

# **CHASE ABILITY PROGRAM (CAP) RULES & REGULATIONS**

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## **PURPOSE** (116-09-23)

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The purpose of the CKC Chase Ability Program is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy field activity that will promote the canine human bond and can be rewarded with a range of field titles.

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# 1 INTERPRETATIONS

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## 1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 For the purposes of these rules and regulations the following interpretations shall apply:

**“Board”** means the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“breed”** includes a breed that is accepted by a CKC recognized foreign stud book or by an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act other than the CKC

**“CKC”** means The Canadian Kennel Club

**“Club”** means The Canadian Kennel Club

**“club”** means a club or association officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club

**“complainant”** means any person who has laid a charge or complaint against another person, partnership, company or organization relative to contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“debar”** means to prohibit a person from participating in any competition or other activities directed, sanctioned, sponsored or authorized by The Canadian Kennel Club if held under its auspices or under any of its rules or regulations

**“defendant”** means any person, partnership, company or organization against whom a charge or complaint has been laid, relative to contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“deprive of privileges”** means to deprive a non-member of all privileges accorded to non-members of The Canadian Kennel Club, including the use of the Head Office

**“dog”** means a dog of either sex

**“expel”** means to terminate membership in The Canadian Kennel Club and depriving the person so expelled from all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

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**“good standing”** means an individual who is not under suspension, deprivation, debarment or who has not forfeited his rights to participate in any Canadian Kennel Club events.

**“handler”** means the person handling the dog in an event

**“Head Office”** means the office at which the business of The Canadian Kennel Club is carried out on a regular ongoing basis

**“host club”** means the CKC accredited club that is responsible for conducting the CAP event

**“immediate family”** means spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents and significant other

**“just cause”** means how a reasonable person without personal bias or prejudice would act

**“listed breed”** means a breed that is included in the Miscellaneous List and that is authorized to participate in CKC events in accordance with the rules and regulations governing those events

**“mixed-breed dog”** means a dog of unknown ancestry that belongs to no recognized breed and is not the result of selective breeding

**“owner”** means the owner or owners as stated on the registration certificate of the dog

**“recognized breed”** means a breed that The Canadian Kennel Club is authorized to register in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act

**“suspend”** means to deprive a member, for the period ordered, of all the privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

(18-09-22) **“Temporary Competition Number (TCN)”** means a number issued by the CKC that allows a dog to participate in CKC events

(117-09-23) **“Veteran Dog”** means any dog 7 years or older on the date of the event

This rule book shall be read with all applicable changes in gender so that the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural if applicable.

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## **1.2 Chase Ability Program (CAP) Defined & Classified**

- 1.2.1 An approved Chase Ability Program is a formal event given by CKC recognized clubs to provide all purebred and mixed-breed dogs a chance to earn a participation title in a field event.
- 1.2.2 There will be no Chase Ability Conformation Show.
- 1.2.3 There will be no sanctioned Chase Ability Test as clubs will have to have sanction Field Trials (governed by the Lure Coursing Rules) in order to hold the Chase Ability Program.

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# **2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

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## **2.1 Administration**

- 2.1.1 All applicable administrative regulations governing CKC events shall apply to the Chase Ability Program unless specifically addressed in this document. This document supersedes the CKC events rules & regulations if there is a conflict.
- 2.1.2 When, due to circumstances beyond its control, a club finds it necessary or advisable to change the date of the event, the date may be changed subject to CKC approval.
- 2.1.3 When due to circumstances beyond its control, a club finds it necessary to change the event venue; the venue may be changed with approval of the CKC.
- 2.1.4 An advisory shall be sent to all registered participants advising of the change in date and/or venue.

## **2.2 Eligibility to Hold a Chase Ability Event**

- 2.2.1 Any CKC recognized Club approved to run CKC Lure Coursing Trials is automatically approved to hold CAP events.

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## 2.3 Making Application

- 2.3.1 Events may be either stand alone or may be held at the conclusion of a club's primary approved CKC event.
- 2.3.2 *(118-09-23)* The CAP event must be applied for as a separate event on the CKC approved event application form no later than 180 days prior to the event date. A club may apply to offer a Regular Stake and/or a Veteran Stake.
- 2.3.3 *(119-09-23)*
- (a) If the club limits the number of entries then this must be stated in the premium list.
  - (b) If a club limits the number of entries it will accept, additional "stand-by" entries may be taken at the discretion of the event committee. These dogs will be allowed to run if time permits. Owners of stand-by dogs must be informed that they are on the stand-by list and may choose not to participate.
- 2.3.4 If the club holds the CAP event after another CKC approved event they may use the same Premium List but separate entry forms for the events must be submitted.

## 2.4 Participants

- 2.4.1 Chase Ability Program participation is open to all purebred and mixed-breed dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered with the CKC; or have an Event Registration Number (ERN); or have a Performance Event Number (PEN); or eligible for registration with the CKC; or have a Miscellaneous Certificate Number (MCN) if it belongs to a CKC listed breed; or have a Canine Companion Number (CCN) if it's a mixed-breed.
- 2.4.2 Females in season may not participate.
- 2.4.3 *(120-09-23)* An inspection committee, consisting of two experienced persons, shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to participate, females in season, and measuring if necessary.
- 2.4.4 *(121-09-23)* Inspection shall take place prior to any form of wrapping being applied to the dog. If in the opinion of the inspection committee, a dog is found to be lame, unfit to compete or a female is in season, it shall not be allowed to participate and the entry fees shall be refunded. If necessary, the inspection



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committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers.

## **2.5 CKC Publication**

2.5.1 All clubs holding CAP are required to have available copies of the latest edition of these Chase Ability Program Rules and Regulations.

## **2.6 Advertising**

2.6.1 A club that has not been granted priority dates must not advertise or publish the date of any event that has not been approved by the CKC.

2.6.2 A club that has been granted priority dates for its event may advertise those dates prior to submitting the Event Date Application. This does not exempt the club from submitting the required application to the CKC within the prescribed time frame.

2.6.3 A club must not advertise the names of the judge until the club has received official notification from the CKC that the judge has been approved.

## **2.7 Handlers with Disability**

2.7.1 At the judge's discretion a modification to the exercise/routine may be made to accommodate a handler with disabilities providing that such modification does not aid the dog's performance or inhibit other dogs and the dog is required to perform all exercises/routines.

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# **3 JUDGES/JUDGING**

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## **3.1 Application for Approval of Selected Judges**

3.1.1 After a club has been granted permission by the CKC to hold a CAP event, the club must submit a Judging Panel Application. The application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 120 days prior to the date of the event. The application must set forth the name and address of the person selected to judge.

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- 3.1.2 When the Judging Panel Application reaches the CKC less than 120 days prior to the event, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club.
  - 3.1.3 If the CKC is not prepared to approve a person selected to judge, the club must, within 2 weeks of notification, submit to the CKC the name of alternate person to judge the assignment in question.

### **3.2 Eligibility to Judge**

- 3.2.1 Any individual who is licensed to judge Lure Coursing Field Trials for any breed by the Canadian Kennel Club, American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) and/or the American Kennel Club shall be eligible to judge at CKC approved Chase Ability Program Test.
- 3.2.2 Any person who is a regular member in good standing with the CKC may apply to judge CKC approved Chase Ability Program Tests, having participated in lure coursing, in some capacity and has received the written endorsement of a lure coursing club and a licensed lure coursing judge.
- 3.2.3 Persons whose names appear on the list of eligible Canadian Kennel Club Lure Coursing Field Trial judges may be approved to judge at any approved CAP.

### **3.3 Judging**

- 3.3.1 The dogs are graded as pass/fail.
- 3.3.2 The event giving club must provide the judge with a score sheet with the name of each dog running & a place to mark Pass/Fail beside the dog's name.
- 3.3.3 The judge's decision is final.

### **3.4 Indignities to a Judge**

- 3.4.1 A judge officiating at an event held under these rules shall not be subjected to indignities of any kind. It shall be the duty and obligation of the club holding the trial to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

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### **3.5 Judges Conduct**

- 3.5.1 A judge must conduct himself in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the sport.

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## **4 PREMIUM LIST**

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### **4.1 Premium List**

- 4.1.1 A standard premium list must be published by all clubs holding CAP events under these rules. Once a club or association which has been granted permission to hold a CAP event and has received approval of its selected judges, it must prepare and distribute a premium list with entry forms to be made available to prospective exhibitors.
- 4.1.2 At the time of distribution of premium lists to prospective exhibitors, the club shall forward one copy of the premium list and approved entry form to the CKC Shows and Trials Division, to the officiating judge, to the local CKC Board Member, and to the Lure Coursing Representative residing in the zone in which the trial is to be held.
- 4.1.3 Premium lists and entry forms shall be of such size, in such form, and contain such information as prescribed by the CKC. The following information must be listed on the cover (or first inside page excluding the inside cover) of the premium list:
- (a) The words "Official Premium List";
  - (b) The name of the club or association holding the event;
  - (c) Type of event being held;
  - (d) Dates of the event;
  - (e) Date and closing time for entries (if post entries will be accepted, a statement to this effect must be included);
- 4.1.4 The following information must appear in a premium list:
- (a) The statement "These events are held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club";
  - (b) The exact location of the event (a map showing the location may be included);

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- (c) The amount of the entry fee for each stake, and the fee for TCN dogs;
  - (d) A list of the club officers which include the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer;
  - (e) A list of the Event Committee with the address and phone number of the Event Secretary;
  - (122-09-23) (f) A list of the Stakes that will be offered;
  - (g) The address and phone number of where entries are to be sent (if different from the Event Secretary);
  - (h) Name and emailing address of the judge;
  - (i) A list of awards and/or prizes, if offered;
  - (j) At least one (1) copy of the entry form with the official logo of the CKC;
  - (k) The name of the Executive Director of the CKC and the address of the Head Office;
  - (l) The name of the local CKC Lure Coursing Representative;
  - (m) The name of the local CKC Board Member;
  - (n) The following statement must be included in every premium list:

“It shall be the duty and obligation of the trial-giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer or any participant at an event held under these rules is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Event Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred.”

4.1.5 Clubs are free to include other rules and information as they deem necessary. However, if other rules are included, they become part of the premium list and will be enforced.

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## **5 OFFICIALS**

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### **5.1 Officials**

5.1.1 Event officials shall include an event chair, an event secretary, a Lure Operator, a starter and an event judge.

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- 5.1.2 No official shall fill more than one position at a CAP event.
  - 5.1.3 The event giving club and their field committee are responsible for the safety of the course.
  - 5.1.4 The event judge shall walk the course to ensure there are no harmful objects within five yards of either side of the lure path.
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## **6 RUNNING THE EVENT**

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### **6.1 The Course**

- 6.1.1 The course shall be designed with the safety of participants as a high priority, there shall be no turns more acute than 90 degrees.
- 6.1.2 The distance to the first pulley must be at least 46 m (50 yds).
- 6.1.3 The course may be a closed loop or drag system.
- 6.1.4 There shall be two course lengths, 273 and 545 m (300 and 600 yds).
- 6.1.5 The short course shall be for dogs shorter than (123-09-23) 14 inches at the withers and/or brachycephalic (flat-faced dogs).
- 6.1.6 The long course shall be used by all dogs not eligible to run the short distance.
- 6.1.7 If there is a question on which course a dog shall run the judge shall decide.
- 6.1.8 If a club offers a Veteran Stake, the dogs shall run (124-09-23) half of the regular course for their height category.

### **6.2 Competing Dogs**

- 6.2.1 Dogs must complete the entire distance of their course with enthusiasm and without interruption.
  - 6.2.2 Dogs shall run as singles ONLY.
  - 6.2.3 The dog may wear a catch collar that is free of any item which may become entangled in the line.
  - 6.2.4 Prong or electronic collars are NOT permitted.
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- 6.2.5 The collar shall be snug to minimize the chance of getting caught in the line.

### **6.3 Disqualification & Reinstatement**

- 6.3.1 Any dog disqualified for biting or viciousness shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated.
- 6.3.2 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person may be removed from the event grounds during the duration of the event by the Chair of the Event Committee.
- 6.3.3 The judge shall have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog which menaces, threatens, or attempts to bite the judge, another person, or any dog in the field. If a dog is twice excused for any combination of these actions, it shall have the status of a disqualified dog. The judge shall also have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog which attempts to bite, or bites in response to an attack from another dog.
- 6.3.4 The judge shall disqualify or permanently disqualify a dog which bites the judge, another person or any dog in the field. Dogs permanently disqualified under this provision will not be eligible for reinstatement. The decision to permanently disqualify a dog must be clearly indicated on the judge's disqualification form.
- 6.3.5 Once a dog has been disqualified for any reason at a Chase Ability Test, it may not be entered until the dog has been reinstated by the CKC. All awards earned by a dog in violation of this section will be cancelled by the CKC and the owner of the dog is subject to disciplinary action. A dog disqualified under section 6.3.4 is not eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.3.6 Any dog that is disqualified under section 6.3.4 shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other CKC event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated, if the dog is eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.3.7 Reinstatement
- (a) The owner of a dog which has been disqualified at an event held under these rules may, after 30 days from the date of said disqualification, apply in writing to the CKC for reinstatement of the dog, unless the dog is ineligible for

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reinstatement as per Section 6.3.4. The request for reinstatement must be accompanied by a deposit as set by the Board.

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## **7 END OF EVENT**

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### **7.1 Forms & Fees**

7.1.1 The Event Secretary of the club or association holding CAP under these rules must forward to the CKC the following materials so as to be received not more than 14 days after the last day of the event (if received after 14 days late fees as set by the Board will be applied):

- (a) All entry forms
- (b) The judges score sheet
- (c) Any other information that may be required by the CKC
- (d) Remittance which shall include all listing fees for the entries of non-registered dogs and a recording fee for every dog entered at the event

7.1.2 If a club does not provide a catalogue, a list may be substituted which includes the following information: breed, name of dog, registration number (if given), Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or Canine Companion Number (CCN), name and address of owner.

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## **8 TITLES & AWARDS**

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### **8.1 Ribbons**

8.1.1 Clubs holding Chase Ability events shall offer a ribbon or rosette to each dog that achieves a pass grade.

8.1.2 Ribbons/rosettes must conform to the CKC directed size and colour.

8.1.3 The words “Chase Ability Qualifier”, the name of the event giving club and the CKC logo must be on the ribbon/rosette.

8.1.4 Ribbon Color to be GOLD

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## 8.2 Titles

8.2.1 These are the titles dogs may earn doing the Chase Ability Program. They are:  
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- (a) Chase Ability (CA)  
awarded to a dog that passes the Chase Ability event three (3) times under at least two (2) different judges
- (b) Chase Ability Excellent (CAX)  
awarded to a dog that passes the Chase Ability event a total of ten (10) times (CA + seven (7) additional passes)
- (c) Chase Ability Excellent 2 (CAX 2)  
awarded to a dog that passes the Chase Ability Event a total of 20 times (CAX + ten (10)). For every further ten (10) passes the dog may add a higher number after the CAX (CAX 3, CAX 4, etc.)
- (d) Veteran Chase Ability (VCA)  
awarded to a dog that passes the Veteran Chase Ability event three (3) times under at least two (2) different judges
- (e) Veteran Chase Ability Excellent (VCAX)  
awarded to a dog that passes the Veteran Chase Ability event a total of ten (10) times (VCA + seven (7) additional passes)
- (f) Veteran Chase Ability Excellent 2 (VCAX 2)  
awarded to a dog that passes the Veteran Chase Ability Event a total of 20 times (VCAX + ten (10)). For every further ten (10) passes the dog may add a higher number after the VCAX (VCAX 3, VCAX 4, etc.)

8.2.2 Titles will be a suffix to the dog's name.

8.2.3 The entry form must clearly identify when the dog is being entered as a Veteran and this must be reflected in the CAP Record Sheets.  
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8.2.4 A dog that is considered a Veteran may be entered in the Regular Stake, or the Veteran Stake but only in one in the same event.



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## **9 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

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- 9.1 It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person, during the running of, or in connection with an event, abuses or harasses a judge, trial official or any other person present in any capacity at the event.
- 9.2 Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog while on the grounds of a CAP event at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the trial by the Field Trial Committee.
- 9.3 The judge shall also have the authority to expel a handler from a trial if he/she observes unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler or see the handler kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog while the event is in progress. It will be the duty of the judge to report promptly to the Field Trial Committee the expulsion of a handler.
- 9.4 The Committee shall investigate, at once, any instance of alleged unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler, or any report that a handler has been observed kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog. If the Field Trial Committee, after investigation, determines that a handler is in violation of this section, and that the incident, if proven, would constitute conduct prejudicial to the sport or the CKC, it shall exercise its authority in accordance with the Complaints section of these rules.
- 9.5 The Event Secretary shall submit to the CKC a complete report of any hearing action taken under this section within 21 days.

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## **10 PROTEST**

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- 10.1 A protest against a dog may be made by an exhibitor, handler, any member of the CKC, or a member of the club or association holding the event in the following manner:
- (a) A protest should be lodged with the Event Chair before the closing of the event and must be in

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writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof). A hearing shall be held prior to the departure of all parties. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit. This deposit shall be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forwarded to the CKC with the Event Committee's report.

- (b) If the protest cannot be filed at the event because of circumstances requiring medical and/or veterinary attention, or if the dog has been removed from the grounds, or if the owner and the dog leave the grounds immediately following the incident, the protest may be submitted directly to the CKC within ten (10) days of the event. All such protests shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- (c) If the Protest is filed directly to the CKC, reasons should be provided as to why the Protest could not be filed with the Event Superintendent.

10.2 Where the Event Committee consists of more than five (5) persons, the President of the event-giving club shall name five (5) members of the Event Committee to act on any protest received by the event-giving club.

10.3 Written copies of all decisions on protests must be forwarded immediately to the Discipline Committee of the CKC. The Discipline Committee may take such action as it deems fit in connection with such protest, provided no appeal is submitted to the CKC within ten (10) days of the date on which the decision of the Event Committee was rendered. Such action may include barring the dog from future CKC approved events, imposition of an administrative fee, and/or cancellation of awards. The fact that the Event Committee did not sustain a protest in no way inhibits the right of the Discipline Committee to take such action as it deems advisable.

10.4 An appeal to the Discipline Committee of the CKC from a decision of the Event Committee where a dog has been protested must be forwarded to the CKC within ten (10) days of the date on which the decision was rendered, together with a deposit.

10.5 If an event-giving club fails to hear a protest as prescribed above, or in the opinion of the Discipline

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Committee improperly handles a protest, the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit and necessary, and it may at the same time take disciplinary action against the officials of the event-giving club concerned.

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## **11 COMPLAINTS**

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- 11.1 A complaint against a person respecting a violation of the rules and regulations related to CAP events must be in writing, on a form issued by the CKC (or facsimile thereof), and must be accompanied by a deposit. A complaint, if sustained, will result in disciplinary action. A deposit is not required on a complaint alleging that a judge officiating at a CAP event held under these rules and regulations has been subject to indignities of any kind during the progress of the event.
- 11.2 A complaint should be lodged with the Event Chair of the event-giving club no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the judging of the event, or should the complainant choose to do so, a complaint may be submitted directly to the CKC within ten (10) days of the event. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 11.3 Any complaint against the club holding the event or any of its officials must be submitted directly to the CKC within ten (10) days of the event. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 11.4 A complaint shall be restricted to any of the following:
- (a) An act of omission or commission on which is based an allegation of a violation of the Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations;
  - (b) Any act on which an allegation of misconduct is based;
  - (c) The alleged failure of an officiating judge to excuse or remove from an event a dog for which a provision for excusing or removal appears in these rules and regulations.

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- 11.5 Where the Event Committee consists of more than five (5) persons, the President of the trial-giving club shall name five (5) members to form an Event Committee to act on the complaint received by the event-giving club.
- 11.6 When a complaint is received against a judge by the event-giving club, the club shall hold a hearing while all parties are still in attendance. The report and all statements given by all parties will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee along with the deposit from the complainant. The Event Committee will not render a decision but will collect all pertinent information.
- 11.7 Upon receipt of a complaint (other than against a judge) the Event Committee of the event-giving club shall conduct an investigation as soon as possible, and within 14 days of receipt of such complaint shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the procedures set out in the Procedure for Conducting an Event Committee Hearing as provided in these rules and regulations.
- 11.8 The Event Committee shall then promptly forward the complaint, the deposit and a record of the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the CKC. Copies of the record of the hearing and the Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the parties concerned at the same time.
- 11.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.
- 11.10 Disciplinary action will be taken against any official and the event-giving club of which they are an official when it is established to the satisfaction of the CKC that an attempt was made to discourage the submission of a complaint.
- 11.11 Disciplinary action will be taken against an event-giving club which fails to properly deal with complaints as provided in these rules and regulations.

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## **12 DISCIPLINE**

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- 12.1 The Discipline Committee may take disciplinary action against any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization of the CKC for any act of omission or commission, which violates any section or sections of the rules and regulations for CKC CAP events. Such action will be taken as provided for in the By-laws of the CKC.
- 12.2 No person shall abuse a dog on the grounds or premises of an event or conduct himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the event.
- 12.3 Any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization availing themselves of the privilege of participating in any capacity or manner whatsoever at a CAP shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board as conferred on the CKC by its By-laws and all other rules and regulations adopted by the CKC.
- 12.4 At its discretion and subject to the appeal process, the Discipline Committee may cancel any or all qualifying placements earned by a dog owned by a person debarred, deprived, suspended or expelled of all privileges of the CKC when such wins were earned following the date on which such act occurred that resulted in disciplinary action.
- 12.5 The administration to a dog competing at a CAP event of a drug or any substance, in any form, which alters the nervous system by stimulation, sedation or tranquilization shall be considered as misleading the judge and will be considered misconduct. The person or persons responsible will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this section.
- 12.6 Any person, either within or outside the course, who does anything calculated to attract, distract or otherwise interfere in any way with the attention, deportment, or performance of a dog under judgment, may be disciplined by the Discipline Committee in whatever way it considers to be in the best interest of the club, or the judge(s) may take summary action.
- 12.7 It shall be the duty and obligation of the event-giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer or any participant at an event held under these rules, is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Event Committee Chair shall promptly report to

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the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred. A copy of this regulation shall be prominently placed in every premium list and catalogue.

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## **13 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A CAP EVENT COMMITTEE HEARING**

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- 13.1 It is essential that the defendant be given the opportunity to be present during the whole hearing and to testify and present his own witnesses. If a defendant refuses to attend or defend himself, the hearing may proceed without him. In notifying the defendant of the hearing, it is essential that he be informed specifically of the nature of the charges against him and that a record of such notice be made.
- 13.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 13.3 Both the complainant and defendant should be informed that they may be represented by legal counsel or an agent at the hearing if they choose but this is not necessary.
- 13.4 The chair is to call the meeting to order and then announce: "We are proceeding by reason of our appointment to the Event Committee by (name of event-giving club)."
- 13.5 The chair shall identify all persons present and the reason for their presence (i.e. complainant, defendant, witness) and then ask the witnesses to withdraw until required to give evidence. After giving evidence a witness may be excused.
- 13.6 The complaint is to be read except that if the complainant and defendant agree, it may be necessary to relate only the substance of the complaint as set out on the Official Complaint form.
- 13.7 The chair is to ask the defendant whether he wishes to admit or deny the complaint as it has been read or stated.
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- 13.8 The complainant is to give evidence on the complaint. He may then be questioned by the defendant. At the chair's invitation, any member of the Committee may question the complainant. If the complainant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the defendant or any member of the Committee. Each witness is to leave the hearing after evidence has been given.
- 13.9 Upon completion of the evidence given by the complainant and any witness appearing on his behalf, the defendant may then give evidence and may then be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee. If the defendant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee.
- 13.10 The chair may then call any other witness which the Committee considers appropriate to the proper hearing of the complaint.
- 13.11 The complainant may then have the opportunity of summing up the complaint and the evidence presented in support thereof. The defendant shall have the opportunity of summing up his defense and any evidence presented in support of his defense.
- 13.12 The Chair shall announce that the Committee will be submitting a report on the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the Discipline Committee of the CKC and the parties concerned. All but the Committee members shall be dismissed so that the matter may be considered.

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## **14 PARTICIPATION**

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- 14.1 The participation in any manner or in any capacity at a competitive event held under these rules shall be considered a privilege accorded to any person by the CKC and such privilege may be extended and withdrawn by the Discipline Committee.
- 14.2 Any person availing himself of the privilege of participating in any manner, shape or form and in any capacity, including that of a spectator at a
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competitive event held under these rules shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board.

- 14.3 No person who has been expelled, deprived of privileges, suspended or debarred by the CKC may enter a dog, compete, exhibit, judge, act as agent or handler for any competitor, take a dog into any competition or be connected in any capacity with competitive events held under these rules.
- 14.4 A club holding a CAP event under these rules shall not engage in any capacity a person who is under suspension or expulsion, debarred or deprived of privileges by the CKC.
- 14.5 Any person who has lost the right to participate in events in their country of residence shall not, while such a loss of privilege is in effect, participate in any Canadian Kennel Club approved events. Any wins by a dog that is exhibited or handled by such individual shall automatically be cancelled.

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## **15 LIABILITY**

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- 15.1 The CKC shall not be responsible to any member, person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss, damage or injuries arising at or by reason of any event held under any rules adopted by the CKC.
- 15.2 Every owner or authorized agent for the owner of any dog entered in a CKC event is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog behaves properly at the event, and in particular to prevent the dog from threatening, menacing or biting a judge, another dog, or any other person in attendance at the event. Failure to take such reasonable steps may result in disciplinary action against such owner or authorized agent under the By-laws, which may result in the imposition of any of the penalties provided for in the By-laws



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## **16 AMENDMENTS**

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- 16.1 These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 16.2 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by a person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to the Board for their consideration. In such circumstances, the Board will forward the proposal to the Lure Coursing Council for its consideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.
- 16.3 Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 16.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 16.5 The Board, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.
- 16.6 Upon the Board making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these rules, the membership shall be advised by placing a notice in the Official Section as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.



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