

UKC® Youth Coonhound Series Official UKC Licensed Youth Championship Rules

Effective June 1, 1995

GENERAL RULES

1. HANDLER ELIGIBILITY:

Nite 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 Nite Hunt Honor Rules, as they apply to Nite Champions and Grand Nite Champions (even though Registered dogs are hunting), in effect for the year the event is run, with special revisions as required. Only adult, non-hunting Judges, 18 years or older, will be used. Two spectators will be allowed per dog. Spectators cannot, by word of mouth or action, assist handler or dog in any way. 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 Coonhound 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, 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 owner, handler, back-up handler, Judge, guide, spectator, licensed Master of Hounds 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.

NITE HUNT RULES

1. DOG ELIGIBILITY: All United Kennel Club Registered Coonhounds, including Nite Champions and Grand Nite Champions, are eligible for running in this event. They will be drawn out together as one class. Owner 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. Nite Champion Dogs - 1st through 3rd place; a win toward Grand Nite Champion.

4. There will be a UKC Licensed Master of Hounds in charge of each event. The host organization will be responsible for obtaining a UKC licensed Master of Hounds. The Formal Complaint Procedure will be in effect at all licensed youth Nite Hunts. If a Formal Complaint is filed, follow the Complaint Procedure on page 64 of this Rulebook.

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 award for the Youth Championship Series Bench Show in the same manner as with all UKC Licensed Bench Shows. A UKC Licensed Bench Show Judge is required. UKC Coonhound 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. Dogs may not be entered in a Youth Championship Series 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 Championship Series Bench Shows.

The **UKC Youth National Championship** was established in 2001 and is held each summer for the purpose of fostering and promoting youth activity in the coonhound sport. The highlight of the event is the Qualified Round on Saturday open to those kids who placed at a Youth State Championship event during the previous year. Four Continuing Education Tuition Prizes are awarded to the top four kids/hounds placing in this round. Only those youth age 17 and under at the time of the National Championship, regardless of the child's age upon qualifying, are eligible to compete.

Friday night at the Youth National Championship features a last chance qualifying hunt for Saturday's Qualified Division. The Youth National Championship Bench Show is held during the day on Saturday. There are actually two separate divisions for the Saturday night hunt; a Qualified Division for those kids that qualified during the previous year and met advanced entry requirements, and an Open Division for those kids that did not qualify during the previous year. The Open Division is open to day of hunt entries.

The UKC Youth National Championship is without a doubt one of the most positive and enjoyable major 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.