



# AMERICAN COON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION



## ACHA COONHOUND HUNT TEST

### GENERAL RULES

1. There shall be no restriction as to the number of hunters who may spectate an ability conformation test except in the situations where it will impede local laws, land owner wishes or the guide/judge/inspector. The guide/judge inspector has final say on how many people and who may spectate.
2. Ability conformation tests may be held on any night of the week except Sunday.
3. Clubs may hold as many ability conformation tests a year as they see fit unless otherwise notified by the ACHA.
4. Judges/guides/inspectors are to be determined by the club hosting the event.
5. A judge/inspector shall not test (judge, inspect, evaluate) regular hunting partners dog, his own dog or a dog he/she has bred, housed or co-owns. Neither shall 2 people on the same night judge, inspect, evaluate or test each other's dog.
6. Dogs may be examined one time per night.
7. Three CHT passing grades and the hound will earn the title CHT Champion.

### ENTRY FEES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Clubs are to decide the entry fee. A \$3.00 per dog fee is to be sent to the ACHA with this report within 14 days.
2. The owner, handler and dog must be in good standing and the dog registered with ACHA in order to enter.
3. The dog may be registered with ACHA on the night of the test at the host club.

### FORMS

1. Judge/guide/inspectors are to keep track of time, faults and requirements at all times. They are also responsible to fill out all paperwork in a professional manner and return the paperwork to the hunt director at the end of the test.
2. Tests ARE NOT to be conducted off of feeders, enclosures or game seen on road.
3. The test time is ONE HOUR. If a dog is trailing as time runs out then he/she is allowed to finish the track. Time rules (6, 5 and 2 minute) still apply.
4. Dogs are considered struck or tracking after 3 barks (judge's/inspector's discretion).
5. 6 minute rule: the dog must open at least one time every 6 minutes after it has opened 3 times. Failure to open during the 6 minute time has started will be considered a fault.
6. 5 minute rule: the dog must hold its tree for 5 minutes after being declared treed.



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7. The dog must go hunting alone. Hunters/inspectors/judges may walk with the dog but are not to entice or force dog to hunt. Failure to hunt within 15 minutes will result in the dog being scratched.
8. 2 minute rule: after being declared treed the dog must bark once every 2 minutes until the 5 minutes of tree time is up. Failure to do so is a fault.
9. A coon must be seen in order to receive a pass. Handlers may use as much of their allotted one hour hunt time as they wish to search a tree. Coons seen in an adjoined tree where they could have crossed over will be considered satisfactory.
10. Time out may be called in order to move to a different location if moving by truck. Otherwise the hound should be led 1 minute before recasting. Time outs may also be called in cases of emergency or as deemed necessary by the judge.
11. Any dog caught running or treeing off game will be scratched from the test.
12. Any dog that bites any person on the hunt will be scratched and reported to the ACHA.
13. Sportsmanship rule: Handlers may ask questions in reference to the test but at any time the judge deems the handler to be acting in an unsportsmanlike manner he may scratch the handler's dog.
14. The test may be conducted off ATVs for those with disabilities or if the judge approves their use.
15. Under no circumstances should any game be taken during the test.
16. The use of tracking collars is allowed.
17. The use of e-collars or training collars may be worn by the dog but the judge shall hold the transmitter or it must be left in the truck. Violation will result in a scratch.
18. The judge/inspector shall use good judgment when taking tree style into consideration.
19. Dogs MUST complete all 5 requirements on the SAME track at least once in order to successfully pass the test.
20. The dog is allowed to commit only 1 fault per test. At the time a dog commits its 2<sup>nd</sup> fault it is scratched at that time.
21. Dogs may be examined only one time per night.



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACHA Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIREMENTS	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3
1. Open on track	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
2. Finish track	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
3. Held Tree	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
4. Coon Seen	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

FAULTS	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3
1. Babbled	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
2. Quit Track	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
3. Left Tree	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
4. Handling Problems	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
5. Slick Tree	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
6. Scratched	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

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## ACHA COONHOUND PASS SLIP

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACHA Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_