

HUNT ENTRIES

Entries will be taken on peel off labels. Be sure dog's name, and number, are recorded to identify the dog as it is presently registered with (use complete registration number, not just last five (5) digits). Owner's name and account number and Handler's name and account number should also be verified. Owner and Handler must have a current membership. Entries should be taken with ballpoint pen only (no pencils). It is the handler's responsibility to furnish the Hunt Director with the correct dog's Name and number, registered owner's name and account number, handler's name, and account number and to ensure that both the owner and handler have a current membership. Dogs will not receive credit for awards earned if the owner and handler are not current members. All membership dues must be paid before the cast member leaves for the woods.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries may not close until the advertised deadline. Club will be required to contact and request later entry deadline, and request must be made early enough to allow time for an advertisement on prosportkc.com. The Hunt Director may take entries after advertised deadline at his discretion.

MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Membership and registration forms are included in hunt materials. Membership and dog registrations may be taken at the Prosport event. These new members and new dogs will be allowed to compete in the Prosport event. The word "applied for" should be written in the blank asking for number, Owner's and /or Handler's account number. Completed forms and fees are to be included with the Hunt Report. Membership and Registration applications are in two-part forms. Please sign the form when completed and give the duplicate to the member to be used to enter other Prosport events until his/her papers and/or membership is/are returned.

JUDGES

Judges will be selected by the Hunt Director whom he/she feels like can conduct the cast the best. Non Hunting will be used on all final casts.

VOTING BY CAST MEMBERS

Questions should be resolved by a majority vote of the cast members. Any question that cannot be resolved by a majority vote of the cast will be brought to the clubhouse and presented to a panel. Any panel required for questions will be selected by the Hunt Director. Panel members should be current members; however, the best qualified personnel available who have no interest in the outcome of the cast, should be selected.

GUIDE

The Hunt Director should request a list of people who will guide a cast from the club Prosport officers. The casting area should be close enough to allow the cast to compete for the advertised hunting time and return to the clubhouse before the deadline. If possible, hunting territory should be a place where cast can compete safely without calling time and moving. Clubs should provide "hunting guides" if possible. If there are not enough hunting guides entered in the Prosport event, use non-hunting guides as provided by club officers.

CAST DRAWING PROCEDURE

- Hunt Director should begin drawing casts immediately following the deadline, but in no Prosport event, later than thirty (30) minutes after the advertised deadline.
- determine total number of entries and number of casts needed.
- select required judges from the entry labels and mark "Judge" on the back of the entry label.
- select the required number of guides from the entry labels and mark "Guide" on back of entry label.
- prepare required scorecards with information completed at top including deadline. (Three-dog casts should be drawn).
- affix judge label to scorecard.
- place all other entry labels in some type of container to insure a "blind" draw and allow each Judge to draw his cast, drawing a Guide first if one is required, and then the remainder of cast, checking to be sure that no person owns more than one (1) of the entries. (Be sure that the name of the Judge and Guide is indicated on the scorecard.)
- Dogs sharing common ownership will be allowed to draw separate casts.

- Dogs owned or handled by the same member will be allowed to draw separate casts.

DEADLINE

The deadline for cast winner and scorecard to be back at the clubhouse for recasting should be announced and written on the scorecard. Allow as much time as possible for completion of the first cast and collecting dogs for recasting. If possible, the deadline for recast should not be less than five (5) hours after dogs are drawn out in a two (2) hour hunt and four (4) hours in a one (1) hour hunt.

RECASTING

The sponsoring club is responsible for providing a qualified non-hunting judge for the final cast. A majority of the Final Four cast members must request recasting for recasting to be required. However, two (2) members requesting to compete for an entire added purse will be necessary for the final cast to compete for the added purse. If the two (2) member requirement is not met, the added purse will be divided between the competing members of the final cast. If recasting is required, recast the cast winners whose scorecard is at the clubhouse at deadline. In the Prosport event scorecard is back, but cast winner or his dog is not available, cast winner will be placed on final cast and scratched, placing last in the final cast and will be not be entitled to any portion of any added purse. Hunt Director must request all handlers to present their dogs at hunt deadline. Under no circumstances may a handler advance to the final cast who has not won his first cast, nor can he replace the cast winner who is not available for recasting. Duration of all final casts shall be one (1) hour. The dog leading the cast at the expiration of hunting time will be declared the winner. If dogs tied, go to tie-breaking rules; if tie cannot be broken, the tied dogs are to split the awards.

CERTIFYING SCORECARD

Be sure that at least three (3) cast members have signed the scorecard certifying it to be accurate. No handler can be considered for placement in the Prosport event if his scorecard has not been certified by at least three (3) cast members. Should any handler leave the cast for any reason before cast hunting time is completed, he/she shall sign the scorecard and record the name of the dog and/or the scorecard

position of said dog with the dog's score at that time, in addition to the amount of hunting time remaining in the cast.

QUESTIONS

Hunt Director should first determine if question has been placed at the proper time, and if cast members have considered and voted on the question. If they have not voted, they must do so before a Question Panel can consider it. If they have considered it and reached a majority decision, that decision may be appealed to the Hunt Director by placing a deposit of \$25 with the Judge at the time of the question. Handler may sign an IOU on the back of the scorecard, which must be paid before question is heard or the Handler enters another Prosport event. If they have not reached a majority decision (two Handlers for and two against), the question can be brought without a question deposit. (No deposit will be required for questions involving a 2-2 voting situation.) Hunt Director will assemble a panel of three (3) qualified people to hear the question. If the panel finds in favor of the question, deposit will be returned and the scorecard changed to reflect the change. If the panel finds against the question, the deposit will be forfeited to the Sponsoring Club. Panel decision is final, unless appealed by complainant. Any question concerning misconduct by an owner or handler will be considered as provided by , National Association By-Laws. Report should be filed with the Hunt Director before leaving hunt site.

CHECK SCORECARDS

Check all scorecards to insure that math is correct, the correct cast winners are indicated, and that all handlers have signed certifying the card to be accurate. Prosport reserves the right to correct errors when found.

CERTIFICATE OF EARNINGS

Hunt Director will account for and disburse proceeds of Prosport event, disburse awards to winners and complete Certificate of Earnings (original to winner, copy to with Hunt Report).

HUNT DIRECTOR REPORT

Send Hunt Director Report to along with all scorecards, copies of Certificate of Earnings, new

registrations, new memberships, and World Championship nominations along with all fees collected. Hunt Report should be completed and sent to Prosport Office as soon as possible, but no later than four (4) days after the Prosport event. A late fee of \$20 may be charged for any report postmarked after the four (4) day deadline. Any Hunt Report received with a postmark of fifteen (15) days or more after an Prosport event may cause a fine of \$100 to be assessed on the sponsoring club and the club will be placed on probation. Any Hunt Report received with a postmark of thirty (30) or more days after the hunt date, may cause the club to be suspended immediately and all future Prosport events will be cancelled. As this is important to keep all earnings up to date.

PICTURES

Pictures should be made of Prosport event winners, for publication and also for identification. The quality of the picture will determine where, when, and if it will be used in publications. Both handler and dog should be in picture, Dog should be on table with handler kneeling or standing down behind dog. Photographer should be as close to dog and handler as possible. If possible, a group picture of all finalists with their dogs should be made. Have handlers kneel or stand shoulder to shoulder with dogs, facing camera, in front of them. Get in very close with the camera for a clear picture. Good quality group pictures of all finalists will receive priority for publication.

PICTURE RELEASE AGREEMENT

Each member, through application to the National Beagle Association, agrees to permit the use of any photographs (pictures), of which he may be a part of, individually and/or jointly, by for promotional and/or recognition purposes without any type of compensation for the use of said photographs. Member further agrees to hold harmless in the Prosport event of error in the use of said pictures.

PICTURE REQUIREMENT In all Open Events with four (4) entries or less, a picture of the cast members and dogs shall be required. Pictures should be sent with the Hunt Report and text or emailed to a staff Member of . Take a picture of the Hunt report to send along with the picture of the cast and dogs.

1. DEFINITIONS

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

SPONSORING CLUB — The sponsoring club will be a club, national, breed, or state association licensed by to conduct Prosport events. The club will have complete authority to conduct Prosport 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 Prosport event, including rule interpretation and disciplinary action of members. The National Association and shall have the authority to correct

gross errors by clubs at its discretion.

GUIDE — The Guide will be a responsible person who is an active rabbit hunter and is able to keep the cast in the best possible hunting grounds. Person shall be able to guide cast without assistance from another individual. Clubs should provide "hunting guides" from the local area if at all possible. If there are not enough hunting guides entered in the Prosport event, non-hunting guides will be used. The casting ground should be an area where the cast can compete safely.

2. PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT — Owners and handlers of dogs participating in Licensed Beagle events must be current members, 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.

*Handler must be a member of and dog must be registered with to receive any credits *

SCORECARD CERTIFICATION — Any cast considered for placement in an Prosport event must have the signature

of a majority of the cast members certifying it to be accurate. All casts must be completed with at least three (3) members to certify the scorecard. The Hunt Director may sign the card on behalf of a handler if a question is brought before a panel. Hunt Director may also sign on behalf of any handler who has not signed a scorecard due to negligence.

HUNT RULES

- All casts must hunt a minimum of sixty (60) minutes. Casts competing for less than sixty (60) minutes will not be considered for placement. All casts must hunt a full sixty (60) minutes. In the Prosport event all dogs but one is scratched, the remaining dog will be declared the cast winner and is not required to complete hunting time. Clubs may be permitted to schedule 120-minute cast Prosport events at their discretion. Winners Cast will hunt sixty (60) minutes. Final Cast recasting requires a majority vote of those cast members involved for recasting to be required. In the Prosport event of a tie vote to recast or split, the cast will do a run off.
- Time deadline for return of scorecards will be posted at the club and on the scorecards before the first cast is drawn. At no time shall more than four (4) hours be allotted to complete a one (1) hour hunt or five (5) hours to complete a two (2) hour hunt. Prosport reserves the right to extend the time allotment for the deadline at major Prosport events. Clubs requesting 120 minute Prosport events must advertise those Prosport events as 120 minute Prosport events in Beagle Schedules.
- Hunts consist of 4-dog casts.
- Three (3) dog casts will be run in odd number situations only.
- Clubs may run five (5) dog final casts, with the top four (4) scores determining placement. If a club elects not to run a five (5) dog final cast, there will be a cast of three (3) and a cast of two (2). The two (2) dog cast must have a third voting member that signs off on the scorecard.
- After all judges have been pasted to the cards, judges will draw their own casts. Casts will be drawn from all remaining entries placed face down on a table. Judge should draw for a Guide (if needed) and check for multiple entries at the time the card is drawn. Casts will be drawn by judges in plain view of all. Judge's authority begins when the card is drawn and ends when it is turned in to the hunt Director.

SCORING SYSTEM

- STRIKE 100 points to the 1st dog that opens, 75 to the 2nd dog, 50 to the third 3rd dog, 25 to the 4th dog. If all positions are taken on a five (5) dog cast, last dog struck will receive 25 points. Dog must open to be declared struck. Strike points shall be split when positions called by handlers cannot be clearly identified by Judge.
- split points in all scoring situations where points cannot be positively determined, positions/scores will be split. (see chart)

1+2+3+4 62.5 1+2+3 =75 2+3+4=50 1+2=87.5 2+3 =62.5

3+4 = 37.5 1+2+3+4+5 =50 2+3+4+5 =37.5 3+4+5=25 4+5=12.5

- SPEED AND DRIVE 125 points to the 1st dog that crosses the designated line, 75 to the 2nd, 50 to the 3rd, 25 to the 4th. Line should be specified as to placement and width before the dogs cross said line. 1st line of a run can be marked but not scored until after 30 seconds from the time the first dog has been struck and the first dog has crossed the line. After 1st line is scored or closed ("Scored" is defined as all dogs in the cast score the line. "Closed" is defined as 30 second period after the 1st dog scores the line.) Next line cannot be made until after a period of 30 seconds has elapsed. A line is also declared closed at the moment that the cast chooses to abandon a line that has not yet been scored. No line can be scored after it is declared closed. (see chart)

1+2+3+4 =68.34 1+2+3 = 83.33 2+3+4 = 50 1+2 = 87.5 2+3=62.5

3+4= 37.5 1+2+3+4+5= 55). 2+3+4+5 =37.5 3+4+5=25 4+5=12.5

-CHECK After progress has been determined. The three (3) minute clocks starts on dead track, and thirty (30) seconds have passed, check will be available. Dog that rolls out with the track will be awarded 25 points (will be considered circle, until the rabbit is seen) Dog must be struck in to receive the check.

POINTS WILL BE PLUS

A majority of the cast must be present when dogs are scored on line. Line must be marked. When scoring lines, dogs are allowed five (5) feet on either side of the marked line and must recognize the track. The judge may elect to split the cast into two groups of two (2) handlers to increase chances of marking a line. Majority of cast must be present to score a line. Should a rabbit be seen by one (1) cast member and dogs verify reasonable forward progress by crossing the marked line that has been established, points are to be made plus. Verification must be made during hunt time that dog has participated in the majority of the chase to be eligible to score the line. Chase begins when reasonable forward progress is established (majority cast decision).

B. One set of strike points — In case of a split track, where a dog or dogs split from the dog that struck first (and the dog that struck first makes reasonable forward progress), the dogs that are split will be caught and released to other running dogs with the original rabbit. The dogs that are declared split off from the original rabbit cannot score speed and drive points until they are in on the original track. Handlers should not call to the dogs in a manner that will interfere with the dogs that are running.

CG. Refuge — If rabbit is jumped and seen but reaches refuge or dogs can no longer make reasonable forward progress, before line can be scored, strike points will be plus. (Majority cast decision.)

Dz. Split Track — In case of a split track after reasonable forward progress has been made, where one (1) dog is split, that dog will be caught and released to other running dogs. Handlers should not call to the dogs in a manner that will interfere with the dogs that are running. If two (2) dogs split after reasonable forward progress has been made, time out will be called, dogs caught, and recast together

POINTS WILL BE MINUS

A. When reasonable forward progress is not made within a three (3) minute period after the first dog has been declared struck. Any dog that is

struck in after two minutes has elapsed of the first dog being struck, shall have its points deleted if reasonable forward progress is not made.

Actual sighting of the rabbit within three (3) minutes is not required for reasonable forward progress to be established. Reasonable forward

progress should be determined by common rabbit hunting sense. Reasonable forward progress is defined as "for the given conditions of the

day, the dog(s) make progress to the point that it is determined that a rabbit was produced" (majority cast decision).

B. CALLING A DOG THAT HAS NOT OPENED — Should any handler call his dog that has not opened or calls another handler's dog, the Judge will

award points called and minus them (majority of cast decision). These points will then be opened to all handlers. The handler will immediately

notify the Judge when he believes his dog has been struck by another handler. Judge and Majority of the cast will get into position to see the

dog who is barking (majority of cast decision).

C. FAILURE TO CALL DOG — When Judge has determined that a dog has opened three (3) times after the first minute, he will ask for a call. If

Handler fails to call the dog struck on the next bark, Judge and majority of the cast will get into position to make the call. If the majority votes it was the dog in question, they will be awarded the next available points and minus them. If the dog continues to open, he must be struck after the next three (3) barks or minus process repeated. If a handler chooses to call his/her dog on the first or second bark, it must be called directly after the bark. The handler cannot wait to see the desired outcome.

CIRCLE POINTS

- A. If trail ends at place of refuge or reasonable forward progress has been made and rabbit has not been seen (majority cast decision).
- B. Dog(s) are trailing, reasonable forward progress has been made, time runs out, and rabbit has not been seen.
- C. If the judge calls a time out and dogs are trailing, reasonable forward progress has been made, and rabbit has not been seen.

DELETE POINTS

- A. When the majority of the cast decision cannot be reached. Deleted points may not be used in any way to determine the outcome of a cast (unless ruled by panel).
- B. When dog(s) are declared struck with less than three (3) minutes remaining in cast, hunting time expires, and dogs have not made reasonable forward progress.
- C. When time out has been called and dogs were not allowed the full three (3) minutes to make reasonable forward progress (majority cast decision).
- D. Strike points that have not been scored (plus or circle) will be deleted if time-out is called for any reason. The majority cast decision.

TIME-OUTS Time outs may be called by the Judge for the following reasons:

- A. If new ground is needed to finish the cast.
- B. In case of sickness or accident.
- C. If the cast gets lost or separated. It is the hunter's responsibility to return to the clubhouse if he becomes lost or separated from the cast.
- D. When dog(s) are trailing out of hearing or pack splits out of hearing.
- E. If extra dog(s) are picked up by the cast.
- F. If dog(s) trail onto posted land.
- G. Any cast member may call time out if dogs are in danger by running close to a roadway.
- H. When dogs can no longer make reasonable forward progress, the track is declared dead, and dogs are handled. Time-out must be called in this situation.
- J. Handler calling time out to avoid minus points or to gain a better standing in the cast, will be scratched immediately.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. All decisions are to be made by the judge without any pressure from cast members. Once judge has made a decision, the cast may vote, in situations where majority decision is specified. Majority of cast vote overrules decision if it applies. In cast that dictates the scratching of a dog, the judge makes the decision unless otherwise specified.
- B. If a handler wants to place a question, the handler will ask the judge to question the call at the time the call is made. Before the judge places the question on the card he will, first, have the handler sign the IOU provided on the back of the scorecard. No calls/scores will be allowed to be questioned once dogs are recast. If the IOU is signed, the fee must be paid even if the question is dropped.

C. Dogs, not hunters/handlers, are to search for rabbits.

D. ENTRY REFUSAL — or sponsoring club has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However, no handler will be barred on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, or physical impairment. Any handler denied entry must be given a hearing if it is requested in writing in order for entry to be refused.

E. SIGNING SCORECARD — Each Handler is responsible for the honesty of the scorecard and will sign the scorecard certifying it upon completion of the cast. A member who believes that the scoring of a cast is drastically wrong and cannot be corrected by bringing a question must notify the other cast members and sign the scorecard in the gray area at the time the situation is scored to disqualify the cast. In a four-(4) dog cast, two (2) cast members must sign the scorecard in the gray to disqualify the cast. In a three-(3) dog cast, one (1) member must sign the gray area to disqualify the cast. This cast will not be considered for placement and the signing in the gray cannot be questioned. However, other cast members who believe the cast member(s) signing the gray to disqualify the cast did not have a legitimate reason for doing so may file misconduct charges against that member(s). If the cast is completed when a cast member signs the scorecard in the gray area, any other cast member(s) may question the signing in the gray. Hunt Director will appoint a panel to hear the reason for disqualification and the panel may reinstate the cast if the handler did not have a justifiable reason for signing the gray. Prosport reserves the right to review any scorecard submitted with signature(s) in the gray area, for possible misconduct charges against any and/or all members of the cast.

F. At least three (3) members of the cast must finish the hunt in order for the cast to be considered valid. In 3-dog casts, all three (3) cast members must finish the cast. Should any cast become less than a three (3) dog cast, the Hunt Director or a member of management must be contacted to determine who can serve as the required voting member(s) of the cast. The recruited member or qualified hunter becomes a voting member of the cast in majority of the cast decisions.

DOGS WILL BE SCRATCHED

Dog(s) or handler(s) will be scratched for interfering with another dog's or handler's ability to compete. Dog(s) or handler(s) should be scratched as a last resort. Every effort should be made to allow dogs and handlers to compete. Once a dog has been scratched for any reason, a timeout must be called immediately, and the dog must be taken to the truck. Handler will return as a voting member of the cast, if necessary. Reasons to

scratch are as follows:

A. FIGHTING WITH OTHER DOG(S) OR BITING HUMANS. A dog with his or her hackles up, growling and fussing may be scratched. Judge may issue a warning to the handler of a dog he suspects is causing trouble without scratching the dog. In any subsequent altercation where the aggressive dog is not known, the dog under warning shall be scratched with the other dog(s) involved being permitted to remain in the cast under warning. No Handler will be allowed to withdraw his dog to avoid being "scratched for fighting." Any cast member(s) found guilty of allowing another member to withdraw to avoid being scratched for fighting may be subject to disciplinary actions. A dog may be scratched by the Judge and one (1) other cast member or majority of the cast. No dog should be scratched for fighting while under the control of his handler (on leash, in the truck, etc.) or because of another dog previously scratched or withdrawn but not handled.

B. Any time a dog is scratched for fighting, the scratch shall remain on the dog's record for one (1) year from the date of the scratch. Any dog scratched three (3) times within any fiscal year will be suspended for life. Dogs that have been scratched two (2) times may be published on Prosport. Handlers with dogs that have been scratched for fighting two (2) times cannot be used as judges. Any handler may report a fighting dog even if the dog is not caught and scratched. These reports will be taken into consideration should there be a hearing. A Handler has the right to request a hearing before a Hunt Director panel to determine which dogs of the cast are charged with a scratch, through the normal question procedure. Owner or handler may request a hearing by the National Association under the normal appeal process only after the normal question procedure at the club level has been exhausted, and the request for an appeal is received within thirty (3) days of the dog being scratched. An appeal deposit of \$100 must be received at the time the written request for the appeal is received. Should the panel rule in favor of the appeal, the deposit will be returned, and records changed to reflect the panel's decision. However, should the panel not rule in favor of the appeal, the deposit will be forfeited to .

C. ACCUMULATED MINUS — Any dog accumulating 300 minus points in any one hour hunt cast will be scratched from cast. Any dog

accumulating 300 minus points in the final cast will be scratched from cast and will receive last available place.

D. FIVE (5) MINUTE RULE — Dogs failing to go hunting during any five (5) minute period of hunting time will be scratched. (Whether he is struck in or not) At any time a dog is called struck and the dog in question leaves the sight of the judge, the five (5) minute rule will be

dropped/stopped/broken. Judge shall be required to advise other cast members when time is started on any dog in the cast. Judge and handlers must remain still until time is broken or dog is scratched.

E. Molesting stock.

F. SEXUAL BEHAVIOR - Females smelling strong enough to attract male dogs, or any dog exhibiting sexual behavior instead of hunting during the

progress of the cast may be scratched. If it is not possible to determine which dog is responsible for the behavior, both may be scratched. Any owner/handler found guilty of altering by any means, the scent of a female may be subject to disciplinary action.

G. For delaying the cast for twenty (20) minutes after time out is called.

H. RUNNING OFF GAME ANYTIME DURING THE HUNT - Off Game is defined as any game other than a rabbit. When an off game is seen by majority of the cast, the dogs strike points will be minused by the judge and the dogs will be scratched. The Judge will then calculate the scores and the best score on the card will be the cast winner. In a situation where a dog is chasing off game, but the off game has not been seen, the judge will ask for a cast vote. The vote must be a majority cast decision to scratch the dog(s). If the vote constitutes the scratching of the dog(s), the strike points will be minused and the best final score on the card will be the cast winner. The winner will continue to the next round. Dog(s) scratched for running off game will be reported to . Any dog(s) scratched three (3) times within a one (1) year period will be barred for one (1) year from any Prosport sanctioned Prosport events.

I. RETURNING THE SCORECARD AFTER THE POSTED DEADLINE- In Prosport events where a cast winner returns after deadline and there are five (5) or less casts, the late cast winner will be scratched and assume last place and not advance to the final cast. In Mandatory Split Prosport events, all cast winners will be paid, deadline is void. In Multiple Qualifying Round Prosport events, dog will only be scratched if they are not present for recasting in the following round.

J. Striking another handler's dog (second offense).

K. Back tracking (second offense). Dog is to be warned on first offense.

L. If the handler scolds or discourages the dog without permission from the judge.

M. Any cast member that will not cast his vote concerning a question will be scratched from the cast.

N. HANDLER MISCONDUCT — Any handler becoming unreasonable, aggressive, or presenting his ideas in a forceful manner may be scratched.

The decision is final and cannot be questioned. Any handler continuing to be abusive will be reported to a disciplinary committee. Inappropriate

actions such as use of profanity and lewd behavior may be reviewed by a disciplinary committee and could result in probation and/or suspension by any participant from any Prosport event.

Handler Misconduct Forms - All clubs should have Handler Misconduct Forms available at each Prosport event. Any type of handler misconduct should be reported to the Prosport Office within three (3) working days of the Prosport event

O. UNSOLICITED ADVICE — Any handler offering unsolicited advice to a Judge concerning the scoring of dogs while he is considering his call may be scratched on second offense. Judge must warn handler on first offense, and scratch on second offense. The judge must be free to make his decision concerning scoring of dogs without being under pressure from handler to make a certain call. Any handler is free to question the judge's decision after he has made his call according to question rules. He may question a Judge who has not made a call that should have been made.

P. SIGNING SCORECARD — All cast members should sign the scorecard; however, it is not mandatory. Any handler who feels that the scorecard is not correct should make a note in the appropriate place on the back of the card of the reason, sign his comments, and sign on the shaded side.

Any cast considered for placement in an Prosport event must have the signature of a majority of the cast members certifying it to be accurate. All casts must be completed with at least three (3) members to certify the scorecard. The Hunt Director may sign the card on behalf of a handler if a question is brought before a Hunt Director's panel. The Hunt Director may also sign on behalf of any handler who has not signed a scorecard due to negligence.

Q. SIGNING FRAUDULENT SCORECARD — Any handler found to have signed a fraudulent scorecard may be suspended from all activities, fined, placed on probation, and/or barred for life from registering dogs.

R. HANDLER LEAVING CAST — A handler may not leave the cast for any reason except as directed by the Judge. The Judge may give a handler permission to leave the cast to search for his dog during time-out.

12. HANDLERS

It is the handler's responsibility to know his dog, its voice, and the Prosport Hunt Rules. Handlers have the right to withdraw their dog anytime during the cast without reason. However, if the dog is withdrawn, the handler forfeits all awards affixed to that cast and will be required to remain with the cast unless permission to leave the cast is granted by all remaining cast members. Handlers are to always present themselves in an orderly fashion. Handlers have the right to sign the scorecard in the gray area. It is the handler's responsibility to make sure that the score is correct and that they have signed the scorecard in the correct area.

13. JUDGES

The club should pick judges that they feel best represent Prosport. They should be honest and have a good reputation. If the judge withdraws his dog, he must continue judging the cast. The judge will always inform the cast members of the following:

- A. placing time on a dog, when one (1) minute has elapsed after the dogs have been released the first time,
- B. when track is deemed to be finished after five (5) minutes has elapsed. If dogs have made reasonable forward progress and have lost the track, the entire cast may agree to handle dogs before three (3) minutes has elapsed.
- C. the score of each handler on strike and line when score is made,
- D. when giving warning to a handler or dog (warnings should be made with everyone present)
- E. when time-out is called,
- F. if the scorecard has been signed in the gray area, and
- G. of any questions that are placed on the card.
- H. Judge must declare when strikes are open and closed. Strikes should only be called closed when dog(s) are being called in for re-casting. If rabbit is jumped when strikes are closed, the cast can decide if that track should be run, and strike points will be split (majority cast decision). Judge must also declare when a line is declared closed or dead.
- J. A Non-Hunting Judge may be assigned to any cast even after it has been drawn, A Non-Hunting Judge will serve in the same capacity and authority as a Hunting Judge. He will be an additional voting member of a cast and shall have the same authority as a Hunting Judge. The judge must be a current Prosport member. A qualified Non-Hunting Judge must be assigned to the final cast.

14. HUNT DIRECTOR

The Hunt Director will be appointed by the local club and will be in charge of the hunt. The responsibilities of the Hunt Director are as follows:

- A. Post scorecard deadline
- B. Read Hunt Director's Checklist prior to drawing casts.
- C. Receive scorecards and record return times.
- D. Select a panel for ruling on questions, prior to sending casts to the field if possible. (Select four.)
- E. Keep the official hunt clock in plain view of all.
- F. Measure any dog if challenged by a member of the cast. Dogs must be measured behind the weathers with their feet under them at natural stance. Dogs measuring more than 17 inches will be scratched. Once a dog is measured at an Prosport event it cannot be measured again that day. Hunt Director's measurement is final.
- G. Make sure the entry deadline is observed.
- H. Fill out Hunt Director's Report and send to along with Certificates of Earnings and proper fees.
- J. Verify that dogs are registered, and that hunters and judges are current members of and in good standing. The Hunt Director may appoint individuals to help with taking entries, posting scores, measuring dogs, etc.
- J. Appoint judges, guides, and an Assistant Hunt Director.

K. The Hunt Director may enter a dog in the hunt in which he is Hunt Director. If a question should arise in his cast, the Assistant Hunt Director will appoint the panel to hear the question. The Hunt Director's authority ends when a panel hearing begins. The Hunt Director will announce the final decision of the panel.

15. QUESTIONS

A.. PROPER PROCEDURE FOR QUESTION— Any handler has the right to question the scoring of any dog in the cast. Questions must be placed on the card at the time the dog is scored or should it be scored. Questions must be submitted to the remaining cast members and resolved by a majority vote. If a handler is dissatisfied with the majority decision, that decision may be appealed to the Hunt Director to be heard, after the cast is finished, by placing a deposit of \$25. The deposit must be placed with the Judge in the field at the time of the question. The deposit will not be refunded later in the cast if the handler changes his mind. However, the handler may choose to drop the question and forfeit the deposit at the end of the cast if it is agreeable with all cast members. The handler may sign an IOU on the back of scorecard, which must be paid before question is heard. No deposit is required when cast has voted but does not have a majority. (No deposit is required for questions involving a 2-2 voting situation.)

B. QUESTION PRESENTATION — A cast should not return to the clubhouse to have a question heard until hunting time is completed, unless the question pertains to a dog or handler being scratched from the cast.

C. PANEL HEARING — The Hunt Director will assemble a panel of three (3) qualified people to hear the question. If the panel finds in favor of the question, the deposit will be returned, and the scorecard changed to reflect the change. If the panel finds against the question, the deposit will be forfeited to the club.

D. PANEL APPEAL — Any cast member that believes a panel has made a gross misapplication of a rule, may request an appeal of the panel's decision, if and only if he can quote the specific rule violation to the Hunt Director or Prosport Representative immediately following the rendering of the panel's decision, and by placing a deposit of \$100 with the panel at that time. When, and only when, an appeals panel overturns the original panel's decision will the appeal deposit be returned.

16. STANDARDS

A. All dogs must be of the Beagle breed.

B. All dogs must be 17" or less when measured directly behind the withers. (There will be measurement cards available at owner's request for \$25.00. Measurement must be done by a Prosport Representative. The form will be sent to the Prosport office to be approved and the card issued to the owner. If the dog has been issued a card or has made a Champion, this dog will no longer be measured for an Prosport event)

C. All dogs must be registered to compete in Prosport events. However, for the year of 2023 all dogs will be able to hunt without being registered