



AMERICAN COON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION



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ACHA WATER RACE / FIELD TRAIL RULES

Club Responsibilities:

1. Club shall appoint an Event Chairman to oversee the event; to include entry taking, assigning judges and filing event paperwork.
2. Club shall have a suitable starting point to allow all dogs to start at the same time.
3. Club should have a minimum of 2 Line Judges and 3 Tree Judges. If line is close enough to the tree then judges can double as both line and tree judge.
4. Water race: Club shall ensure water is deep enough for dogs to swim. Dogs must not be able to touch bottom with the exception of the starting point and exit point.
5. Club should draw a 10 ft. circle around the base of the home tree.
6. Club should have a well-marked position to establish first line.
7. Coon scent, coon hide/carcass or live coon shall be used in accordance with state laws.

Event rules:

1. All dogs entered must be ACHA registered.
2. All dogs entered will be randomly drawn into 4 dog heats.
 - a. No more than 4 dogs to a race at any time.
 - b. If an odd number of dogs are entered, refer to the night hunt draw out procedure: (example: 5 dogs entered, there will be a 3 dog heat and a 2 dog heat.)

- c. All dogs will be drawn based on titles. Open vs Open, Champion vs Champion, etc.

Titles:

1. Dogs must win 5 first line or 5 first trees in elimination heats and 1 final first line and tree in the same final to achieve the title of Water Champion or Field Champion.
2. Water Champions or Field Champions must win 5 first line or 5 first trees in elimination heats and 2 final first line and tree in the same final to become Grand Water Champion and Grand Field Champion.
3. Grand Water or Field Champions must win 5 first line or 5 first tree in elimination heats and 3 final first line and tree in the same final to become Supreme Water or Supreme Field Champion.
4. At the club level each heat will have a first line and first tree.
5. Dog can run out of the circle and return but must bark enough to satisfy the Tree Judge.
6. In a World Championship, there will be eliminations to the finals with one World Champion.

Abbreviation of Titles:

FC = Field Champion. GFC = Grand Field Champion. SFC = Supreme Field Champion. WC = Water Champion. GWC = Grand Water Champion. SWC = Supreme Water Champion.

Prohibitions: No non prescribed drugs, alcohol or firearms are allowed in any ACHA event.

Rights of ACHA: ACHA has the right to refuse entry or membership. ACHA is not responsible for any accidents, thefts or loss. ACHA retains the right to make all final decisions.