

Houndsmen Kennel Club

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Beagle Bench Show Rules

HKC SANCTIONED BENCH SHOWS

THE PLATFORM

The HKC Bench Shows are designed for participants to showcase their dog's overall confirmation while competing for Champion Degrees, Titles, and Prizes. When competing in HKC Rabbit Bench Shows, dogs will be judged on five (5) Categories which are outlined below. HKC will have Bench Show Director that will host and direct the HKC Rabbit Bench Shows. There are two formats in which a Director may choose from which is a \$10 Points Only Show or a \$20 Points & Cash Prize Show. A dog must be enrolled in Houndsmen Kennel Club in order to participate in an HKC Bench Show.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

The judging and placing of HKC Rabbit Bench Shows will be based on the Bench Show Judge scoring each dog based on 5 categories which are outlined below. All dogs in each class will be placed on the bench at the same time for judging. The judge shall place the dog's 1st thru 5th in each class with the winners being called back to compete for either the Best Female or Best Male of Show. The Best Female and Best Male of Show classes will have one (1) judge and will be placed using an average points system. The judge shall independently score the dogs in each category without any conversation

or discussions. Once the scoring has been completed, the scorecard will be handed to the Show Director or appointed scorekeeper to be recorded on the official scoresheet. The scores for each category shall be added together to get the dog's Independent Judge's Score (IJS), in order to acquire the dog's final score. The dogs will be placed according to those scores with the highest score being

declared the winner. For State Championship & Titled Shows, a third judge must be added to the Overall Best of Show class that has not judged or participated in the event.

DOG PRESENTATION

The judge will call each class to be presented. The handler should walk the dog in front of the judge to make sure the dog's gait is correct to breed standards. The dogs shall be placed on the bench facing to the handler's left. The handler will set the dog in a comfortable, bench position for the judges to evaluate and score the dog's confirmation based on the characteristic categories listed below. The handler will open the dog's mouth for the judge. Presentation performance is a scoring category and the judge will be evaluating how the dog presents itself during the judging process. A handler may place one hand under the dog's muzzle and use one

hand to present its tail or the dog may stand freely to obtain a higher score. The Judge's decision is final. No Judge are to enter their dogs in any HKC Rabbit 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 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.

SCORING CATEGORIES

The HKC Rabbit Bench Shows shall consist of five (5) categories in which the dogs will be judged and scored in. Those categories are as follows:

1) **HEAD CATEGORY** – The head category will be judged on the following characteristics and shall receive a score from 1-10.

- **HEAD** – The head should be well proportioned overall to the dog's body.

EARS – For all Beagles the ears should be set evenly on the head and hanging. They should be set evenly on the head and may be hanging or standing. Both ears must be symmetric in either position.

- **EYES** – The eyes should be set apart in the skull with tight eyelids and no drooping or third eyelid exposed.

- TEETH – A Scissors Bite is preferred but an even bite is acceptable.

2) **BODY CATEGORY** - The body category will be judged on the following characteristics and shall receive a score from 1-10.

- CHEST – The chest should be deep and well-proportioned with good muscle tone.
- BACK – The back should be muscular, strong, and slightly arched or straight but never swayed or roached.
- HIPS – The hips should be strongly muscled and evenly proportioned to the dog's front shoulders.
- SHOULDERS – The shoulders should be sloping and at least the width of the rib cage with excellent muscle tone to indicate speed and strength.

3) **LEGS & FEET CATEGORY** - The legs & feet category will be judged on the following characteristics and shall receive a score from 1-10.

FORELEGS – The forelegs are to be straight, well boned, and muscular. When viewed from the front and side view, the forelegs should be straight in appearance.

- HIND LEGS – The hind legs are to be strong and muscular with a straight appearance when viewed from behind. The hocks should be strong and slightly bent when viewed from the side.
- FEET – The feet are to be solid and well-padded with a cat-like appearance. The toes should be well arched with strong nails.

4) **APPEARANCE CATEGORY** - The appearance category will be judged on the following and shall receive a score from 1-10.

- The judge shall score the dog's overall appearance in regards to its proportionality and muscle tone of the aforementioned categories.

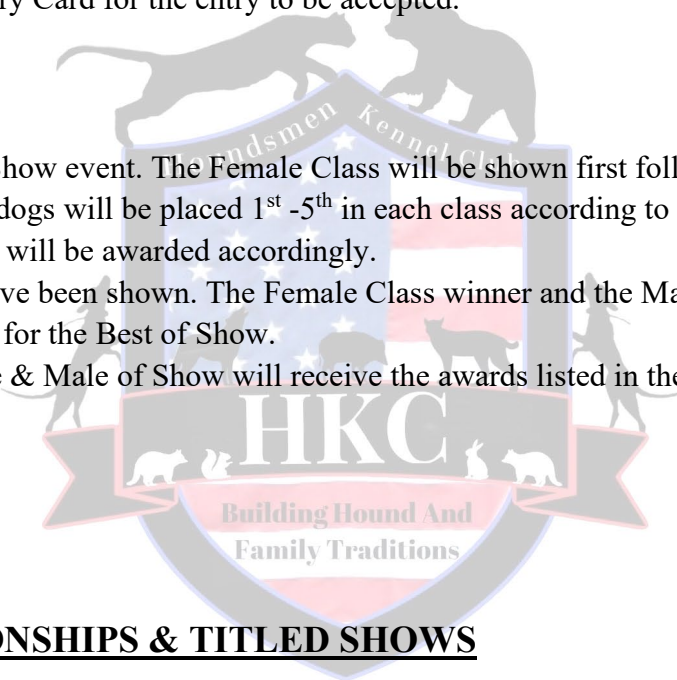
5) **PERFORMANCE CATEGORY** - The performance category will be judged on the following and shall receive a score from 1-10.

The judge will score the dog in this category based on the dog's performance during the judging process and during the Performance Presentation Period. The dogs on the bench will be set and the ringmaster / judge will call for and start a 30 second presentation period. During this time, the judges will evaluate the dog's attention and overall presentation. A handler may place one hand under the dog's muzzle and use one hand to present its tail or the dog may stand freely to obtain a higher score.

BENCH SHOWS

Bench Shows should be scheduled with an HKC Rabbit Series Event. The Bench Show will be conducted as follows:

1. Entries will be taken up until the advertised deadline. Handlers must present the Dogs Competition Entry Card for the entry to be accepted.
2. In each Bench Show event. The Female Class will be shown first followed by the Male Class. The top five (5) dogs will be placed 1st -5th in each class according to their class score and champion points will be awarded accordingly.
3. After all dogs have been shown. The Female Class winner and the Male Class will be called back to compete for the Best of Show.
4. The Best Female & Male of Show will receive the awards listed in the Bench Show Awards Schedule.



STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & TITLED SHOWS

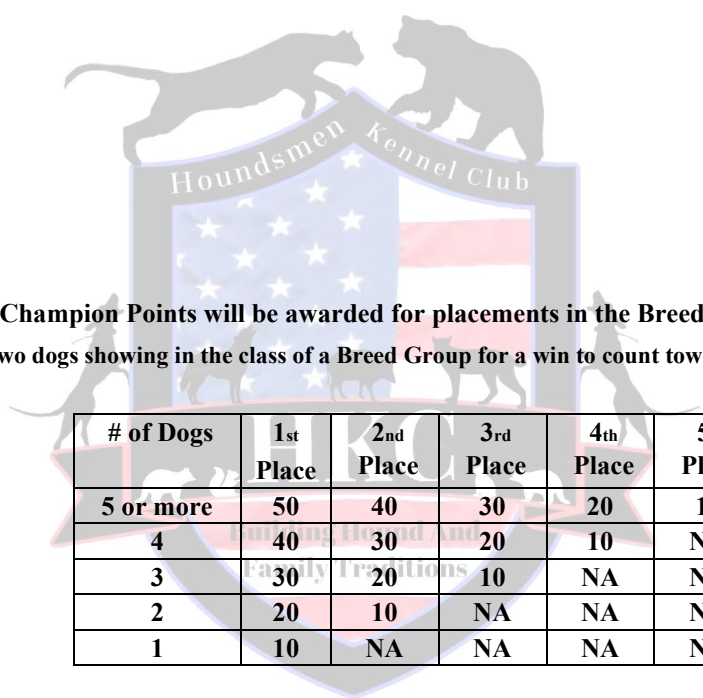
Dogs will be shown for their World, National, and State Bench Show Titles at larger HKC Rabbit Series events.

After the Best Female and Male of Show have been awarded, they shall be called back to compete for the overall Title. This round must have a separate Judge that has not judged any time during the event.

HKC RABBIT BENCH SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP DEGREE PROGRAM

Houndsmen Kennel Club Rabbit Series Bench Show Championship Degree Program is designed to recognize dogs that have proven themselves in HKC Rabbit Bench Show Competitions. The HKC Rabbit BCH and HKC Rabbit GRBCH Degrees are earned when the following criteria has been met.

- To earn a BCH Degree, a dog must have a 1st place class win and a total of 300 Champion Points. The Champion Points are accumulative until the BCH Degree is earned.
- Once a dog has earned its BCH Degree, its points shall be reset to zero and placements will begin to accumulate champion points towards a GRBCH Degree. A dog must achieve a Best of Show win as a BCH and 300 Champion Points to earn a GRBCH Degree.
- Once a dog obtains its HKC Rabbit GRBNCH Degree, it shall only be eligible to participate in the State, National and World Bench Shows until there are enough GRBCHs to establish the HKC Rabbit GRBNCH Class.



The following Champion Points will be awarded for placements in the Breed Group Classes.
There must be at least two dogs showing in the class of a Breed Group for a win to count towards a Champion Degree.

# of Dogs	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
5 or more	50	40	30	20	10
4	40	30	20	10	NA
3	30	20	10	NA	NA
2	20	10	NA	NA	NA
1	10	NA	NA	NA	NA

The following Champion Points will be awarded for placements in the Best of Show Classes.
There must be at least two dogs showing in the Best of Show class for points to be awarded and a win to count towards a Champion Degree.

# of Dogs	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
5	50	40	30	20	10

4	40	30	20	10	NA
3	30	20	10	NA	NA
2	20	10	NA	NA	NA

The following Champion Degrees will be awarded for the ABHS Bench Shows:

Bench Champion (BNCH) – Grand Bench Champion (GRBNCH)

HKC RABBIT BENCH SHOW AWARD SCHEDULES

\$10 BENCH SHOW IS POINTS ONLY

\$20 BENCH SHOW AWARDS SCHEDULE

Entries	Proceeds	ABHS Fee	Club	BOS Female	BOS Male
1	\$20	\$4	\$16	***	***
2	\$40	\$8	\$32	***	***
3	\$60	\$12	\$48	***	***
4	\$80	\$16	\$64	***	***
5	\$100	\$20	\$80	***	***
6	\$120	\$24	\$46	\$25	\$25
7	\$140	\$28	\$62	\$25	\$25
8	\$160	\$32	\$78	\$25	\$25
9	\$180	\$36	\$94	\$25	\$25
10	\$200	\$40	\$110	\$25	\$25
11	\$220	\$44	\$76	\$50	\$50
12	\$240	\$48	\$92	\$50	\$50
13	\$260	\$52	\$108	\$50	\$50
14	\$280	\$56	\$124	\$50	\$50
15	\$300	\$60	\$140	\$50	\$50
16	\$320	\$64	\$106	\$75	\$75
17	\$340	\$68	\$122	\$75	\$75
18	\$360	\$72	\$138	\$75	\$75
19	\$380	\$76	\$154	\$75	\$75
20	\$400	\$80	\$170	\$75	\$75
21	\$420	\$84	\$136	\$100	\$100
22	\$440	\$88	\$152	\$100	\$100
23	\$460	\$92	\$168	\$100	\$100
24	\$480	\$96	\$184	\$100	\$100
25	\$500	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$100

26	\$520	\$104	\$166	\$125	\$125
27	\$540	\$108	\$182	\$125	\$125
28	\$560	\$112	\$198	\$125	\$125
29	\$580	\$116	\$214	\$125	\$125
30	\$600	\$120	\$230	\$125	\$125
31	\$620	\$124	\$196	\$150	\$150
32	\$640	\$128	\$212	\$150	\$150
33	\$660	\$132	\$228	\$150	\$150
34	\$680	\$136	\$244	\$150	\$150
35	\$700	\$140	\$260	\$150	\$150
36	\$720	\$144	\$226	\$175	\$175
37	\$740	\$148	\$242	\$175	\$175
38	\$760	\$152	\$258	\$175	\$175
39	\$780	\$156	\$274	\$175	\$175
40	\$800	\$160	\$290	\$175	\$175

Should there only be a BOS Female or BOS Male awarded at an HKC Rabbit Bench Show, the award payout for the missing class shall be paid out to the only BOS Class winner of the Bench Show.

