

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©, devoted to the hunting Beagle, the complete hunting Beagle. We hope you will join with us in our effort to promote the complete Beagle by means of a very special program. A program designed to award both field ability and conformation of the Beagle so that he may best serve the rabbit hunter. This program referred to as the C.H.B. Program or Certified Hunting Beagle came into full existence in 1977 with the running of the first U.B.G.F. National Runoff at the Busch Wildlife Management Area near Weldon Springs, Missouri hosted by the Ill-Mo Beagle Gundog Association. Much credit must be given to the Federation's first Secretary, Col. Ted Roberts of Kentucky, for the writing of this unique program. The awarding of field ability and conformation in the same Beagle such that breeders must strive for the ultimate in breeding Beagles "The Dual Champion".

To prevent the specialization of field only Beagles and/or show only Beagles at all U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials, both events must be conducted. Hound owners are encouraged to participate in both events by the awarding of a Grand Final Winner and Grand Final Winner Runner-Up Awards. Points for this award are obtained from both field judges and from the conformation show judge. In many instances, the award will not be given to the first place field hound nor to the first place show hound, but to the best total Beagle. The Beagle that can excel in both the field event and show event must be found and used to perpetuate the breed to its highest level as the world's desired hunting hound.

## "CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS" UNITED BEAGLE GUNDOG FEDERATION ©

**ARTICLE #1 THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE UNITED BEAGLE GUNDOG FEDERATION ©**

### **ARTICLE #2: OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION:**

Section One: The objective of this organization, which hereafter shall be referred to as the Federation, shall be to organize the existing Beagle Gundog oriented clubs so that all member clubs may share in the benefits which may arise as a result of their support. To promote and develop the sport of Beagle Gundog Field Trials as they are written in the Running Rules and General Procedures adopted by this Federation. To assist new clubs in becoming members of this Federation. To encourage the cooperation between this Federation and other Federations, so near as possible without violating the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws as they are written. To promote various programs accepted by the Federation which are designed to offer local, state, regional, and/or national competition.

Section Two: To credit outstanding or acceptable performance of A.K.C. registered, or eligible for registration, Beagles under conditions as close as possible to the natural hunting conditions. Such

credits to be in the form of trophies, ribbons, and/or any other awards deemed appropriate by the Officers of the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©.

**ARTICLE #3: ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Section One: Membership in the Federation shall be limited to those clubs who have complied with the minimum standards of acceptance as outlined in this Constitution, and who have demonstrated a sincere desire to become a member club. This is indicated by their past history as it pertains to the sponsoring of gundog trials, and the sportsmanship displayed during these events.

Section Two: The applicant club shall file with the Federation First Vice-President, an application seeking membership in affidavit form, listing the following information:

- a.) the name and headquarters of the club
- b.) the objectives of the club and the date of founding
- c.) the names, addresses, and phone numbers of their officers and members of their Board of Directors.
- d.) a complete record of all field trials and/or conformation shows sponsored by them during the year prior to application.

Section Three: Upon receiving the information listed in Section Two from the applicant club, the Federation First Vice-President will advise the applicant club that they will be required to pay an application fee of \$15.00, and begin a probationary period of six (6) months minimum but must complete all requirements within twelve (12) months of date of application acceptance by the Federation.

During this period, the Secretary of the applicant club shall file with the First Vice-President a complete report of each meeting. The applicant club will be required to sponsor at least two (2) gundog trials which shall be observed by a delegate from a member Federation club. The delegate that is assigned to observe a probationary club gundog trial shall file a complete report of that trial with the Federation First Vice-President.

Section Four: Upon completing the probationary period and filing with the Federation First Vice-President a complete report of each meeting held and having received a favorable report from the delegate selected by the Federation, the Federation President shall advise the Secretary of the applicant club whether the applicant club has been accepted, or rejected, according to the vote by the member club delegates. Upon acceptance, the applicant club shall pay the yearly dues of \$100.00 and submit to the Federation Secretary and President, the names, addresses, and phone numbers of their selected voting delegates. An applicant club will be declared accepted upon receiving a majority vote of all delegates either by mail or at the Annual Business Meeting.

**ARTICLE #4: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section One: Membership may be terminated by:

- a.) By resignation. Any member club in good standing may resign from the Federation upon written notice to the Federation Secretary.
- b.) By lapsing. A membership is lapsed and automatically terminated if such member clubs dues remain unpaid 90 days after July 1st of each year. In no case may a member club be entitled to vote at Federation meetings whose dues are not paid.
- c.) By expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article 5, of these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE #5: DISCIPLINE**

Section One: United Beagle Gundog Federation© Suspension. Any member club who shall violate a provision of these articles of this Constitution and by-laws or regulations upon written request of two (2) member clubs, will be suspended from this Federation upon a majority vote of all delegates entitled to vote. The vote to be cast at the Annual Meeting of the Federation or at a called meeting by the President.

Thirty (30) days notice of the charges must be given to the accused club, and the accused member club during the thirty (30) day interim period, may submit an appeal to the charges. If at the end of the suspension period the member club is still in violation, their membership will be terminated.

Section Two: The obligation to prescribe penalties or suspensions shall rest with the voting delegates.

Section Three: Filing Complaints. Two or more member clubs may file or otherwise register a complaint against a member or group of the Federation. Written charges with specifics must be filed in duplicate with the President of the Federation together with a deposit of \$10.00 each, which shall be forfeited if following a hearing, such charges are not sustained by the voting delegates. The Federation President shall promptly send one (1) copy of the charges to the defendant group by registered mail, together with a notice of the hearing, and an assurance that the accused group may appear in their own defense, and bring witnesses if they wish.

**ARTICLE #6: DOCUMENTS**

All documents presented to the Federation, such as applications, resignations, complaints, credentials, reports, requests, etc., shall be signed by the President, Secretary, and Official Delegate of the club.

**ARTICLE #7: REPRESENTATION AND VOTING**

Section One: Official Delegate

Each member club shall be entitled to one (1) club member being their Official Delegate who shall represent his club, and cast the vote at each meeting. No one delegate can represent more than one club.

Section Two: Official Observer

Each member club shall be entitled to two (2) club members being their Official Observers who may attend all meetings of the Federation, advise and confer with their Official Delegate, and take part in his decisions, but shall have no vote except as provided in Section Three of this article.

**Section Three: Voting of Official Observers**

Each member club may designate an Official Observer as first voting choice, and a second voting choice. In the absence of the Official Delegate of the represented club, the second choice observer shall cast the vote for his club.

**Section Four: Mail of Proxy Voting**

There is no absentee voting within the Federation.

**Section Five: Credentials**

At the Annual Meeting, the delegates and observers will present their credentials to the Registration Committee, which will be made up by members selected by the host club. The credentials are to be signed by both the President and Secretary of the club represented. No delegate will be permitted to vote unless those credentials are presented. Official Observers shall likewise present written credentials officially signed by the President and the Secretary of their club before the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE #8: MEETINGS**

**Section One: Regular Annual Meetings**

The Annual Meeting of the United Beagle Gundog Federation will be on the second weekend in August until such time the Board of Directors of the U.B.G.F. recommends the member clubs select a new site and/or date.

**Section Two: Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of three (3) or more voting delegates of member clubs.

**Section Three: Board Meetings**

There shall be at least three (3) regular board meetings:

(1) following the Annual Meeting (existing and incoming board members), (2) one at the site of the National Runoff, and (3) one at the site of the Derby National Runoff. One conference phone call meeting called by the President to discuss the upcoming business of the next Annual Meeting is optional and within the President's discretion.

**ARTICLE #9: NATIONAL RUN-OFFS**

The Annual National All-Age Run-Off Winners Stake of the United Beagle Gundog Federation © will be held at the UBGF Grounds in Butler County Kentucky on the 44th weekend of the corresponding A.K.C. dates until such time the Board of Directors of the U.B.G.F. recommends the member clubs select a new site and/or date.

The Annual National Derby Run-Off Winners Stake of the United Beagle Gundog Federation © will be held at the UBGF Grounds in Butler County Kentucky on the 18th weekend of the corresponding A.K.C. dates until such time the Board of Directors of the U.B.G.F. recommends the member clubs select a new site and/or date.

The Annual National Two Couple Pack Run-Off Winners Stake of the United Beagle Gundog Federation © will be held at the UBGF Grounds in Butler County Kentucky on the 41th weekend of the corresponding A.K.C. dates until such time the Board of Directors of the U.B.G.F. recommends the member clubs select a new site and/or date.

## **ARTICLE #10: OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION**

Section One: Officers of the Federation shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Conformation Director, CHB Records Coordinator, and Two Couple Pack Chairman.

The President shall be elected annually, and serve a one (1) year term.

The First Vice-President, Recording Secretary, CHB Records Coordinator and Corresponding Secretary shall be elected on even number years and serve a two (2) year term.

The Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Two Couple Pack Chairman, and Conformation Director shall be elected on odd number years and serve a two (2) year term.

The President shall appoint the CHB Records Coordinator and Two Couple Pack Chairman. The Board and the Delegates must then ratify these appointments by a majority vote.

The terms of officers shall begin January 1 and end on December 31. Any officer may succeed himself. All officers will be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in traveling to regular Federation events, which are the Derby National Run-Off, the Annual Meeting, the All-Age National Run-Off and the Two Couple Pack National Hunt Test.

### **Section Two: Duties of the President**

The President shall be the chief executive of the organization and shall preside over all meetings. He/she shall be ex officio member of all committees. He/she shall cast one vote in the event of a tie of all voting delegates. He/she shall poll all the delegates at all meetings.

### **Section Three: Duties of the First Vice-President**

The First Vice-President shall assume all the duties and powers of the President in their respective order whenever the President is unable to attend. He/she shall handle and correspond with the probationary clubs (receive applications, meeting reports and field trial reports). Then he/she shall write a summary for a vote from the member clubs.

### **Section Four: Duties of the Second Vice-President**

The Second Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President. Second Vice-President is also in charge of corresponding with all clubs in regard to requesting C.H.B., Derby and Licensed trial dates. He/she then tracks and approves all dates to ensure that clubs are in compliance with the 100 mile radius rule. He/she disseminates all forms necessary for clubs to hold their qualifying trials.

#### Section Five: Duties of the Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and handle all the general correspondence, both on an individual and group level. When a new club is ready to apply, he/she will refer them to the First Vice-President. Corresponding Secretary compiles all information annually for the Federation directory from the member clubs and is in charge of the directory printing.

#### Section Six: Duties of the Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall keep all records and the minutes of this Federation. He/she shall, within 60 days following the Annual Meeting, disseminate written copies of the minutes of the Annual Meeting to each Secretary of the member clubs of the Federation and to each member of the Board of Directors.

#### Section Seven: Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all funds of this Federation, and deposit all funds to the credit of the Federation in a bank or trust company. He/she shall present a complete report at each meeting. He/she shall furnish bond in the amount of \$100.00 more than is in the Federation Treasury at the time said officer accepts the office.

The premium of which is to be paid out of the general fund of the Federation. He/she shall within 60 days following the National Run-Off file a written Field Trial Financial Report to the member clubs of the Federation.

#### Section Eight: Duties of the Conformation Director

The Conformation Director shall advise and assist clubs in the proper rules when conducting C.H.B. or Derby Conformation Shows. He/she will maintain a list of possible UBGF Conformation Judges to be used at these trials. He/she will aid in conducting conformation seminars when feasible, however, does not hold exclusive privileges in conducting seminars sanctioned by the U.B.G.F. The Conformation Director is responsible in ensuring the complete set up of the show ring at National Run-offs. The Conformation Director is also responsible for ensuring that all current rule changes/recommendations be kept current for inclusion into the U.B.G.F. Rulebook. The Conformation Director will not be restricted from judging qualifying trials within this Federation.

#### Section Nine: Duties of the Two Couple Pack Chairman

The Two Couple Pack Chairman shall disseminate all forms necessary for clubs to conduct their Two Couple pack qualifying trial, to approve dates for trials, to keep records of trial results, and to provide list of qualified packs for the Two Couple Pack National. The Two Couple Pack Chairman shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section Ten: Duties of the Chairman of Records.

The Chairman of Records' responsibilities shall include receiving National Run-off records, issuing C.H.B. certificates and accumulating points toward annual awards. The Chairman of Records shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors

Section Eleven: Vacated Office

Any office vacated during the year shall be filled by appointment of the President. Any appointments to the Board of Directors must be confirmed by the majority vote of the Board.

## **ARTICLE #11: YEARLY DUES AND FINES**

Section One: Annual Dues

The annual dues for membership in this Federation shall be \$100.00 per annum, payable June 30th of each year.

Section Two: Late Filing Fine

The fine for filing late reports with the Federation Secretary is \$25.00.

## **ARTICLE #12: DISBURSEMENT**

Section One: Bills

All bills shall be paid by the Treasurer on order of the Board of Directors, or by order of the President.

Section Two: Dissolution

This Federation may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the member groups. In the event of the dissolution of the Federation whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation by law, none of the property of the Federation shall be distributed to any member groups of the Federation, but after payment of the debts of the Federation, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization selected by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE #13: ADMINISTRATION**

### Section One: Executive Committee

There shall be an executive committee, which shall consist of the Officers of the Federation; the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Conformation Director Chairman of Records and the Two Couple Pack Chairman. This committee shall be known as the Board of Directors, and shall have charge of the administration of the business of the Federation during the interim period between the meetings.

### Section Two: Committee Appointments

All committees shall be appointed by the President.

## **ARTICLE #14: REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBER CLUBS**

### Section One: Membership Requirements

Each member club, in order to retain its membership in the Federation, is required to sponsor at least one (1) of their AKC licensed trials as a small pack option C.H.B. Qualifying Trial per calendar year except Canadian beagle clubs conducting CKC licensed trials. All Trial sanctioned by this Federation must include all the special rules that apply to the C.H.B. program. All member clubs must state the following in their Field Trial ad: "C.H.B. Qualifying Trial Sanctioned by the United Beagle Gundog Federation © To Qualify Hounds for the National Runoff." A member club may substitute a second Derby qualifying trial for the third CHB. The second Derby qualifying trial must be held at least 7 days after their first Derby qualifying trial.

### Section Two: Member Clubs Filing Requirements

Each club shall file, along with their dues, the names, addresses and phone numbers of that club's Officers, Board of Directors, Official Delegate and Official Observers for the calendar year with the Federation Second Vice-President and President.

### Section Three: A.K.C. Recognition

After joining the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©, a club must be seeking A.K.C. recognition within a year. All member clubs must conduct their A.K.C. Licensed Trials as Small Pack Option except Canadian Beagle clubs conducting C.K.C. Licensed Trials.

## **ARTICLE #15: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

### Section One: Order of Business at Annual Meeting

The Constitution and by-laws can be revoked, altered or amended by a 2/3 majority vote of all delegates entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting provided all club secretaries shall have been notified sixty (60) days in advance.



**ARTICLE #16: QUORUM**

A quorum of 25% of the elected delegates is required to conduct an official meeting of this Federation. A quorum of 25% of the members of the Board of Directors is required to conduct business.

**ARTICLE #17: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Section One: Order of Business

At the Annual Meeting of this Federation, the order of business so far as character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

ROLL CALL  
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING  
REPORT - PRESIDENT  
REPORT - 1ST VICE PRESIDENT  
REPORT - 2ND VICE PRESIDENT  
REPORT - RECORDING SEC.  
REPORT - TREASURER  
REPORT - CONFORMATION DIRECTOR  
REPORT - CORRESPONDING SEC.  
REPORTS - COMMITTEES  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
WELFARE OF THE FEDERATION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ADJOURNMENT

Section Two: Order of Business for Meetings of the Board of Directors

At the meetings of the Board of Directors, the order of business unless otherwise directed by the majority of those present, shall be as follows:

ROLL CALL  
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING  
REPORT OF COMMITTEES  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS  
ADJOURNMENT

## **RUNNING RULES AND GENERAL PROCEDURES OF THE UBGF**

The United Beagle Gundog Federation © shall adopt for their Running Rules and General Procedures for all member clubs to follow the American Kennel Club Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures.

A. Those rules to start with and include General Procedures governing Beagle Field Trials run in braces, small packs, or large packs (from the A.K.C. Beagle Field Trial Rule Book), Procedures:

1. Management
2. Entries
3. Judging
4. Standard for Judging

Special Note: The Field Trial Committee shall have full charge of the organization and management of the trial. There must be at least three members of the Field Trial Committee present on the grounds at all times during the running of the trial. Gallery and Roving Marshals shall be identified by badges or armbands carrying the designation "Marshall". Each class or division of a class shall be judged by two judges. One person only may handle or hunt each hound, all others must remain in the gallery, except one additional person may accompany each handler, with permission of the handler and of the judges.

Castrated dogs and spayed bitches are ineligible for entry and shall not be permitted to compete in Beagle Field Trials.

Measurement is required, except for any hound whose owner had submitted an official measurement card. Each club has the option of measuring all hounds prior to closing entries or of using Winners Pack measuring. If measuring is asked for in the conformation show, it shall be done by the field judges only.

All judges prior to assuming their duties shall familiarize themselves with these rules and procedures and make their findings in accordance therewith. Judges should approach their work with the attitude that the future welfare of the breed is in their hands, and should make their findings and selections on a basis calculated toward keeping the Beagle useful for hunting purposes. Desirable qualities include: searching ability, pursuing ability, accuracy in trailing, proper use of voice, endurance, adaptability, patience, intelligence. Faulty actions include: quitting, backtracking, ghost trailing, pottering, babbling, swinging, skirting, leaving checks, running mute, tightness of mouth, racing, running hit or miss, lack of independence and bounding off. Hounds shall be credited principally for their positive accomplishments.

B. Those rules that start with registrations and Beagle Field Trials Rules Chapter #10, Sections #1 through #14, also Chapter 12, Sections #1 and #2 as written.

Special Notes: Every hound entered must be registered by the A.K.C., part of an A.K.C. Registered litter, or if whelped outside of the United States must have been registered in it's own country of birth whose pedigrees are acceptable for A.K.C. registration.

Every hound must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned the hound at the time entries closed. A hound is not eligible to be entered or to compete in any class if the judge or any member of his immediate family or household has owned, sold, held under lease, boarded, trained or handled the hound within one year prior to the date of the field trial.

At all U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials, clubs must follow AKC Small Pack Procedures including A.K.C. Small Pack Option Rules. If there are fewer than six hounds of a sex eligible to compete in any class, the Field Trial Committee shall have the option of combining that class either by gender or size into a single class. If classes are combined by gender, the report form must contain the measurement of the placing hounds. There must be a minimum of four (4) hounds entered and started to compete under Small Pack Procedures at any U.B.G.F. Trial.

C. Those rules to start with and include "Additional Standard Procedures for Beagle Field Trials in Small Packs on Rabbit or Hare" including procedure 8-I and all italicized Small Pack Option rules.

#### Procedure 8. Drawing, Marking and Running

Special Notes: The hounds shall be numbered consecutively as entered, starting with the number "1". These numbers shall be used in the drawing and running of the packs and the names of the hounds must not be used. The packs in first and subsequent series, except for Winner's Pack, shall consist of four (4) to seven (7) hounds, except that when the class has only eight or nine hounds, they MAY be run in one pack. The FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE shall decide how the class will be divided in first and subsequent series, the number of packs and the number of hounds in each pack. The hounds shall be drawn for in first, second and subsequent series. The hounds shall be run in packs as drawn regardless of ownership and the packs must be run in the order drawn.

At U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials, the hounds are required to be cast to search for game and to be tested for gun shyness. The Premium List and any advertising shall state "Small Pack Option". Handlers will control the hounds in the search for game and will get the hounds in a pack when game is started.

#### D. Running together as a pack.

After the game is started, handlers will have five minutes in which to get hounds in the pack unless one or more hounds are running another rabbit. In such cases, or in case of a split pack, the Roving Marshall will instruct, advise, and assist the handlers in getting the hounds together. Judges shall order up all but five (5) hounds when running the Winner's Pack. In deciding on the placing of the hounds, the judges may order up these five remaining hounds all at once, or they may order them

picked up one at a time, beginning with the lowest rated hound and working up toward the top hound.

Hounds must be scored on searching ability. Hounds that fail to search for game or interfere with the other hounds that are searching, must be ordered up by the judges.

Hounds must be tested for gun shyness in all classes and gunfire shall only be simulated by means of a blank cartridge. At all U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials, the firearm to be used to test the hounds for gun shyness in all classes shall be at least a 20 gauge shotgun with a blank cartridge or a .32 caliber or larger pistol with a blank cartridge. THE FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE shall decide in which series that testing for gun shyness shall take place.

Not until all the hounds have settled down in full pursuit of game and they can be observed by one or both judges, shall the judges ask the Marshall to fire a single blank cartridge from within normal gunshot range of the pack. Under no circumstances, shall a hound that is being judged for gun shyness be shot over unless it is working fresh scent, or unless it has been given ample time to hark to the pack if game is being pursued vigorously by the pack. The judges may request that the Marshall fire additional blank cartridges under the same conditions above until they are satisfied that the pack is free of gun-shy hounds. No hounds shall be demerited or picked up for harking to gunfire.

E. Additional options that may be used at any U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trial for Certified Hunting Beagles:

1. Color-coded collars shall be used. Painting numbers on the hounds is the option of the clubs.
2. Alternate packs may be run whenever it is warranted by the Field Trial Committee.
3. Any club may run a combined sex C.H.B. Qualifying Trail providing the host club advertises that it will be a combined sex trial.

F. No entry which is still in active competition or being considered for placement shall be assisted through any fences or other obstacles by anyone other than one of the marshals, under penalty of disqualification of the hound in question and/or hounds owned by the person violating this provision.

G. During the running, the handlers shall remove any hounds entered by them at the request of the judges. They shall also refrain from interfering with the running and/or judging by remaining silent, and refraining from loud or unusual noises during the run, and confine themselves to an area BEHIND the judges at such distance that will permit the free exchange of information between the judges.

Handlers SHALL NOT volunteer any information about the running unless requested to do so by the judges. Any handler who REFUSES to follow directives or any reasonable request of the judges, may be disqualified from competition. Any or ALL entries he/she may have in that class may be ordered out of the running. In the event of disqualification, any entry fees paid by the owner or his agent shall be forfeited.

H. U.B.G.F. will have the authority to withhold certification of hounds for cause, but field and show judges will not have the authority to withhold places. Sixty(60) points will be required in the field event and sixty (60) points in the conformation event to be qualified as a C.H.B. hound and/or be eligible to compete in the National Run-off.

I. At all U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials, the field judges shall score their top five (5) hounds with points from 0 to 100, with 100 being considered to be a perfect hound for points going into consideration for the GRAND FINAL WINNER TROPHY and/or the GRAND FINAL WINNER RUNNER-UP TROPHY. The points shall be scored by the field judges independently of each other and turned over to the Field Trial Secretary.

The Field Trial Secretary will add the total score and divide the total by two, which will result in an average number of points received by each scored entry. The Field Trial Secretary will post placement of field hounds at the end of each day's competition, however, he/she will not post points (field or show) until all competition for the trial has been completed.

J. At U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials, National and Derby Run-offs, a hound must be a dual entry, field and conformation by paying one entry fee. It is not mandatory for a hound to attend the conformation event or to be scored by the conformation judge.

K. At all U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials, a conformation show competition for open sized and sexed entries will be conducted. Entry requirements for these classes are the same for field entries. Puppy classes are not mandatory, however, they may be included by the sponsoring club. However, points acquired in show classes are limited to one class only if the hound has also been entered in open class. Hounds entered in this class must be between six (6) months and twelve (12) months of age on the day of the show.

L. Scoring in all conformation classes: Hounds shall be scored from 0 to 100 points, using the U.B.G.F. Conformation Scale of Points taken from the American Kennel Club Official Standard for the Beagle, with the first place hound receiving the closest score to 100 and the second place hound the next highest score, etc. Scored hounds in show classes need not be placed field hounds, or placed show hounds need not be placed in the field, but ALL HOUNDS SHALL RECEIVE SOME SCORE except if the hound has been disqualified.

NOTE: The conformation show judge may not also be a field judge at the same U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trial.

M. The Conformation Show Steward will receive the hound scoring from the show judge and maintain this list until such time the Field Trial Secretary posts the field winners and their respective field scores. At this time, the show points, if any, will be added to the field points of the field winners only, points going into consideration for the GRAND FINAL WINNER TROPHY and/or GRAND FINAL WINNER RUNNER-UP TROPHY.

N. The following awards will be used at all U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials:

GRAND FINAL WINNER TROPHY - Presented to the single hound scoring the highest combined total of both field and show points at the trial.

GRAND FINAL WINNER RUNNER-UP TROPHY - Presented to the single hound scoring the second highest combined total of both field and show points at the trial.

CLASS AWARDS FIELD AND SHOW - Trophies for first, rosettes for second through N.B.Q. place, shall be presented. If one portion of a class is to be all trophy, then other equal classes must share the same benefits, i.e., if the 13" field class is awarded all trophy, then the 15" field class must too. Same applies to show classes, however, field classes can be all trophy, while show classes can be the minimum awards as trophies for first, rosettes for second through reserve places.

O. TIE: In the event of a tie for the Grand Final Winner Trophy or the Grand Final Winner Runner-Up Trophy, the following breaker system will be used.

1. The hound with the highest field placement shall win.
2. If field place is a tie, then the hound with the highest field points shall win.
3. If field points are the same, then the hound placing in the largest field class (defeated more field starters) shall win.
4. If field classes of same size, then the hound placing in the largest show class shall win.

**P. Requirements for Certified Hunting Beagle Certification:**

In order to be awarded the title of Certified Hunting Beagle, a hound must place in the top five (5) in its field class at a C.H.B. Qualifying Trial approved by the Board of Directors, and said hound must score a minimum of sixty (60) points in both field competition and the conformation show at the same C.H.B. Qualifying Trial in which it was awarded a placement in the field segment. Refer to the U.B.G.F. Conformation Scale of Points taken from the American Kennel Club Official Standard for the Beagle.

The owner of that hound shall be provided with an application asking for name and registration number of the Beagle, date of birth, sire, dam, breeder, name and address of owner, and name and location of the sponsoring club at which the hound qualified.

If the hound is run as part of an AKC registered litter, the C.H.B. certificate will not be issued until the hound is A.K.C. registered. A.K.C. registering must occur with 90 days under penalty of withdrawal of C.H.B. qualification.

This application along with a fee of \$5.00 is to be sent to the U.B.G.F. Chairman of C.H.B. Records within thirty (30) days of qualifying. Upon being accepted as a Certified Hunting Beagle, the owner will receive a copy of the official certificate (see enclosed sample), listing that hound as being recognized as a Certified Hunting Beagle. This title will remain with the hound until its death.

Special Note: This will also qualify the hound to be entered into the U.B.G.F. National Run-off for Gundog Championship for that single year for the National Run-off.

Q. A fee of \$1.00 per hound at all U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trials shall be paid by the host club to the UBGF no later than thirty (30) days after said trial. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 late fine. A complete list of the trial results including number of hounds in each class and name of field judges and show judge must be sent to the U.B.G.F. Processor of C.H.B. Records with thirty (30) days of the trial. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine.

ANY MOTION TO CHANGE THESE OR ANY SUBSEQUENT RUNNING RULES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS SIXTY (60) DAYS BEFORE THE MOTION IS TO BE VOTED UPON.

**UNITED BEAGLE GUNDOG FEDERATION © STANDARDS AND RULES FOR  
CONDUCTING  
CONFORMATION SHOWS**

A. A hound is not eligible to be evaluated, scored, or to compete in any conformation class if an advertised or actual judge of that class or any member of his immediate family or household has owned, sold, held under lease, boarded, field or conformation trained or handled the hound in any U.B.G.F. or A.K.C. field or show sanctioned or licensed event within one year prior to the date of the conformation show event. Immediate family is defined as husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister.

B. The U.B.G.F. recommends that only one conformation show judge be used to evaluate all four classes offered for competition at the club's U.B.G.F. sanctioned C.H.B. or Derby Qualifying Trials. The advertised and/or actual conformation show judge may not be one of the field judges at the same U.B.G.F. Qualifying Trial.

C. The field trial committee can evaluate any dog entered in the field trial that is ineligible to be judged by the show judge because of section A. If all criteria of the standards are met, the field trial committee may give the dog the minimum required score of sixty (60) points and thereby qualifying for the national runoff the hound is not eligible for grand final winner or runner up. The hound must be announced before entries are closed, and the evaluation must be done in public with witnesses.

D. Each hound entered with the field event may be evaluated singularly by the conformation judge while first series field competition is in progress. All hounds participating in the conformation show competition should be evaluated singularly prior to the completion of first series field competition. If an insufficient number of hounds is entered to conduct a first series, and only the Winners Pack is taken to the field, then the hounds are to be evaluated by the conformation show judge after the completion of the field event.

E. The conformation show judge is to post the numbers of the higher scoring hounds to be returned for the second and final evaluation as viewed against each other. It is recommended that this final

evaluation take place, as soon after the first series field competition is completed, however, it should never interfere with the field competition.

F. It is recommended that nine (9) high scoring hounds should be returned to the show ring for the final evaluation, unless the total class size exceeds fifty (50) hounds. This final evaluation by the conformation judge should take no more than twenty (20) minutes to complete.

G. After the final evaluation has been completed for that class, and the highest scoring hounds are placed, no additional hounds within that class may be evaluated or scored.

H. The conformation judge does not have the authority to, and may not, measure any hound being evaluated within any class. The conformation judge must accept the following:

1. The A.K.C. Official Measurement Card if so presented to the Field Trial Secretary at the time of entry.
2. The pre-measurement taken by the field judges for the class that the hound was entered into at that field trial.
3. The measurement taken by the field judges when hounds are being measured for possible use in the Winners Pack.

I. If any hound was scored and placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or NBQ by the conformation judge and is then measured out by the field judges or the class for which it was entered into, the following rules apply:

1. The owner or handler of said hound must return any trophy, ribbon, or prizes to the host club.
2. All other previously placed hounds would then move up in order of merit, if eligible. Hounds that had not been placed would not move up nor would the conformation show judge place additional hounds. In such a case, some placements would not be filled.

J. A dog or bitch which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed, or a male which does not have two (2) normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any U.B.G.F. Conformation Show and will be disqualified. A dog will not be considered eligible that has been changed by artificial means except for removal of dewclaws because this is a regularly approved practice, which is not contrary to the standard.

K. No dog or bitch shall be eligible to compete at any show, and no dog shall receive any award at any show in the event of the natural color or shade of natural color, or the natural markings of the dog or bitch have been altered or changed by the use of any substance, whether such substance has been used for cleaning purposes or for any other reason. Such cleaning substances are to be removed before the dog or bitch enters the ring.



**A DOG OR BITCH WITH AN ALTERED, CUT, OR DOCKED TAIL SHALL NOT BE A DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SHOW EVENT BUT WILL RECEIVE A 5 POINT PENALTY FOR THE DOCKED OR ALTERED TAIL.**

**CONFORMATION SEMINARS INSTRUCTORS**

The Conformation Director will not hold exclusive privileges in conducting conformation seminars. The Federation Board of Directors will assume the responsibility of screening people for various reasons if they, in fact, desire to instruct conformation seminars. The Board will ascertain the following:

- Credentials (do they currently and actively judge conformation shows).
- Ability to provide instruction to a group of people.
- Available to travel.
- Ensure that if they were to instruct such a seminar, that they be proficient in following a "lesson plan" to ensure that the required material be covered in the seminar.
- Maintain the desire to promote the Federation's philosophy in producing the dual-purpose hound, and thus
- Restrict themselves to instructing only those clubs requesting a seminar who are of good standing in our Federation.

**CONFORMATION SEMINAR GUIDELINES**

The Board of Directors have set forth some guidelines for clubs requesting conformation seminars within the U.B.G.F.

- A. Only member clubs of the U.B.G.F. may host a conformation seminar instructed by a recommended conformation instructor or by the Conformation Director.
- B. A conformation seminar shall be limited to the times, days and dates advertised.
- C. There must be enough attendees for a proposed seminar that will not cause a financial burden to the host club (s).
- D. The host club (s) may impose a fee for each attendee of the seminar, to cover cost involved and/or as a money making project.
- E. The host club shall be responsible for any or all expenses related to the seminar such as advertising, lunches, etc.
- F. The host club is also responsible for reimbursing the instructor for any fee's set forth by them in a pre-arranged agreement.

Because most seminars are limited to one day, the host club will only be responsible for paying up to two (2) nights hotel charges and meals for the instructor. Any additional lodging expenses incurred by the instructor will be paid for by the instructor.

G. There will be no limit as to how many seminars a host club can hold as long as the Federations requirements for conducting said seminar is met.

H. Clubs wishing to host a conformation seminar must follow the steps currently enforced by this Federation. A letter must be sent to the Federation Conformation Director requesting the conformation seminar. At that time, the Conformation Director will contact the Corresponding Secretary to determine if the dates applied for are not in conflict with other Federation Events. If a specific instructor is requested out of the list of instructors the Federation has available, this will be who will conduct the seminar with respect to geographic and availability of that instructor. The Conformation Director will then contact by phone and follow up with a letter to the instructor chosen and detail information to that instructor.

I. Conformation seminars should be planned far enough in advance so advertisement in the Hounds and Hunting of Small Option Pack magazines for the seminar date place and any charges.

J. The Conformation Director shall maintain and supply the Federation will an updated list of conformation instructors.

### **A.K.C. STANDARD FOR THE BEAGLE (Approved September 10, 1957)**

#### **HEAD**

The skull should be fairly long, slightly domed at occiput, with cranium broad and full.

#### **EARS**

The ears should be set on moderately low, long, reaching when drawn out nearly, if not quite, to the end of the nose.

#### **EYES**

Eyes should be large, set well apart - soft and hound-like expression, gentle and pleasing, of a brown or hazel color.

#### **MUZZLE**

Muzzle should be of medium length, straight and square cut, the stop moderately defined.

Defects: A very flat skull, narrow across the top, excess of dome; eyes small, sharp and terrier-like, or prominent and protruding; muzzle long, snippy or cut away decidedly below the eyes or very short. Roman nosed, or upturned giving a dish-faced expression. Ears too short, set on high or with a tendency to rise above the point of origin.

## BODY

Neck and Throat - Neck rising free and light from the shoulders, strong in substance yet not loaded and of medium length. The throat should be clean and free of folds of skin; a slight wrinkle below the angle of the jaw, however, may be allowable.

Defects: A thick, short, cloddy neck carried on a line with the top of the shoulders. Throat showing dewlap and folds of skin to a degree termed "throatiness".

## SHOULDERS AND CHEST

Shoulders sloping, clean, muscular, not heavy or loaded - conveying the idea of a freedom of action with activity and strength. Chest deep and broad, but not broad enough to interfere with the free play of the shoulders.

Defects: Straight, upright shoulders. Chest disproportionately wide or with lack of depth.

## BACK, LOIN, AND RIBS

Back short, muscular and strong. Loin broad and slightly arched, and the ribs well sprung, giving abundance of lung room.

Defects: Very long or swayed or roached back. Flat, narrow loin. Flat ribs.

## FORELEGS AND FEET

Forelegs should be straight with plenty of bone in proportion to size of the hound. Pasterns short and straight. Feet should be close, round, and firm. Pads should be full and hard.

Defects: Out at elbows. Knees knuckled over forward, or bent backward. Forelegs crooked or Dachshund-like. Feet long, open or spreading.

## HIPS, THIGHS, HIND LEGS

Hips and thighs should be strong and well muscled giving abundance of propelling power. Stifles strong and well let down. Hocks firm, symmetrical and moderately bent.

Defects: Cow hocked or straight hocks. Lack of muscle and propelling power.

## TAIL

Set moderately high, carried gaily but not turned forward over the back. Slightly curved, short as compared with the size of the hound, tail should have brush.

Defects: A long tail. Teapot curve or inclined forward from the root. Rat tail with absence of brush.

## COAT

A close, hard, hound coat of medium length.

Defects: A short, thin coat or of a soft quality.

**COLOR**

Any true hound color.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE**

A miniature Foxhound, solid and big for his inches, with the wear-and-tear look of the hound that can last in the chase and follow his quarry to the death.

**VARIETIES**

There shall be two varieties:

Thirteen inch -- which shall be hounds not exceeding 13 inches in height.

Fifteen inch -- which shall be hounds over 13 inches but not exceeding 15 inches in height.

**A.K.C. STANDARD FOR THE BEAGLE**

**SCALE OF POINTS**

Skull..... 5	Forelegs..... 10
Ears..... 10	Hips, Thighs, &
Eyes.....5	Hind Legs..... 10
Muzzle..... 5	Feet..... 10
HEAD..... 25 points	RUNNING GEAR....30 points
Neck..... 5	Coat. ....5
Chest &	Stern. ....5
Shoulders..... 15	
Back, Loin &	MISC..... 10 points
Ribs..... 15	
BODY..... 35 points	

TOTAL POINTS -- 100

**DISQUALIFICATION'S**

Any hound measuring more than 15 inches shall be disqualified.

**GUNDOG CHAMPION OF THE UBGF.**

**Qualifications:** As a requirement of being invited to participate in a National Run-off for the title of Gundog Champion, as outlined and accepted by the United Beagle Gundog Federation © :

1. All hounds entered must have been certified or be eligible for certification as a Certified Hunting Beagle (C.H.B.) by the United Beagle Gundog Federation © within the year for which the National Run-off is being held.

2. The entry fee of \$35.00 for the National Run-off shall be paid at the time of entry. Each entry form presented at the National Run-Off must show the Club Name and date the qualifying trial at which the hound qualified. It must contain the Name of the entry, name of sire and dam, date of birth, name of breeder, name and address of the owner(s), class in which the hound placed, and name of the club of which the owner is a member.

3. The owner/owners of any qualified hound must have been and still is a member in good standing of one of the member clubs within the United Beagle Gundog Federation © prior to that hound being qualified.

4. The owner/owners of any hound that has finished their A.K.C. Field Championship and presently meets all required qualifications as set up by the U.B.G.F. as a Certified Hunting Beagle may participate in the National Run-off without having to participate in an yearly C.H.B. qualifying trial. The entry fee is \$35.00

**Type of Competition:** A.K.C. Small Pack Option with gunfire being used on second series running except where the classes are of such number that only Winners Pack is called. In this instance, gunfire will be used on Winners Pack.

**Measurement:** Hounds that are not field champions must have qualified in a qualifying trial. Measurement of hounds will be done in accordance with Procedure 3-A as printed in the current Beagle Field Trial Rules book as provided by AKC. All hounds, including Field Champions, will be measured for winners pack.

**Judges:** A field judge for the National Run-off, derby or all age, must have the following:

1. Attended and passed a field judging seminar put on by the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©, American Kennel Club, or Canadian Kennel Club.
2. Judged at least five (5) AKC or UKC licensed trials in SPO format.

**Nominating Judges:** The delegate from all UBFG clubs can nominate one judge each year at our annual meeting for the all-age and one for the derby runoffs. These people can be nominated for any and or all classes. The delegate must have a written proof that the person being nominated will accept the judging assignment. This written proof must be turned into the UBGF's recording secretary at the time of the nomination.

Once all nominations are in, a piece of paper with Derby on it and a piece with All Age on it will be put in a hat. The first one drawn will be the first run-off judges will be voted for. When that is decided four more pieces of paper will be put in the hat. They will say 13" F, 13" M, 15" F and 15" M. The order in which they are drawn from the hat will be the voting order for each class for both run-offs.

No judge can judge both run-offs the same year and cannot judge back to back years. If they are elected to judge either run-off they are not eligible to judge either the next year.

No conformation judge may be elected to judge both National Events the same season. Any judge who is elected to judge a conformation National Event in one season may not be elected to judge either run-off event the following season.

If all classes are not filled then all clubs that do not have a judge that was elected can make a second nomination and voting will continue. If clubs without judges elected have no more nominations the nominations will be opened up for all clubs. This process will continue until all classes are filled. After judges are all elected, the person with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest vote in each class will be the alternate.

If there are not enough judges left that have been nominated to fill the alternate positions the open nominations from the floor will be taken. If there are still not enough nominations the president of the UBGF will select these alternate judges within 30 days. Each club should bring as many nominations as possible an not just their first two choices.

**Judges Expenses:** The United Beagle Gundog Federation © shall pay for gas and hotel expenses only for judges elected to judge the National Run-off. Said expenses reports shall include receipts not to exceed \$500.00

**Awards:** Hounds will receive the following recognition:

GUNDOG CHAMPION OF THE United Beagle Gundog Federation ©  
RESERVE CHAMPION OF THE United Beagle Gundog Federation ©  
1ST RUNNER-UP  
2ND RUNNER-UP  
3RD RUNNER-UP

Except when the judges feel that the quality of the hounds presented to them are such that the title of Gundog Champion should be withheld, and in that instance, the hounds entered shall be designated as: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and Reserve.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL JUDGES AWARD PLACEMENTS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF ACCEPTABLE QUALITY. Those who accept this invitation to compete in these National Run-offs for the title of Gundog Champion of the United Beagle Gundog Federation © must agree to these stipulations.

ANY MOTION TO CHANGE THESE NATIONAL RUN-OFF RULES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS SIXTY (60) DAYS BEFORE THE MOTION IS TO BE VOTED UPON.

### **DERBY GUNDOG CHAMPION OF THE U.B.G.F.**

The Derby National Winners Stake for the United Beagle Gundog Federation© will be held annually on the 18<sup>th</sup> weekend of the AKC corresponding date Calendar.

A. Each club within the United Beagle Gundog Federation © may, if they desire, conduct two(2) Derby Qualifying Trial sanctioned by the United Beagle Gundog Federation © between September 1st and the last weekend in April. The second Derby Qualifying Trial must be at least 7 days after the first. A club hosting the second Derby Qualifying Trial will be restricted to only (2) CHB Qualifying Trials.

B. Type of competition for this event shall be A.K.C. Small Pack Option Rules including all rules listed under Running Rules and General Procedures of the U.B.G.F. Both field and conformation competition will be held at this event. Every entry must compete in the field competition. A Grand Final Winner and Grand Final Winner Runner-Up Award will be awarded to the Beagles obtaining the highest and second highest score respectively.

C. Each club may conduct field and show classes of either combined sex competition or separate sex competition in both 13" and 15" classes. A U.B.G.F. Conformation Show must be conducted at said Qualifying Trials with field and show points awarded to hounds in the same method as C.H.B. Qualifying Trial Rules and Procedures.

D. U.B.G.F. Spring Derby Run-off is open only to A.K.C. registered Beagles whelped no later than June 30 of the previous year and no earlier than July 1 of the preceding year and which said Beagles are individually registered with the A.K.C. or part of an A.K.C. registered litter, or otherwise, if whelped outside the United States of America and owned by a resident of the U.S.A. or Canada must have been registered in its country of birth with foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for A.K.C. registration. Example: Litter whelped on or after July 1, 1991 and not later than June 30th, 1992 are eligible to run in the 1993 Derby qualifying classes. Hounds competing in the U.B.G.F. Spring Derby National Run-off will be approximately 10 months to 22 months of age.

E. No class of Beagles shall be run at any club Spring Derby Qualifying Trial with less than four (4) starters in the class.

F. The location and host club for the annual National Derby Run-off shall be a central location selected by the Board of Directors of the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©.

E. A fee of \$1.00 per hound at all U.B.G.F. Spring Derby Qualifying Trials shall be paid by each member club to the U.B.G.F. no later than thirty (30) days after the said trial date, along with a complete list of results.

**Qualifications:** As a requirement of being invited to participate in a National Derby Run-off for the title of Derby Gundog Champion, as outlined and accepted by the United Beagle Gundog Federation©:

1. Must have been an entry in a club's Spring Derby Qualifying Trial sanctioned by the U.B.G.F. and placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or NBQ in the field competition and must have received at least sixty (60) points or more in both field and conformation competition.

2. An entry fee of \$25.00 for the Derby National Run-off shall be paid at the time of entry. Each entry form presented at the Derby National Run-off must show which club the hound qualified at, the name of the entry, name of the sire and dam, date of birth, name of breeder, name and address of owner (s), class in which it will be entered, field placement, field points and conformation points obtained at the respective qualifying trial.
3. The owner/owners of any qualified hound must have been and still is a member in good standing of one of the member clubs within the United Beagle Gundog Federation © prior to that hound being qualified.

**Type of Competition:** A.K.C. Small Pack Option with gunfire being used on second series running except where the classes are of such number that only Winners Pack is called. In this instance, gunfire will be used on Winners Pack.

**Measurement:** Hounds that are not field champions must have qualified in a qualifying trial. Measurement of hounds will be done in accordance with Procedure 3-A as printed in the current Beagle Field Trial Rules book as provided by AKC. All hounds, including Field Champions, will be measured in the winners pack.

**Nominating Judges:** The delegate from all UBFG clubs can nominate one judge each year at our annual meeting for the all-age and one for the derby runoffs. These people can be nominated for any and or all classes. The delegate must have a written proof that the person being nominated will accept the judging assignment. This written proof must be turned into the UBGFs recording secretary at the time of the nomination.

Once all nominations are in, a piece of paper with Derby on it and a piece with All Age on it will be put in a hat. The first one drawn will be the first run-off judges will be voted for. When that is decided four more pieces of paper will be put in the hat. They will say 13”F, 13”M, 15”F and 15”M. The order in which they are drawn from the hat will be the voting order for each class for both run-offs.

No judge can judge both run-offs the same year and cannot judge back to back years. If they are elected to judge either run-off they are not eligible to judge either the next year.

If all classes are not filled then all clubs that do not have a judge that was elected can make a second nomination and voting will continue. If clubs without judges elected have no more nominations the nominations will be opened up for all clubs. This process will continue until all classes are filled. After judges are all elected, the person with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest vote in each class will be the alternate.

If there are not enough judges left that have been nominated to fill the alternate positions the open nominations from the floor will be taken. If there are still not enough nominations the president of the UBGF will select these alternate judges within 30 days. Each club should bring as many nominations as possible and not just their first two choices.



**Judges Expenses:** The United Beagle Gundog Federation © shall pay all reasonable actual expenses for judges elected to judge the National Derby Run-off. Said expenses reports shall include receipts for all actual gasoline, motel expenses incurred by the judge up to a maximum of \$500.00

**Awards:** Hounds will receive the following recognition:

DERBY GUNDOG CHAMPION OF THE United Beagle Gundog Federation ©.  
DERBY RESERVE CHAMPION OF THE United Beagle Gundog Federation ©.  
1ST RUNNER-UP  
2ND RUNNER-UP  
3RD RUNNER-UP

Except when the judges feel that the quality of the hounds presented to them are such that the title of Gundog Champion should be withheld, and in that instance, the hounds entered shall be designated as: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and Reserve.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL JUDGES AWARD PLACEMENTS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF ACCEPTABLE QUALITY.** Those who accept this invitation to compete in these Derby National Run-offs for the title of Derby Gundog Champion of the United Beagle Gundog Federation © must agree to these stipulations.

ANY MOTION TO CHANGE THESE DERBY NATIONAL RUN-OFF RULES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS SIXTY (60) DAYS BEFORE THE MOTION IS TO BE VOTED UPON.

### **Two Couple Pack National**

The Two Couple Pack Hunt Test National Run-off will be held on the 41<sup>th</sup> weekend on the AKC corresponding date calendar. The AKC Two Couple Pack Hunt Test Rules will be used as the running rules for the National Hunt Test.

The entry fee of \$40.00 per pack shall be paid at the time of entry. Each entry for presented at the National Run-off must contain the name of the club and date of the hunt test at which the pack qualified. (Placed either First through NBQ) It must also contain the name of the pack, the name and address of the handler, the name and owner(s) of each hound in the pack, and the name of the UBGF club of which each owner is a member. The owner of each hound in the pack must have been and is still a member in good standing of one of the member clubs in the UBGF prior to that pack being qualified.

A pack made up of four hounds that have qualified in the same pack or different packs at a UBGF two couple pack qualifying trial may compete in the run-off as long as no three hounds are together in another pack and no hound will run in more than two packs.

**GUNDOG SHOW CHAMPION OF THE U.B.G.F.**

**Qualifications:** As a requirement of being invited to participate in the National Run-off for the title of Gundog Show Champion as outlined and accepted by the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©:

1. All hounds entered must have been certified or be eligible for certification as a Certified Hunting Beagle (C.H.B.) by the United Beagle Gundog Federation © within the year for which the National Run-off is being held.
2. The owner/owners of any qualified hound must have been and still is a member of good standing of one of the member clubs within the United Beagle Gundog Federation © prior to that hound being qualified.

**Types of Competition:** A.K.C. Conformation Show competition with four all age classes as follows:

1. 13 inch DOG Class
2. 15 inch DOG Class
3. 13 inch BITCH Class
4. 15 inch BITCH Class

**Measurement:** If the hound competes in the conformation event, it must compete within the same class that it competed within the field event, i.e., a hound cannot switch classes between field and show if qualified in both 13" and 15" at the qualifying trial it competed in. If run in the 13" field class at the National Run-off then they can only be shown in the 13" conformation class at the National Run-off.

**Judges:** A conformation show judge for the National Run-off of the United Beagle Gundog Federation © must have judged a minimum of one (1) conformation show within the past two (2) years.

**Nominating Judges:** Any club nominating a person to be a show judge at the National Run-off must have proof of said person's acceptance in writing. This statement is to be presented to the Federation's Recording Secretary at the time the nomination is made. Nominations will be limited to one (1) per club within the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©.

**Awards:** Hounds will receive the following recognition:

GUNDOG SHOW CHAMPION OF THE United Beagle Gundog Federation ©  
RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION OF THE United Beagle Gundog Federation ©  
1ST SHOW RUNNER UP  
2ND SHOW RUNNER UP  
3RD SHOW RUNNER UP

Except when the judge feels that the quality of the hounds presented to them are such that the title of Gundog Show Champion should be withheld, and in that instance, the hounds entered shall be designated as: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and Reserve.

### **FIELD JUDGES FOR THE U.B.G.F.**

The intent and purpose of the following program is to assist member clubs in obtaining high quality, consistent and reliable field judges to be used at all U.B.G.F. sanctioned C.H.B. Qualifying Trials in order that we may find and reward the best hunting Beagle available for breeding.

#### **A. Selecting a Field Judge:**

Each year between October 1st and December 31st, every club within the United Beagle Gundog Federation © must submit to the Director of Field Judges, a list of names from their immediate area, that qualify and are willing to participate as a U.B.G.F. Approved Field Judge for the following calendar year. These field judges must be able to meet the requirements listed in paragraph C of this rulebook. This total list of field judges will then be sent to each club Secretary by the Director of U.B.G.F. Field Judges as an "Approved U.B.G.F. Field Judges List" to be used in hiring field judges for that calendar year. A club should select field judges from this list only, as their approved field judges for the U.B.G.F. Sanctioned C.H.B. Qualifying Trials. If two (2) field judges are to be used for the trial, then only one (1) can be a member of the host club or on the host club selection list. If four (4) field judges are to be used for the trial, then only two (2) of them can be members of the host club or on the host club selection list. All field judges should be listed on the "Approved U.B.G.F. Field Judges List" for that calendar year.

#### **B. The Director of U.B.G.F. Field Judges:**

The United Beagle Gundog Federation © Second Vice President will be expected to serve as the DIRECTOR OF FIELD JUDGES. He/she will maintain a list of U.B.G.F. Approved Field Judges and reissue this list each year to all clubs of the U.B.G.F. prior to January 1st.

He/she will also observe as many C.H.B. Qualifying Trials as possible to confirm that field judges have conformed to the running rules of the U.B.G.F. and have selected hounds that are able to search out their game, to pursue it in an energetic and decisive manner and have an intense enthusiasm for hunting. Hounds should be able to drive a rabbit long, hard, and continuously with desire and drive as no hound can be too fast, provided the trail is clearly followed thus keeping the Beagle useful for hunting purposes.

#### **C. Qualifications To Become a U.B.G.F. Approved Field Judge:**

1. A U.B.G.F. field judge must be 18 years of age or older and must be a member of a U.B.G.F. member club at the date of the trial to be an approved judge.
2. A U.B.G.F. field judge must have had attended and passed one of the following Field Trial Seminars:

- a. U.B.G.F. Approved Field Trial Seminar
- b. A.K.C. Approved Field Trial Seminar
- c. Be an Approved Canadian License Trial Judge

A U.B.G.F. approved field must have been a field trial judge at three (3) previous Beagle field trials or had been a field trial judge apprentice at three (3) previous Beagle field trials.

#### **D. Responsibility of a U.B.G.F. Approved Field Judge:**

All U.B.G.F. field judges must have full knowledge of all existing running rules of the U.B.G.F. and A.K.C. Small Pack Option Rules. He/she must carry them out as intended to find and award the most useful Beagle for hunting purposes only.

#### **E. Removing a Field Judge From The Approved List:**

The U.B.G.F. is to be notified of all judging cancellations by the Field Trial Secretary. The U.B.G.F. will continue to approve that person to judge provided he/she has a legitimate reason for cancellation and that the reason for cancellation is listed in the trial report or the judge notifies the U.B.G.F. Legitimate reasons will include illness, accidents, deaths or emergencies within the immediate family, unexpected job changes or assignments. Frequent no-shows and casual cancellations will be dealt with as specified below. The U.B.G.F. Board of Directors will be the determining authority for the legitimacy of all excuses.

If the assigned judge notifies the club Field Trial Secretary or the person who contracted with him/her in writing more than ninety (90) days prior to his/her judging assignment date, then this notification will relieve said judge from any penalty.

The U.B.G.F. Board of Directors shall have the power to remove any name from the "Approved U.B.G.F. Field Judges List" by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors after having received notice from any club that said judge has not maintained the standards of the United Beagle Gundog Federation ©.

#### **F. Marshals:**

Field Marshals for the All-Age National Run-off and the Derby National Run-off must be at least 18 years of age.

#### **G. Board of Directors:**

A current officer elected or appointed of the U.B.G.F. shall be eligible to judge field or show events at the All-Age National and Derby National Run-off. The U.B.G.F. Board of Directors will appoint additional person(s) to the field trial committee to help conduct the trials. No more than two officers will be allowed to judge any single event.

ANY MOTION TO CHANGE THESE RULES FOR FIELD JUDGES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS SIXTY (60) DAYS BEFORE THE MOTION IS TO BE VOTED UPON.

ADDITIONAL REVISIONS OR NOTES:

## United Beagle Gundog Federation Awards Program

### ALL-AGE PERFORMANCE AWARDS

The all age performance awards program season runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. The events included in the award calculation include all-age UBGF qualifying trials and the UBGF All-Age National Run-off. Each year all award recipients are announced publicly and formally recognized at the UBGF annual awards banquet held in conjunction with the annual business meeting in August.

#### Grand Final Award

This award is given to the hound that accumulates the most points for Grand Final Wins (GFW) and Grand Final Runner-up (GFRU) placements in all-age qualifying trials during a given trial season. A hound is credited 5 points for each GFW and 2 points for each GFRU. For example, a hound with 2 GFWs and 1 GFRU during the trial season would have earned 12 points.

#### *Top Performing Hound Awards*

This award is given to the top performing hound in each class (i.e. 13-in male, 13-in female, 15-in male, and 15-in female) for a total of four awards. The award, by class is given to the hound that accumulates the highest number of points during a given trial season. **Points from different classes are not combined.** Hounds will be awarded points for each UBGF qualifying trial, CHB, and the UBGF All-Age National Run-off in accordance with the following points system:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1 point/entry
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	½ point/entry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	⅓ point/entry
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	¼ point/entry
NBQ	⅛ point/entry

Example: A hound that places 3<sup>rd</sup> in a class of 36 will be credited with 12 points for that particular trial.

*Triple Challenge Award*

This award is given to each hound that accumulates 3 or more wins in UBGF all-age qualifying trials, CHB trials, and/or the All-Age National Run-off in a single trial season. Wins in different classes are combined for this award.

**DERBY AWARDS**

The derby trial season runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> until the conclusion of the UBGF Derby Run-off in May of the following year. The events included in the award calculation include UBGF derby qualifying trials and the UBGF Derby Run-off. Each year all award recipients are announced publicly and formally recognized at the UBGF annual awards banquet held in conjunction with the annual business meeting in August.

Derby Grand Final Award

This award is given to the derby hound that accumulates the most points for Grand Final Wins (GFW) and Grand Final Runner-up (GFRU) placements in derby qualifying trials (including the Derby Run-off) during a given trial season. A hound is credited 5 points for each GFW and 2 points for each GFRU.

*Top Performing Derby Awards*

This award is given to the top performing derby in each class (i.e. 13-in. male, 13-in. female, 15-in. male, and 15-in. female) for a total of four awards. The award, by class is given to the hound that accumulates the highest number of points during a given derby trial season. **Points from different classes are not combined.** Hounds will be awarded points for each UBGF derby qualifying trial in accordance with the following points system:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1 point/entry
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	½ point/entry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	⅓ point/entry
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	¼ point/entry
NBQ	⅛ point/entry

The number of points awarded to each placing hound at the Derby Run-off will be in accordance with the following:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	⅓ point/entry
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	⅙ point/entry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	⅑ point/entry
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	⅒ point/entry
NBQ	⅓ point/entry

Example: A hound placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of 78 hounds at the derby run-off will be credited with 13 points [i.e. 78 divided by 6 = 13].

#### Sire of the Year Award

Sire of the Year will be determined by a points system that awards points to each sire based on the highest score reported for each individual derby hound that qualifies for the derby run-off during any given derby season. Points received for placing at the UBGF Derby Run-off will be included if the score received is the highest score for the hound.

The intent of this award is to award the sire that produces the most trial quality offspring during a given derby season. The reason for calculating the award using only the highest individual score for each qualified hound is to minimize the potential impact/weight resulting from 1-2 dogs that have been run in numerous trials and have accumulated a large number of points. The number of trials entered is a personal preference of the owner/handler and could unfairly influence the sire of the year award calculation if all scores for these dogs are included in the calculation.

Example: A dog sires ten (10) derby hounds that qualify for the Derby Run-off during a given derby season. The total points for the sire will be calculated by summing the single highest score for each of the ten hounds.

#### Dam of the Year

The Dam of the Year will be awarded to the dam that produces the highest quality offspring for a given derby season based on the qualifying trial results for that season. The point system will be the same as the sire of the year except points will be based on the producing dam.

Example: A dam produces a litter of seven puppies and five of the pups place in a qualifying trial or the derby run-off during their respective derby season. The producing dam will be credited with the highest score for each of the five qualified hounds. Thereby each qualified hound will only receive one score toward the calculation of this award. If a hound has multiple placements only the highest score will be used to calculate this award. The dam with the highest point total will receive the dam of the year award.

#### Breeder of the Year

The Breeder of the Year award will be given to the breeder that has produced the highest quality derby hounds (based on derby trial results) for any given derby season. The points system will be identical to the sire and dam of the year except points will be calculated based on the breeder of the hound(s). Litters or hounds with multiple breeders will be treated as separate breeders so that it is possible to have co-breeders of the year in the event that two or more breeders are listed as the breeder of record for a particular hound(s).

Example: Breeder 1 raises three litters during a given derby season and Breeder 1 and Breeder 2 raise three litters. Breeder 1 will receive breeder of the year points for qualifying hounds registered solely in his/her name. Breeder 1 and Breeder 2 will receive points for the hounds registered in their names. Breeder 1 will not receive individual credit or points for qualified hounds in which he/she are listed as the co-breeder.

### JUDGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The UBGF recognizes five (5) individuals annually that have contributed to the success of the UBGF, member clubs, and the sport of beagling by volunteering to judge trials throughout the trial season. The UBGF will award a Judge of the Year award to the individual(s) that have compiled the highest number of points throughout a given trial season by judging UBGF all-age and derby qualifying trials, CHB (non-licensed) trials, and the UBGF All-Age National Run-off and the Derby Run-off. Points are allocated as follows:

UBGF All-Age Run-off	4 pts
UBGF Derby Run-off	4 pts
All-Age Licensed Qualifier	2 pts/class judged
Derby Qualifier/CHB	1 pt/trial

In addition to the Judge of the Year, the UBGF will formally recognize judges with the next 4 highest point totals for the season. These awards will be handed out at the annual UBGF banquet in August.