

Houndsmen Kennel Club

Field Trial, Water Race, Dash to Tree, and Tree Contest Rules

General Rules

- a) All dogs must be registered with HKC to compete.
- b) No in-heat dogs allowed.
- c) Any dog that fights will be scratched and reported.
- d) HKC is not responsible for any thefts, accidents, or losses incurred at any HKC hunt.
- e) Clubs can choose to have open events (everyone), youth events, or powder puff events (women only)
- f) For field trials, dash to tree, and tree contest-there are separate divisions for bear, lion, bobcat, and coon.
- g) Club can choose to have as many events in a day as they want if scheduled, and the proper scent and rule are used.
- l) Water races are all the same for all animals.**

Dash to Tree

- a.) Club shall appoint a person to oversee event.
- b.) A 100-yard drag shall be run with proper scent and hide.
- c.) The drag shall be ended at a tree, in which a pulley system with a hide or taxidermy animal or live coon if state legal.
- d.) there will be two judges at the tree, and if possible, will video in case there are any questions.
- e.) No more than six dogs per cat, with a minimum of two.
- f.) The dogs will be lined up at the starting line and the judge will tell you when to release the dogs. If a dog is released early, it is automatically scratched.
- g.) The dog that gets to the tree first and starts treeing (barking on the tree) is the cast winner.
- h.) When there is more than one cast of dogs, the first and second place dog of each cast will advance to the semi-finals. HKC will run as many semi-finals as needed to get down to a cast of six dogs to run the finals.
- I.) Any ties will be broken with other rounds of tied dogs only.

j.) The line will be a minimum of ten yards from the tree, thirty feet wide with two flags. The dogs must cross between the flags to qualify. If they go outside the line, they are scratched. There will be at least one line judge, two, if possible, in case of any questions.

k.) Any dog that starts a fight will be scratched and a report will be sent to HKC.

l.) No one besides judges are allowed within fifty' of the tree until the judge calls to manage dogs. If the handler breaks this rule, their dog will be scratched from the event.

m.) Win slips will be given to the first-place dog only.

n.) It takes three wins to reach champion, six wins to reach grand champion, and nine wins to reach supreme grand champion. Every three wins after the nine will be supreme grand champion 2,3,4 etc.

o.) No dogs in heat allowed.

p.) Handler is not to encourage dogs at all, or they will become scratched.

Dash to Tree Titles.

Coon Dash to Tree Champion – **CDTCH**

Coon Dash to Tree Grand Champion – **CDTGCH**

Coon Dash to Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **CDTSGCH**

Coon Dash to Tree World Champion- **CDTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Coon Dash to Tree Champion – **YCDTWORLDCHAMP**

Lion Dash to Tree Champion – **LDTCH**

Lion Dash to Tree Grand Champion – **LDTGCH**

Lion Dash to Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **LDTSGCH**

Lion Dash to Tree World Champion- **LDTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Lion Dash to Tree Champion – **YLDTWORLDCHAMP**

Bear Dash to Tree Champion – **BDTCH**

Bear Dash to Tree Grand Champion – **BDTGCH**

Bear Dash to Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **BDTSGCH**

Bear Dash to Tree World Champion- **BDTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Bear Dash to Tree Champion – **YBDTWORLDCHAMP**

Bobcat Dash to Tree Champion – **BCDTCH**

Bobcat Dash to Tree Grand Champion – **BCDTGCH**

Bobcat Dash to Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **BCDTSGCH**

Bobcat Dash to Tree World Champion- **BCDTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Bobcat Dash to Tree Champion – **YBCDTWORLDCHAMP**

Tree Contest Rules

- a. The club shall appoint a person to oversee the event.
- b. There shall be two judges minimum counting barks and one keeping time.
- c. The taxidermy bear, lion, bobcat, or coon (with appropriate scent) or hide, caged coon (where legal) will be at least ten' up the tree.
- d. There shall be a fifteen' circle marked with paint around the tree. If the dog leaves the circle, it is scratched.
- e. The taxidermy animal, coon, or hide will be on a pulley system, should be lowered to the ground for the dog to see, and then pulled up pole/tree.
- f. Dog will start outside the circle, when the judge says start time, the dog shall be released.
- g. All dogs must be registered with HKC.
- h. Will be one minute time in which barks are counted, once judge yells times, the handler will get their dog.
- i. The bark count from each judge will be looked at and if different, they will split the difference. Example: sixty barks from one judge and sixty-four from another, sixty-two barks would be the total.
- j. Any times with be broken with another round.
- k. Any dog that starts a fight will be scratched and reported to HKC.
- l. All handlers are to remain outside the circle until they are told to manage their dog.
- m. Win slips will be given to the highest scoring dog only.
- n. It takes three wins to reach the champion, six to reach grand champion, nine wins to reach supreme grand champion. Every three wins after the nine will be supreme grand champion 2,3,4 etc.
- o. No dogs in the heat allowed.
- p. The handler is not to encourage the dog.

Tree Contest Titles

Coon Tree Champion – **CTCH**

Coon Tree Grand Champion – **CTGCH**

Coon Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **CTSGCH**

Coon Tree World Champion- **CTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Coon Tree Champion – **YCTWORLDCHAMP**

Lion Tree Champion – **LTCH**

Lion Tree Grand Champion – **LTGCH**

Lion Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **LTSGCH**

Lion Tree World Champion- **LTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Lion Tree Champion – **YLTWORLDCHAMP**

Bear Tree Champion – **BTCH**

Bear Tree Grand Champion – **BTGCH**

Bear Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **BTSCH**

Bear Tree World Champion- **BTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Bear Tree Champion – **YBTWORLDCHAMP**

Bobcat Tree Champion – **BCTCH**

Bobcat Tree Grand Champion – **BCTGCH**

Bobcat Tree Supreme Grand Champion- **BCTSGCH**

Bobcat Tree World Champion- **BCTWORLDCHAMP**

Youth Bobcat Tree Champion – **YBCTWORLDCHAMP**

Field Trial Rules

- a. All dogs must be registered must be registered with HKC.
- b. The starting line is to be clearly marked and will be a judge to tell handlers when to release the dogs. If a dog is released before the judge says that dog is scratched.
- c. Drags should go from the starting line to the tree, should be as complex and long as possible, and should not be able to see the tree from the starting line.
- d. The tree should have a taxidermy animal or hide or caged coon (where legal) and scent according to the field trial being ran (bear, lion, bobcat, coon)
- e. There will be a set of flags or stakes to function as a line. A minimum of ten yards from the tree and thirty feet apart. Dogs must go between the stakes to get line or tree, if they go around, they are scratched.
- f. There should be at least one line judge (2 is ideal) and should video, if possible, in case of any questions, and there should be at least two or three judges, and they should also video if possible.
- g. No one besides the judge are to be within fifty yards of there until the judge calls to manage the dogs. Any handler or owner who violates this will be scratched.
- h. Handlers are not to encourage the dog in any way from the starting line or at the tree.
- i. No dogs in the heat allowed.
- j. Any dog that starts a fight is to be scratched and a report sent into HKC.
- k. The first dog to cross the line will win first line, second dog =second line etc.

- l. The first dog to tree (stand on the tree and bark) will receive first tree, second dog =second tree etc.
 - m. All first line, first three, second line, and second three winners will advance to the semi-finals. Will run as many semi-finals as needed to get down to a final heat.
 - n. Final heat first line and first tree will receive win slips.
 - o. No more than six dogs per heat and a minimum of two.
- Any ties in the finals will be broken by the tied dogs re-running.
 It takes three first lines and three first trees to reach field trail champion, six first line and six first trees to reach field trial grand champion, and nine first line and nine first trees to reach field trial supreme grand champion. Every three first trees after the nine will result in supreme grand 2, 3,4 etc.

Field Trial Titles

Coon Field Trial Champion – **CFTCH**

Coon Field Trial Grand Champion – **CFTGCH**

Coon Field Trial Supreme Grand Champion- **CFTSGCH**

Coon Field Trial World Champion- **CFTWORLDCHAMP**

Coon Field Trial Champion – **CFTWORLDCHAMP**

Lion Field Trial Champion – **LFTCH**

Lion Field Trial Grand Champion – **LFTGCH**

Lion Field Trial Supreme Grand Champion- **LFTSGCH**

Lion Field Trial World Champion- **LFTWORLDCHAMP**

Lion Field Trial Champion – **LFTWORLDCHAMP**

Bear Field Trial Champion – **BFTCH**

Bear Field Trial Grand Champion – **BFTGCH**

Bear Field Trial Supreme Grand Champion- **BFTSGCH**

Bear Field Trial World Champion- **BFTWORLDCHAMP**

Bear Field Trial Champion – **BFTWORLDCHAMP**

Bobcat Field Trial Champion – **BCFTCH**

Bobcat Field Trial Grand Champion – **BCFTGCH**

Bobcat Field Trial Supreme Grand Champion- **BCFTSGCH**

Bobcat Field Trial World Champion- **BCFTWORLDCHAMP**

Bobcat Field Trial Champion – **BCFTWORLDCHAMP**

Water Race Rules

- a. All dogs must be registered with HKC.
- b. The starting line should be a starting box or a line where both sides have fence or netting so that all the dogs enter the water at the same point. If a dog does not enter the water, they are scratched.
- c. There should be a pulley system from the starting line across the pond to the tree, on which a float carrying device or caged coon (where legal) with scent is pulled across the water.
- d. The cage should be pulled far enough in front of the dogs so that the dogs cannot catch it.
- e. The pond should be at least forty-five' long and deep enough that all dogs must swim.
- f. Where the cage comes out of the pond there will be two stakes to mark the line 20' apart that the dogs must cross through on way to tree for win to count. If they go around the line markers, they are scratched.
- g. The tree or pole should be at least ten yards in from the water.
- h. The first dog to cross the line receives the first line, second dog = second line
- i. The first dog to stand on the tree/pole and bark receives first tree, second dog=second tree
- j. All first and second lines and trees will advance to the semi final heats. There will be semi-final rounds until there are enough dogs to fill the final heat.
- k. No more than six dogs per heat with a minimum of two
- l. There should be at least one, preferably two judges and videoing if possible.
- m. If a dog starts a fight, it will be scratched and reported to HKC.
- n. No in heat dogs allowed.
- o. Handlers are not to encourage their dogs.
- p. Everyone but judges are to remain at least forty' back from the tree, any handler or owner who breaks this rule will be scratched.
- q. A win slip will be given to the dogs that get first line and dogs that get first tree in the final only.
- r. It takes three first lines and three first trees to make champion, six first lines and six first trees to make grand champion, nine first lines and nine first trees to make supreme grand champion. Every three first lines and three first trees after 9 will be supreme grand 2,3,4 etc.

Water Race Titles

Water Race Champion – **WRCH**

Water Race Grand Champion –**WRGCH**

Water Race Supreme Grand Champion- **WRSGCH**

Water Race World Champion- **WRWORLDCHAMP**

Water Race Champion – **YWRWORLDCHAMP**