

HOUNDSMEN KENNEL CLUB

LION WOLD HUNT RULES

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

• **Points shall be awarded as follows:**

- 1st tree 125
- 2nd tree 75
- 3rd tree 50
- 4th tree 25
- 5-6 tree 0

- 1) Dogs may qualify for World Championship at any State or HKC sanctioned trial.
- 2) There will be 6 LION 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 February 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) If the lion bails the dogs will have to be re treed, with new points awarded
- 11) If wolves come into trial, the trial shall be stopped, and all dogs will be handled as quickly as possible. And the trial will resume the next day

FINDING AND IDENTIFYING TRACK

- 1) Handlers shall not disturb track to the extent that it is not recognizable
- 2) Track spotters are allowed on the field two hours prior to the start of the trial
- 3) Numbers shall be drawn at the Friday night meeting to determine “track walkers” who will lead dog on track first. The hunt master shall line up handlers and dogs, and give countdown to release
- 4) Handler’s tracking collars shall be programmed to the judge’s GPS device
- 5) Handlers may use their own GPS during trials, but official competition results and readings are to be taken from the judge’s GPS only.
- 6) Handler’s may use e-collars set on “tone only”

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.

- 1) Cell phones, satellite phones and other communication devices may not be used by competitors until judge declares trial completed.
- 2) Handlers shall not touch their dog, or any other dog, during the trial. Minus points will be given for any dog touch, unless determined as unintentional by the judge.
- 3) 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, the trial will be called a time out, and will restart a new track.
- 4) If an injury occurs to a handler, the dog may be handled by the judge, and the dog will be called as disqualified.
- 5) Handlers call on how an injured dog will be taken care of.

- 6) No person can leave the trial grounds without all handlers and dogs being present and accounted for.
- 7) Handlers must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult to compete.
- 8) Handlers must sign a liability waiver, holding HKC and affiliated handlers harmless from any accident, injury or death that may occur on the field.
- 9) There is to be no harassment of big game animals.
- 10) All State and Federal Fish and Wildlife rules must be followed.
- 11) If handler does not show up for race or drops out, the next highest point dog takes that place.
- 12) If you miss a race, give a 60-day notification before event.

RACE DETAILS

- 13) First Strike and first tree must be called by handler and heard by judge to confirm, the dog that is competing will be awarded points based on when they are called and deemed treed by the handler and judge using GPS if the cant hear the dogs
- 14) Handler and Judge shall start time when dog is released
- 15) Time starts when dog hits the ground.
- 16) Dog has 15 minutes to line out track.
- 17) Handler shall then let loose the pack.
- 18) If you call the first strike and dog does not follow track, you will be disqualified.
- 19) Race will be timed by judge.
- 20) Bay up is considered tree.
- 21) Lion must be completely stopped.
- 22) Any lion is considered game.
- 23) If dog leaves track for any off-game animal, it shall be disqualified.
(Off game animal is considered any animal that is not lion).
- 24) If pack leaves tree, you shall be disqualified.
- 25) If you pull dogs off for any reason other than wolves, you shall be disqualified.
- 26) All participants must attend heats both days.
- 27) If dog is not treed by half hour after sunset, dogs must be pulled, and clocks stopped.
- 28) If you call tree before dark, it's a valid tree.
- 29) Two Judges per pack or per truck.
- 30) Every participant is required to have GPS.

- 31) Any questions shall be discussed between the two Judges to make the final call.
- 32) \$200 required to challenge judge about rules.
- 33) If dog crosses over into another hunters race, you are allowed a "re-rig".
- 34) Handler is allotted 15 minutes to line out track.
- 35) Praising dogs for doing good is permitted
- 36) A dog can greet you when you walk into the tree as long as they go back into the tree
- 37) A dog is considered treed if they are standing on the tree barking or sitting back looking up the tree barking
- 38) Once treed for two minutes, judge shall call for handlers to handle their dogs
- 39) There will be two judges on every cast
- 40) No handler may pass the judge, and only walk as fast as the slowest member of the trial. No one may be left behind.
- 41) If wolves enter the trial all dogs are to be called back and handled as quickly as possible



SPLIT TREES

- 1) Should a split tree call occur, the cast shall proceed to first called tree
- 2) If it is determined that there is no game in first tree, dog shall receive minus 125
- 3) Cast shall then proceed to second tree

BAY UP IN CONFINED AREAS

- 1) Confined area is defined as a cave, rock shelf, or any area with only one exit

- 2) Once a confined area has been determined, trial will be called a time out and judges will call for the dogs to be handled
- 3) Circle points will be given to the dog
- 4) Once dogs are handled, the trial will be cancelled, and a new trial shall begin
- 5) If handler decides to pull his dog from bay up and majority of cast vote to try to tree game, handled dog shall be called as disqualified
- 6) Should a dog become wounded, that dog may be pulled at handler's discretion. Dog shall then be determined to have been pulled from the entire days trial.

FIGHTING DOGS

- 42) Dogs at fault for fighting shall be disqualified.
- 43) 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 RUN ANOTHER CAST

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