



Treeing Contest Rules of the American Coon Hunters Association

The Tree:

The tree should be at least 10 ft. tall. It can be any type of tree or pole.

There should be a 20 ft. diameter circle around the tree marked in either paint or chalk.

The Drag:

The drag, hide or live coon should be in a cage and a pulley system on the pole so that it can be let down for dogs to smell it. The cage should be at least 7 ft. off the ground at the bottom of the cage and no more than 22 ft.

Judges:

There should be a total of 4 club members that do not have dogs entered in the contest.

Three judges responsible for counting the barks and one responsible for keeping time.

Dogs:

All dogs, owners and handlers must be **ACHA** registered to compete.

All dogs will compete against each other regardless of how many wins they have or age or gender. Dogs will be brought in one at a time and other dogs will be kept at a respectable distance so that judges can hear the dog treeing.

Each dog will be allowed to smell the coon or drag in the cage and then pulled back out of the circle. The timekeeper will ask the handler if he is ready and when he says "yes" the timekeeper will tap him on the shoulder.

Time will start when the dog has all four feet in the circle and barks are counted from that point. The three judges will all count the barks. At the end of 1 minute, the timekeeper will holler "time." At this time the handler will handle his dog. The three judges will compare barks and the average of the three numbers will be the score.

Example... Judge 1 counted 99 barks; Judge 2 has 96 barks and Judge 3 has 98 barks. The average is 97 barks. This is the dog's score.

Dog must keep all four feet inside the circle during the one minute round. If dog steps one foot outside the circle, his time and round is over. Barks will be totaled at that time.

Ties:

Ties will be broken with a 60 second round using the same format.

Titles:

Dogs must win five **ACHA** treeing contests to be an **ACHA** Tree Champion;

Five more wins to make **ACHA** Grand Tree Champion;

Five more wins to achieve **ACHA** Superior Grand Tree Champion.

Entry Fees and Processing:

A. Entry fees will be set by the sponsoring club.

B. \$5.00 per dog to be sent to **ACHA** within 5 days, along with required paperwork.

Copies of win slips will be given to the owner/handler of winning dogs.

Rights of ACH&BGA.

ACH&BGA has the right to refuse entry or membership. **ACH&BGA** is not responsible for any accidents, thefts or loss. **ACH&BGA** retains the right to make all final decisions.