

SPRINTER RULES & REGULATIONS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Sprinter Test is to provide all dogs, purebred and non-purebreds, 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

1.1 Definitions

For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the following interpretations shall apply:

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

“breeder” means the person owning or leasing the dam at the time of breeding

“CKC” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“Club” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“club” means a club or association 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 the 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 and regulations

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

“disqualify” A dog shall be disqualified if it bites a human or another dog. Any dog disqualified in one CKC event is banned from taking part in any other CKC event.

“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 purebred 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

“good standing” means an individual who is not under suspension, deprivation, debarment or who has not forfeited his right to participate in any Canadian Kennel Club-approved event

(27-09-19) **“handler”** means the person who is handling the participating dog

“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 recognized club that is responsible for conducting the Sprinter 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.

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.

(88-03-23) **“Veteran Dogs”** means dogs that are seven (7) years or older on date of event

1.2 Sprinter Defined & Classified

- 1.2.1 (15-09-19) The purpose of the CKC Sprinter event is to provide all dogs, purebred and non-purebreds, and their owners an enjoyable, healthy activity in which they can participate. This is a timed event. Dogs run singly. The dog's time to complete the 100 m (328 ft) dash is converted into KPH. Dogs earn points based on their handicapped speed. Titles are awarded when a dog has accumulated a given number of points.
- 1.2.2 There will be no Sprinter Test Conformation Show.
- 1.2.3 There will be no sanctioned Sprinter Test as clubs will have to be approved by CKC in order to hold the event.
- 1.2.4 If the club holds the Sprinter event in conjunction with another CKC approved event they may use the same Premium List but separate entry forms for the events must be submitted.

2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

2.1 Administration

- 2.1.1 All applicable administrative regulations governing CKC events shall apply to the Sprinter Test 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 Sprinter Event

2.2.1 Any club licensed to hold CKC Lure Coursing Trials or Chase Ability Events are automatically licensed to hold Sprinter events. There is no limit on the number of Sprinter events per year. A club may not hold more than four (4) Sprinter events on the same day. A Sprinter event must start and conclude on the same day.
(89-03-23)

2.2.2 All other CKC recognized clubs that have the interest and resources within the club may apply to the CKC Shows and Trials Department to become licensed to hold Sprinter events provided they have the experience, equipment and location to hold a safe event. The Shows and Trials Department will also consider special requests to hold Sprinter events. In all cases the Sprinter event must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.
(90-03-23)

2.2.3 When the Sprinter Event is held in conjunction with other CKC Events, the entry may be limited to the breed(s) who are eligible to participate in the Hosting Club CKC Event(s).
(16-09-19)

2.2.4 When a club holds other CKC events the club will be permitted to hold a limited breed Sprinter in conjunction, provided the club is eligible to hold Sprinter.”
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2.3 Making Application

2.3.1 Events may be either stand alone or may be held in conjunction with a club’s primary approved CKC event.
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2.3.2 The Sprinter 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.

2.3.3 If the club limits the number of participants then this must be stated in the premium list.

2.4 Participants

2.4.1 Sprinter Test 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), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN), Canine Companion Number (CCN) or Temporary Competition Number (TCN).

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- 2.4.2 If a dog is not registered individually in the CKC stud book, it may be entered at a sprinter event held under these rules as a dog with a Temporary Comptition Number (TCN), provided that:
- (a) If born in Canada it is of a litter which is eligible for CKC registration
 - (b) If not born in Canada it is eligible for individual registration in the records of the CKC
 - (c) If it is a foreign born and owned dog it obtains an Event Registration Number or CKC registration number from the CKC within 30 days of the first event entered.
- 2.4.3 An inspection committee consisting of at least two (2) persons who are members of the event committee or designated by the event committee shall inspect each entry for lameness, and fitness to participate. Inspection shall take place prior to any form of wrapping being applied to the dog. In the opinion of the inspection committee, any entry found to be lame, unfit to participate shall not be allowed to enter and entry fees shall be refunded. If necessary, the inspection committee is responsible for measuring dogs to determine their height at the withers. Females in season will be scheduled at the end of each event or as the club deems appropriate.
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- 2.4.4 Females in season must wear a clean, dry, snugly fitting panties specifically designed for the purpose of preventing/containing discharge.”
- (92-03-23)
- 2.4.5 A club may limit the number of entries it will accept. Additional “stand-by” entries above the limit may be taken at the discretion of the event committee and 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.
- 2.4.6 All participants must fill out an entry form as provided in the club’s premium list. A club may accept entries prior to the event and/or a club may accept day-of-event entries. The specifics of how entries will be accepted must be explained in the premium.

2.5 CKC Publication

- 2.5.1 All clubs holding Sprinter Tests are required to have available copies of the latest edition of these Sprinter Test 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.

2.7 Handlers with Disability

- 2.7.1 At the discretion of the event committee 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.

3 PREMIUM LIST

3.1 Premium List

- 3.1.1 A standard premium list must be published by all clubs holding Sprinter events under these rules. A club or association which has been granted permission to hold a Sprinter event must prepare and distribute a premium list with entry forms to be made available to prospective exhibitors.
- 3.1.2 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 and to the local CKC Board Member.
- 3.1.3 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;

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- (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).

3.1.4 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);
- (c) The time and place of inspection;
- (d) The amount of the entry fee for each stake, and the fee for dogs with Temporary Competition Number (TCN);
- (e) A list of the club officers which include the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer;
- (95-05-19) (f) A list of the Event Committee with the email address and phone number of the Event Secretary;
- (95-05-19) (g) The address and phone number of where entries are to be sent;
- (h) A list of awards and/or prizes, if offered;
- (i) At least one copy of the entry form with the official logo of the CKC;
- (j) The name of the Executive Director of the CKC and the address of the Head Office;
- (k) The name and email address of the local CKC Council Representative;
- (l) The name and email address of the local CKC Board Member;
- (m) The following statement must be included in every premium list:

“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 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.”

3.1.5 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.

4 OFFICIALS

4.1 Officials

- 4.1.1 Event officials shall include an event chair, an event secretary, a Lure Operator, a timer (two (2) timers if stopwatches used) and a starter.
 - 4.1.2 The event-giving club and their event committee are responsible for the safety of the course.
 - 4.1.3 *(18-09-19)* The event lure operator shall walk the track to ensure there are no harmful objects within 4.5 m (15 ft) of either side of the lure path.
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5 RUNNING THE EVENT *(27-09-19)*

5.1 The Track

- 5.1.1 *(19-09-19)* Sprinter is a timed event. A moving lure must be offered to all dogs as incentive to run the distance. However, other means may also be used. As long as there is no physical assistance, these may include, but are not limited to recall or retrieving an object thrown at the finish line by the catcher.
 - 5.1.2 Safety is of utmost importance. It is the responsibility of the event committee to ensure the safety of the course, the equipment and the conduct of those involved with the event. It is recommended that the event committee run a test dog prior to the start of the event to ensure that the equipment functions properly and all personnel understand their jobs. Prior to moving the lure to position it for the start, the lure operator shall announce “hold your dogs” in order to caution owners.
 - 5.1.3 The track length shall be 100 m (328 ft).
 - 5.1.4 *(20-09-19)* The club must provide enough room for a safe run-out area. It is suggested a catch basin, surrounded by a soft, plastic fence at the end of the distance is permissible. The soft, plastic fence of the catch basin shall be at least 18 m (60 ft) wide and 27.4 m (90 ft) deep. A visual barrier, such as a soft, plastic fence or coloured tape may be placed 5 m (16 ft) on either side of the line over the
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entire distance. It is recommended that an owner or someone familiar with the dog stand at the finish in order to catch the dog once the course has been completed.

5.1.5 The time to complete the 100 m (328 ft) dash is recorded to the nearest 1/10th of a second (e.g. 9.1). *(21-09-19)* The club may use stopwatches or break-the-beam equipment to obtain the time. If stopwatches are used, there shall be two timers positioned at the finish line. The starter shall signal the moment the nose of the dog crosses the start line. The timers shall start their stopwatches at the signal. The timers shall stop their watches when the nose of the dog crosses the finish line. The times from the two stopwatches shall be averaged to determine the recorded time.

5.1.6 Clubs may use either a drag or continuous loop system. If a continuous loop system is used the “return” string must be set outside of the running course. The lure operator and the lure end of the track must be outside the running track/distance. It is strongly suggested that the lure operator be positioned on an angle to the track so as to be able to properly judge the distance between the runner and the lure.

5.1.7 A white plastic bag or a squawker may be used for the lure. The lure shall be no closer than 3 m (10 ft) and no further than 7.6 m (25 ft) from the running dog. *(22-09-19)*

5.1.8 The track must be essentially flat. The premium should state if the location of the event is enclosed with fencing.

5.1.9 Handlers may not be on the track with dogs, other than up to about 3 m (10 ft) into the track on either side of the start and/or finish lines, if they wish to do this to encourage the dog.

5.2 Competing Dogs *(27-09-19)*

5.2.1 Dogs must complete the entire distance in less than 60 seconds. *(93-03-23)*

5.2.2 Dogs shall run as singles ONLY.

5.2.3 Dogs may wear a collar except choker collars, a collar with prongs or an electronic training collar. The collar should be snug to minimize the chances of catching on something during the run. Clubs may, at their option, require that tags hanging from the collar be taped up. Owners may have their dog wear

a muzzle if they desire. Owners may use clips or rubber bands to hold the dog's hair. The owner assumes responsibility for the safety of the dog with regard to the dog's collar and paraphernalia on the dog.

- 5.2.4 Because the Sprinter Test is a timed event, there is no judge. The starter or the Lure Operator has control of the track. In summary, the starter shall have a list of participants and ensure the correct dog is on the line. The starter is in charge of all dogs and handlers on the track, and shall ensure handlers understand safe release and retrieval procedures, and that the lure is properly positioned. The Starter or the Lure Operator checks that the timers are ready. The Starter or the Lure Operator then checks with the Starter or Lure Operator to ensure that the handler and dog are ready. Once the lure begins to move the Starter shouts 'Go' and signals when the dog's nose crosses the line.
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5.3 Disqualification

- 5.3.1 Any dog disqualified at any CKC event shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated.
- 5.3.2 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person may be removed from the venue by the event Chairman. The event chairman must send a report of the incident to the CKC within 14 days after the event for their action.

6 END OF EVENT

6.1 Forms & Fees

- 6.1.1 The Event Secretary of the club or association holding a Sprinter Event 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):
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- (a) All entry forms
 - (b) The official score sheet
 - (c) Remittance which shall include all listing fees and a recording fee for every dog entered at the event

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- 6.1.2 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), Canine Companion Number (CCN) or Temporary Competition Number (TCN), name and address of owner.

6.2 Health

- 6.2.1 A dog may not be entered at a trial if it has any communicable disease. Dogs entered in a trial or test must have current immunization status.
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- 6.2.2 No dog may be brought onto the grounds or premises of a trial if it:
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- (90-05-19)* (a) is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease;
 - (90-05-19)* (b) has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days;
 - (90-05-19)* (c) is known to have been in contact with distemper or other communicable disease until 30 days after such contact and provided such dog has itself been free from any symptom of said disease during the 30 days has been housed within 30 days prior to the trial on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease;
- 6.2.3 Where it is found that these rules have been contravened, the dog in question shall be removed from the trial premises/grounds and the exhibitor will be subject to disciplinary action.
(90-05-19)

7 TITLES & AWARDS

7.1 Ribbons

- 7.1.1 Clubs holding Sprinter events shall offer a ribbon or rosette to each dog that achieves a score.
- 7.1.2 Ribbons/rosettes must conform to the CKC directed size and colour.
- 7.1.3 The words “Sprinter Qualifier”, the name of the event giving club and the CKC logo must be on the ribbon/rosette.
- 7.1.4 Ribbon Color to be GOLD

7.2 Earning Points

- 7.2.1 (24-09-19) The dog’s time to complete the 100 m (328 ft) dash is converted into KPHs. The formula to complete this calculation is 360 divided by the dog’s time over 100 m (328 ft). This calculation should be rounded to two decimal places.
- 7.2.2 A handicap system is applied to a dog’s KPH to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers:
 - (a) 46 cm (18 in) or greater = handicap is 1.25.
 - (b) 30 cm (12 in) up to less than 46 cm (18 in) = handicap is 1.5.
 - (c) Below 30 cm (12 in) = handicap is 2.0.
- 7.2.3 Points = KPH multiplied by the dog’s handicap. For example 20 KPH x 1.5 = 30 points. Round off points to the nearest whole number.

7.3 Titles

Titles are earned by accumulating points. The following titles will be awarded:

- 7.3.1 Novice Sprinter (NS) = 150 points;
- 7.3.2 Sprinter (S) = 500 points;
- 7.3.3 Advanced Sprinter (AS) = 1,000 points;
- 7.3.4 Sprinter Excellent (SX) = 1,500 points; and
- 7.3.5 SX followed by a number (e.g. SX2) for every additional 500 points.

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- 7.3.6 These suffix titles will appear on a dog's pedigree, with a higher level title superseding a lower level title.
(25-09-19)
- 7.3.7 Veteran Novice Sprinter (VNS) =75 points
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- 7.3.8 Veteran Sprinter (VS) =250 points
- 7.3.9 Veteran Advanced Sprinter (VAS) = 500 points
- 7.3.10 Veteran Sprinter Excellent (VSX) = 750 points
- 7.3.11 Veteran SX followed by a number for every additional 250 points
- 7.3.12 The entry form must identify a dog being entered as a veteran. A veteran must be clearly identified when the results are submitted to the CKC.
- 7.3.13 A dog may only be entered once in the same event.
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8 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- 8.1 It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person, during the running of, or in connection with an event, abuses or harasses a trial official or any other person present in any capacity at the event.
- 8.2 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 Sprinter event at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the event by the event Committee.
- 8.3 The event chair shall also have the authority to expel a handler from an event if they observe 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 Event Chair to report promptly to the event Committee the expulsion of a handler.
- 8.4 The event chair 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 event Committee, after investigation, determines that a handler is in viola-
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tion 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.

- 8.5 The Event Secretary shall submit to the CKC a complete report of any hearing action taken under this section within 21 days.

9 PROTEST

- 9.1 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.

(27-09-19) (a) A protest should be lodged with the Event Chair before the closing of the event and must be in 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.

(27-09-19) (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 Chair.

- 9.2 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.

- 9.3 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.

- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 If an event-giving club fails to hear a protest as prescribed above, or in the opinion of the Discipline 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.

10 COMPLAINTS

- 10.1 A complaint against a person respecting a violation of the rules and regulations related to Sprinter 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.
- 10.2 A complaint should be lodged with the Event Chair of the event-giving club no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the 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.
- 10.3 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.

- 10.4 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 Sprinter Event Rules & Regulations;
 - (b) Any act on which an allegation of misconduct is based;
 - (27-09-19) (c) The alleged failure of an event official to excuse or remove from participation a dog for which a provision for excusing or removal appears in these rules and regulations.
- 10.5 Where the Event Committee consists of more than five (5) persons, the President of the event-giving club shall name five (5) members to form an Event Committee to act on the complaint received by the event-giving club.
- 10.6 When a complaint is received 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.
- 10.7 Upon receipt of a complaint 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.
- 10.8 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.
- 10.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.

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- 10.10 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.
- 10.11 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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11 DISCIPLINE

- 11.1 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 Sprinter events. Such action will be taken as provided for in the By-laws of the CKC.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 Any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization availing themselves of the privilege of participating in any capacity or manner whatsoever at a Sprinter 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.
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 The administration to a dog competing at a Sprinter event of a drug or any substance, in any form, which alters the nervous system by stimulation, sedation or tranquilization shall be considered misconduct. The person or persons responsible will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this section.
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- 11.6 (00-10-19) If a person, either within or outside the course does anything calculated to interfere in a negative way with the dogs performance they may be subject to discipline.
- 11.7 It shall be the duty and obligation of the event-giving club to see that club officials, volunteers or any participants 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. A copy of this regulation shall be prominently placed in every premium list and catalogue.
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12 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A SPRINTER EVENT COMMITTEE HEARING

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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)."
- 12.5 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.
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- 12.6 The complainant 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.
- 12.7 The chair is to ask the defendant whether he wishes to admit or deny the complaint as it has been read or stated.
- 12.8 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.
- 12.9 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
- 12.10 The chair may then call any other witness which the Committee considers appropriate to the proper hearing of the complaint.
- 12.11 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.
- 12.12 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.

13 PARTICIPATION

- 13.1 The participation in any manner or in any capacity
(27-09-19) at an 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.
- 13.2 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 competitive event held under these rules shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board.
- 13.3 No person who has been expelled, deprived of
(27-09-19) privileges, suspended or debarred by the CKC may enter a dog, participate, exhibit, 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.
- 13.4 A club holding a Sprinter 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
- 13.5 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.

14 LIABILITY

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.

15 AMENDMENTS

- 15.1 These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 15.2 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 appropriate Council for its consideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.
- 15.3 Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 15.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 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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