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LICENSES

Bench Show Judges License Application	\$20
Master of Hounds License Application	\$20
Event Licenses —	
Beagle Hunt	\$25
Bench Show	\$17
Event Recording Fee (per dog entered)	\$2
Late Fee (for event reports received more than 10 days after the event is held)	\$20
Plus \$20 for each month past due.	

All fees to be paid in U.S. funds.

Important Information About Fees

- All fees must be submitted in U.S. Funds. Out of Country personal checks may be used, however the words "Payable in U.S. Funds" must be included on the check.
- It is not recommended to send cash to pay for services.
- A fee of \$25 will be charged for checks returned for insufficient funds or accounts closed (bounced checks). The customer is also placed in a "money order only" situation. No other work or services will be performed until the individual makes the check good. All work is blocked, which prohibits further activity until the check is made good.
- It is important to pay all accounts with UKC within 30 days to maintain good standing with United Kennel Club. Outstanding accounts will be turned over to collection. ☐



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INHERENT RIGHTS & POWERS OF UKC

(Revised December 18, 2009)

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

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

- 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 registration) or to any member of that person's family.

- Bar an individual from receiving Championship points for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full registration).

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

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

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

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

Registration Rules and Policies

For information on UKC Registration Rules and Policies, contact:

Registration Department • United Kennel Club, Inc.

100 East Kilgore Road • Kalamazoo MI 49002-5584

(269) 343-9020 • registration@ukcdogs.com • www.ukcdogs.com

Sending Work to UKC

United Kennel Club suggests that all fees for UKC services be submitted in a personal check, money order or with the use of most major credit cards. Sending cash is not suggested.

When more than one piece of work is mailed to UKC and different services are requested, i.e., a seven-generation pedigree on one dog and a three-generation pedigree on another, instructions should be included as to exactly what work is required.

Mail Litter Applications to:

Litter Department

Litters may also be registered online at
www.ukcdogs.com/OnLineLitterReg.html.

Mail Transfer Applications 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:

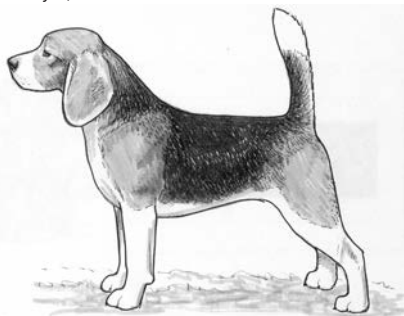
Beagle Field Operations ☐

Beagle

Official UKC Breed Standard Scenthound Group

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The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

HISTORY

There is considerable doubt as to the origin of the Beagle. Beagles are known throughout Europe, and are the smallest of the scent hunting hounds. In literature, they were mentioned as far back as 1475.

Their popularity has been greater in the United States and Canada. Beagles have been in the "Top Ten" of most popular breeds for over 30 years, and are one of the most popular breeds in America.

The UKC Hunting Beagle is a "total" dog, excelling as a hunter while possessing excellent conformation. Looks and ability go hand-in-hand in developing the ideal UKC Hunting Beagle.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Beagle has been referred to as "a foxhound in miniature". A smooth, short-haired hound, slightly longer than tall. Ears lay close to the head. Usually tri-color (black, white and tan), but all typical hound color combinations are acceptable.

Because the Beagle is first and foremost a hunting hound, scars (the result of honorable wounds) shall not be considered faults nor shall they be penalized by Judges. This includes cuts, nicks, notches on the ears, and/or ears that are frayed at the edges from working in brush, tall grass, etc.

Disqualifications: Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

CHARACTERISTICS

An independent personality is a generalization of most hounds, although individuals may vary. Has a good hound voice. Usually friendly disposition. Can make a good house pet or outside dog.

Disqualifications: Viciousness or extreme shyness.

HEAD & SKULL

The skull is fairly long. It is slightly domed at the occiput. The cranium is broad and full. The muzzle is of medium length. It is straight, and square cut, with the stop moderately defined.

TEETH - A full complement of strong, white teeth meet in a scissors or level bite.

Disqualifications: Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.)

EYES - The large eyes are set well apart. They have a soft, hound-like expression; gentle and pleading. They are brown or hazel in color.

Disqualification: Blind.

EARS - The ears are set moderately low, setting close to the head. The forward edge turns slightly into the cheek. They are long reaching when drawn out, extending nearly to the end of the nose. They are fine in texture. The ears are fairly broad and rounded at the tip; with almost no erectile power.

Disqualification: Deaf.

NECK

The medium-length neck rises free and light from the shoulders. It is strong in substance, yet not loaded. The throat is clean and free of folds of skin. A slight wrinkle below the angle of the jaw is acceptable.

Faults: A thick, short neck carried on a line with the top of the shoulder. Throat showing dewlap and folds of skin, termed "throatiness."

FOREQUARTERS

The clean, muscular, sloping shoulders convey the idea of freedom of action with activity and strength. They are not heavy nor loaded.

FORELEGS - The straight forelegs have plenty of bone in proportion to the size of the hound. The pasterns are short and straight.

Faults: Straight, upright shoulder. Out at the elbows. Knees buckled or bent backwards. Crooked or bowed forelegs.

BODY

The chest is deep and broad, but not so much as to interfere with the free play of the shoulders. The back is muscular and strong. The broad loins are slightly arched. The well-sprung ribs provide an abundance of lung room.

Faults: Disproportionately wide chest. Lack of chest depth. Very long, swayed, or roached back. Flat, narrow loins. Flat, narrow ribs.

HINDQUARTERS

The strong, well-muscled hips and thighs provide an abundance of propelling power.

HIND LEGS - The stifles are strong and well let down. The firm, symmetrical hocks are moderately bent.

FEET

The feet are close, round, and firm. The pads are full and hard.

Faults: Long feet. Open, spreading feet.

TAIL

The tail is set moderately high. It is carried gaily over the back with a slight curve, not turned forward. It is short as compared with the size of the hound, and has a brush. *Faults:* A long tail. Excessive curve. Inclined forward from the root. Rat tail with absence of brush.

COAT

The Beagle has a close, hard, hound coat of medium length.

COLOR

All typical hound color combinations. No solid colors are acceptable.

Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Not to exceed 15 inches. Height is measured across the shoulders at the highest point (withers), with the hound standing in a natural position, with its feet well under it, not leaning forward or backward.

ELIMINATING FAULTS

(An Eliminating Fault is a Fault serious enough that it eliminates the dog from obtaining any awards in a conformation event.)

Over 15 inches in height.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.

Viciousness or extreme shyness.

Albinism.

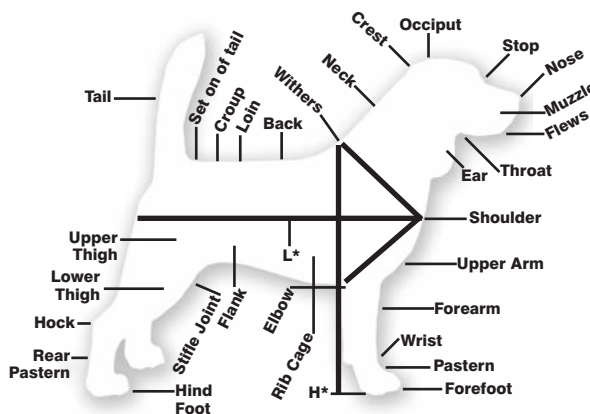
Overshot bite. Undershot bite. (Overshot or undershot is defined as having a visible gap between the upper and lower teeth.)

Deaf.

Blind.

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF BODY PARTS

To aid in the judging of Beagles, the following illustration is presented as a guide to assist the Judge. It must be remembered that balance is the most desired quality to seek in evaluating dogs. It is the way those parts work in unison that make up the proper working hound. Remember: the whole dog is more important than the individual parts!



L* Point for determining length of dog
H* Point for determining height of a dog

EVENT INFORMATION

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Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events

1. REGISTRANT

A registrant is any individual whose name appears on the front of the Registration Certificate or the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. If the Registrant utilizes the Registration Certificate instead of the UKC Easy Entry™ Card, they may enter the dog in the event provided that the Transfer Application is blank.

2. NEW REGISTRANT

The new Registrant(s) is/are an individual(s) who has/have purchased a dog from the current Sole Signatory/Registrant(s). The new Sole Signatory/Registrant(s) may enter the dog as Conditional (see Conditional Entries below) until the dog is transferred to the new Sole Signatory/Registrant(s). The new Sole Signatory or any new Registrant will enter the dog listing it in its current registered name, the current Sole Signatory's/Registrant's name (Seller) as the owner and the new Sole Signatory or any new Registrant as the handler. The new Sole Signatory or any of the new Registrants may not enter using the old Sole Signatory or the old Registrant's UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

3. SOLE SIGNATORY

Effective April 15, 2013 any dog that is registered to more than one Registrant must select a Sole Signatory. Up to four Registrants will be permitted on a dog's record. The individual whose name appears first on the Registration Certificate and UKC Easy Entry™ Card is recorded as the Sole Signatory of the dog. The individual selected and recorded as the Sole Signatory will assume all registration responsibility for the dog. The signature of the Sole Signatory is required to transfer the dog or register any offspring. However, any Registrant listed on the dog's record is permitted to enter the dog in a UKC event.

EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participant must submit one of the following to entry takers.

1. Dog's Registration Certificate.

2. Dog's UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

3. CONDITIONAL: A Conditional Entry is one where the participant is not in receipt of the required Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card for the dog. The participant may enter their dog as Conditional with a fee of \$5 in addition to the entry fee. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or handler that the information provided to the entry taker is accurate. Otherwise, Championship points or wins for the entry might not be awarded. Entry takers shall not require any copies of the Registration

Certificate, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or otherwise. It is the responsibility of the participant to provide the most accurate information possible. Club officials will make record of any Conditional Entries taken on the Event Fees Worksheet Form included in the Event Packet.

4. PENDING: Dogs may be entered as "pending" only if the Beagle is single registered the day of the event in which they wish to enter, or if single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club within 45 days prior to the date of the event they wish to enter. Once permanent registration papers are received by registrant, that dog can no longer be entered as pending.

5. NON-REGISTERED DOG: Dogs may be entered as a "Non-Registered Dog" with a fee of \$3, in addition to the entry fee. Clubs must note fees taken on their Event Fee Worksheet and include with all other event fees to UKC. If the dog entered places in the event the owner is given 60 days to single register the dog with the UKC. They must attach a copy of the win receipt(s) along with the single registration application and mail it to UKC. Any Championship points earned expire if the dog is not registered within 60 days after the event.

However, the owner may request the expired points be reinstated after the dog has been registered by submitting a copy of the win receipt(s) along with a fee of \$50 to UKC Field Operations.

NOTICE - Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a UKC Hunting Beagle Champion or Grand Hunting Beagle Champion may be entered in the next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by United Kennel Club.

NOTE - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's registrant are in accordance with those kept by UKC. Neither UKC nor the host club is responsible for any mistakes made by the registrant of these dogs concerning the dog's degree. If it is found that the registrant's records were in error, and the dog had not fulfilled the requirements for a Championship title, all points attained by that dog in the higher level will be considered void.

WARNING - No copies of Registration Certificates, Pedigrees, Championship, Grand Championship or UKC Easy Entry™ Cards will be accepted.

United Kennel Club will withdraw points for any dogs if it is learned that the proper papers were not presented to the entry takers. Anyone caught placing UKC registration papers on another dog will be barred from registration and/or participation in UKC licensed events.

Clubs not requiring the proper papers risk losing approval to conduct future UKC licensed events.

UKC EASY ENTRY™ CARD

For years, participants and club officials asked for a simpler, more efficient way to enter dogs at UKC licensed events. Some feared loss or damage to their valuable papers and others forget to bring the proper papers, resulting in their inability to enter the event. United Kennel Club devised a means to solve these problems, the UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

At no additional charge, UKC will mail, along with the UKC Registration Certificate and Pedigree, the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The UKC Easy Entry™ Card may be used in place of the Registration Certificate when entering UKC licensed events. Updated cards will also be mailed, along with the Championship Degree, to the Registered Owner without charge, each time the dog earns a new UKC title.

Registered owners may still enter their dogs on their UKC Registration Certificate if they wish.

Additional Easy Entry™ cards are available for a fee from the Registration Department for dual ownership situations.

SINGLE REGISTERING BEAGLES AT UKC EVENTS

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The single registration process has been approved for Hunting Beagle events in an effort to provide a service to hunters all across the country. This process will benefit the hunter by allowing him to initiate the registration process at Hunting Beagle events. It will also benefit your club by bringing many new people to the club to register dogs, as well as building a larger base of registered dogs, which the club will draw to licensed events.

Dogs may be single registered in the morning and then run in the Registered portion of the hunt. Upon entry, the dogs UKC number should be listed as pending. All dogs registered at the club level are subject to final approval at United Kennel Club.

Dogs may be single registered at events by following the outline below:

1. One club member should be responsible for single registering dogs. The more hands that are involved in the process, the greater the chance of confusion.
2. Provide three (3) color pictures of the dog. One of each side of the dog, and one of the front of the dog, all at eye level and in a standing position.
3. It is not required to take a height measurement of the dog for registration purposes.
4. The registrant of the dog must completely fill out the registration application. Ancestry that is not known may be omitted and will be referred to as open on the pedigree. Be sure to have them answer

the questions on the back of the application.

5. Collect the fee that is due and issue the individual a receipt for their payment. The club may wish to purchase a receipt book for this purpose. The single registration fee is listed in the upper right hand corner of the registration application.

It will become the club's responsibility to forward all single registration applications along with the three photos and the proper fee to UKC. This may be sent along with the club's hunt report following the event. For your protection, please transfer all cash received into the form of a check or money order prior to mailing.

This process allows the hunter a chance to receive an application, have pictures taken, have the application approved by a club officer and sent into the UKC office for them. With a minimal effort on behalf of the hunter and the club, another dog will soon be eligible to compete in licensed Hunting Beagle events.

Please forward any questions regarding the pre-registration process to the Field Operations department at United Kennel Club.

MEASURING HOUNDS

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The act of measuring hounds is important in two different situations at all UKC Beagle events. First, any hound single registered on the day of the event, must be measured prior to entry of the hunt.

Second, all hounds except those that are permanently measured must be measured the day of the event prior to entry of hunt or show. Those hounds measuring over 15 inches will not be eligible to be hunted or shown that day. If a hound meets the measurement requirement in the morning prior to the hunt, that same hound need not be measured for the show. The registrant/handler of a hound that is measured over 15 inches by one of the entry takers, may appeal to have the hound measured by the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director or Bench Show Judge. Their decisions are final.

A drop bar type measuring stand or a rigid, one piece, wicket-type stand set for 15 inches are both acceptable types of measuring devices. A tape measure is not an acceptable means of measuring dogs at events. Dogs must be measured at ground level. The height of the dog is the distance from the ground to the top of the shoulders or withers. This point at the top of the shoulders is where the neck appears to meet the shoulders. The dog's legs should be directly under him and not leaning forward or backward. The registrant/handler may assist in posing the dog and steadying him. No physical alterations may be made to dogs to comply

with height restrictions.

AWARDS AT UKC LICENSED EVENTS

The Host Club has a few different options for awards to their winners. Trophies or plaques are the most popular because winners then have a memento by which to remember that hunt. Clubs may also choose to have a Poor Boy event where no awards are given. Generally, entry fees are lower for Poor Boy events. If the club chooses to not give awards they are strongly encouraged to note "Poor Boy" on the Event Confirmation form so it can be advertised as such.

Monetary prizes may also be awarded. The club may choose to pay back entry fees or some other monetary prize to their winners. In the event they wish to include an added purse in their award package the club should include such notice in the Special Instructions section when confirming the event. Distribution of such prize money is the sole responsibility of the club. The UKC will not enter into any disputes thereof.

UKC Slam events award monetary payouts to the winners based on the event fee and total entry. 55% of the entry fee is used for prize payouts. Payout breakdowns are included with all Slam Event packages. See UKC Slam Events in this rulebook.

The club must understand and be aware that there may be additional law and tax implications that they will need to adhere should they be interested in awarding monetary prizes or conduct any Calcutta type activities at their event. UKC cannot provide any legal advice or information regarding any additional laws and/or tax implications that may be associated with such activities, and is not responsible for any complications that may arise. Clubs are responsible for ensuring compliance on their own, and must know that they proceed at their own risk with any such activities.

TITLES OF EXCELLENCE AND THE REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THEM

The rules, regulations, classifications, classes and Championship points as recognized by United Kennel Club are uniform throughout the United States and Canada. They are not given on a local or geographical basis.

The degrees of excellence as issued and recognized by the United Kennel Club are:

1. UKC HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPION (HBCH) - The official UKC points awarded in the Registered portion of a UKC licensed hunt are as follows:

PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
1st	40	6th	15
2nd	35	7th	10
3rd	30	8th	5
4th	25	9th	5
5th	20	10th	5

To be declared an official Hunting Beagle Champion, a dog must have at least 100 UKC points recorded on the records in the UKC Championship Office and have at least one first place win in a UKC licensed Hunt.

2. UKC SHOW CHAMPION (CH) - The following points and classes have been established for the placement of a UKC registered dog in order to earn Show Championship points.

Definition of Classes: Males and females are shown separately except in the Best of Winners, Champion, and Grand Champion categories.

Puppy Class: Shall be dogs at least six months of age and under one year of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Junior Class: Shall be for dogs one year of age and under two years of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Senior Class: Shall be for dogs two years of age and under three years of age. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Veteran Class: Shall be for dogs three years of age and over. The winner of this class will be awarded ten points.

Best Male and Female: Shall be selected from the winners of the Puppy, Junior, Senior and Veteran classes. Best Male and Best Female will be awarded 15 points.

Best of Winners: Shall be awarded to the winner of Best Male shown against Best Female. The winner will be known as Best of Winners and will be awarded ten points. If no competition in Best of Winners class, Best of Winners points will be withheld.

Points Awarded:	
First in Class - Males	10 points
First in Class - Females	10 points
Best Male	15 points
Best Female	15 points
Best of Winners	10 points

Qualifications for Show Champion: A Show Champion will be a dog that has earned a minimum of 100 UKC recorded Championship points and one win with competition while showing for Best Male or Best Female. Points must have been earned under at least three different UKC licensed Show Judges. Champion Males and Females are shown together and a Championship win will be awarded to the winner.

3. UKC GRAND HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPION (GRHBCH) - Earned by winning five Hunting Beagle

Champion events at a UKC licensed hunt. In this portion of the event, only Hunting Beagle Champions compete against Hunting Beagle Champions.

The number of dogs awarded Hunting Beagle Champion wins is based on the number of Champions entered in the event.

# Of HBCH's Entered	# Of Dogs Given HBCH Placements
1 - 20	1
21 - 40	2
41 - 60	3
61 & Over	5

Placements will only be given to HB Champions who are cast winners. For example, in an event in which there are 45 HB Champions entered, the three highest scoring HB Champion cast winners would be given wins toward their GRHB Champion degree.

In case of a two-day hunt, when calculating the number of HB Champions entered, each day is counted separately.

4. UKC GRAND SHOW CHAMPION (GR CH) - A Grand Show Champion will be a dog that has won five Champion classes under at least three different UKC licensed Show Judges. Winning may be over a period of years at any UKC licensed show. Degree of Grand Show Champion will be awarded to the registrant. Male and Female Grand Show Champions are shown together.

NOTE: A dog is not an official Champion or a Grand Champion until the records of the dog in the UKC Registration Office indicate same.

UPCOMING LICENSED EVENTS

In an effort to aid clubs and provide one complete source of upcoming event advertising information, UKC requires that a club provide UKC with complete information about their events. The information will then appear in the free event list, also known as "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events".

This information appears each month in *American Beagler* and the UKC website, listing all UKC licensed events for the following month. For example, information on July events will appear in the June issue.

"Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" contains the following information: location, directions, date, licensed events held, entry deadlines, entry fees, and who to contact and their phone number.

The information is organized first by state and then by date within that state.

Club secretaries should read the article, "Club Officer's Guidelines for Conducting UKC Events".

If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found in the Upcoming Events list, the Upcoming Events list is considered correct and what the club must go by. The "Upcoming Events" listing on the UKC website is the final authority.

Example:

MICHIGAN

MI, Kalamazoo; Kalamazoo Co. Beagle Club; follow I-94 north to N Westnedge exit; turn right; 1/2 mile to club. Contact Bob Jones (269) 555-1234.

Jan. 14 Show 12:00 p.m. \$6. Hunt 8:00 a.m. CH. & GR. 12:00 p.m. \$10.

Explanation of Example

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Kalamazoo Co. Beagle Club, on January 14, will be having a Beagle Bench Show and Hunt. The deadline for entry for the Bench Show is 12:00 p.m. and the entry fee is \$6. The Hunt deadline is 8:00 a.m. for taking Registered entries and 12:00 p.m. for Champions and Grand Champions entries. The Hunt entry fee is \$10.

CLUB OFFICERS GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING LICENSED EVENTS

January 1, 2016

Scheduling Your UKC Dates:

1. Contact the Field Operations Department at the United Kennel Club at the following address to determine if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event: Field Operations/United Kennel Club, 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584, (269) 343-9020 or at hounds@ukcdogs.com. This must be done to see if the requested date is available and does not conflict with another club's event.

To avoid conflicts, no two clubs will be scheduled within 100 miles. UKC endeavors to maintain the same dates for your licensed club events from year to year; however, they may vary a week or so, depending on the change in the calendar. Be sure to check the dates indicated on the Confirmation. These dates cannot be changed without approval from United Kennel Club. UKC will mail the Confirmation to your corresponding officer approximately four months prior to your event. If there is any question about your dates, contact the Field Operations office immediately. Clubs or organizations cannot advertise their events until they have received a Confirmation of their requested date from the United Kennel Club.

2. Request for additional club dates must be made

with ample time to meet Upcoming Events publication requirements. (Allow at least 60 days prior to the event). A maximum of three dates for UKC licensed events will be granted for the first probationary year, thereafter a maximum of 7 dates will be granted.

3. A club may not change the location of an event without contacting UKC at least 90 days prior to the event. UKC reserves the right to grant or deny approval.

4. When the Confirmation is received by the corresponding officer, they must fill out all the requested information on the front. The club determines and sets the entry deadlines and fees. If all information is not included no license will be granted. Make sure that the Officer's List contains the correct names, addresses and phone numbers of the club's officers. Return one copy of the Invoice/Confirmation with the Officer's List (if there are changes) and the proper fee two months prior to the event by the first of the month. Provided the completed confirmation is received on time, your event will then be listed free in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing in *American Beagler* magazine and on the UKC website the month before the event is to be held. If the confirmation is not received by the deadline, the date will not be held for the next year unless UKC is contacted.

5. License Fees

- a. Hunt: \$25
- b. Bench Show: \$17

6. Checks or money orders for fees are to be made payable to the United Kennel Club and mailed along with UKC's copy of the confirmation.

7. Advertising Your Event.

- a. Advertising other than that appearing in *American Beagler* and UKC website free upcoming events listing is recommended but not required.
- b. If club does decide to advertise, the information in the advertisement must be the same as the information in the Upcoming Events listing. The "Upcoming Events" listing on the UKC website is the final authority. If information in an advertisement for an event disagrees with the information found on the website Upcoming Events Listing, then the website listing (UCE) is considered correct and what the club must go by.

How to Conduct your UKC Licensed Event.

1. License and Event Supplies:

- a. Event supplies are available from UKC and sent prior to the event. Some material is also available on the UKC website.

b. Upon receipt of the package, the corresponding officer should check to make sure they have received all needed materials. If not, contact UKC immediately at (269) 343-9020 or hounds@ukcdogs.com.

c. If the package is not received two weeks prior to the event, contact Field Operations immediately at (269) 343-9020 or hounds@ukcdogs.com.

2. Licensed Officials: All clubs holding UKC licensed events must check to see that the person serving their event as Bench Show Judge has a current UKC license. If the person does not have a current license in their possession, DO NOT schedule them to judge the event. You have the right to request to see the license or you may contact UKC for verification. If the individual serves your event without a current license, the club will be responsible and may lose approved status for future UKC licensed events. This policy will be rigidly enforced. If you have difficulty obtaining a licensed individual to judge your event, check the UKC website for a list of licensed judges in your region. Please confirm the status of the license well in advance of the event.

3. Things to do the Day of the Event:

- a. Post legible signs at all major intersections directing participants to your club.
- b. Post the length of hunt time being used (60 or 90 minutes) for the event. Post the length of the Registered Winners Pack (60 or 90 minutes). Note: It is mandatory that WQE events are 90-minute hunts.
- c. Post entry deadline time and deadline for return of scorecards.
- d. Club is responsible for having an adequate number of qualified guides and judges on hand.

4. Taking Entries: Carefully follow the procedures outlined under the "Master of Hounds/Hunt Director Guidelines" and "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events".

5. Reporting the Results of Your Event to UKC:

- a. Complete the Official UKC report forms. Be sure that the UKC number, the registrant's name, city and state, and the handler's name are correct. Use dog's complete registered name on reports.
- b. The completed report forms are then to be checked and signed by all required individuals. Hunt Report Forms must be signed by the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director and at least two officers of the club (not less than three different persons). Bench Show Report Forms must be signed by the Bench Show Judge and at least two officers of the club (not less than three different persons). Three signatures are required. Each person signing a report should review it

- thoroughly. Their signature indicates that they have done so and that the information is correct.
- c. Clubs must retain their copies of their reports in addition to the scorecards for a period of one year. The Master of Hounds/Hunt Director or Bench Show Judge must also keep their copy of the reports for one year.
 - d. Completed and signed reports are then to be returned to UKC's Championship Department, along with a fee of \$2.00 for each dog entered in each licensed event. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten (10) days of the event or a penalty charge of \$20 will be made. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are thirty (30) days past due. This will be rigidly enforced.

The club will be responsible for following the above rules. Failure to do so will result in the loss of approval of future licensed events and winning placements may be affected.

THE LOCAL CLUB MANAGEMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY DOG OR HANDLER. HOWEVER, NO HANDLER SHALL BE BARRED ON BASIS OF RELIGION, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR SEX.

ANY PERSON CAUGHT ADMINISTERING UNPRESCRIBED DRUGS TO ANY DOG WILL BE BARRED FROM REGISTERING DOGS AND PARTICIPATING IN UKC EVENTS.

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR UNPRESCRIBED DRUGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE HUNT OR IN THE BUILDINGS THE DAY OF A UKC LICENSED EVENT.

HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPIONS, GRAND HUNTING BEAGLE CHAMPIONS

Each hunt must have a Champion and Grand Champion cast. Hunting Beagle Champion and Grand Champion casts may utilize a separate hunt entry deadline. In order to receive credit, a Hunting Beagle Champion or Grand Champion must have a total score of plus points and hunt the entire hunt. This is to apply even if only one Champion or Grand Champion is present to be entered in these casts. A non-hunting judge must be assigned to any one-dog cast. A Hunting Beagle Champion or Grand Champion cannot hunt in open competition. They must hunt in own class, not lower. NOTE: If five dogs in Champion or Grand Champion hunt, divide into a three- and a two-dog casts.

Dogs entered in UKC Beagle Hunts cannot be muzzled.

SCRATCHED FOR FIGHTING POLICY

UKC will notify the registrants 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 Hunt - have been received by UKC indicating a dog has been "Scratched for Fighting" or attempting to fight within a two (2) year period: The reports will be checked to see if they have been properly certified by (1) Judge of the cast, (2) the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director or Bench Show Judge and (3) two different officers of the club. If the reports are properly signed-off, the registrant 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 registrant's name, address and the time barred for fighting will be published in *American Beagler* magazine. 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 registrant. 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 two (2) year period, the registrant 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 registrant 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 registration 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.

United Kennel Club 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 of a cast or the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director, UKC reserves the right unto itself to make the necessary corrections and adjustments in line with our Inherent Rights and Powers.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CLUBS

Please read the following outline of requirements carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Field Operations.

The club name submitted to United Kennel Club will be considered your club's official name and will be utilized by UKC unless otherwise notified by your club in writing and signed by at least three officers of the club. We should be informed immediately of the specific location where licensed events will be held, along with the names, complete addresses and telephone numbers of new officers, and particularly the corresponding officer following each election.

1. Additional club requirements:

- a. UKC recommends a membership that includes enough active members to properly conduct an event without relying on outside help.
- b. Constitution and bylaws must be submitted (sample copy available upon request.)
- c. In addition to UKC rules and policies, clubs must ensure that all Federal, state and local laws must be followed. It is the club's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and regulations, and a statement to this effect must be included in the club Constitution and By-Laws.

Sample: All licensed events sponsored by the club will be run in accordance with the rules and policies set forth by the organization for which the license has been issued. The club shall also be aware of any and all Federal, state and local laws and are responsible to ensure that applicable laws and regulations are followed.

- d. The club must provide a complete membership list of all the active members.

2. Rules concerning dates for UKC licensed events:

- a. Notify Field Operations at least five months in advance of dates you prefer. A new club will be

allowed three event dates. Provided those events meet expectations a maximum of seven dates may be allowed.

- b. UKC will mail a confirmation form, confirming your club's dates approximately four months prior to the event, to your club's corresponding officer. It must be completed and returned by the date indicated on the form. Incomplete forms, late forms or failure to include proper fees will result in no license being granted. Be sure the form is complete, and on time! No exceptions will be made to this policy. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE CONFIRMATION FORM. THE INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO SUPPLY THE DATE FOR THE "UPCOMING EVENTS LIST". THE INFORMATION MUST BE GIVEN FOR THE EVENT SO IT WILL APPEAR IN UPCOMING EVENTS LISTINGS IN PUBLICATIONS AND THE UKC WEBSITE, OR UKC CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED.

3. Suggestions for successful events:

- a. Practice or "buddy" hunts should be conducted to familiarize members with the UKC Honor Rules.
- b. Contact your state corporation office in order to make the club a non-profit corporation.
- c. It is suggested that you purchase a liability insurance policy before conducting events.
- d. Periodic rule seminars should be held to update members on rule changes.
- e. Appoint separate committees for all aspects of your event. Committees for the hunt, Bench Show, kitchen, membership, trophies or any other club activity will spread the workload around and ensure success.
- f. Do not accept late entries! Doing so will void the entry at your UKC licensed event.
- g. Read *American Beagler* magazines or check the UKC website for updates on UKC rules and policies.
- h. Contact Field Operations with any questions pertaining to your club or its events.

Any advertising your club wishes to do in a publication is optional and does not cover the requirements for obtaining a license in accordance with UKC policy.

BENCH SHOW INFORMATION

Revised January 1, 2016

Entry Requirements

All registrants or handlers wishing to enter a Beagle Bench Show must meet one of the following requirements in addition to meeting proof-of-registration requirements.

1. The dog must have 50 championship points from the hunt portion of a previous UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Event.
2. The dog must have been entered in, and completed the designated first round cast time in an Elimination Event in the hunt portion of the UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Event the day of the show or be scratched by the Judge. Dogs withdrawn by handler or scratched in accordance with rule 6 (b) or any action deemed to be an intentional scratch are not eligible to be shown that day.

It will be the club's responsibility, as part of their entry procedure, to see that the above requirements are met. Championship points receipts may be required by the club as proof before entry is accepted.

Bench Show Rules

1. A UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show is a distinctive gathering of UKC registered Beagles and their registrants for the purpose of determining the winners and making an official record of such winnings. Only UKC registered dogs compete in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Non-registered dogs cannot be entered in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show.
2. UKC licensed shows MUST appear in the "Upcoming UKC Licensed Events" listing on the UKC website in order for the event to be approved and Championship points awarded.
3. The local club management has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler shall be barred on basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age or sex.
4. No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline for any reason. The show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.
5. The permanent registration certificate or Easy Entry™ Card must be presented to the entry taker(s) to enter a dog in a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. Otherwise the entry may be accepted as Conditional. These rules are to be strictly followed. Clubs found to be accepting Bench Show entries without the registration certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card could lose the right to hold UKC licensed events. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events" in this rulebook.
6. Dogs may be entered in the Champion or Grand

Champion portions of a UKC licensed event when the registration certificate is presented along with the Championship or Grand Championship degree or UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The Championship degree is not required if the registration certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card indicates the Championship.

7. No copies of a registration certificate, pedigree, championship degree, or UKC Easy Entry™ Card will be accepted.

8. Only one UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge shall judge a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show. A panel of Judges cannot be used. The Judge will follow the rules and regulations covering the show, and sign the official UKC report for show winners and award Championship points. Judges shall be familiar with UKC Beagle Bench Show procedures (listed elsewhere). The Judge must sign the report immediately following the show so that the officers of the club may sign.

9. The Judge's decision is final. Any exhibitor entering dogs in any show is, in effect, asking the Judge for their personal opinion and decision. Any exhibitor may question the Judge concerning their decision at the time the decision is made, after the completion of the class in which the exhibitor's dog is entered. Such questions shall be presented in a sportsmanlike manner. It is suggested that the Judges give oral comments after selection of Best Male/Best Female winners and above.

10. If a dog is shown in the wrong class, no Championship points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the registrant to see that their dog has been entered and shown in the correct class. Dogs must compete in each class as they advance unless scratched by the Bench Show Judge. The handler may not withdraw the dog at any point throughout the show, except for health reasons. Dogs withdrawn for health reasons will be subject to verification by a licensed veterinarian.

11. **Notice** - Dogs which fulfill the requirements for a Grand Champion may be entered in the next level of competition even though they have not been officially notified of their new title by the United Kennel Club.

Warning! - This is contingent on the condition that the records kept by the dog's registrant are in accordance with those kept by UKC.

Neither UKC nor the host club are responsible for any mistakes made by the registrants of these dogs concerning the dog's degree.

If it is found that the registrant's records were in error, and the dog had not fulfilled the requirements for Championship title, all points attained by that dog in the higher level will be considered void.

12. The Judge shall have the right to disqualify any

registrant or handler for misconduct, or any dog for growling, snapping or fighting. If a dog is disqualified for growling, snapping and fighting, it must be reported and sent along with the Bench Show report to UKC. Read detailed policy "Disqualified for Fighting - UKC Beagle Bench Show Policy," elsewhere in the rulebook.

13. Any person intimidating, threatening or injuring a Bench Show participant, Judge, club officer or UKC representative, will be barred for one year up to life from any UKC licensed event. Details on this particular rule can be found elsewhere in the rulebook.

14. Any person caught administering un-prescribed drugs to any dog will be barred for life from registering dogs and participating in UKC events.

15. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, un-prescribed drugs or firearms will be allowed on the grounds or while participating in the show or in the buildings during the hours of the event.

16. Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until that dog is called for showing.

17. It is the responsibility of the registrant or handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will be ready to enter their dog in the correct class. If a dog is not shown due to neglect of the registrant or handler, there is no way to enter that particular dog in that show.

18. Registrants, handlers and spectators may not interfere with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.

19. A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

20. Handlers are responsible for their conduct and personal appearance.

21. Dogs must be benched. The bench on which the dogs shall be shown must be two (2) feet high and eighteen (18) inches wide with the top covered with indoor/outdoor carpeting or some similar non-slip surface. (Dogs stand well on rough material while they tend to "cow down" on a slippery or smooth surface). Individual benches of a minimum length of 44 inches are recommended. If the benches do not meet these standards, the Judge shall still allow the show to be held, but should instruct the club to correct the problem and notify UKC that the benches do not meet the standards.

22. A Bench Show report shall be filled out and signed by two club officers and the Bench Show Judge. A total of three different signatures are required. One copy shall be retained by the club for one year, one copy by the Judge and one copy sent

to UKC. The host club and Judge are responsible for the report being accurate, neat and properly filled out, showing the complete names of the dogs, correct UKC registration numbers, sire and dam information, names of registrants and handlers and their addresses. The United Kennel Club accepts the report of each show as an accurate and true report of the Bench Show.

23. The club sponsoring the show will forward with the report and the fee of \$2.00 per dog entered in the Bench Show to UKC. Reports must be submitted to UKC within ten days of the event or a penalty fee of \$20 will be charged. An additional charge of \$20 per month will be made for reports that are 30 days past due.

24. Dogs shall not be judged on handlers showmanship.

25. No grooming devices (such as combs, brushes, cleaning cloths) are to be used while dog is on the bench.

26. Baiting of dogs is not allowed in show rings.

27. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.

28. Female dogs in season shall not be shown.

29. Dogs will be disqualified if male is castrated or female is spayed.

30. A male is disqualified if monorchid or cryptorchid (lacking two normal descended testicles in the scrotum.)

31. A dog is disqualified if it is deaf or blind.

32. A dog is disqualified if overshot or undershot.

33. Dogs will be evaluated both while gaited and shown on the bench.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENCH SHOW JUDGE

AUTHORITY:

The UKC Hunting Beagle Program not only encourages dogs to be hunted in our UKC events, it is required that they hunt in order to show, at least until they acquire championship hunt points. Bench Show Judges should pay particular attention not to penalize a dog that has been hunted. A Hunting Beagle shown on the bench should be in field ready condition and have the strength and endurance to compete according to the Hunting Beagle rules.

1. The Judge is in charge of the show, and their decisions are final.

2. Judge may disqualify any dog for unsportsmanlike actions by the handler.

3. Judge has the right to withhold giving an award and/or UKC Championship points if, in their opinion, the dog fails to meet the UKC Official Breed Standard.

4. A Judge may not be called upon to fault any dog after the show is over and winners are announced. They have the right to refuse.
5. Judge has the right to split or divide classes when considered necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The Judge must be UKC licensed for the year in which they are judging and should have their current Judge's card with them at the time of the show. No Championship points will be awarded otherwise.
2. Neither UKC Judges nor apprentice Judges are to enter their dogs in any UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show that they are judging in whole or in part. Their dogs cannot be entered by a handler. Nor can any member of a Judge's or apprentice Judge's immediate family show under that Judge. Immediate family is considered spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter. Dogs housed (even though not owned) by an immediate family member shall not be entered.
3. A UKC Judge is responsible for his/her own conduct and appearance, which should always be becoming to a Judge.
4. Newly approved Judges cannot have an apprentice serve under them until they have judged at least three shows.
5. No more than one apprentice can serve under a Judge at a show.
6. UKC Judges are to keep up-to-date on any changes in the standards.
7. A Judge must see that all handlers walk or gait dogs. Dogs must be gaited for Judge to determine to what degree each dog conforms to breed standard. Dogs must be evaluated equally when gaited and shown on the bench.
8. A Judge shall have handler open dog's mouth for Judge to check dog's bite (for dog's health reasons).
9. A Judge must physically check all dogs' bone structure and conformation.
10. A Judge will remove from the bench any female dog in season.
11. A Judge shall give equal time in examining each dog they are judging. Every dog warrants a Judge's complete inspection.
12. A Judge shall not ask individual handling dog: (1) who owns dog; (2) who dog was purchased from; or (3) what line the dog is out of while judging the dog.
13. A Judge shall not remove an "off" standard dog from the bench. The Judge will consider the "off" standard dog when making their ultimate decision, unless it is a disqualifying fault. In that case, the dog is not to be considered for judging. If a Judge determines a dog to have a disqualifying fault, they should submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and

description of the fault along with the show report.

14. A judge shall not carry on conversations with spectators while show is in progress. Judge is not to be influenced by any person or that person's actions.
15. A Judge must accurately report his/her decisions to the recording secretary.
16. A Judge must complete and sign the Official Show Report Forms for Championship points immediately following the show. Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant, the Bench Show Judge and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC's copy within ten days or a penalty charge of \$20 per month will be made.
17. A Judge must never sign blank show report forms or receipts.
18. If a Judge is also an officer of the club whose event they are judging; two other officers' signatures are also required on the Official Show Report.
19. UKC has the right to suspend or revoke any Judge's license.

BENCH SHOW PROCEDURES

(A Guideline for Judges)

To standardize the procedures of a Bench Show, and to avoid inconsistencies and errors, the following procedure has been provided.

When the Bench Show Judge arrives at the club grounds, they should remind each person taking entries for the show, of the requirements for accepting entries. Remember, the UKC Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card must be presented. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events," in this rulebook.

Only dogs with permanent papers or that are pending final registration approval shall be accepted for entry. Non-registered dogs may be entered in accordance with non-registered dog rules, provided the dog hunted the duration of the hunt. See "Entering Dogs in UKC Licensed Events," in this rulebook. No entries shall be taken after the published closing time. There are no exceptions. The points will not be honored if either of these rules are violated.

Two club officers, along with the Beagle Bench Show Judge, must sign the report. A total of three different individuals' signatures are required. You, as the Judge, are responsible for the rules being enforced and the correct information being sent to the United Kennel Club.

The following procedure and sequence of judging UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Shows must be followed at all events.

1. a. Judge Male Puppy Class (six months of age

- and under one year)
 - b. Judge Male Junior Class (one year and under two years)
 - c. Judge Male Senior Class (two years and under three years)
 - d. Judge Male Veteran Class (three years and older)
 - e. Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Male.
2. a. Judge Female Puppy Class (six months of age and under one year)
- b. Judge Female Junior Class (one year and under two years)
 - c. Judge Female Senior Class (two years and under three years)
 - d. Judge Female Veteran Class (three years and older)
 - e. Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded Best Female.
3. Call the winners of Best Male and Best Female back for judging. The winner of this judging will be awarded Best of Winners.
4. Champion Class is next to be held. Male and Female Champions are shown together. The winner is awarded a win in the Champion Class.
5. The Grand Champion Class is the next class to be held. In the Grand Champion Class, males and females are judged together. This is an honorary class and no UKC points will be awarded.

The show is not to be interrupted for any activity, unless it is a large show and the Judge requests a rest break.

DISQUALIFICATION

If a Judge determines a dog to have a Disqualification, as listed in the official breed standard, that dog must not be considered for placement in a bench show/conformation event, and the judge must submit to UKC the dog's name, UKC number and description of the Disqualification along with the show report.

HANDLERS AND SPECTATORS

Spectators and/or handlers must remain away from the show ring at all times and dogs must be kept away from the show ring until they are called for showing.

It is the responsibility the handler to listen to the secretary or ring steward of the show so that they will know what classes are being called. It is the responsibility of the handler that the dog is shown in the correct class. If a dog is not shown in the correct class championship points will not be awarded to that dog.

Registrants, handlers and spectators may not interfere

with the Judge in any way during the judging of a show.

A Judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The Judge may disqualify an exhibitor for any unsportsmanlike action.

A Judge has the right to request that a handler or spectator be removed from the show site for unsportsmanlike behavior.

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING JUDGES

Persons interested in becoming a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge should: 1) complete the application and test (available upon request from Field Operations); 2) application and test is then returned by applicant to UKC, along with license fee. If applicant passes application and test, they will then be sent three apprentice forms.

1. The applicants must be known for their honesty, integrity, impartiality, and their interest in the improvement of the Beagle breed. The Judge's personal appearance and habits should be above reproach and befitting a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.

2. Applicants shall have reached their twenty-first (21) birthday before applying to UKC to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.

3. Applicants must know the Official UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules.

4. Applicants should be at least a high school graduate or equivalent.

5. Applicants must know the official UKC Beagle breed standard.

6. The applicants must know and understand structure and the anatomy of the dogs they are judging.

7. Applicants must be members of an approved club and must be recommended in writing by officers of the club. At least three officers of the club must sign the UKC application form.

8. Applicants must serve as an apprentice Judge under three different UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judges, and be recommended by them.

EXCEPTIONS: Approved Beagle clubs may grandfather in as a licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge, one qualified individual who is not currently a UKC Licensed Show Judge. The individual that the club is sponsoring will need to fill out an application, take the written exam, and submit both of these with the fee of \$20. This individual will not be required to go through the apprentice program. Only one individual per club may be grandfathered in as a new Judge.

9. The applicants must understand that they are at all times to judge the dog and not be influenced by who the registrant or handler is.

10. The applicants must be willing to accept the responsibilities of discussing their decisions, if asked to do so by the handler, prior to the next class being shown.

11. No applicant for a UKC Beagle Bench Show Judge's license will be denied on basis of religion, race, color, national origin or sex.

12. Each applicant must pass a test to become a UKC Licensed Beagle Bench Show Judge.

13. Once acquired a Judge's license is valid indefinitely, provided the individual is not inactive for a period of two years.

14. All licenses for UKC Beagle Bench Show Judges shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club.

HUNT INFORMATION

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Appeal Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC® Licensed Beagle Hunt

This procedure applies for all situations arising during the time that the Judge's authority is in effect. Authority of the Judge begins when he is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Master of Hounds. The Full Circle column appearing in *American Beagler* provides official interpretations of UKC Rules and Policies.

The Appeal Procedure does not apply to the UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship. The Master of Hounds' decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual hunt. This Appeal Procedure does NOT apply to situations arising under rules that deal with intimidating, threatening or injuring a Hunter, Judge, Master of Hounds, Club Official or a UKC Representative.

The following steps must be followed:

STEP 1. Attempt to resolve the question with the licensed Master of Hounds, the handler raising the question, the Judge of the cast and the other members of the cast that are available. The Master of Hounds will make a decision based upon the statement of the case provided by the handler, Judge and the other members of the cast. No complaints will be considered by the Master of Hounds after a period of thirty (30) minutes has elapsed from the time that the scorecard has been turned in.

STEP 2. If the question is not resolved at Step 1, request that a Panel be formed. A Panel Fee of \$10 must accompany your request. The MOH/HD will then assemble a panel of three responsible, impartial individuals who are familiar with UKC policies and procedures. (This is the first step taken when using the Hunt Director Format.) If Panel rules with handler, fee will be refunded; if they disagree, the Panel fee will be retained by the Host Club. The Panel meeting must be held within one (1) hour after the deadline for the return of scorecards.

STEP 3. The Panel will hear all sides. At the conclusion of all testimony the Panel will make a ruling. The Event Report shall reflect the Panel's decision.

STEP 4. If the question is not resolved at Step 3 a handler must immediately request a UKC Appeal Form while the Panel is still assembled. The form must be filled out by the handlers on the cast, the members of the Panel and the MOH/HD. A fee of \$20 must accompany the appeal when sent to UKC. The Appeal Form must be included with the Event

Report mailed to UKC.

STEP 5. UKC will investigate the matter and make a final ruling. If the previous steps were not followed the appeal may not be considered. If the UKC supports the individual filing the appeal, the fee will be refunded. A written statement reflecting the final ruling will be mailed to those involved. The UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgment and discretion, the right to make corrections it deems necessary.

Panel Responsibilities

A panel of qualified event participants needs to be formed in two situations. 1) in the event a handler is not satisfied with the MOH ruling in a MOH Format event and; 2) when a question is placed on the card in a HD Format event. Complaint panels should consist of three individuals who are current on all rules and policies. They may or may not be club members with primary concern going towards finding individuals that are knowledgeable, honest and impartial. A panel must be formed of individuals that can remain totally objective in concerns to cast members and dogs on the cast in question. Individuals who have a dog in contention to place in the event should not be used on a panel. The panel will hear all viewpoints of cast members and come to a consensus decision regarding the final scoring of the cast. Should a panel's decision support the complainant, the \$10 will be refunded.

NON-HUNTING AND HUNTING JUDGES CLARIFICATION

When non-hunting judges are used within a category they should be drawn to each scorecard in the same manner as noted under Drawing Casts. Clubs have the option to use non-hunting judges for any or all categories. One or the other must be used on all casts within a given division.

Non-Hunting Judges

1. The Non-Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for making all decisions.
2. The decision of the Non-Hunting Judge may be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made, or a call that is not being made. It will be scored with a question mark (?) and taken to the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director Panel after the hunt is over, unless it involves a dog being scratched from the hunt. The Non-Hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field by a majority vote of cast members. If a question has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Master of Hounds a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must

be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

Hunting Judges

The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting Judges:

1. The host club must designate a Hunting Judge for each cast from the entries received (see procedure for selecting hunting judges under MOH/HD Guidelines (Drawing Casts)).
2. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and is responsible for scoring all situations.
3. Any cast members, though scratched, retain all voting privileges.
4. If only one dog remains in the hunt, other cast members are encouraged to stay with cast. If a Hunting Judge scratches their dog they are encouraged to stay with the cast and continue to judge the duration of the hunt as designated by the club. However, they may designate another qualified member of the cast to complete the hunt as Hunting Judge, if needed. If only one cast member remains, handler must return to Master of Hounds/Hunt Director for a Non-Hunting Judge to complete cast. Deadline may be extended, if necessary, for this cast only.
5. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast at that time.
6. Majority of cast rules. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. If majority decision is not reached, the call stands as it was scored by the Judge. Any handler that is not satisfied with the majority of cast decision retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the card and present his question to the MOH/HD Panel.
7. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the Master of Hounds a Panel may be formed for a \$10 fee (this is the first step when utilizing the HD Format). If a handler is still not satisfied the Appeal procedure must be followed. All Appeals must be filed immediately after the Panel has ruled and must be accompanied by a \$20 fee.

Dogs entered in UKC Hunts cannot be muzzled.

OFFICIAL UKC® HUNTING BEAGLE HONOR RULES

Effective January 1, 2016

1. All casts must hunt the complete hunting time designated for cast. The host club will decide the hunt time for all casts (60 or 90 minutes) on the day of the event and announce the time period prior to calling out casts. Prior to the hunt, a time deadline for returning scorecards will be announced and posted in plain view of all hunters. The designated hunt time and the time to return scorecards to Master of Hounds/Hunt Director shall be indicated on all scorecards. Dogs to be drawn into the fewest casts possible, using four dog casts. Multiple same owner and multiple Inactive Handler entries will be drawn to separate casts, if possible. Casts shall not be drawn until after entries close at the advertised entry deadline. Those in entry line at deadline will be entered. Casts to be run on wild rabbit only. Wild rabbit is defined as a rabbit that is native to the immediate area. All points accumulated on non-native rabbits will be deleted. This rule is to be rigidly enforced.

2. POINT SYSTEM:

- a. One set of strike points. 100 points for dog that opens and is declared struck first, 75 points second, 50 points third, 25 points fourth. If a dog is turned back in on a track, he gets next available position. If all positions are taken, he gets 25 points.
- b. After rabbit has been completely circled and seen by a cast member or non-hunting Judge, first dog to trail through the line to receive 100 points, 85 second, 70 third, 55 fourth.
- c. All dogs struck are to be minused 20 points at each check. First dog to recover the check to be awarded 20+ points. No additional points for second, third or fourth dog. A check is defined as a temporary loss, where none of the declared struck dogs open for a period of one minute. Start time immediately after last bark.
- d. Points, including recovery points, may be split in cases where positions cannot be determined.

3. PLUS POINTS:

- a. When Non-Hunting Judge, or majority of cast if Hunting Judge is used, are present as Judge scores dogs on speed and drive at point where rabbit was seen by a Judge or cast member after completion of circle.
- b. On strike for all dogs, provided dog was struck in on majority of the track (circle), after any one dog is awarded speed and drive points.
- c. If dog(s) catch rabbit, dogs receive Strike and Check points only.

- d. On Strike, when rabbit is jumped and seen by non-hunting judge or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, but goes to a hole or place of refuge before completion of circle. Cast must make an attempt to locate hole. Non-hunting judge's decision, or majority of cast when hunting judge is used.
- e. On strike, if dogs are trailing a rabbit that has been seen by the majority of cast or the non-hunting judge when time runs out.

4. MINUS POINTS:

- a. If reasonable forward progress is not made within any three-minute period. Reasonable forward progress is defined as a track that is runnable by the majority of the pack or when it is obvious to the majority of the cast members that a dog or dogs have recovered the track to a runnable state.
- b. When it is visually evident by the majority of the cast or a non-hunting judge that dog(s) quits a trail that is being worked, he will be minused. Or, if none of the declared struck dogs open for a period of three minutes, the track will be considered lost and minused. However, if dog(s) goes back on the track, he will get the next available position. Once a position has been minused, it becomes available again. However, a dog cannot be "struck in" over a dog's position that is being held. If all positions are taken, dog will receive 25 points for going back, but these points will be minused every time he comes out. Dog is not to be tied or encouraged to go back.
- c. Each dog declared struck to be minused 20 points at each "check". If after check loss occurs without a recovery, delete those check points and score in accordance with 4(d).
- d. When majority of dogs are struck in on a track, and all dogs on a particular track are minused simultaneously in accordance with rule 4 (a) or 4(b), draw a line through the original strike points and minus each dog 50 points. Otherwise, dogs are responsible for their called positions.
- e. When handler strikes another handler's dog, they are to receive the called position minus. After minus, position becomes available. For second offense see rule 6(m).
- f. After first three minutes of hunt, judge shall ask for a call on a dog that has opened three times but is not declared struck. Dog must be declared struck on next bark. If not declared struck by handler on or immediately after next bark, judge shall minus and then award next available strike position to dog. For second offense see Rule 6(c).

5. CIRCLED POINTS:

Circle points will count neither for, nor against, dog except when ties are to be broken.

- a. In case of running into a hole or place of refuge, a rabbit that has not been seen by the majority of cast or the non-hunting judge's (cast must make an attempt to locate hole, majority of cast or non-hunting judges decision).
- b. If dog(s) are trailing when hunting time is finished.
- c. If Judge has to call time out because of nearness to livestock, building, highway, etc.

6. DOGS WILL BE SCRATCHED:

- a. Fighting or attempting to fight during the authority of the Judge. Dog's name, UKC registration number, and registrant's name will be reported to UKC on the Official Hunt Report form. No handler will be allowed to scratch their dog to avoid being scratched for fighting. When the aggressive dog is known, scratch the aggressor only. If not known, scratch dogs involved. (Attempting to fight is defined as follows: when dog(s) are interfering with other dog(s) during the authority of the Judge by aggressive behavior.)
- b. After the first three minutes of the hunt, for failing to make any attempt to hunt within any continuous five minutes of the hunt. Cast will not move with dog(s) on clock.
- c. On second offense, after judge asks for a call if handler fails to declare dog struck on or immediately after next bark. This rule is to be rigidly enforced. Dog(s) having barked less than three times and not struck in prior to being handled; must be struck in on or before the third bark.
- d. For running or molesting stock.
- e. If a handler is drinking, or seems to want to stir up trouble.
- f. Bitches smelling strong enough to attract dogs, or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches, or any other dogs, while other dogs pay them no attention.
- g. If dog is continuously silent on trail.
- h. For delaying completion of cast for 30 minutes after time out is called in accordance with Rule 7.
- i. For running game other than rabbit, even if time is out. Off game does not have to be seen.
- j. If handler hollers at or physically abuses the dog.
- k. After the first three minutes of the hunt, any dog that leaves the handler two times babbling. Babbling is defined as when a dog opens three times, or has been struck, where no track is evident.
- l. Club must set an overall time to return scorecards and cast will be scratched for violation.

- m. On second offense, if handler calls another handler's dog.
- n. Casts hunting over or under designated hunting time will be scratched.
- o. For backtracking on second offense.
- p. For "rough-running," "cutting," or "slashing" on track on second offense. This rule to be rigidly enforced.
- q. On second offense, when dog(s) quits a trail that is being worked, provided remaining dog(s) circles and scores its rabbit.
- r. If dog accumulates 300 minus points regardless of how many plus points the dog has.
- s. If handler handles dog without judge's permission.
- t. If dog fails to pack (shall only apply at the point it has become disruptive and detrimental to the hunt).

7. TIME OUTS:

Judge, or majority of cast if hunting Judge is used, may call time out and circle any un-scored strike points in accordance with the following:

- a. When dogs are getting on road, trail onto posted land or trail into a place where there is danger to dogs or hunters.
- b. When other hunters get too close. If dogs get with another group of dogs.
- c. If new ground must be found to finish cast (no dog(s) to be called off trail without awarding minus points).
- d. In case of accident or sickness.
- e. If cast becomes lost.
- f. When dog(s) are trailing and out of hearing distance in different directions.
- g. If judge instructs all dogs to be leashed simultaneously.

8. WINNERS:

- a. The top four Registered cast winners with plus points will advance to the Winner's Pack. Dog must be present when Winner's Pack is assembled. See rulebook for procedure for placing dogs in an elimination style hunt.
- b. The Registered Winner's Pack will hunt for 60 or 90 minutes as designated and posted by the club prior to entry deadline. The cast shall be judged by one or two non-hunting Judges.
- c. A total of ten Registered places will be awarded for championship points. First through tenth places to be determined; first, by order of finish in the Winners Pack followed by next highest scoring cast winners. Championship points are awarded only to cast winners with a total score of plus points. No Winners Pack for champion and grand champion categories except in elimination style hunts. See rulebook for procedure

to place dogs in an elimination style hunt. No Championship points will be awarded to any dog that withdraws from or is intentionally scratched from a Winners Pack. No Exceptions! No dogs shall move up in placement because of a Winners Pack dog not receiving championship points.

9. TIES:

All ties to be broken for UKC points. Dog will win out over other dog; dog that has the least number of minus points; if still a tie, dog that has the most plus strike points; if still a tie, dog that has the most plus speed/drive points; if still a tie, dog that has the most recovery points; if still a tie, dog that has the most circled strike points; if still a tie, dogs will hunt in one-hour intervals until tie is broken or flip a coin (club official's decision).

10. GENERAL INFORMATION:

a. Search and Jump: Dogs to be freely cast and walked in the general direction of the hunt. No hunting in enclosures except in Registered Winner's Pack. Dogs to be declared struck and recorded according to their called positions upon opening. Dog must open before being declared struck. Judge will instruct handlers to call in dog(s) when necessary to keep cast hunting together. Dog(s), not handlers or Judges, to search for and jump rabbit. In case of handlers inadvertently jumping rabbit, hounds may be released on track for split strike points. It is a majority of cast decision to split points if the rabbit is seen by the majority of cast. If the rabbit is not seen by the majority of the cast, it must be a unanimous decision to split points. Cast may not agree to put dogs on a rabbit already ran.

b. Rough Running, Cutting, or Slashing: Dogs to pursue rabbit as fast as scenting conditions allow, but must exhibit good line control. Dog(s) observed to be "running rough," "cutting," or "slashing" on track will be scratched on second offense. Rough Running is defined as attempting to run the front of the pack faster than scenting conditions allow or without regard for the actual line. Routinely overshooting turns leading pack mates astray. Cutting is defined as attempting to run the front by leaving the trail to head off pack mates or avoiding heavy cover and other obstacles. Slashing is defined as running in a hit or miss fashion as a result of gambling and without regard for the actual line.

c. Speed and Drive: Judge to score dogs on speed and drive as rabbit is circled and seen by a cast member. At time rabbit is seen, Judge, or majori-

ty of cast if Hunting Judge is used, must decide whether to allow dog(s) to continue on trail or pick up dog(s) in order to find new ground or another rabbit. Speed and drive points are awarded in order that dogs pass through the line, splitting points when positions cannot be determined. It must be obvious that a dog is NOT trailing in order to deny the dog Speed and Drive points. After first dog has been scored on Speed and Drive, there is a one-minute time limit to score remaining dogs on that line. Dog(s) must be opening on the majority of circle being scored in order to be scored. If allowed to continue on trail, score initial strike points and each time rabbit is circled and seen, score speed and drive only. Speed and drive may be scored three (3) times only on the same rabbit. If loss occurs before completion of any additional circle, each dog declared struck to be scored 50 minus points in the Losses/Recoveries column. No dog(s) to be called off a trail without awarding minused points.

d. Split Tracks: In case of split tracks, score speed and drive on first track one time and recover dog(s) so they may be turned in to dog(s) running split track. However, if rabbit on split track is seen while attempting to score the first track, it may be scored one time and then dog(s) must be handled and turned in on the split track. Dog(s) turned in on split track must be declared struck by the handler in accordance with Rule 4(f) and will receive next available position. If all positions are taken, dog(s) get 25 points.

e. Inactive Handler: If a cast member entered the event as an Inactive Handler then he or she shall not be involved with any part of calling or scoring lines. An Inactive Handler may not be involved in any voting procedures related to scoring lines. An Inactive Handler is not included in the equation when it comes to the majority of the cast required to be present when dogs are scored on speed and drive. Example: In a four-dog cast, two out of the three active handlers are considered a majority.

f. Losses and Recoveries: At point where dogs lose trail and become quiet, Judge to start clock on dogs. After one minute has elapsed without any dog opening, all struck dogs to be considered at a loss (check) and minused 20 points. In case of split tracks, times to be kept separately for checks on each track. The first dog to open honestly resulting in reasonable forward progress to be awarded 20+ points for recovering the loss. Additional dogs opening after first dog, to receive no "recovery" points. If no dog

opens within three minutes, track to be considered finished and that particular track must be minused. In case of running rabbit in hole or place of refuge, see Rule 3 (d) or Rule 5 (a).

g. Electronic Devices:

1. The handheld of locating only devices may be carried by the handler. Device may be used during the hunt but only under those strict provisions as outlined in current Locating Device Rules. Locating Device Rules are provided in the host clubs Event Packet and are also available on UKC's website.

2. **Controlling Devices:** Any handheld device capable of controlling a dog in the cast (stimulating or toning) must be left in vehicle and may not be used by handler or spectators until dog wearing device is scratched and all other dogs are recovered for re-casting. Reported controlling device infractions will be subject to disciplinary action by United Kennel Club.

h. Scorecards: Scorecards must be finished in the field and signed by each handler or his/her dog will be scratched and no changes to be made later, except where a question arises and is noted in the field. Handler's signature verifies hunting time and scores are correct. A scorecard may be signed still with the right of protest. Changes can only be made by the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director Panel. All scorecards to be kept confidential by the Master of Hounds/ Hunt Director until the posted deadline or until all scorecards have been returned. This rule must be strictly adhered to. All scores must be posted after the return deadline or made available to any participant for review. Club secretary must keep scorecards for one year minimum and make them available to contestants or UKC, if requested.

11. MASTER OF HOUNDS/HUNT DIRECTOR:

Up to two Master of Hounds will be appointed by the host club and be in charge of the hunt. Master of Hounds will not work together on one category (Registered, HBCH and GRHBCH) nor will they work together when hearing questions. Each will be responsible for their designated category. If an individual's dog is eliminated in the registered (morning) portion of the event he may serve as the Master of Hounds for the Registered Winners Pack, HBCH and GRHBCH. If a dog registered to their name is still competing in the event, they may not serve as Master of Hounds. If an individual is only entering a Hunting Beagle Champion or Grand Hunting Beagle Champion, they may serve as the first round Registered Master of Hounds. If club chooses to run all Registered, Champions and Grands at the same

time, only one Master of Hounds may be utilized. A Master of Hounds must be at the clubhouse at all times. If a question arises, the Master of Hounds will hear each viewpoint and have last say. A handler may state his case plainly but if unreasonable; his dog may be scratched by Master of Hounds.

12. JUDGE:

Judges shall be selected based on their integrity and knowledge of the running rules and procedures. They must be honest and capable of scoring all situations. Authority of Judge begins when he or she is officially designated and receives the scorecard. The authority of the Judge ceases when the scorecard is turned in to the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director. They will show no favors to any dog or hunter and will inform handlers of score and time, if requested. If a hunting judge scratches his dog, they are encouraged to continue judging the cast. Otherwise, they may pass the scorecard to a qualified member of the cast. In the event only one handler remains in the cast that individual must return to the Master of Hounds/Hunt Director for a Non-Hunting Judge to complete the hunt. The deadline may be extended for this cast only, if necessary. A Non-hunting judge must be assigned to any one-dog cast. A Non-Hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast at the discretion of Master of Hounds/Hunt Director and/or club officials. Scorecard to be carried by Judge and situations must be scored in plain view of all handlers. Judge will be official time keeper. If there is a question, follow procedures outlined under Rule 14.

13. HANDLERS & SPECTATORS:

a. One handler to each dog. It is the handler's duty to know their dog's voice and nature. Also to advise the Judge of any of the dog's peculiarities before the hunt begins. No encouragement or discouragement of any kind to dogs. They must tell the Judge when the dog opens on strike. No holes or places of refuge to be disturbed. No rabbits or other game to be killed. Handler is not allowed to call dog in unless instructed by the Judge. Judge will give permission to call in dog to keep pack hunting in the same vicinity. Handlers may give no verbal or hand commands to dog without Judge's permission. All handlers must stay with Judge at all times unless given permission by Judge to leave. Judges to keep handlers and spectators at a distance so as not to interfere with dogs. Any handler unable to complete hunt must pick up their dog. Judge shall give permission for another handler to complete hunt. It is the han-

dlers responsibility to verify time and score before signing scorecard. A handler may have a spectator lead, release or handle (physically) their dog during the hunt.

- b. For physical reasons the handler may declare to be an inactive handler. A handler must advise entry takers and declare themselves inactive at the time of entry. Multiple Inactive Handler entries shall be drawn to separate casts, if possible. A handler, who has declared themselves as inactive, will retain that status for the duration of the event which includes any subsequent rounds. An Inactive Handler is removed from having any part in scoring lines during the hunt. An Inactive Handler may not call lines. An Inactive Handler retains all voting rights during the hunt with exception to those related to speed and drive. This shall apply to casts throughout the event that utilize a Hunting Judge only.
- c. Spectators are allowed on all casts. They may not get involved in any part of scoring throughout the hunt, including calling lines for speed and drive purposes. An Inactive Handler is also considered a spectator when it comes to calling lines and speed and drive scoring procedures during the hunt. Handler's dog(s) will be scratched for rule violations by their spectators.

14. QUESTIONS, PANELS, APPEALS, & MISCONDUCT

Questioning a Judge

- a. **Non-Hunting Judge Cast:** A Non-Hunting Judge may score any situation without cast members being present. The decision of a non-hunting Judge may only be questioned in the field at the time the decision is made. The non-hunting Judge's decision cannot be overturned in the field. It may be scored with a question mark (?) and reviewed by the MOH/Panel. A decision made by a non-hunting Judge may only be overturned by the MOH/Panel.
- b. **Hunting Judge Cast:** The following procedure must be followed when using Hunting judges on a cast, regardless of category. Situations not questioned and notated at the time Judge's decision is made, will not be considered.
 - 1. The Hunting Judge has complete authority and will be responsible for scoring all situations.
 - 2. Should a situation arise where a handler questions a call that was made, or a call that should have been made but wasn't, that handler may ask to have his question voted on by all cast members that remain with the cast

at that time.

- 3. Each handler must vote or their dog will be scratched. It takes a majority vote to overturn judge's decision.
- 4. Any handler that is not satisfied with the outcome retains the right to place a question mark (?) on the scorecard and present his question to the MOH/Panel. Unless/until, it involves a dog being scratched from the hunt a question shall not be taken to the MOH/Panel until after the hunt. If there is a question noted on the scorecard all cast members MUST return to the MOH/Panel. No questions will be considered by the MOH/Panel after a period of 30 minutes has elapsed from the time the scorecard was received by the MOH/Panel.

Panels

- 1. In order to form a panel a \$10 Panel Fee must be paid before the question is heard.
 - a. When using a Master of Hounds, a panel may be formed if a handler is not satisfied with the MOH ruling.
 - b. When using a Hunt Director, a panel must be formed to hear any and all questions.

Appeals

- 1. If the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved by the decision of the panel, an Appeal may be filed.
- 2. An Appeal Form must be requested and filed immediately following the panel's ruling, while the panel is still assembled.
- 3. Appeals must be submitted to the MOH/HD with a fee of \$20 and mailed to UKC with the Event Report.
- 4. All Appeals will be investigated and ruled on by the UKC. An appeal may not be considered if previous procedures were not followed.

Misconduct

Situations involving misconduct do not fall under the appeals procedure. Refer to the Misconduct Section in the Official UKC Hunting Beagle Rulebook for complete procedures and instructions.

Misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Intimidating, threatening, or injuring another individual.
- b. Falsifying event related documents.
- c. Abuse, neglect or drugging of a dog in conjunction with an event.
- d. Intentionally killing game in conjunction with an event.
- e. Use of any device used to control dog during hunting time.
- f. Relaying any type of electronic messaging with reference to scores, that is deemed detrimental

to the hunt.

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MASTER OF HOUNDS/HUNT DIRECTOR GUIDELINES

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UKC Licensed Field Trials must be listed on the UKC website Upcoming Events Listing. The listing for UKC Licensed must indicate a time deadline for closing entries. No entries will be accepted after the listed deadline for any reason. If a Club's event listing does not appear in the Upcoming Events Listing as specified, the UKC Licenses for the event will be withdrawn and no UKC Championship points will be awarded.

Event Format

The club to which the event license is issued has the option of running their event under Master of Hounds or Hunt Director Format unless otherwise restricted by the UKC. The procedures immediately following are relevant to both formats. Procedures and policies relevant specifically to the MOH or HD format will follow.

MOH/HD Checklist

When you arrive at the club:

1. Check to see that the following are posted;
 - a. MOH/HD checklist.
 - b. Entry deadline time.
 - c. Time deadline for returning scorecards.
 - d. Hunt time period for Winners Pack.
 - e. Locating and Controlling Device Rules.

How to Take Entries

Give an entry slip to each participant and have them fill it out clearly and completely. If an individual attempting to enter appears, in your judgment, to be under the influence of alcohol or un-prescribed drugs, do not accept their entry. Notify the appropriate club individual or officer of what you are doing and why. Be sure to follow entry requirements outlined under Entering Dogs in UKC® Licensed Events.

Selecting Judges

Club Officers and the Event Official shall work together in selecting qualified individuals only to serve as judges. The judge must have a good understanding of the Official UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules and

capable of applying them accordingly. He/she must be trustworthy and know the proper procedures that are to be followed if a question arises. They should also be willing to judge the cast for the duration of the hunt. When hunting judges are used, the number of judges needed in each category shall be pre-selected from that pool of entries. Individuals entering the event as an Inactive Handler may not be used as Hunting Judge.

Selecting Guides

The Host Club is responsible for selecting qualified guides. In the event available guides are not needed the host club has the final decision on which ones will be used. The guide shall be a responsible individual who has permission to hunt on the property(s) they take their cast. The guide shall be willing to guide the cast for the duration of the hunt.

Separating Entries for Cast Drawing

Start your judge and guide selection process for each category when you begin taking entries. You should have four separate pools of entries for each category as follows:

1. An entry serving as a hunting judge and a guide.
2. An entry serving as a hunting judge.
3. An entry serving as a guide.
4. All remaining entries.

Drawing Casts

Do not start drawing out casts until after entries are closed at the advertised deadline time. The drawing of entries must be done publicly. Announce that you are ready to start drawing entries so anyone wanting to watch has the opportunity. As a matter of courtesy, draw the Grand Champions first followed by Champions and then the Registered Category. If a state requires a license or permit number, make certain that it appears on each scorecard.

UKC approves any draw system that is fair and impartial such as the following method:

1. Based on the entry determine the number of judges and guides you need for a specific category. Remove and place any pre-selected judge or guide entries not needed into pool 4 (Separating Entries for Cast Drawing).
2. Determine how many three dog casts will be in the category. If any, add that amount of blank entry forms into pool 4. This allows having four entries to be drawn to each scorecard.
3. Draw an entry to each scorecard from pool 1 and 2 until all scorecards have a hunting judge. These entries may be turned up and stuck to the

scorecards.

4. For any scorecards still needing a guide, draw a hunting guide from Pool 3. These entries shall be turned face down on the scorecard.
5. Complete your draw using the remaining entries from Pool 4. These entries shall be turned face down on the scorecard.
6. Each scorecard now has four entries on it. Before sticking the entry to the scorecards check for any multiple owner entries, multiple Inactive Handler entries, and/or more than one blank on the same scorecard.

Master of Hounds/Hunt Director Checklist

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IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE MOH/HD CHECKLIST BE READ PUBLICLY BEFORE SENDING CASTS TO THE FIELD. The MOH/HD checklist may be updated from time to time to cover certain topics as deemed necessary. The most recent up-to-date checklist is included in the Event Packet. Be sure to post the Telemetry Rules (on the opposite side of the MOH Checklist) after the MOH Checklist has been read publicly.

While Casts are in the Field

The MOH / HD must remain at the hunt headquarters at all times to assist any cast or cast members that got separated on their way to the woods or that returned prior to the expiration of hunt time. No questions, pertaining to scoring during the hunt, may be called in to the MOH/HD. The MOH/HD may not accept any information pertaining to final score via a phone. The scorecard must be returned by the deadline in order for the winning dog to be considered for placement.

After the Scorecards Are Turned In:

1. Recheck each dog's score. MOH/HD has the authority to make changes in regards to mathematical errors. Check to see that handlers signed the scorecard. Any handler that does not sign the scorecard results in that dog being scratched.
2. Any questions must be notated with a question mark (?) on the scorecard.
3. If there is a question noted, get the cast off by themselves to discuss the situation and make your decision. Only individuals directly involved in the dispute should be included in any of the discussions. Wait until the scorecards are returned before discussing a situation that arises in the woods. Members of the cast have thirty (30) minutes to make a complaint after the scorecards are turned in.

4. If a question is not satisfactorily resolved, any owner or handler has the right to request a panel. Refer to the rulebook in the section under; Appeal Procedure for Situations Happening During a UKC® Licensed Event.

5. Keep scorecards confidential until deadline or until all scorecards have been returned. This must be rigidly enforced. Scorecards must then be made available for review. Any owner or handler questioning a dog's score must do so not later than thirty minutes after the posted deadline to return scorecards.

Reports

1. Be sure to give everyone that places in the hunt a receipt. Do not sign and give out incomplete receipts. You fill them out, or see that the receipts are completely filled out when you sign them and give the winners their copy.

2. Do not sign a blank report. Make sure that the report is completely filled out. Then you sign it. (NOTE: There must be three different signatures on the report.) Copies of the report go to UKC, the participant (receipt only), the MOH / HD and to the club hosting the event. Please see that each party receives the proper copy of the report. Submit UKC's copy within 10 days or a penalty of \$20 per month will be made.

3. Remind all club officers that the scorecards and their copy of the report must be kept for one (1) year.

General Information

1. Encourage clubs to educate their members on the rules and conduct rules seminars for Judges, Masters of Hounds, Hunt Directors and participants.
2. Study rules on the back of the scorecard. For official interpretation of the rules, policies or changes read the monthly Full Circle column published in American Beagler.
3. Remember to use good judgment. You are the person responsible to see that the hunt is run in a manner that is fair to all and that everyone is treated in a fair and equitable way.

Policies Specific to MOH Format

1. All MOH must be licensed by UKC.
2. A MOH may not have a dog, registered in their name (full or joint ownership), and entered in the event.
3. A MOH will listen to and rule on all questions brought in from the field in accordance with Rule 14.

Policies Specific to HD Format

1. Hunt Directors are not required to be licensed by UKC.

2. A Hunt Director may be the owner of a dog entered in the event. The dog must be hunted by a handler because the HD must remain at the club.

3. A Hunt Director will not rule on questions brought in from the woods. The Hunt Director will be responsible for forming a panel to rule on all questions. If qualified, the HD may serve on a panel.

UKC FIREARM POLICY

Possession of firearms, or other concealed weapons, at UKC licensed events is strictly prohibited. Persons found to have firearms in their possession will be dealt with in accordance with the Inherent Rights and Powers of United Kennel Club Penalties will include barring individuals found to be in violation. Furthermore, the proper civil authorities will be notified concerning individuals found to be in violation of this policy. Persons knowing of individuals possessing firearms in conjunction with UKC licensed events should contact the Field Operations Department at United Kennel Club

CELL PHONE POLICY

All handlers and spectators are advised of the UKC cell phone policy. Any individual found guilty of any messaging prior to the conclusion of an event, with reference to scores and/or that is deemed to have influenced any cast or handler, are subject to suspension.

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING MASTER OF HOUNDS

All clubs having UKC Licensed Hunting Beagle Hunts should have a UKC Licensed Master of Hounds available to run their hunt, if needed. Although clubs have the option of using the Hunt Director format, using a qualified Master of Hounds generally allows for an all-around better event. Following are the procedures and requirements to be followed for an application to be considered.

1. The applicant must be a member of an approved club and be recommended by officers of the club. It is felt that the club will know the background and qualifications of the applicant through club activities.

2. The applicant's character, honesty and integrity must be above reproach.

3. They must have a thorough knowledge of UKC's rules and policies, and have demonstrated good judgment.

4. The applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.

5. They must completely fill out the application and pass the test covering UKC rules and policies, which may be obtained at your local club or from UKC.

6. An applicant, having met the requirements of items one (1) through five (5) above, must serve an apprenticeship under three (3) different UKC Licensed Masters of Hounds and be recommended by them in order to be considered for a license. No more than two (2) apprentices may serve under a Master of Hounds at an event. Apprentices are subject to the same restrictions as the Master of Hounds concerning entering their dogs in the events where they serve. However, all decisions must be made by the licensed Master of Hounds.

7. Enclose a fee of \$20 when submitting the application for a license. Once a Master of Hounds is approved, the license is issued indefinitely. However, licenses are subject to review and may be withdrawn by UKC at any time.

8. All licenses for UKC Masters of Hounds shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of United Kennel Club

The licensed Master of Hounds must keep up-to-date with the rules and policies. If they do not, they will place themselves in jeopardy of losing their license.

Each club should have a minimum of two licensed Masters of Hounds in case of emergencies where the assigned Master of Hounds cannot conduct the hunt.

ELIMINATION FORMAT EVENTS

Revised January 1, 2016

Drawing Casts

All dogs in Elimination Format will run within their category only, unless noted otherwise for certain events.

Advancing Dogs

All plus point cast winners will advance from the first round to subsequent rounds. Casts not scoring a total of plus points in the first round will not have a dog advance to subsequent rounds and none of the dogs participating in that cast will be considered for championship points. This is to include all Registered, Hunting Beagle Champions and Grand Hunting Beagle Champions. Also see Winners section for the Registered Winners Pack placement.

Hunt Time

The host club will be given the option of 60- or 90-minute hunts for all first round casts of an Elimination style hunt. Subsequent round hunting periods (60 or 90 minutes) may differ from the first round time period and be determined on the day of the event based on the total entry, consideration of the distance to running grounds, high temperatures in summer months, amount of daylight hours and availability of guides.

The host club should always attempt to utilize the longest hunting time possible to give all dogs a fair chance to compete for a cast win. After entries are closed and before the casts are called out, the host club must announce and post in plain view to all participants the hunting time for each round. It is not mandatory that each category hunt the same amount of time on each subsequent round. All hunting time for each category must be posted in plain view after the entry deadline. It is mandatory that World Qualifying Only Events (WQE's) be 90 minute hunts.

Placing Dogs in All Divisions of Elimination Format

Only plus point cast winners from the first round are eligible for placement in any division. No placements may be awarded until the final cast has been assembled. Hounds in the final cast will be placed according to highest total score in the final cast even if the points are minus. If a tie results because of hounds scratching in the semi-final cast, revert to previous round's score to determine placement. Any dogs scratched from a cast will receive the lowest position available in that cast.

Those hounds eliminated in the semi-final round (the cast immediately prior to the final cast) will be considered for placement provided that they were also plus point cast winners from an earlier round. Second-in-cast hounds from the semi-final round will be placed next; in succession according to their score in that round. After second-in-cast hounds are considered for placement, third-in-cast hounds will be placed in succession according to their score in that round. (same for fourth-in-cast hounds) In the event that there are not enough hounds in the semi-final round to fill available placements, the same procedure may be used to revert back to a preliminary round provided that all dogs placed were plus point cast winners in an earlier round.

No more than 10 Registered hounds, 5 Hunting Beagle Champions (requires an entry of 61 or more), and 1 Grand Hunting Beagle Champion will be placed.

Winners Packs and All Subsequent Rounds

1. All dogs advancing to a Winners Pack or any subsequent rounds must be present when cast is assembled or be scratched.

2. Hunting time for each round must be posted in plain view of all hunters at time entries close. The Registered Winners Pack will be judged by either one or two non-hunting Judges. Hunting Beagle Champion and Grand Hunting Beagle Champion Winners Packs may hunt with a Hunting Judge.

3. Winners Packs may run in an enclosure. For a pack to be considered a "Winners Pack" dogs must advance to that pack from a previous round.

Confirming Elimination Style Events

Elimination format must be indicated at the time of

event confirmation. The Upcoming Events list will differentiate between standard format and Elimination format Hunting Beagle Events.

UKC Slam Events

Effective January 1, 2016

Official Rules

1. **Slam Events** are available to all UKC approved clubs at the limit of three per year. Clubs may designate any three of their scheduled dates for a Slam Event. Simply note the Slam designation portion on the Event Confirmation form. A regular bench show may be held in conjunction with a Slam Event.

2. **Entry Fees:** Clubs have the option of a 1) \$20 or; 2) \$30 entry fee (unless otherwise approved).

3. **License and Recording Fees:** Slam Events require a \$25 UKC Hunt License fee. Recording fees of \$2.00 per dog must be included with the Event Report mailed to UKC.

4. **Eligibility for Events:** See Entering Dogs in UKC® Licensed Events.

5. **Running Rules:** UKC Official Hunting Beagle Honor Rules, as they apply in effect for the year the event is run.

6. **Drawing Casts:** All dogs, regardless of category, are drawn out together.

7. **Hunting Time:** Preliminary round casts will 60 or 90 minutes in duration as decided by the host club, on the day of the event. The Final Cast will hunt 60 or 90 minutes, as determined by the club on the day of the event.

8. **Judges:** One Hunting Judge per cast in the preliminary round. The Final Cast will have one (1) or two (2) Non-hunting Judges (club's discretion).

9. **Prize Money:** 55% of the entry fee is paid to the event winners. First, all first round plus point cast winners are refunded/awarded the amount of the entry fee. Remaining prize money is awarded to those dogs in the Final Cast. Prize money will be paid by the host club in accordance with the Slam Prize Breakdown Form (provided in the event packet) at the conclusion of the event. The distribution of Slam prize money is strictly the responsibility of the host club and not the responsibility of United Kennel Club. UKC reserves the right to set prize amounts and control distribution of prize money at its sole judgment and discretion.

10. **Final Cast:** The four (4) highest scoring preliminary round cast winners with a total score of plus points will advance to the Final Cast. Dogs in the Final Cast will be placed according to total score, including up to 300 minus. If tie cannot be broken, dogs remaining tied will split prize money. If all dogs in Final Cast scratch, purse will be divided equally among all members of the cast. See Slam Prize

Breakdown Form (provided in the event packet) for other scratched dog breakdowns.

11. Splitting Prize Money: Slam prize money may only be split if majority of Final Cast agrees to do so. Otherwise, cast must hunt Final Cast round to determine prize money distribution.

12. Championship Points: All Registered hounds advancing to the Final Cast will receive a first place win. All Hunting Beagle Champions advancing to the Final Cast will receive a Champion win. All Grand Hunting Beagle Champions advancing to the Final Cast will receive a Grand win.

13. No Plus Point Cast Winners: In the event there are no plus point cast winners in the preliminary round it will be considered the Final Round and prize money will be divided equally between all hounds who participated in that round. No Championship points or wins will be awarded in the event there are no plus point cast winners in the preliminary round.

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HUNTING BEAGLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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The UKC Hunting Beagle National Championship brings together the outstanding Hunting Beagles and handlers from the United States and Canada to participate in the Hunting Beagle Program's largest Hunt and Bench Show. This prestigious multi-day event is directly sponsored by United Kennel Club. The location is carefully selected on the basis of a club or clubs that can supply qualified Judges, good hunting territory, guides, and a facility to accommodate the hundreds that attend. The National Championship is a family affair and an event where old friends become reacquainted and new ones are made.

HUNT RULES:

1. Advanced entries only. All entries must be post-marked by the advertised advanced entry deadline. No hunt entries will be taken on the grounds. A confirmation will be mailed to all entrants confirming entry.

2. If a female that is entered comes in heat, another dog may be substituted that is registered to the same individual. No refunds. If a dog that is entered dies, the Registration Certificate may be turned in at the UKC registration desk. Another dog may be substituted if it is registered to the same individual or a refund may be requested.

If a dog that is entered is injured and cannot hunt,

the registrant must present a letter from a veterinarian on veterinary stationery and another dog may be substituted, if it is registered to the same individual. No refunds.

3. Entries must be confirmed at the UKC registration desk by the advertised deadline on the morning scheduled to hunt.

4. All hounds must be UKC registered by the advanced entry deadline. It will be acceptable for single registration applications to accompany the advanced entry application.

5. All first round plus-point cast winners will advance to subsequent rounds in an elimination style format. A total score of plus points is required in order to advance to any subsequent round. A hunt time period for all preliminary rounds shall be included in event advertisements. Subsequent round hunt time periods may be determined after all entries have been confirmed.

6. Special awards and National recognition for: first ten places registered, up to five places Hunting Beagle Champion, and first place Grand Hunting Beagle Champion. The overall GRHBCH winner will be awarded the title of NGRHBC.

UKC Hunting Beagle National Bench Show

Held on Saturday, the bench show brings out some of the top beagles in the country creating some very competitive classes. Regular UKC Bench Show Rules and procedures apply. The winner of the Grand Champion Class is awarded the title of NGRC. A non-licensed Kids Bench Show is also held after the licensed show.

HUNTING BEAGLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Revised January 1, 2016

1. NAME OF THE EVENT: The UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR EVENTS: All United Kennel Club Registered Beagles are eligible for running in this event. At all World Qualifying Events and the World Championship dogs will be drawn out together as one class. Registrants must have in his possession the dog's UKC Registration Certificate or the UKC Easy Entry™ Card. The UKC Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card must be submitted for entering in any of the Hunting Beagle World Qualifying Events. Dogs may be entered in a UKC World Qualifying Event as "pending" only if the beagle is single registered the day of the event in which they wish to enter, or if a single registration application has been sent to United Kennel Club within 45 days prior to the date of the event they

wish to enter. Once permanent registration papers are received by registrant, that dog can no longer be entered as pending. Dogs advancing to the World Championship will also be required to present registration documentation. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

3. RULES FOR RUNNING THE EVENTS: UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules will be in effect for the year the event is run, with special revisions as required.

4. QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS: Dogs may only qualify at designated UKC Hunting Beagle World Qualifying Events. The ten highest plus point cast winners will be judged the first ten (10) winners of each Qualifying Event. **NO WINNERS PACKS WILL BE RUN.** A dog must have a **TOTAL SCORE OF PLUS POINTS AND BE A CAST WINNER** before they can be considered for one of the ten (10) winners. The UKC Licensed Master of Hounds of the Hunting Beagle Qualifying Event will sign a special receipt/World Championship Entry Form for each plus point cast winner of the event. This receipt will be required to enter the UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship. Any plus point cast winners, including those not placing in the event, at a World Qualifying Event will be qualified for the World Championship. Those dogs placing 11th or lower will not receive any championship points, nor will they receive any awards.

5. DATES OF EVENTS: Hunting Beagle Qualifying Events will be held each year with the World Championship being held in late September or early October to determine the UKC Hunting Beagle World Champion.

6. LOCATION OF EVENTS: Hunting Beagle Qualifying Events will be located strategically throughout the popular rabbit hunting areas of the United States and Canada. The World Championship will be held at a location selected each year by UKC.

7. All Hunting Beagle World Qualifying casts will hunt for 90 minutes. This applies to WQE only events.

8. Although an HD format is approved by UKC, clubs are encouraged to use the MOH format for World Qualifying Events. A Master of Hounds will be used at the World Championship.

9. All Judges for Hunting Beagle Qualifying Events and the World Championship must be not less than sixteen (16) years of age. Judges must be physically fit to perform all duties of a Judge. They must have served as a Judge previously in at least five (5) UKC licensed Hunting Beagle Hunts and know the UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules. All Judges must

be approved by the Official UKC Licensed Master of Hounds. Judges and guides (if guides are needed) will be drawn each day. The Judges for the Final Cast will be appointed by UKC.

10. A dog may qualify at one Qualifier per year, and only one Qualifier per year. There is no limit to how many different Hunting Beagle World Qualifying Events a dog may enter in order to qualify. Once a dog is qualified entry in future World Qualifying Events is to be denied by host club. **Exception:** Any special event such as the ELIMINATOR that is also designated as a Qualifying Event.

11. An individual can substitute a dog that has been entered in the World Championship if the dog has died, come in season, or declared to be ill and not able to participate in the hunt. This illness must be confirmed in writing by a veterinarian. The dog can only be replaced by another dog that is registered in the same registrant's name and was also qualified in the current year. The substitution must be made by the advertised deadline to confirm entries. No refunds will be issued after the advertised deadline for any reason.

12. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: Championship points will be awarded to Cast Winners with plus points as follows:

a. World Qualifying Event:

1. Registered Dogs - 1st through 3rd place; 40 points and a 1st place win. 4th through 10th place; 30 points.
2. Hunting Beagle Champion Dogs - 1st through 10th place; a win toward Grand Hunting Beagle Champion.

b. Finals:

1. Registered Dogs - 1st through 3rd place; 40 points and a 1st place win. 4th through 10th place; 30 points.
2. Hunting Beagle Champion Dogs - 1st through 10th place; a win toward Grand Hunting Beagle Champion

13. Advanced entries only will be accepted for the World Championship. Winners' receipt and entry fees must be submitted by the advertised deadline.

14. All previous UKC Hunting Beagle World Champions are not required to qualify for the World Championship. They must pay the entry fee for the World Championship by the advertised deadline.

15. FEES: Personal checks, money orders or certified checks will be accepted for entry fees to the World Championship. No refunds will be made after the deadline unless the dog has died and the Registration Certificate is turned into UKC.

16. The winner of the Finals will be designated the UKC Hunting Beagle World Champion and will have the following designation placed before the dog's

name on their Registration Certificate, Pedigree and UKC Easy Entry™ Card: WORLD HBCH

17. The Appeal Procedure will not be applicable during hunting time of the World Championship. The Master of Hounds' decision will be final in all situations pertaining to activities during the actual World Championship. The Appeal procedure will be in effect for all qualifying events.

18. The World Championship allows advanced entries only. All dogs, regardless of Championship Degree, size and sex will run together in one class. This is a UKC administered event. The UKC Hunting Beagle Honor rules will be used, except where noted.

The Finals

If there are not enough plus point cast winners in a given round to advance to the next round at the Finals, that round may be modified or eliminated. This will be a UKC decision. In the event that there is not a cast winner with plus points within the allotted time limit of a cast, no dogs will advance from that cast. Exception, the Final Cast will hunt until all dogs are eliminated or until there is a winner. If there are no plus points at the end of the Final Cast, dogs will be placed in the order in which they finished or in the order in which they were eliminated. If at any time only one dog remains in the Final Cast, that dog will be considered the winner. All ties will be broken at the hunt headquarters. The one-hour additional hunting time will not be used to break unbreakable ties except in the Final Cast. At any point where four dogs or less are remaining in the hunt, the round in which they all four participate together; will be considered the final round.

Round 1(a): Up to 120 dogs will participate in Round 1(a). Preference for the morning hunt will be given strictly on entry number in the finals. Lowest entry numbers will be given the opportunity for the first round ahead of higher entry numbers. All of these dogs will run on Friday morning, for 90 minutes, with hunting judges. All plus point cast winners from these casts will advance to Round 2.

Round 1(b): The remaining entries will participate in Round 1(b). Any dogs that did not participate in round 1(a) will run in this round. All of these dogs will run in the afternoon for 90 minutes, with hunting judges. All plus point cast winners from these casts will advance to Round 2.

Round 2: All plus point cast winners from Round 1 will go to the field and hunt for 90 minutes with a Hunting or Non-hunting judge (UKC decision). Either all Hunting Judges or all Non-hunting judges will be used. All plus point cast winners will advance to the next round (Round 3).

Round 3: All casts will hunt for 90 minutes with a non-hunting judge. Hunt placement for all dogs not advancing to the final cast will be determined in this round by non-cast win scores. All ties will be broken by previous round scores.

Round 4: The Final Cast consists of plus point cast winners advancing from Round 3. This final pack will hunt for 90 minutes with up to three non-hunting judges to determine first through the number of dogs participating in this cast. The cast winner from this round will be crowned the UKC Hunting Beagle World Champion.

UKC HUNTING BEAGLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BENCH SHOW RULES

1. The UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship Show will be held at the UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship on a day and time as advertised for the event.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Dog must be permanently registered and qualified for the World Championship or have proof of previous Championship hunt points.

3. Entries are taken on day of show.

4. The UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship Show will be conducted as follows: The UKC Hunting Beagle World Championship show will be conducted as follows: A Registered Male, Registered Female, Champion Male, Champion Female, Grand Champion Male and a Grand Champion Female will be selected. These six dogs will be benched together, and one dog will be selected the World Show Champion; and the top dog whose sex is opposite the World Champion's will be awarded the Opposite Sex World Champion. UKC reserves the right to utilize one or more Judges individually or as a panel to determine the winner.

5. The winner of the UKC Hunting Beagle World Show Championship will have the following designation placed before the dog's name on their Registration Certificate, Pedigree and UKC Easy Entry™ Card: WSHOWCH

UKC® YOUTH ONLY HUNTING BEAGLE EVENTS

The UKC Youth Series Events are without a doubt one of the most positive and enjoyable events of the year. The focus for this event is sportsmanship, participation and fun. Thanks to the wonderful families and youth that participate in this sport, we have never failed yet to meet these goals. The UKC web-

site is the final authority for any youth rules or policies deviating from those as follows.

Official UKC Licensed Youth Event Rules

1. HANDLER ELIGIBILITY:

Hunt - Two (2) age divisions:

- a. 5-12 years old
- b. 13-17 years old

Bench Show - One (1) age division:

5-17 years old

Handler may be required to present proof of age to the entry taker. Only one handler per dog allowed. Handler must be enrolled in school or have completed the requirements for graduation from high school.

2. RULES FOR RUNNING THE EVENTS: UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules, as they apply in effect for the year the event is run. The hunt may be a 60 or 90-minute event, as determined by the club. Only adult, non-hunting Judges, 18 years or older, will be used. Spectators cannot, by word of mouth or action, assist handler in calling dog. Judge can order the removal of a spectator from the cast and the woods for any reason. Children shall not be judged by their parents or members of their immediate family.

UKC Hunting Beagle Bench Rules apply to all licensed Youth Event bench shows. The height of show benches may be modified to accommodate youth handlers at the club's discretion.

3. Any person intimidating, threatening, or injuring a hunter, Judge, Master of Hounds, Hunt Director, club official or UKC Representative: (a) Will be barred for one year up to life from participating in any way (including, but not limited to registrant, handler, back-up handler, Judge, guide, spectator, licensed Master of Hounds, Hunt Director and licensed Bench Show Judge) in any UKC licensed event; (b) Shall be disqualified from having any of their dogs receive any Championship points for one year up to life; and (c) Shall be barred from Registering any dogs in their name with UKC for one year up to life.

UKC reserves unto itself, in its sole judgment and discretion, the right to take such action and impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate.

HUNT RULES

1. DOG ELIGIBILITY: All United Kennel Club Registered Beagles, including Hunting Beagle Champions and Grand Hunting Beagle Champions, are eligible for running in this event. They will be drawn out together as one class. Registrant or certified handler must have in his/her possession the dog's UKC Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

2. PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS: Dog must have a total score of plus points and be a cast winner

before being considered for placement. The ten winners will be selected from the top ten cast winners with a total score of plus points from both age divisions. Sponsors may award trophies, but no Championship points will be awarded to cast winners in the top ten having no plus points.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: Championship Points will be awarded to cast winners with plus points as follows: a. Registered Dogs - 1st and 2nd place; 40 points and a 1st place win. 3rd through 10th place; 30 points. b. Hunting Beagle Champion Dogs - 1st through 3rd place; a win toward Grand Hunting Beagle Champion.

4. There will be a UKC Licensed Master of Hounds or Hunt Director in charge of each event. The host organization will be responsible for obtaining a UKC licensed Master of Hounds or Hunt Director. UKC's Inherent Rights and Powers will also be applicable as required.

BENCH SHOW RULES

1. HANDLER ELIGIBILITY: Bench Show - One (1) age division: 5-17 years old. Handler may be required to present proof of age to the entry taker. Handler must be enrolled in school or have completed the requirements for graduation from high school.

2. Championship points are awarded for the Youth Bench Show in the same manner as with all UKC Licensed Bench Shows. A UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge is required. UKC Beagle Bench Show Rules apply to all licensed Youth Event bench shows. The height of show benches may be modified to accommodate youth handlers at the club's discretion.

3. Dogs may not be entered in a Youth show and a regular UKC Licensed Bench Show hosted by the same club on the same day.

4. All handlers will be required to gait and handle the dog without assistance.

5. All UKC policies concerning entering dogs in UKC Licensed Events shall apply to the Youth Bench Shows.

MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

For current official UKC Misconduct & Guidelines please reference the official UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com.

Disclaimer: Any UKC Rules and or Policies as written in this rulebook are subject to change. Any such changes will be published in American Beagler and in the Rule Sections on the UKC website at www.ukcdogs.com

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UKC YOUTH ONLY HUNTING BEAGLE EVENTS

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Official UKC Licensed Youth Event Rules

1. HUNT HANDLER ELIGIBILITY

- a:** Open to any youth 9-17 years old. Handler may be required to present proof of age to the entry taker.
- b:** Any youth 13 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult, other than the judge or those adults accompanying other youth drawn to the same cast. No exceptions.

2. RULES FOR RUNNING THE EVENTS. UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules, as they apply in effect for the year the event is run. The hunt will run for 60 minutes. Only adult, non-hunting Judges, 18 years or older, will be used. A parent, or an accompanying adult, who has a youth handler in the cast may not be used to judge the cast. Spectators cannot, by word of mouth or action, assist handler in calling dog. Violations shall result in the youth's dog being scratched from the cast.

3. DOG ELIGIBILITY. All United Kennel Club Registered Beagles, including Hunting Beagle Champions and Grand Hunting Beagle Champions, are eligible for running in this event. They will be drawn out together as one class. Registrant or certified handler must have in his/her possession the dog's UKC Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

4. PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS. Dog must have a total score of plus points and be a cast winner before being considered for placement. The ten winners will be selected from the top ten cast winners with a total score of plus points. Sponsors may award trophies, but no Championship points will be awarded to cast winners in the top ten having no plus points.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. Championship Points will be awarded to cast winners with plus points as follows:
a. Registered Dogs - 1st and 2nd place; 40 points and a 1st place win. 3rd through 10th place; 30 points.

b. Hunting Beagle Champion Dogs – 1st through 3rd place; a win toward Grand Hunting Beagle Champion.

6. EVENT OFFICIAL. There will be a UKC Licensed Master of Hounds or Hunt Director in charge of each event. The host organization will be responsible for obtaining a UKC licensed Master of Hounds or Hunt Director. UKC's Inherent Rights and Powers will also be applicable as required.

ASSISTED YOUTH HUNT DIVISION (non-licensed)

Clubs are required to provide a non-licensed assisted division, in conjunction with their licensed youth hunt. This hunt is designed for the younger handlers, and or those who would like assistance with calling their dogs, to learn and practice on their handling skills.

1. HUNT HANDLER ELIGIBILITY

- a:** Open to any youth 5-17 years old. Handler may be required to present proof of age to the entry taker.
- b:** Any youth 13 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult, other than the judge or those adults accompanying other youth that are drawn to the same cast. No exceptions.

2. RULES FOR RUNNING THE EVENTS. Current UKC Hunting Beagle Honor Rules, with deviations as outlined below. The hunt will run for 60 minutes. Only adult, non-hunting Judges, 18 years or older, will be used. A parent, or an accompanying adult, who has a youth handler in the cast may not be used to judge the cast.

a: Rule Deviations: The parent or accompanying adult may assist the youth handler in calling dog. They may also assist the youth on how to communicate with the judge when it comes to calling lines etc. Otherwise, the parent or accompanying adult shall not personally get involved personally with the judge when it comes to any scoring discrepancies throughout the hunt.

b: Rule Deviations: Dogs shall not be scratched out of the hunt for any reason except for: Unsportsmanlike Conduct by the handler, parent, or accompanying adult; 6(a) dog fighting; 6(f) females in heat; or a dog that is just bad to bother bitches, or any other dogs, while other dogs pay them no attention.

3. DOG ELIGIBILITY. All United Kennel Club Registered Beagles, including Hunting Beagle Champions and Grand Hunting Beagle Champions, are eligible for running in this event. They will be drawn out together as one class. Registrant or certified handler must have in his/her possession the dog's UKC Registration Certificate or UKC Easy Entry™ Card.

4. PLACEMENTS and AWARDS. The sponsoring club will decide and announce how placements will be decided. The club may give awards for the winners, and or participants, at their discretion, but no UKC Championship points or wins will be awarded.

YOUTH LICENSED BENCH SHOW RULES

1. HANDLER ELIGIBILITY

a: Open to any youth 5-17 years old. Handler may be required to present proof of age to the entry taker.

b. All handlers are required to gait and handle the dog without adult assistance.

2. SHOW RULES. All UKC policies concerning entering dogs in UKC Licensed Events shall apply to the Youth Bench Shows. A UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge is required. Regular UKC Hunting Beagle Bench Show Rules apply to all licensed Youth Event bench shows. The height of show benches may be modified to accommodate youth handlers at the club's discretion.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS. Points and or wins are awarded for the Youth Bench Show in the same manner as any regular UKC Licensed Bench Show.

NON-LICENSED BENCH SHOW

The sponsoring club may decide to have a non-licensed bench show. Non-licensed shows may be conducted at the club's discretion. UKC would recommend a format that would have classes based on the handler's age regardless of the dog's age or category. This may be a show where the youth's handling skills is part of the equation, opposed to the dog only, when it comes to judging. Clubs may contact UKC for a suggested criterion to judge a non-licensed youth show in this manner. Assembling classes based on the handler's age puts the youth in a class against other youth with similar skillset. No championship points or wins are awarded in a non-licensed show.

UKC License and Recording Fees

UKC waives all license and recording fees for any youth event.