trial Committee may or may not reimburse all or part of any entry fees as may be appropriate, taking into consideration the necessity of the sponsoring club to cover its expenses in connection with the field trial. Reasonable efforts should be made to promptly notify all persons affected by a cancelled or postponed field trial.

**G. Transmittal of Results to UKC.**

**1. Results.** The results shall be proclaimed at the conclusion of the field trial and trophies, ribbons and prizes will be given at the Field Trial Headquarters/Office or at a banquet. The reporter for the Field Trial Committee should take photographs of winning dogs and their handlers/owners.

**2. Certification and Mailing of Results.** The Field Trial Secretary must certify and send a complete and carefully annotated catalog of results to the UKC on the form provided within fifteen (15) days following the event for fear of not getting the authorization to organize subsequent events. The sponsoring club must ensure that the Field Trial Secretary sends the results of the field trials to the UKC.

**3. Reporting of Trial and Results.** The Field Trial Secretary or his/her designee as reporter shall write a report for potential pub-



lication about the running of the trial and issue a report to UKC along with pictures of placing dogs. His/her report must be sent to the UKC within fifteen (15) days of the end of the field trial along with the UKC per entry fee (presently \$1.50 per dog entered in the field trial).

## **XVI. HOW TO BECOME A JUDGE**

The following procedures apply to applicants who seek to become qualified as UKC Senior Field Trial Judges, UKC Licensed Field Trial Judges or UKC Qualified TAN Judges. Separate application procedures apply to applicants depending on whether they are applying as a new applicant, or applying to be qualified via the grandfathering procedures as set forth herein.

The applicant must be:

- 21 years of age or older.
- In good standing with UKC.
- Knowledgeable and experienced in the various pointing breeds working and conformation standards.
- In good physical condition and able to spend the required time afield judging.
- Thoroughly knowledgeable in these UKC rules, policies, and must demonstrate good judgment.
- Uphold an ethical, fair and impartial manner.
- Understand and agree that the Judge's license may be withdrawn, suspended, not reviewed or revoked by UKC in its sole discretion and judgment at any time, with or without cause.

### **A. Procedure for Judging Applicants to Apply to Become Qualified/Licensed by UKC**

1. New applicants for any type of UKC qualified judging status must submit:
  - a. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's local club nominating him/her as a Judge. This letter must be signed by three club officers who are not an immediate family member (spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, child or stepchild) and shall specify the judging status sought (Senior Field Trial Judge, Licensed Field Trial Judge or Qualified TAN Judge).
  - b. An application indicating that the applicant has attended a UKC approved Field Trial Judge's educational seminar, or that such applicant has reviewed and studied the materials via correspondence course established, approved and supplied by UKC.
  - c. A completed Judge's test. A copy of the test

may be obtained from UKC Field Operation Office at (269) 343-9020.

- d. A Resume or Letter outlining qualifications which shall include a list of dogs classified or titled in UKC field trials, and their UKC registration numbers.
  - e. New applicants for Senior Field Trial Judge or Licensed Field Trial Judge status must have handled at least one dog to a Pass or higher score in a UKC Licensed Field Trial Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class to be eligible to become an apprentice Judge.
  - f. New applicants for Licensed Judge status must serve as an apprentice judge to a Senior Field Trial Judge for a minimum of two (2) complete days of judging field trials.
  - g. New applicants for Qualified TAN Judge status must have handled at least one dog to Pass or higher score in a UKC Licensed Field Trial Open Dog Class or Gun Dog Class or must alternatively have apprentice judged at a UKC Licensed Tan or handled two dogs to a passing score in a UKC Licensed Natural Ability Test (TAN).
  - h. UKC will evaluate the applicant's materials and score the applicant's test within thirty (30) days of receiving the materials. UKC will send notice to the applicant as soon as possible but not more than thirty (30) days of the scoring and evaluating the applicant, and notify the applicant if he/she has been accepted or denied as an applicant for the judging qualification applied for. Applicants who are denied may resubmit their information after sixty (60) days. If the application is denied again, the applicant must wait one (1) year to apply again.
2. Applicants for Grandfathered Judge Status.
- Qualified applicants from the United States and abroad who possess and can demonstrate a record of substantial prior experience and achievement in judging field trials or evaluating the field performance of pointing dogs may apply on their own or with the assistance of a UKC approved pointing dog club or parent breed association to be qualified as a UKC Senior Field Trial Judge, UKC Licensed Field Trial Judge or Qualified TAN Judge. Each such applicant shall supply the following:

- a. A letter of application from the individual

applying for grandfathered Judge status or a letter of application and recommendation from the club seeking to have the applicant qualified by UKC as a Judge. The letter shall contain a listing, outline or resume of the applicant/nominee's prior judging experience in evaluating pointing dogs to include a listing of any other licensing entities by which the applicant has been qualified and licensed to judge in the evaluation of pointing dogs. Any additional background or experience or qualifications regarding the training and evaluation of pointing dogs shall also be submitted.

- b. A copy of any judging card(s) or other certification of qualification as a Judge issued to the applicant/nominee by any other licensing entity from the United States or abroad involved in the evaluation of pointing dogs in the field.
- c. Completed application for grandfathered Judge status as supplied by UKC which shall confirm that the applicant has been supplied a copy of the Official UKC Field Trial and TAN Rules and Regulations and that the applicant shall judge in strict accord with them.
- d. Letter (s) of recommendation from any UKC qualified Judge familiar with the applicant's qualifications and experience in the judging and evaluation of pointing dogs.
- e. Any additional materials or information which may be requested or required in the sole discretion of UKC to demonstrate the applicant's qualifications.
- f. UKC shall review the applicant/nominee's application and materials and shall notify the applicant and/or the club seeking to assist the applicant/nominee in being qualified within thirty (30) days as to whether or not the application is approved or denied. UKC, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether or not the individual shall be qualified as a Senior Field Trial Judge, Licensed Field Trial Judge or Qualified TAN Judge and shall issue the appropriate judging card.

**B. Apprenticing.** Accepted new applicants for Licensed Field Trial Judge or Qualified TAN Judge status will be qualified by UKC as apprentice Judges. To complete the apprenticeship requirements, the applicant must have judged or apprenticed at one UKC

licensed TAN and two field trials where the applicant is supervised by one or more UKC Senior Judges, as approved by UKC. Apprentices must receive favorable written reviews from the Senior Judges they apprentice under to become a Licensed Field Trial Judge or a Qualified TAN Judge and such reviews or recommendations shall be submitted to the UKC. After completion of all apprenticing requirements, UKC will license the applicant as a Licensed Field Trial Judge or Qualified TAN Judge.

**C. Licensed Field Trial Judges.**

A Licensed Field Trial Judge may not evaluate/instruct apprentices. A UKC Licensed Field Trial Judge is qualified to judge at any UKC Licensed Field Trial or TAN. After two years of service as a Licensed Field Trial Judge, the Licensed Field Trial Judge may apply to become a Senior Field Trial Judge. The applicant for Senior Field Trial Judge status shall demonstrate active judging during the time the applicant has served as a Licensed Field Trial Judge. Nothing herein shall preclude a Licensed Field Trial Judge from being designated as Head Judge at a field trial, where serving with a Senior Field Trial Judge.

**D. Senior Field Trial Judges.**

Senior Field Trial Judges and Licensed Field Trial Judges have the same authority in the field, only that the Senior Judge may evaluate/instruct apprentice Judges. A UKC Senior Field Trial Judge is qualified to judge at any UKC Licensed Field Trial or TAN. A Senior Field Trial Judge shall normally serve as Head Judge in the discretion of the Field Trial Committee, but designation as Senior Field Trial Judge does not preclude a sponsoring club from designating a Licensed Field Trial Judge as Head Judge for a particular field trial when serving with a Senior Field Trial Judge.

**E. Qualified TAN Judges.**

A UKC Qualified TAN Judge is qualified to judge at a UKC Licensed TAN. In an emergency, and upon express approval from UKC, a UKC qualified TAN Judge may assist in fulfilling the judging requirements at a UKC Licensed Field Trial in a situation where a Senior Field Trial Judge or a Licensed Field Trial Judge is unable due to illness or circumstances beyond the Judge's control to fulfill or com-

plete the requirements of judging a licensed field trial.

**F. Remaining Active.** To remain an active and qualified Senior Field Trial Judge, Licensed Field Trial Judge or Qualified TAN Judge, each Judge must renew their licensing status as required by UKC, and must attend a Field Trial Judge's seminar or complete a UKC approved course of continuing Judges education once every five (5) years.

Applicants may contact the UKC Field Operations Department at (269) 343-9020 to request an application.

## **XVII. MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINE**

*Effective January 1, 2004*

### **Misconduct**

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

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

**Category 2.** Violation of UKC rules. This may include, but is not limited to, falsification of UKC registration papers; misidentification of a dog or the parentage of a dog; non-event-related abuse or neglect of dogs; or continued failure to keep proper registration records.

## **XVIII. PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING MISCONDUCT DURING OR ASSOCIATED WITH A UKC LICENSED EVENT COVERED BY THIS RULEBOOK**

*(Misconduct - Category 1)*

### **UKC Standard of Conduct**

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

### **Jurisdiction**

All persons present on the grounds of a UKC event during the event hours are subject to the jurisdiction of the UKC and are therefore subject to these UKC stan-

dards of conduct and disciplinary procedures. In addition, UKC has jurisdiction over misconduct that may occur off the grounds of the event or outside event hours. This paragraph shall be interpreted as broadly as is necessary to regulate any off-grounds misconduct that is prejudicial to the interests of the sport of pure-bred dogs. One example of such off-grounds event-related misconduct is abuse of motel rooms by dogs or persons attending the events.

### **The Complaint**

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

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

- The complainant's name.
- The complainant's address.
- The complainant's daytime and evening phone numbers.
- A complete factual description of the exact conduct alleged to have occurred, including the identity of all witnesses, other persons, and dogs involved in the alleged misconduct.
- The specific sections of the pertinent UKC rulebook, which have allegedly been violated.
- The sponsor club official shall enter the names, and where known, the addresses, daytime and evening phone numbers of all witnesses in Section 2 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. The Misconduct Report and Hearing Form shall be forwarded to UKC with the Event Report. No action will be taken on a Misconduct Report and Hearing Form unless it is signed and dated by the complainant.
- Any person, who becomes aware of an act of event-related misconduct after the event, must notify UKC in writing. UKC staff shall forward to the complainant a Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. Complainant shall complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Misconduct Report and Hearing Form. Section 1 must be filled out completely. Complainant must fill out as much of Sections 2 and 3 as he/she is able and return the form to UKC.

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

### **Notice To Hold A Hearing**

Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the UKC notice to hold a hearing, the club president of the sponsor club that received the complaint shall: Appoint a Hearing Committee Chairperson and two Hearing Committee members from among the club's officers and board members. No officer or director who witnessed the alleged misconduct shall serve on the Hearing Committee.

Set the time and place of the hearing. The date shall be no more than thirty (30) days from the date the UKC notice to hold a hearing is received by the sponsor club. The date, place and time shall be selected to reasonably allow the person against whom the complaint is made (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent") to attend.

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

- The right to be present during the testimony of all witnesses;
- The right to cross-examine all witnesses;
- The right to present witnesses on his/her own behalf;
- The right to testify in his/her own behalf;
- Notify the witnesses by regular mail or telephone of the date, place, and time of the hearing; the exact conduct which is the subject of the complaint; and the name of the complainant; and,
- The respondent must notify the club president within three (3) days of receipt of the Notice of Hearing if he/she is unable to attend. The club president will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the respondent in setting a new hearing date, time and place, but shall not postpone the hearing date any more than an additional ten (10) days.

## **If The Respondent Fails To Appear At The Hearing**

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

### **The Hearing**

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

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

All witnesses who come before the Hearing Committee shall testify under oath or affirmation administered by the Hearing Chairperson.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

### **The Findings**

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Committee shall deliberate and make their findings based on a preponderance<sup>2</sup> of the evidence. A two-thirds majority is sufficient to make findings. The findings shall be reported as follows:

- Whether the alleged misconduct was proven to have occurred;
- Whether the alleged misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs;
- Whether the alleged misconduct occurred in connection with a UKC event;
- In making findings, the Hearing Committee may not consider the respondent's general reputation or status in the sport of purebred dogs, prior acts of misconduct for which no disciplinary action was taken, nor the extent of the respondent's investment in dogs. The sole consideration must be the specific instance of misconduct with which



the respondent is charged.

1. If a witness is unwilling because of religious or other beliefs to take the traditional oath (Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?), then the following affirmation shall be offered: "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"
2. If the amount of evidence you need to be absolutely certain of a fact is equal to 100%, then a preponderance is equal to 51%. In other words, the evidence must be sufficient to convince the members of the Hearing Committee that the fact asserted is more probably true than not true.

### **Completing the UKC Misconduct Report and Hearing Form**

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

- **Section 3.** The name, address, and phone number of each witness shall be filled in the appropriate spaces, where needed. The Summary of Testimony shall include a comprehensive summary of the testimony of each witness, including the specific facts established from the evidence that led to the Committee's findings and recommendations, and the specific UKC rules or policies that were violated.
- **Section 4.** The time (only where respondent was served in person) and date of service of the Notice of Hearing, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Hearing Committee members shall be entered in the appropriate spaces. Respondent's presence at or absence from the hearing shall be noted in this section.
- **Section 5.** One block must be checked on each line under Findings. If the Hearing Committee finds that the alleged misconduct did occur, that the misconduct was prejudicial to the interests of the sport of purebred dogs, and that the misconduct occurred in conjunction with a UKC event, then the Committee must recommend a penalty. Each Committee member must enter his/her signature and date in the spaces provided.

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

## **XIX. PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING MISCONDUCT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH A UKC LICENSED EVENT**

*(Misconduct - Category 2)*

### **UKC STANDARD OF CONDUCT**

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

#### **Jurisdiction**

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

#### **The Complaint**

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

#### **Investigation, Findings, and Recommendations**

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

#### **Penalties For Misconduct**

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

- **Probation.** Probation for a period up to three (3) years. During the period of probation, the individual shall be closely monitored by UKC. Any other instance of misconduct may result in immediate suspension or barring at the discretion of the appropriate UKC Department Head and without further due process.
- **Suspension.** The appropriate UKC Department Head shall impose a minimum Three Hundred Dollar (\$300) fine and a minimum one (1) year suspension for probation violations and for most other serious acts of misconduct. The period of suspension shall begin upon UKC's mailing of the notification to the respondent via certified mail (return receipt requested), but the fine must be paid by certified check or money order before the time counts

toward the sentence. For example, a person may be notified on January 1 that his penalty will be a one year suspension and a fine of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300). This individual will be suspended as soon as notice of the penalty is mailed by UKC to the respondent, but the one year suspension does not start until the date UKC receives payment of the fine. If a respondent waits until March 1 to pay the fine, the suspension will actually run fourteen months until midnight of February 28 the following year.

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

### **Suspension and Barring**

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

- May not register any dogs in his/her name (joint or individual ownership). No dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person (joint or individual ownership) may be used for breeding and no offspring of such a dog is eligible for registration with UKC. A suspended/banned person may transfer any dogs currently registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership), except that no dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person, regardless of co-ownership status, may be transferred to any member of that person's family.
- May not register any litters or sign any litter registrations in any capacity.
- May not enter or participate in any way in any UKC licensed event. No dog registered in the name of a suspended/banned person (joint or individual ownership) may be entered or participate in any way in any UKC licensed event.
- May not receive Championship points for any dog registered in his/her name (joint or individual ownership).
- May not advertise in any UKC publication or internet site.

### **Appeals**

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

## **XX. SCRATCHED FOR FIGHTING - UKC POLICY**

*Revised January 1, 1999*

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

When three (3) reports - Bench Show or Field Trial have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been "Scratched for Fighting" or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: If the reports are properly signed-off, the registered owner of the dog will be sent a certified letter advising them of the dates and the names of the clubs that have reported their dog "Scratched for Fighting." The name of the dog, the registered owner's name, address and the time barred for fighting will be published. They will be requested to return their UKC Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card by a specific date (approximately 30 days). The Registration Certificate will be stamped BARRED FOR FIGHTING UNTIL \_\_\_\_\_. It will then be sent back to the registered owner. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be retained by UKC. The dog will be barred for two (2) years from the date of the third "Scratched for Fighting" offense. At the end of the two (2) year period, the registered owner of the dog can return the Registration Certificate, along with the proper fee, to the UKC Registration Office for the issuance of a new Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card. All reference to fighting will be removed, and the dog will once again be allowed to enter UKC licensed events.

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

1. Transfer of ownership will not be allowed.
2. The dog will not be allowed to be used in a breeding program. No litters will be registered where the dog is the sire or dam.
3. The dog will be barred from receiving any UKC Championship points.

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

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

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

documentation excluded for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found.

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

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## APPENDIX

### XXI. GLOSSARY

#### **Glossary of Terminology Applicable to Field Trials and Tests of Natural Ability (TAN)**

**Barrage** - Brief competition by elimination via braces which is run at the end of field trial heats in multiple heat trials, at which the First Place and Reserve Placement are selected based on the style of the dogs to include the gait, ground coverage, desire and obedience.

**Brace** - A pair of dogs or two (2) dogs.

**Breaking** - Leaving before, or without, having been sent.

**Bumping Birds** - Scenting, or accidentally encountering, and then causing game to fly without establishing point.

**Bye-Dog** - A dog drawn as the last dog in a stake without a bracemate.

**Callback** - An opportunity afforded a dog by the Judges after completion of its initial run. This is done to give a dog an opportunity to compete further, or to allow a dog to demonstrate a stake requirement, such as pointing, retrieving or honoring.

**Cast** - The direction and range demonstrated by a dog while seeking game.

**Couler** - The act of a dog coming on point then slowly and stealthily inching closer to the bird, or following a moving bird in an effort to cause it to set and be pointed. A handler may verbally (quietly) or otherwise signal the dog by touch or motion to couler the dog.

**Cover** - The vegetation on course.

**Fetch** - One of a number of commands that can be given to a dog to release it to demonstrate a retrieve.

**Find** - Game located when a dog is hunting.

**Flash Point** - Momentary pause, not acceptable for a trial placement.

**Gallery** - Observers and spectators of a field trial.

**Game** - Upland birds.

**Guide** - A person acting in the official capacity of assisting during the trial for the purpose of game location only.

**Gun-Shy** - Afraid of gunfire.

**Handler** - The person handling a dog in a trial.

**Heat** - A segment, division or group of dogs of the entire stake.

**Heeling** - The act of verbally causing a dog to walk at a handler's side.

**Honoring** - When a dog stops immediately or within a few steps, usually in a pointing stance, upon observing a brace mate on point.

**Interference** - When a dog willfully hinders or impedes the performance of a brace mate.

**Liberated Birds** - See the definition of pen-raised birds.

**Line Running** - Running in a straightaway manner without quartering or seeking objectives.

**Mark** - The act of a dog to watch, or mark, the flight and/or fall of a bird.

**Natural or Wild Upland Game** - Wild upland game birds of various species that are known to naturally inhabit the area where a field trial is held. No birds or upland game meeting the definition of liberated birds or pen-raised birds as set forth herein shall be deemed to constitute natural or wild game.

**Order Up a Dog** - The Judge's command to a handler to remove his dog from the course upon completion of judging or for an infraction that disqualifies the dog.

**Pen-Raised Birds** - Also commonly referred to as liberated birds. Pen-raised birds are upland game birds of any species that are released upon field trial grounds for an insufficient time so as to adopt the characteristics of and simulate the behavior and flight characteristics of natural game birds of the applicable species. Game are considered pen-raised or liberated birds if they are released or liberated upon the grounds where a field trial is to be held for less than a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to a field trial.

**Pick Up a Dog** - When a dog is removed from further judgment.

**Quartering** - To laterally traverse (back and forth) an area of ground while advancing forward in front of the handler.

**Range/Run** - The distance at which a dog works from the handler.

**Release a Dog** - To send a dog on.

**Relocate a Dog** - To release a dog from a point or honor and move the dog on, usually to relocate moving game.

**Retrieve** - To find and bring back shot game.

**Running Order** - A listing of the bracing and running order of dogs entered in all stakes in a field trial.

**Shotgun Range** - The effective range of a shotgun, generally about 20-50 yards.

**Stake** - A competitive category or class in a field trial.

**Steady to Flush** - Maintaining a point and

remaining steady until the bird is flushed (lifts off the ground).

**Steady to Wing** - Maintaining a point and remaining steady through the point that the bird is flushed and until the shot is fired.

**Steady to Wing & Shot** - Maintaining a point and remaining steady until a commanded couler is ordered and remaining steady until when the bird is flushed and during the bird's flight, through when the shot is fired; up to the point where the dog is leashed or authorized by the handler to move or a retrieve is commanded.

**Stealing Point** - A dog that steals a point makes continued movement into the area where the game is present after observing another dog on point, rather than honoring.

**Stop to Flush** - When a dog stops after observing the flush of a bird.

**Style** - The gait and manner in which a dog traverses a course.

**Whoa a Dog** - A command used to cause a dog to stop and stand.

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## UNITED KENNEL CLUB, INC. OFFICIAL RULES FOR NATURAL ABILITY TEST (TAN)

### PART ONE: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**Article 1. Applicability of Rules.** The following rules have been established to credit those dogs that represent the minimum natural hunting qualities desired in the pointing breeds, as measured by the Natural Ability Test (hereinafter designated as "TAN"). The Judge's decisions on all matters pertaining to the TAN are final.

**Article 2. Purpose of TAN.** The object of the TAN is to evaluate the natural hunting ability of the pointing breeds.

### PART TWO: ORGANIZATION

**Article 3. Licensing of Clubs to Conduct TANs.** UKC approved pointing dog clubs may organize and be licensed to conduct a licensed TAN provided they obtain a qualified Judge approved



by UKC for judging the TAN.

**Article 4. Entry Requirements.** TAN certification is open to all pointing breed dogs three (3) years of age and younger that are permanently registered, Temporary Listed (TL), Limited Privilege Listed (LP) with UKC, or Permanent Listed (PL) number (if permanent listing is enacted by UKC).

**Article 5. Judges.** Only qualified individuals licensed as Senior Field Trial Judges, Licensed TAN Judges or Qualified TAN Judges by UKC can judge a UKC licensed Natural Ability Test (TAN). See the requirements for judging set forth in the UKC Field Trial Rules and Regulations.

**Article 6. Requirement of Grounds.** The grounds for conducting the TAN need to be of sufficient size to avoid, as much as possible, re-using the same space continuously. However a single bird field layout is acceptable for a TAN only. The vegetation must allow the birds to be well hidden, and spaced far enough apart from other birds, but without being too high or too thick. Birds must be released evenly at appropriate and non-predictable intervals throughout an area to avoid an overabundance of released upland game in one area.

**Article 7. Owners/Handlers Required to Be Present.** Owners/handlers must check in with the TAN Event Secretary prior to the start of the event. Owners/handlers will be solely responsible for having their dogs present when their name is called. Dogs will be kept on leash prior to, and following, their test.

**Article 8. Designated Game.** Different varieties of flight conditioned upland game birds may be utilized such as pheasant, bobwhite quail, chukar or other UKC approved designated game birds. Pigeons may not be used for a TAN. Release of game should be done apart from the presence of the handler and dog. The test area must be planted with four to six birds before the first dog runs. At least two birds should be planted before each following dog begins the test.

**Article 9. Duration of Test.** Each test shall be run for five (5) to ten (10) minutes in solo. A Judge may extend the test in the Judge's discretion, but no single TAN heat shall last more than fifteen (15) minutes. Each dog should be given the opportunity to point birds during one or more passes of the field.

**Article 10. Bitches in Heat.** Bitches in heat will not be allowed to participate in a UKC licensed TAN. Entry fees may be refunded in full upon request by the sponsoring club in the event that a bitch comes into season before an event.

**Article 11. Running Order.** The sponsoring club will randomly select the running order for the TAN via drawing before the event begins.

## **PART THREE: CRITERIA FOR JUDGING**

**Article 12. First Criteria: Hunting Instinct/ Handling.** The Judge will evaluate the enthusiasm and the desire of the dog while in search of birds, without attaching too much importance as to the manner or style, making sure that the dog is well utilizing its nose in search of the game. The handler may use verbal, hand and/or whistle commands to handle the dog during the test. Excessive verbal, hand and/or whistle commands will result in a failure of the TAN. The Judge has sole discretion over what is considered excessive.

A dog that runs out of control of the handler and which cannot be brought immediately under control shall be deemed to exhibit a lack of hunting instinct, shall not receive a passing score and shall be deferred for TAN certification.

Training aids such as, but not limited to, check cords, shock collars, dummy collars, choke/pinch collars, whips, prods, canes, and crops may not be worn by the dog or used by the handler on the grounds during the day of the test. Exceptions are that dogs not kenneled must be leashed, held on a check cord, or staked out before and after the test. It is the Judge's decision if dogs will be allowed to wear a non-training type collar while testing, local and state laws permitting.

**Article 13. Second Criteria: Demonstration of Pointing Instinct.** The dog must establish a point on at least one designated game bird during the TAN hunt. However, other mistakes will not cause elimination or deferment of certification. The handler may not command the dog to point. A dog that fails to establish a point shall not receive a passing score and shall be deferred for TAN certification. The point should be for a minimum of three seconds and may be measured by being counted as "One thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three".

**Article 14. Conduct After Point Established.** After the point is established, a lack of experience, restraint or discipline (dog which flushes, which seizes the game, or which chases it) will be considered a demonstration of great passion and the dog will not be penalized.

**Article 15. Third Criteria: Reaction to Gun Fire.** The Judge must determine that the dog is not gun shy. At the flushing of the game bird pointed by the dog, a starter pistol or shotgun with blanks will be fired by the Judge or at the Judge's direction. Acknowledgment of the shot will not be penalized, but the demonstration of gun shyness will not be allowed. A gun shy dog shall not receive a passing score and shall be deferred for TAN certification.

## **RESULTS**

### **Article 16. Results.**

- A.** The dog satisfying the three criteria will have successfully completed the TAN and shall receive a score of "Pass". UKC will note the achievement upon receipt of the Official Notification of the TAN Results for all dogs three (3) years and younger. A certificate will be mailed to the owner on record at UKC.
- B.** It is the sponsoring club's decision to offer ribbons or other such prizes to participants and to those who successfully achieve a TAN certification. Only Passes shall be recorded and recognized by UKC.
- C.** A dog that does not successfully complete the TAN requirements shall be able to enter in future TAN events until the maximum age limit is met. A dog that has completed the TAN will not be eligible to enter any future TAN events.

### **Article 17. TAN Equivalencies Earned in Field Trials.**

- A.** Exemptions: A dog already classified with a Pass or better score at any official UKC licensed field trial is exempted from the TAN and is ineligible. However, nothing herein shall preclude a dog from earning a TAN by way of equivalency and a Pass or better score in any single field trial classification.
- B.** Equivalencies: Upon notification to a Judge in a UKC licensed field trial that a dog has not yet received a TAN and that the dog is eligible for consideration thereof, the Judge may consider awarding the dog a TAN certification by way of equivalency if the above requirements are demonstrated by the dog during the completion of a field trial heat.
- C.** Fees for TAN Equivalencies: If the dog achieves TAN certification by the Judge in a field trial rather than a TAN event, the handler shall tender to the club an additional fee in the amount set by the sponsoring club but which shall not be less than Twenty Dollars (\$20), unless the handler has already paid such fee in connection with a TAN event to be held by the sponsoring club contemporaneously with the applicable field trial. The sponsoring club shall also tender to UKC an additional per dog fee for each dog receiving TAN certification by way of equivalency when the results are reported to UKC.
- D.** Annotation by UKC: Upon the results being transmitted to the UKC by the sponsoring club, the dog's registration record shall be annotated as having satisfied the TAN. Documentation

should be sent to UKC including the following: TAN equivalency by way of field trial and classification, date, name of dog and handler, and signature of the Judge.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

**Article 18. Official Notification of TAN Results.** The list of dogs certified as meeting requirements for the TAN, will be mailed to UKC after each field trial or licensed TAN is concluded. Upon receipt of same by UKC, the notation "TAN" will be placed on the dogs' registration records for all dogs satisfying the requirements for TAN certification.

**Article 19. Application, Licensing and Promotion of TAN.** TAN events must be licensed via application to UKC by the sponsoring club. The sponsoring club shall publish advertisements in appropriate forums, on websites, or other publications of UKC and sponsoring clubs in the form of a Premium List Advertisement. TAN events shall be licensed by UKC only upon submission of an application form and the required UKC fee for event licensing. The sponsoring club is responsible for determining entry deadlines and reasonable entry fees.

A club sponsoring a TAN may adopt and incorporate by reference the Standard Field Trial and TAN Event Template listed in the UKC Field Trial Rules and Regulations by expressly stating such adoption in writing in the applicable TAN Event Premium List Advertisement

**Article 20. Information Required of Entrants.** Entered dogs are required to supply to the Event Secretary the UKC registration number, (TL) Temporary Listing number, or (LP) Limited Privilege number assigned for their dog. Such may be secured from the UKC Pedigree or other appropriate documentation or the Easy Entry Card for each UKC registered dog.

**Article 21. Required Inoculations.** All dogs six (6) months of age or older must have inoculations for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus to be eligible to compete at UKC TAN events. Dogs under six (6) months of age present on the grounds of any UKC event must have current inoculations for Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus. Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in disciplinary action to include disqualification.

### **Article 22. Excusing a Dog From a TAN.**

**A.** Judge's Authority to Deal With Dog Fighting During a TAN. The owner/handler of a dog involved in a fight is responsible for using whatever means he/she deems necessary to break up the fight. If the owner/handler of either dog

involved in a fight requests that the Judge assist in breaking up the dogs, the Judge may use whatever force he/she deems necessary to break up a dog fight.

- B. Reporting a Dog That is Excused for Fighting.** The Judge must indicate "Excused for fighting" in the "Other Judge's Comments" section of the Evaluation Form of any dog excused for fighting. Once excused, a dog may not participate any further in any hunting activities on the day of the excusal. The sponsoring club must send the original (white) copy and the bottom (yellow) copy of the Evaluation Form to UKC Hunting Programs Dept., 100 E Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584.

**Article 23. Barring a Dog for Fighting.**

Any dog that is excused pursuant to Article 21, Section B for fighting three times within a two year period will be barred from participating in UKC events for two years from the date of the last excusal.

- A. Notice to the Registered Owner.** When three Evaluation Forms have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been excused for fighting within a two year period, UKC will notify the registered owner(s) of the dog by certified letter. The letter will include:

1. The dates the dog was excused for fighting;
2. The names of the Judges who submitted the Evaluation Forms;
3. The UKC registration number and registered name of the dog;
4. The name and address(es) of the registered owner(s); and
5. The start and end dates of the period during which the dog is barred from participating in UKC events.

- B. Returning Dog's UKC Registration Certificate.** The owner(s) must return the dog's UKC registration certificate to UKC Hunting Programs Dept., 100 E Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584, not later than thirty (30) days from the date the certified letter is received. The certificate will be stamped "BARRED FOR FIGHTING UNTIL [date two years from the date the dog was last excused for fighting]" and returned to the registered owner(s).

- C. Reinstatement of the Dog.** At the end of the two year period, the registered owner(s) of the dog can return the registration certificate, along with the proper fee, to the UKC Registration Department for the issuance of a new registration certificate. The dog will again

be eligible to enter UKC licensed events. Any further instance of fighting by a dog after it has been barred for fighting shall result in permanent ineligibility to participate in UKC events.

**D. Penalties for Failure to Return Dog's Registration Certificate.**

If the owner(s) of the dog fails to send in the UKC registration certificate by the deadline indicated in the notification letter, the following additional penalties shall be imposed:

1. The dog may not be transferred into new ownership;
2. No litters will be registered out of or by the dog in question.

**Article 24. Excusing a Handler From a TAN.** The Judge must excuse a handler from a TAN for any act of misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct. The Judge may excuse a handler from a TAN for failure to follow the Judge's instructions. The Judge has sole discretion whether or not to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the hunt with a substitute handler. The Judge's decision in these matters is final.

**Article 25. Reimbursement of Judge's Expenses.** Clubs are responsible for making arrangements to reimburse Judges for all expenses related to the TAN. Expenses include, but are not limited to, mileage, plane fares, lodging, meals, and out-of-state hunting license as necessary. Terms of this agreement should be in writing and signed by the Judge and an authorized member of the sponsoring club in advance of any TAN event.

**Article 26. Misconduct and Discipline.**

**A. Use of Alcohol and Illegal Drugs at Events.**

The use of alcohol and illegal drugs at UKC events is prohibited. Violators may be excused from the field by the Judge, and from the show or event grounds by the Event Committee or any officer of the sponsor club, and the decisions of these officials are final. The Event Secretary must notify UKC in writing of any Judge who is excused by the sponsor club for violation of this rule.

**B. Misconduct and Discipline.**

**1. Standard of Conduct at a UKC Event.**

United Kennel Club events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog lovers and their UKC registered dogs. Accordingly, UKC expects the highest standard of conduct at events.

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

**a. Wrongdoing at a UKC Event.** This may include, but is not limited to, threatening, assaulting or battering another individual; falsifying any event-related document; cheating or conspiring to cheat in order to improve the standing of any dog competing at an event; or abusing or neglecting a dog.

**b. Violation of UKC Rules.** This may include, but is not limited to, falsification of UKC registration papers; misidentification of a dog or the parentage of a dog; abuse or neglect of dogs; or continued failure to keep proper registration records.

**3. Jurisdiction and Handling of Misconduct.** All persons present on the grounds of a UKC event during the event hours are subject to the jurisdiction of the UKC. In addition, UKC has jurisdiction over misconduct that may occur off the grounds of the event or outside event hours, provided that the misconduct is reasonably related to the event. This paragraph shall be interpreted as broadly as is necessary to regulate such off-grounds misconduct as abuse of motel rooms by persons attending the events. All misconduct shall be handled pursuant to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for handling such misconduct as set forth in the Official UKC Rules and Regulations for Field Trials, which are expressly adopted, incorporated by reference and made a part hereof by reference.

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

## HOW TO REGISTER/LIST YOUR DOG

For information on how to register or list your dog with United Kennel Club, Inc. call the Registration Department at (269) 343-9020 or visit our website at [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com).

**Single Registration Applications.** Are available for dogs that are not eligible for litter registration with United Kennel Club. Dogs must be registered with a UKC acknowledged registry and submit a copy of that registration as proof in order to be considered for registration. When requesting an application please be sure to indicate breed, age and current registry as some breeds do have specific requirements. Applications may be obtained by visiting [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com) or contacting the Registration Department at (269) 343-9020.

**Limited Privilege Applications (LP).** Are for purebred dogs of unknown pedigree as well as mixed bred dogs. Dogs must be spayed or neutered to apply. If approved a Limited Privilege Card will be issued allowing the dog to then participate in performance events such as obedience, agility and weight pull. Purebred dogs of the gun dog group may also enter hunting retriever events. Applications may be obtained by visiting [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com) or contacting the Registration Department at (269) 343-9020.

**Temporary Listing (TL) number.** Temporary Listing Numbers do not expire. This "temporary" number may be used to enter a dog in UKC events before the dog is permanently registered or permanently listed with UKC. Once a dog is permanently registered the TL number must not be used. You may enter this dog in as many shows and trials as you wish using this TL number until the dog is permanently registered at which time the TL number is void. UKC will keep track of points and qualifying legs earned by your dog during this time.

Temporary Listing numbers may be purchased and issued at events listing availability on the UKC website. Temporary Listing numbers may also be purchased and issued on the same day by calling the Dog Events Department at UKC during regular business hours.

A Temporary Listing (TL) number may be issued to:

1. Any purebred dog that is eligible for registration with UKC.
2. Any spayed/neutered purebred dog that is ineligible for permanent registration with UKC.
3. Any spayed/neutered mixed-bred dog eligible to participate in UKC performance events.
4. TL numbers are not valid for events that have already occurred.
5. All Temporary Listing Numbers are non-refund-



able, non-transferable, and do not apply to the cost of permanent registration or Limited Privilege numbers.

6. Owners may choose when to send in their "Application for Single Registration" or "Application for Limited Privilege" form. We encourage you to be sure that we receive your application for permanent registration or listing no later than 60 days from the date of issue! However, if the application is received after that time, don't worry as your application will still be accepted.
7. A TL number must not be issued to the following dogs:
  - A dog that has previously been issued a UKC permanent registration number;
  - A dog that has previously been issued a UKC Limited Privilege number.
8. Any wins, titles earned, Top Ten points or All Star points will not reflect on the dog's record until it is permanently registered or listed. As the dog owner, you are responsible to complete and submit the application for registration along with the proper registration fees and any additional TL fees based on the following schedule.

Once your dog is permanently registered (meeting the registration requirements of the TL number and the fee structure noted below) with the United Kennel Club, all points and legs earned using your valid TL number will be entered into your dog's permanent UKC records.

**TL Number to Permanent UKC Number Conversion Fee Schedule.** The listed schedule of fees only refers to the cost of converting the TL history onto your dogs permanent record after it is registered with UKC. The normal registration fees still apply when registering your dog with UKC.

From the date of TL purchase to the actual date we receive the application at the UKC offices:

- 0-60 days – No charge
- 61-120 days - \$50
- 121-180 days - \$100
- 181-240 days - \$150
- 241-320 days - \$200
- 321-365 days - \$250
- 365+ days - \$300

Applications may be obtained by visiting [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com) or contacting the Dog Events Department at (269) 343-9020.

**Litter Registration Applications-** Are to register the offspring produced from the mating of a UKC registered Sire and Dam. Both the Sire and Dam must be permanently registered before the litter may be registered. The litter must be registered within one year from the date of birth. An Application for Permanent Registration is issued for each puppy in the litter. Breeders may obtain permanent registration certificates at the time of litter registration on any puppy they plan to keep and if they choose to do so will receive a discounted rate. Breeders may also choose to directly transfer puppies to new owners at the time of litter registration at the regular transfer fee. Applications may be obtained by visiting [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com) or contacting the Registration Department at (269) 343-9020.

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# Where are they Now?



## We can tell you with The Offspring Report

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