

# Professional Kennel Club

## LARGE PACK FORMAT

### —Rules/Policies/Procedures—

Best Score (Speed and Drive Category) -

*Twenty-five (25%) percent of Total Added Purse*

Best Score (Endurance Category) -

*Twenty-five (25%) percent of Total Added Purse*

#### E. ELECTRONIC TRAINING/TRACKING DEVICES

(1) Tracking devices may be used.

(2) Shock collars may be used to stop an off game chase, or to retrieve a dog should the dog venture in to an undesirable area. Abuse of this policy shall result in the dog being scratched from the event.

**F. COMPLAINTS** - The Handler of any dog entered in a sanctioned event may file a complaint with the Hunt Director, provided complaint is filed within thirty (30) minutes of the score sheet posting. The Handler will be required to file the complaint in writing. A complaint deposit of \$50 (fifty dollars) shall be required to accompany the written complaint. A three (3) member panel will be selected by a PKC Beagle Director or Regional Representative to determine the disposition of the complaint. If the panel rules in favor of the complainant, deposit shall be returned. If the panel's ruling does not favor the complainant, deposit fee will be forfeited to PKC.

### 2. PARTICIPANTS

**A. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT** - Owners and handlers of dogs participating in PKC Licensed Beagle events must be current members (or be a guest of PKC) in good standing. It is the owner and/or handler's responsibility to know the rules contained herein and to abide by them. The owner and/or handler also agree to accept and abide by the decision of the Judge and the Hunt Director. Handlers only will be responsible for bringing formal questions and appeals to the Hunt Director.

**B. GUEST HUNTERS** - Guest hunters shall be permitted to enter \$10, \$15, & \$25 events and "Try One" hunts only. A person may enter only three (3) events per year as a "Guest Hunter" and awards will not count toward any qualification or standing. A club may refuse the entry of a guest hunter at its discretion. Indicate "Guest" in places for PKC number of dog and Membership number of owner and/or handler.

**SPECIAL NOTE** - *In all events, owner and handler must be current members, and dog must be PKC registered in order for credit to be received.*

### 3. ENTRY REQUIREMENT

There must be a minimum of five (5) entries to hold a PKC sanctioned hunt.

### 4. MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENT

No dog may be over 16" to be eligible to compete in a PKC sanctioned event.

### 5. IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS IN THE TRIAL

**A.** All dogs must wear numbers corresponding with those numbers issued at the entry desk. Numbers must be plainly visible on either side, and must be painted, bleached, or dyed on sides of dogs.

**B.** A representative of the Host Club will issue numbers. Acceptable numbers are 0 (zero) through 999 (nine hundred ninety-nine).

### 6. AWARDS

**A.** Awards shall be determined according to the Chart of Awards for the specific entry fee event, which is based on the number of entries in the event. The awards charts shall be adhered to, without exception.

**B.** Calcuttas may or may not be conducted at the discretion of the host club. Clubs may only organize, sponsor, and/or conduct calcuttas or jackpots or other similar events in accordance with applicable state gaming laws. Such events shall in no way interfere with or restrict the normal and customary length of hunt times. PKC reserves the right to

### 1. DEFINITIONS

**A. PROFESSIONAL KENNEL CLUB, LLC**, referred to as PKC, will license all events, and keep record of winnings, issue championship degrees, and World Championship qualification. PKC will have no responsibility for accounting for and disbursing of proceeds, appointing Judges, or determining winners of events. PKC reserves the right to withhold recognition of winners and may decline to license a club for future events at its sole discretion. PKC reserves the right to appoint a member of PKC management to serve as Hunt Director and/or manage any event it deems necessary.

**B. SPONSORING CLUB** - The sponsoring club will be a club licensed by PKC to conduct events. The club will have complete authority to conduct events, determine winners and disburse awards. The club will appoint a certified Hunt Director who will have full authority over the event. The club will rule on all questions concerning an event, including rule interpretation and disciplinary action of members. The National Association and PKC shall have the authority to correct gross errors by clubs at its discretion. A club may be licensed to hold PKC Beagle Events for an annual fee of \$50. The license period is January 1st until December 31st of each calendar year. The club may be licensed for a single "try one" event for \$25.

**C. SCHEDULING EVENTS** - Events will be scheduled upon the club's reasonable request, based on the schedules of other clubs in the area and the best interest of PKC. However, no event will be scheduled within one-hundred fifty (150) miles of another previously scheduled event. Schedule should be made for the entire year. Schedule changes shall be submitted in advance of requested change, and will be based on availability of dates, and the time frame involved with getting the requested change printed in the Event Schedule in RABBIT HUNTER. Larger events will take precedence over club's schedule. Any club date displaced by a major event will be rescheduled upon the club's reasonable request for a mutually available date. Club or PKC may cancel events within a reasonable time frame before the date of the scheduled event. Additional events may be scheduled based upon club's success and date availability at the sole discretion of PKC. All events will count in standings only if listed in RABBIT HUNTER or posted on the PKC website, before the date of the event or prior approval has been received from PKC. Club will normally schedule \$10, \$15, and/or \$25 events as schedule will permit. Clubs that fail to conduct satisfactory events, fail to provide a qualified Hunt Director, or fail to provide qualified judges, in the sole discretion of PKC, have their total number of events reduced or their license suspended. Clubs who fail to answer a complaint or cooperate with PKC in resolving a complaint may not be considered for a future license. Added Purse events must be scheduled as provided in PKC Events section of PKC Beagle Event Rules and Policies Manual.

**D. ADDED PURSE EVENTS** - Added Purse events must be scheduled at least sixty (60) days in advance and must be at least one hundred fifty (150) miles from any other added purse event. PKC's recommendation is that added purse funds be distributed to the dogs with the best four (4) combined scores in the event, OR to the dog with the best score in each category. However, disbursement of the total added purse will be at the discretion of the Host Club, provided distribution formula is announced and posted in plain view of all contestants, prior to the beginning of the event.

**(1) ADDED PURSE DISTRIBUTION TO TOP (4) DOGS IN TRIAL** - Should the Host Club choose to disburse funds to the best four (4) scores in the event, said funds should be distributed as follows:

1st Place - Forty (40%) percent of Total Added Purse

2nd Place - Thirty (30%) of Total Added Purse

3rd Place - Twenty (20%) percent of Total Added Purse

4th Place - Ten (10%) percent of Total Added Purse

**(2) ADDED PURSE DISTRIBUTION TO BEST SCORE IN EACH CATEGORY** - Should the Host Club choose to disburse added purse funds to the dog with the best score in each category, said funds should be distributed as follows:

Best Score (Hunting Category) -

*Twenty-five (25%) percent of Total Added Purse*

Best Score (Trailing Category) -

*Twenty-five (25%) percent of Total Added Purse*

intervene and cancel or modify any calcutta or jackpot or any other similar event that interferes with the function of a PKC sanctioned event or that may adversely impact or negatively affect the operations, image or reputation of PKC.

## 7. FIELD TRIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**A. HUNT OFFICIALS** - The Host Club shall be required to furnish at least four (4) non-hunting field judges and/or groups of three (3) hunting Judges. Judges shall be required to initial all score sheets certifying that the scoring of any dog is accurate. Judges for Major events will be assigned by PKC National Directors.

**B. ENTRY TAKING** - A representative of the host club will record all entries and shall announce when entries are closed. No entries shall be accepted after this announcement has been made. As soon as entries are closed, the representative shall create a numerical list of all entries and present said list to the Hunt Director for roll call.

**C. HUNT DIRECTOR** - The Hunt Director shall be appointed by the President of the Host Club, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the respective club. He/she shall call and conduct all meetings of the judges, as well as, act as their Secretary. The Hunt Director's duties and responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) He/she shall give handlers any information needed as to directions to enable them to keep within a reasonable distance of the dogs.
- (2) He/she shall instruct handlers and spectators not to converse with judges. Handlers and spectators are not to discuss with each other the work done, or the merits or demerits of any competing dog while in hearing distance of the judges. It shall be his duty to report any and all infringements of this rule to the President of the Host Club. The offenders will be subject to expulsion from the grounds.
- (3) He/she shall instruct may ride to the dogs and shall direct the handlers and assist the judges in every proper way possible.
- (4) He/she shall instruct shall be responsible to instruct handlers to refrain from discussing any dog's qualities or faults with the judges.
- (5) He/she shall instruct shall be required to post the casting time and starting location for each day at hunt headquarters. This post should be placed in a location that is clearly visible to all participants, and shall be required to be posted the evening before the respective casting day.
- (6) He/she shall instruct announce the end of each day's hunt according to the rules governing it by blowing his/her horn.
- (7) He/she shall have the authority to order removal from the hunting ground, any dog affected with a contagious disease or any females in season.
- (8) He/she shall place the judges to the best advantage at his discretion.
- (9) He/she shall have no input in any question regarding scores or eliminations in the Judges' Meeting. He may be consulted on all questions in general but shall not offer any suggestions in any particular case, and shall not cause the changing of any scores.
- (10) He/she must not allow judges or Judging groups to compare notes one to another at any time. Any discussion of dogs must be after the Hunt Director calls the dog's number in the Judges' Meeting, and no dog shall be discussed by the judges before this meeting.
- (11) He/she must be as accurate as possible in presenting scores at the meetings.
- (12) He/she shall require that these rules are strictly enforced and trials shall be judged according to these rules without exception. Hunt Director and Judges' personal preference shall not interfere. Hunt Director must review the running rules and regulations at a Judges' Meeting prior to the beginning of a field trial.
- (13) In case of extreme emergency, such as dogs on dangerous highways or irate landowners, which endangers the safety of a large number of dogs or the safety of the general public, the Hunt Director and the Host Club President may jointly order the dogs picked up under the

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supervision of the Hunt Director and recast at that day's casting grounds under the Hunt Director's supervision.

(14) He/she may order that a scratched dog be "crated" should said dog be in the immediate area of major highways, railroads or a population center that could endanger the lives of other dogs or people.

(15) **HOME PLATE JUDGE** - The Hunt Director shall select, from the list of proposed judges, a Home Plate Judge. This judge is to record the entry number of any dog returning to the casting grounds, the time it came, and how long it stayed. He should take notes on the actions of such dog(s) and report it to the judges in their meeting.

**a. DOGS RETURNING TO CASTING GROUND** - Should a dog return to the casting ground before the hunt expires, it should be the duty of the Home Plate judge to urge such dog to continue hunting. The judge should, in all fairness to the dog and handler, call the dog away from the crowd and give it every opportunity to recast. If the dog then refuses to hunt, it is the duty of the Home Plate Judge to recommend to the judges that the dog be scratched.

**b. LOAFING** - Once the Home Plate Judge has been firmly convinced that a dog(s) is loafing, he shall kennel said dog(s) in a truck provided for that purpose or present said dog(s) to their handlers. Said dog(s) shall be scratched for loafing and eliminated from the event.

## 8. ROLL CALL

**A.** On each day of the hunt, all dogs must answer roll call. Failure to answer roll call will result in elimination from the event. The daily score sheets are to show "Failed to Answer".

**B.** Casting from trucks and trailers (commonly known as "tailgating") shall be permitted at all PKC Large Pack Events.

## 9. DOG OWNERS/HANDLERS/SPECTATORS

**A. HANDLER** - A handler is defined as any person who takes the dog into the field to compete, after the dog has been entered in the event. The owner or handler hunting a dog must not speak to or urge said dog on in any manner. Should any owner or handler be found guilty of injuring or purposely interfering with an opponent's dog, said owner or handler will be suspended from the association and all of his entries cancelled by the PKC Directors for a period of time.

**B. SPECTATOR** - A spectator is defined as any person going into the field to observe the hunt, shall be recognized as such, and is not considered as a participant in the hunt. Spectators are not permitted to touch a dog, talk to a dog, or encourage a dog in any way while in the field.

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## 11. JUDGING THE FIELD

**A. BABBLING** - Dogs will be allowed five (5) minutes after being cast before any may be reported by the judges for babbling. A dog shall be scratched for babbling. Babbling is defined as giving false tongue to the extent of interfering with the chase. Dog(s) babbling to the extent of interfering with dogs or the chase and seen by two (2) or more judges who agree that such is the case may be ordered tied up or crated by such judges.

**B. FAILURE TO HUNT ("HARK")** - A dog "thrown out" or "coming in" and refusing to hunt or "hark" to others shall be reported for failing to hark

by judges during their meeting. Judges shall attempt to determine what game the dog is failing to hark to. Dogs failing to hark to a known rabbit race may be scratched at the discretion of a judge, as to whether the dog is in reasonable vicinity of such race.

**C. RUNNING OFF GAME** - All dogs that run any game other than rabbit or hare shall not receive any points for running this "off game". Dogs running deer, fox or coyote may not be scratched but cannot be scored. Judges should make every effort possible to break up a deer, fox, or coyote chase. Dogs must be given reasonable time to hunt on after being scolded when spectators or judges are breaking up a deer, fox or coyote race. All scores and/or scratched dogs must be by majority decision of hunting group. Dogs guilty of such actions as running stock, stock paths, dogs or horse tracks, backtracking, running a covered track, babbling at a fence, stream or indiscriminate babbling, shall be scratched.

**D. LOAFING** - A dog that shows no inclination to hunt may be reported for loafing by the judges at their meeting and be disqualified.

**E. REASONABLE DOUBT** - Judges shall use their own discretion in scoring or scratching dogs. Where reasonable doubt arises regarding the good work or faults of dogs, judges shall question the scoring of said dogs until such time as they may become convinced of the value, either positive or negative, of the work.

**F. HUNTING TIME** - A minimum of four (4) hours of hunting time is allocated for each event. Hunting time may be extended or shortened by majority vote of the Hunt Director and a majority of the judges. At any point prior to the expiration of the required four (4) hours of hunting time, should the Hunt Director determine that, due to unfavorable conditions, that dogs cannot trail or run a rabbit or hare, he will contact a majority of the judges and suspend the hunt.

**G. TIME KEEPING** - Judges' watches must be synchronized with that of the Hunt Director each day, preferably at time of casting.

**H. SCORE KEEPING** - When positive work or faults are observed in the field by a judge, the exact time must be recorded along with his recommendations based on said observations. It is imperative that both the exact time and the quality of the work observed be recorded correctly; this requirement cannot be over stressed. Judges shall be required to initial all score sheets certifying that the scoring of any dog is accurate.

**I. DIVIDED PACKS** - Should a pack become divided, the judges must separate and carefully note and record the work of each pack.

**J. FOLLOWING DOGS** - Judges should follow dogs after each casting as closely as possible, but must not carry the dogs off or out of the territory they wish to hunt.

**K. SCORED FOR HUNTING** - When a dog cries a cold track, other dogs that cast wide, hunting for the warmer scent of the rabbit may be scored for Hunting. The judge must record the time when recording a dog's work.

**L. CRATED DOGS** - Any dog that is crated by its owner, handler or by a Judge shall be scratched, regardless of the amount of time it is in the box, and is eliminated from that specific event.

**M. RETURNING DOG(S) TO HOME PLATE JUDGE** - Any dog deemed, by a hunt official, to be in danger or out of the hunting area, and picked up by a handler or official, must be immediately returned to the casting area and reported to the Home Plate Judge(s). The Home Plate Judge(s) will instruct the handler on how to proceed.

## 12. FOUR (4) CATEGORIES

- A. The four (4) categories for scoring dogs may be defined as follows:  
(1) Hunting | (2) Trailing |  
(3) Speed and Drive | (4) Endurance

## 13. JUDGES' MEETING

**A. DAILY MEETINGS** - Judges shall hold a daily meeting as soon as possible after each round. Judges and the Hunt Director shall be the only personnel permitted to attend these meetings. No owners, handlers, spectators, or others will be allowed.

**B. MAJORITY RULE** - Majority Rule shall apply in all cases. The Hunt Director shall preside as the secretary at the Judges' Meetings. He shall

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keep in his possession, the score sheet, one other than the one that is posted. His private score sheet should be scored with indelible pencil. The Hunt Director shall request scores and record said scores on the tally sheet according to the majority vote of the judges. There shall be an individual daily score sheet kept on suitable forms provided by the Host Club. This form shall include the number of dogs, name(s) of the judge(s) that scored or scratched the dog, the various times the dog was scored, its total possible score, and the final score voted by the judges. These sheets shall be kept remain in the confidential possession of the Hunt Director. Provided no formal protests are filed within ten (10) days from the posting time of the final score sheet, said score sheets shall be destroyed. Should a formal protest be filed and accepted, score sheets shall be retained pending disposition by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall render its decision in writing to the Hunt Director; he/she shall announce the result and issue awards.

**C. POSTING DAILY SCORE SHEETS** - After the conclusion of the Judges' Meeting each day, the Hunt Director shall publicly post the daily score sheet at hunt headquarters, inclusive of each dog's score at that point in the event.

**D. JUDGE'S DECISIONS** - Judge's decisions shall be made in the following four (4) categories: Hunting, Trailing, Speed and Drive, and Endurance. Ten (10) places shall be awarded in each of these four (4) categories.

**E. SCORING** - Scoring shall begin with a minimum of ten (10) points and shall be increased consistently in multiples of five (5). No one judge shall give a merit or demerit to any dog in any category. It takes the majority vote of the judges to score positive or negative. Scores shall be requested by the Hunt Director in the order of roll call.

**F. ELIMINATION** - Hunt Director shall ask the following question: "Is there any reason why this dog should be eliminated?" If the majority of the judges vote to eliminate #1, the Hunt Director draws a line across said dog's score sheet and the reason for elimination is recorded in the respective column. If not scratched, proceed to Scoring Categories.

## 14. SCORING CATEGORIES

**A. HUNTING CATEGORY** - Majority vote of the judges shall determine the number of points received for Hunting. A single judge's vote is not necessarily added to other judge's votes. Each judge having observed the dog shall recommend the highest score he thinks the respective dog should have. The highest score agreed upon by the majority of judges will be the dog's score in the Hunting category for the respective heat.

*During the first hour of competition in any one day's event, a dog can receive no more than ten (10) points for work done within the respective hour; a maximum of fifteen (15) points during the respective second hour; a maximum of twenty (20) points during the respective third hour; and a maximum of twenty-five (25) points during the respective fourth hour.*

**B. TRAILING CATEGORY** - Majority vote of the judges shall determine the number of points received for Trailing. A single judge's vote is not necessarily added to other judge's votes. Each judge having observed the dog shall recommend the highest score he thinks the respective dog should have. The highest score agreed upon by the majority of judges will be the dog's score in the Trailing category for the respective heat.

(1) Dogs can only be scored for producing "jumping" a rabbit or making a check; scoring decisions are determined by the majority of the scoring group.

(2) Dogs can score no more than thirty (30) points during any twenty (20) minute interval. A dog may only receive a maximum of

thirty (30) points during any one (1) interval by producing a rabbit or hare. Dogs can only receive their best Trailing score during each twenty (20) minute interval.

- (3) A trailing dog that produces a rabbit or hare automatically receives thirty (30) points. Any dog awarded a "check" by the judges shall receive twenty (20) points for said check.

**C. SPEED AND DRIVE CATEGORY** - Majority vote of the judges shall determine the number of points received for Speed and Drive. A single judges' vote is not necessarily added to other judge's votes. Each judge having observed the dog shall recommend the highest score he thinks the respective dog should have. The highest score agreed upon by the majority of judges will be the dog's score in the Speed and Drive category for the respective heat according to the following procedure:

- (1) The dog leading the pack shall receive thirty-five (35) points;
- (2) The second dog shall receive thirty (30) points;
- (3) The third dog shall receive twenty-five (25) points;
- (4) The fourth dog shall receive twenty (20) points.
- (5) Other dogs in the pack shall receive fifteen (15) points each.
- (6) No dog shall receive more than thirty-five (35) points in any one (1) ten (10) minute interval.
- (7) During any ten (10) minute period, dogs shall only receive their best score.
- (8) If observed by a judge, a dog running a rabbit alone may receive a maximum of twenty (20) points.
- (9) At any time a judge fails to score the first dog running a rabbit at a crossing, no points shall be awarded to any dogs at that crossing.
- (10) Should a judge fail to view the number of any dog in the order of said dog's position at a specific crossing, he/she shall stop scoring that crossing and resume scoring at another crossing.

**D. ENDURANCE CATEGORY** - Majority vote of the judges shall determine the number of points received for Endurance. A single judges' vote is not necessarily added to other judge's votes. Each judge having observed the dog shall recommend the highest score he thinks the respective dog should have. The highest score agreed upon by the majority of judges will be the dog's score in the Endurance category for the respective heat.

- (1) All dogs scoring in Hunting or Trailing categories AND the Speed and Drive category with a combined total of forty (40) or more points during a field trial shall automatically earn a score of one-fourth (¼) of its total combined score beginning with a minimum of ten (10) points. This formula is to be in multiples of five (5) points when possible, and shall be calculated only on the final day for dogs finishing the trial. Each day's score shall count, but shall be tabulated only on the last day of the trial. Endurance scores will be tabulated on the last day of a trial and that total will be posted in the Endurance column on the Daily Sheets before beginning the calculations for the Highest General Average.
- (2) To receive an Endurance score, a dog must have scored in either Hunting or Trailing, as well as, also having scored in Speed and Drive, during the entire trial. Therefore, no dog can have an Endurance score which he/she has not earned.

**EXAMPLE #1**

*Dog #5 has ten (10) points in Hunting, ten (10) points in Trailing, fifteen (15) points in Speed and Drive. This dog has scored across the board but has less than a sum total of forty (40) points; dog is not eligible for an Endurance score.*

**EXAMPLE #2**

*Dog #20 has no points in Hunting, no points in Trailing, two hundred (200) points in Speed and Drive; therefore, it would not be eligible for an Endurance score.*

**EXAMPLE #3**

*Dog #30 has ten (10) in Hunting, twenty (20) in Trailing, fifteen (15) in Speed and Drive; a total of 45 points for the entire trial. This dog would receive one-fourth (¼) of his entire score; ten (10) points for Endurance.*

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**EXAMPLE #4**

*Dog #40 has sixty (60) points in Hunting; no Trailing points, and ninety (90) Speed and Drive points for the entire trial. Its' endurance score would be thirty-five (35) points.*

**EXAMPLE #5**

*Dog #50 has no points in Hunting; fifty (50) points in trailing; one hundred twenty-five (125) points in Speed and Drive; a total of one hundred seventy-five points for the entire trial. This dog would receive the closest one-quarter (¼) rounded score; forty (40) Endurance points.*

**EXAMPLE #5**

*Dog #60 has ninety-five (95) Hunting points; 65 Trailing points; 200 Speed and Drive points; for a total score of 360 points for the entire event. All dogs receive Endurance points earned and each must earn its' own scores (to be figured on the last day of the trial).*

### 15. SCORING METHOD

The same scoring procedure shall be used throughout the trial. After final decision of judges, the highest scoring dog in Hunting is the winner of the Hunting Category; the highest scoring dog in Trailing is winner of the Trailing Category; the highest scoring dog in Speed and Drive is the winner of the respective category; and the highest scoring dog in Endurance is the winner of the Endurance Category. Hunting Category shall be finished first; Trailing next; Speed and Drive next; followed by Endurance in the respective order as one (1) category has no bearing on the other.

### 16. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

- A. Ties shall be broken through the ten (10) places in each of the four (4) categories. Should two (2) or more dogs be tied with the same score in any one category, the dog having the largest total daily score in all categories shall be declared the winner of that category; the dog having the next largest total score shall be second, and process repeated. Should a tie exist between two (2) or more dogs with the same score in any one category and are also tied in the total daily score in all categories, it shall be broken in the manner set forth for tie-breaking in the Highest General Average.
- B. No ties shall be broken by a judges' vote except in the case of a tie where two (2) or more dogs are tied in all four (4) categories. Should this tie occur, the tie shall be broken by a judges' vote.

### 17. HIGHEST GENERAL AVERAGE

Each dog's general average total shall be a combination of all points earned in all categories. After completion of all four (4) categories for each dog, the Highest General Average shall be calculated. The Highest General Average of each dog for the first ten (10) places shall be determined as follows:

- (1) The highest scoring dog in each category shall receive one hundred (100) points.
- (2) The second highest scoring dog in each category shall receive ninety (90) points.
- (3) The third highest scoring dog in each category shall receive eighty (80) points.
- (4) The fourth highest scoring dog in each category shall receive seventy (70) points.
- (5) The fifth highest scoring dog in each category shall receive sixty (60) points.

- (6) The sixth highest scoring dog in each category shall receive fifty (50) points.
- (7) The seventh highest scoring dog in each category shall receive forty (40) points.
- (8) The eighth highest scoring dog in each category shall receive thirty (30) points.
- (9) The ninth highest scoring dog in each category shall receive twenty (20) points.
- (10) The tenth highest scoring dog in each category shall receive ten (10) points.

*For example, consider the first dog on your daily score sheet. If he won Hunting, he begins with one hundred (100) points, placed second in Trailing, he receives ninety (90) additional points; third in Speed and Drive, he receives eighty (80) additional points; and second place in Endurance, he receives ninety (90) additional points. Therefore, Dog #1 has a Highest General Average score of three hundred sixty (360) points. Dog #2 places second in Hunting and receives ninety (90) points; he fails to score in Trailing, but is second in Speed and Drive and fourth in Endurance, for a total of two hundred fifty (250) points for its' Highest General Average score. Dog #3 placed fourth in Hunting, fourth in Trailing, first in Speed and Drive, and third in Endurance. Its' Highest General Average score is three hundred twenty (320) points. The scores for Highest General Average are calculated through tenth place. The dog with the highest point total is awarded first (1st) place; next highest point total is awarded second (2nd) place, and the same process repeated through tenth (10th) place. Refer to Daily Score Sheets for scores in breaking all ties.*

#### **18. HIGHEST GENERAL AVERAGE TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE**

- A. In the event of a tie, the highest scoring dog in the Hunting category of dogs tied shall be the winner. If still tied, the highest scoring dog in the Trailing category shall break the tie. If dogs remain tied, the highest scoring dog in Speed and Drive shall be declared the winner. In the event a dog has no Speed and Drive score, there will be no Endurance score, but in the event dogs remain tied in Speed and Drive, the Endurance shall break the tie. In the event dogs remain tied in Endurance, the latest dog scored in Hunting shall break the tie. If a tie remains, the latest Trailing score shall break the tie. If still tied, the latest Speed and Drive score shall untie the tie.
- B. A perfect score is four hundred (400) points, and requires placing first (1st) in each of the four (4) categories.

#### **19. HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE**

BY YOUR ENTRY IN A PKC EVENT YOU AGREE TO HOLD PKC, PKC NATIONAL BEAGLE ASSOCIATION, THE CLUB, THE JUDGE, GUIDE, AND HUNT DIRECTOR HARMLESS IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENT, ERROR, OR MISAPPLICATION OF THE RULES. ANY OWNER OR HANDLER MAY FILE A WRITTEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING ACTIONS OF THE SPONSORING CLUB. PKC WILL INVESTIGATE THE COMPLAINT AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WITHHOLDING RECOGNITION OF WINNERS, AND/OR REFUSING TO LICENSE THE CLUB FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

#### **21. GOOD JUDGMENT**

These rules are written and intended to identify and reward the dog that hunts, strikes, jumps, and runs a rabbit better than the other dogs in his cast according to the guidelines within these rules. At times it will be necessary to use good judgment rather than a literal interpretation of these rules toward this end. It is within the scope of these rules for the Judge and/or Hunt Director (panel) to rule on a situation not specifically covered in detail by these rules.

**USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS OF OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A PKC SANCTIONED EVENT. ANYONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY AND SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**