

HOUNDSMEN KENNEL CLUB

BEAR WORLD HUNT RULES

**JUDGES MUST HAVE UP TO DATE CPR & FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS
ALL DOGS MUST BE HKC REGISTERED**

- 1) Dogs may qualify for World Championship at any State or HKC sanctioned trial.
- 2) There will be 4 Bear Finalists in the World Hunt. • In order to complete any field trial, an HKC registered dog must be entered and have been placed in a prior trial. • A two-hundred-dollar (\$200.00) entry fee to compete in World Hunt is required.
- 3) Trials shall be held in September dates to be determined. Dates may vary. • Deadline for entry into trials shall be 6:00 pm, one day prior to a scheduled trial. Sign up for any trial may be completed up to 60 days prior to World Championship.
- 4) Each Friday at 6:00 pm, a meeting shall take place to discuss rules, regulations and to draw casts.
- 5) Trial time begins at 6:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm.
- 6) No in-heat dogs may compete in World Hunt.
- 7) Judge shall be in front of the cast in order to judge the tree.
- 8) Trial shall start over if dogs cannot hold game in tree.
- 9) Poor sportsmanship is not tolerated and will result in a disqualification of the weekend trial.
- 10) Each pack of dogs has 4hrs to catch the bear. After the 4hrs the judge can add 30 min increments if they feel the bear is jumped and about to tree (judge's decision)

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Beating or mishandling a dog.
- Fighting amongst the cast.

Belittling or harassing fellow competitors.

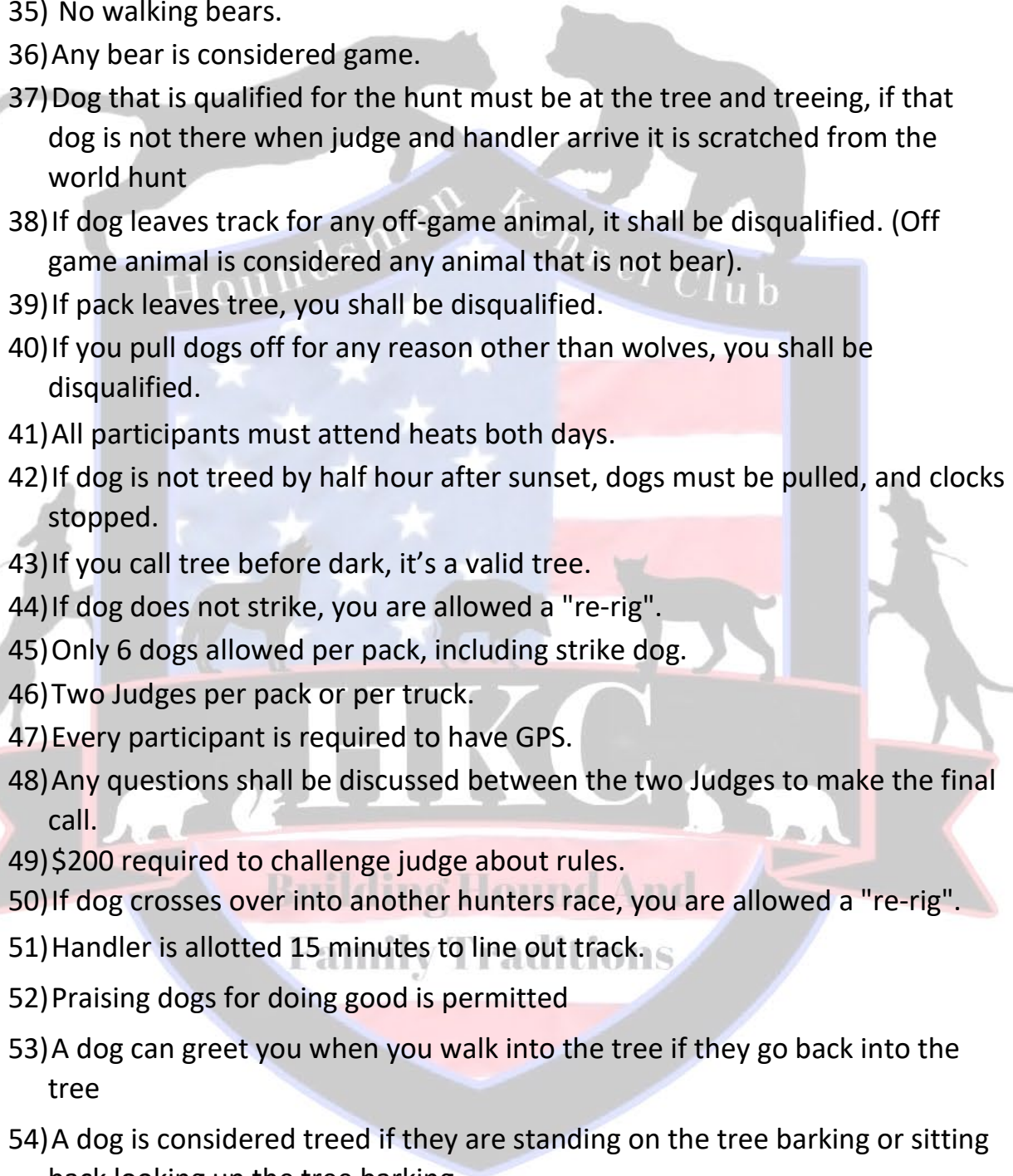
Drinking or illicit drug use at trial cast will not be tolerated.

Judges may use communication devices for safety.

- 11) Cell phones, satellite phones and other communication devices may not be used by competitors until judge declares trial completed.
- 12) Handlers shall not touch their dog, or any other dog, during the trial. Can praise the dog at the tree
- 13) Should interference occur by a private hunting party (not affiliated with the trials), a highway determined to be dangerous to dog safety, a railroad, or other deemed dangers to the dog or handler, including wolves, the dogs will be handled as quickly as possible, and the trial will be called a time out, and will restart a new track.
- 14) If an injury occurs to a handler, the dog may be handled by the judge, and the dog will be called as disqualified.
- 15) Handlers call on how an injured dog will be taken care of.
- 16) No person can leave the trial grounds without all handlers and dogs being present and accounted for.
- 17) Handlers must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult to compete.
- 18) Handlers must sign a liability waiver, holding HKC and affiliated handlers harmless from any accident, injury or death that may occur on the field.
- 19) There is to be no harassment of big game animals.
- 20) All State and Federal Fish and Wildlife rules must be followed.
- 21) If handler does not show up for race or drops out, the next highest point dog takes that place.
- 22) If you miss a race, give a 60-day notification before event.

RACE DETAILS

- 23) The dog that is qualified for the world hunt must be on the rig box, all other dogs are to be inside the dog box with no way to put their heads out and bark. Only the qualified dog is to rig
- 24) Handler must turn loose dog that struck (handler decision if wants to start that rig)
- 25) Handler and Judge shall start time when dog is released
- 26) Time starts when dog hits the ground.
- 27) Dog has 15 minutes to line out track.
- 28) The dog that rigs (qualified dog) must take the track at least 200 yards before the rest of the pack is released
- 29) Handler shall then let loose the pack.

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- 30) If you choose to start the rig and the dog does not take the track out your time continues to run while you try to get another rig and start a bear. All the above rules apply to all rigs and starts
 - 31) Judge and participant shall ride in back to witness strike.
 - 32) Race will be timed by judge.
 - 33) Bay up is considered tree.
 - 34) Bear must be completely stopped.
 - 35) No walking bears.
 - 36) Any bear is considered game.
 - 37) Dog that is qualified for the hunt must be at the tree and treeing, if that dog is not there when judge and handler arrive it is scratched from the world hunt
 - 38) If dog leaves track for any off-game animal, it shall be disqualified. (Off game animal is considered any animal that is not bear).
 - 39) If pack leaves tree, you shall be disqualified.
 - 40) If you pull dogs off for any reason other than wolves, you shall be disqualified.
 - 41) All participants must attend heats both days.
 - 42) If dog is not treed by half hour after sunset, dogs must be pulled, and clocks stopped.
 - 43) If you call tree before dark, it's a valid tree.
 - 44) If dog does not strike, you are allowed a "re-rig".
 - 45) Only 6 dogs allowed per pack, including strike dog.
 - 46) Two Judges per pack or per truck.
 - 47) Every participant is required to have GPS.
 - 48) Any questions shall be discussed between the two Judges to make the final call.
 - 49) \$200 required to challenge judge about rules.
 - 50) If dog crosses over into another hunters race, you are allowed a "re-rig".
 - 51) Handler is allotted 15 minutes to line out track.
 - 52) Praising dogs for doing good is permitted
 - 53) A dog can greet you when you walk into the tree if they go back into the tree
 - 54) A dog is considered treed if they are standing on the tree barking or sitting back looking up the tree barking

FIGHTING DOGS

55) Dogs at fault for fighting shall be disqualified.

56) If Judge cannot determine which dog started the altercation, each fighting dog shall be disqualified.

PLACES WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON POINTS EARNED IN FINALS. IN CASE OF A TIE WILL GO TO FASTEST TIME.

**HKC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR MODIFY THE RULES AS NEEDED
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