



OFFICIAL DOCK JUMPING RULEBOOK

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Exhibitor Guidelines

It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to do whatever they can to assist the host club and promote the family-friendly atmosphere of UKC events and good sportsmanship. Exhibitors' clothing should be neat and clean. Their apparel speaks to the respect they have for the sport, the event, and its proceedings. Exhibitors' dogs should be clean and, where necessary, brushed or trimmed to present a neat appearance. Experienced exhibitors should help new exhibitors; the future of the sport is in the hands of the beginner. All exhibitors must display good sportsmanship and respect for others. Exhibitors should take care when discussing a score or placement with the judge and accept the decision of the judge gracefully. Remember, it was the judge's evaluation of that performance on that day. Exhibitors should always keep their area clean, dispose of all dog waste appropriately and leave an event site in the condition they found it. Every exhibitor is expected to know the rules before competing and be ready to abide by them.

Finality of Judges' decisions By entering any Dock Jumping event the owner and handler of any dog agrees to accept the decision of the judge as final. The decision of a judge is the opinion of the judge and not that of the United Kennel Club.

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL RULES

Section 1. Jurisdiction. The following rules and regulations governing UKC Dock Jumping events and the awarding of points and titles issued by United Kennel Club, Inc., are uniform and are not given on a local or geographical basis. All UKC Dock Jumping events shall be governed by the rules herein. All licenses for UKC events shall be granted, withheld, or revoked at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.

Section 2. Who May Offer Dock Jumping Events. Any UKC club that is eligible to offer Dock Jumping events may be licensed to offer Dock Jumping events. UKC reserves the right to grant, withhold or revoke event licenses at its own discretion.

Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs. To be eligible to compete in licensed dock jumping events dogs must be:

- At least 6 months of age on the day of the event.
- Permanently registered with UKC as of the day of the event.
- Have a UKC Performance Listing (PL) number as of the day of the event.
- Have a UKC Limited Privilege (LP) number as of the day of the event.
- Have a valid UKC Temporary Listing (TL) number as of the day of the event.
- Able to pay the Non-UKC Registered Dog Fee (information below).

Section 4. Ineligibility for Entry in Licensed Dock Jumping Classes. Dogs listed in this section and dogs that have been deemed ineligible for competition for temperament are ineligible to participate in UKC Dock Jumping competitions, even if otherwise eligible and may be refused by the Event Secretary.

- **Lame dogs.**
- **Females in season.**
- **Dogs that appear to be ill.** Dogs must be in good health and condition in order to compete. A dog that appears to be ill or dogs with sutures, bandages, adhesive or any other material that is indicative of or related to any surgical or medical procedure must not be entered.

- No dogs under the influence of a performance altering drug may be entered.
- **Canine Amputees, Deaf or Blind dogs.** Canine amputees, blind, and deaf dogs may participate in competitions but must be able to safely perform jumps.

Section 5. Entering a UKC Event. Dogs must be Permanently Registered, have a Performance Listing (PL)/Limited Privilege (LP) number, or have a valid Temporary Listing number. Dogs that are entered and compete in licensed UKC events that do not meet the above requirements will have their wins invalidated unless they pay a Non-UKC Registered Dog Fee. No dog may be entered in any UKC event for exhibition only.

- **Non-UKC Registered Dog Fee.** An additional \$5 fee will be assessed to dogs not Temporarily Listed, Performance Listed, or Permanently Registered with UKC. This fee is to be forwarded to UKC with the event results. Participants whose dogs earn passing scores will have 60 days to complete their dog's registration with UKC. Failure to complete the registration process within the 60-day time period will result in the application of penalty fees to retain points and passes earned. Applications should include documentation of any points and passes earned when applying for registration papers. Passes and points will not be credited for denied registration applications.

Section 6. Entry procedures and deadlines.

- **Pre-Entry.** Pre-registration for events is highly recommended and it ensures a competitor's place in the competition. Clubs accepting pre-entries must establish a pre-entry deadline date. Clubs may offer a discounted entry fee for pre-entries.
- **Day-of-Show entries.** Clubs may accept day-of-show entries but must establish a day-of-show entry deadline after which no further entries will be accepted for that day's event.
- **Pre-Entry Only.** Clubs may elect not to take day-of-show entries. At a pre-entry only event, the dog must be Permanently Registered, have a valid PL/LP or a valid TL number by the closing date of the event.
- **Conditional Entry.** An entry must not be made and must not be accepted by a club which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.
- **Entry Limits.** Due to venue schedule changes or space constraints, entry limits may need to be enacted by the host club.
- **Refusing an Entry.** Host clubs may refuse the entry of an otherwise eligible dog. While a club's decision is subject to review by UKC, it will not be overturned except where there is strong evidence that the club's decision is based on prohibited categories of discrimination (race, religion, national origin, etc.) or personal disputes. Clubs who choose not to accept any entry of an otherwise eligible dog or exhibitor must notify the exhibitor in writing, with the reason their entry will not be accepted by the club, and must send a copy of the notification to UKC. Should a day-of-show entry be refused, the host club must notify the UKC with an explanation of why the entry was refused and send it in with the event reports for that event.
- **Refund or Cancellation of Entry.** The host club shall be responsible for their own refund and cancellation policy. The policy should be sent to UKC with the official event application.
- **UKC Registration Information and Temporary Listing Numbers.** See the UKC website for information on how to register your dog with UKC or how to obtain a Temporary Listing number. Go to www.ukcdogs.com for complete information.

Section 7. Required Inoculations. All dogs must have all inoculations required by local laws or ordinances to be present on the grounds of any UKC event or to be eligible to compete at UKC events. Owners/handlers must have documentation of a current rabies vaccination readily available for all dogs entered in a UKC licensed event. In the event of an attack on a dog or person, a copy of the dog's rabies certificate must be provided to the host club. The host club will include the proof of rabies vaccination along with the Disqualified for Attacking form. Any dog that is known to have been in contact with a canine communicable disease within thirty days prior to the event may not be on the grounds of a UKC event. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Section 8. Recording Event Results and Regulation of Record Keeping. UKC regulates and records the results of all licensed events and issues awards for levels of achievement at these events. UKC has the right to inspect all reports, scoresheets, and other documents related to UKC licensed events. Please see the UKC Rules for All-Breed Events for complete policy regarding record keeping.

Section 9. UKC Right to Change Rules, Policies, and Fees. UKC reserves the right to change rules, policies and fees at any time without notice.

CHAPTER 2 - RULES APPLYING TO EXHIBITORS AND SPECTATORS

Section 1. Sportsmanship. UKC exhibitors and spectators are expected to display good behavior and good sportsmanship on and off the dock. Judges, Event Committee members, and host club officials may excuse or bar exhibitors and spectators from the dock and event grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and participants.

Section 2. Age of Handlers. Dock Jumping handlers may be any age provided the handler is able to control the dog. All handlers under the age of 18 must have the entry form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Handlers age 10 or under must be accompanied by an adult on the dock. A judge may excuse a dog at any time if they believe the handler is unable to control the dog and the judge's decision is final.

Section 3. Checking In. All competitors, including pre-entered exhibitors, must check in with the event secretary before stepping onto the dock and have signed a waiver when applicable. Handlers must check in at least a half-hour before the scheduled start of the event.

Section 4. Items Worn by the Dog. The following pertain to practice and the scored performance.

- **Collar.** The handler has the option of jumping the dog with or without a collar. Only flat or rolled collars with a quick snap release or regular buckle may be worn while the dog is jumping. Chain collars, studded, pinch or prong collars, head harnesses, or any type of special training collars are prohibited in the competition area. Collars must properly fit the dog and be approved by the judge. Collar tags or other items hanging from the collar are prohibited on the dock. Electric collars are prohibited on the grounds of a UKC licensed performance event.
- **Vests.** Dogs may wear comfort vests on the dock, but the vest must be removed prior to jumping. Dogs can wear properly fitted flotation vests or swim-type suits while on the dock and during jumping.
- **Leash.** Dogs must always be kept on a slip lead or standard leash, no longer than six feet, except while on the dock. The leash must be removed prior to jumping. Retractable and long line leashes are prohibited in the competition area.
- **Accessories.** Dogs may not wear any accessories on the dock, including but not limited to scarfs, bandanas, caps, and sunglasses.

Section 5. Practice and Warm-Up. The dock will be open to competitors for practice between splashes and when all demonstrations have been completed. However, during the judges' briefing, the dock will only be available to the working event staff to practice and warm up their dogs.

Section 6. Misbehavior of Handlers.

- **Excusing a Handler.** The judge may excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship or displays inappropriate behavior on the dock, including but not limited to pushing or throwing a dog into the pool. The judge has sole discretion whether to allow the dog of an excused handler to continue to participate in the competition with a substitute handler. The judge's decision in these matters is final. The club is not required to refund entry fees for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day regardless of whether the dogs competed.
- **Handler Misconduct.** A judge must excuse any handler for cruel treatment of a dog on the dock or the event grounds. A handler who abuses their dog on the dock must be excused immediately by the judge. The judge must mark the dog as excused and note the reason in writing.

CHAPTER 3 - JUDGING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Judges' Briefing. A general briefing will be held before each splash begins. The competitors will have an opportunity to ask questions at this time. The running order will be announced at the judges' briefing. All competitors must attend the briefing, otherwise they will be scratched from the splash.

- **Distance Jumping.** The judges' briefing will be called approximately 15 minutes before the splash or activity is scheduled to begin, at which time the practice dock will be closed to competitors except working event staff at the discretion of the event committee.
- **Vertical Jumping.** The judges' briefing will be called 15 minutes prior to the start of the Vertical Jumping class. At this time, the judge will ask all competitors for the height at which they wish to start. The lowest requested height is the official starting height. The running order will be announced as well.
- **Fetch It.** The judges' briefing will be called 15 minutes prior to the start of the Fetch It class. At this time, the judge will ask all competitors for the distance at which they wish to start. The lowest requested distance is the official starting distance. The running order will be announced as well.

Section 2. Accessing the Dock. The dog should be on leash while accessing the dock and the leash will be removed before setting up to jump to avoid the danger of the leash catching on something while the dog is in the water. The handler is to bring the preferred object they wish to use with them when entering the platform.

Section 3. Handlers. Teams may have no more than two handlers on the dock per jump. One handler may hold the dog and the other may throw the toy. These handlers may not be reversed during a splash. The handler throwing the toy is considered the handler of record. Handler changes are allowed at the beginning of each splash. A handler may jump multiple dogs.

Section 4. Running Order. The running order for each splash will be determined by the event secretary and announced at the judges' briefing.

- **Distance Jumping.** The splashes will be broken into groups of approximately equal size based on the amount of entries. For example, each team in Group 1 will jump once, and then the running order of Group 1 will start over for each team's second jump. The same process will be repeated for Group 2, and so on. Handlers may jump up to three of their splashes back-to-back while on the dock.
- **Vertical Jumping.** After the running order has been finished, the bumper will be moved up 2 inches to the next height. This will be repeated until all dogs have missed the bumper, with the dog catching or knocking highest being declared the winner.
- **Fetch It.** After the running order has been finished, the bumper will be moved out 1 foot to the next distance. This will be repeated until all dogs have missed the bumper, with the dog catching or knocking the farthest distance being declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the dog that started jumping at a lower distance will be determined the winner. If both dogs start at same distance, then the dog with fewer misses will be determined the winner. If there is still a tie, the tie shall stand.

Section 5. Scoring.

- **Distance Jumping.** Jump distances are scored according to where the base of the dog's tail breaks the surface of the water. The distance is measured from the end of the dock to the tail base breaking the surface of the water. Each dog and handler team will have 2 jumps per splash. The larger distance between the two jumps will be recorded as the score. The distance of the score places the team into a division according to the divisional distances outlined in Chapter 5. The rankings will be by division, not overall.
- **Finals (Distance Jumping).** Divisional finals may be offered at the discretion of the host club. Any scores earned in division finals will not be recorded by UKC, nor will they count towards any titles.

- o **Bubble.** All teams' top scores (usually 5 teams in each division) will be tabulated into overall event divisional rankings. This is the bubble. Time allowing, the event secretary will update the bubble after each splash. After the last splash of the event, the secretary's desk will close in order for the event secretary to formulate the bubble for the finals.
- o **Divisional finals.** The top five teams in each division will qualify for the divisional finals. Once the finals bubble is posted, it is each competitor's responsibility to check in with the event secretary. All finalists must check in. If a dog has qualifying jumps in more than one division, the division with the greater number of jumps will be used for the finals.
- **Vertical Jumping.** A dog is not required to bring the bumper down in their mouth. They can catch the bumper or knock it loose from the apparatus. If the bumper comes completely free from the apparatus, the dog will move on to the next height. Each dog gets 2 chances at each height. The team will be out of the round when they miss both chances. Their score will be recorded as the last clean catch or knock they had. The score places the team into a division according to the divisions outlined in Chapter 5.
 - o During Vertical Jumping, there will be one or two judges on the dock using two or more bumpers. They will replace the bumper on the apparatus after each jump and measure the height.
- **Fetch It.** A dog is not required to bring the bumper down in their mouth. They can catch the bumper or knock it loose from the apparatus. If the bumper comes completely free from the apparatus, the dog will move on to the next distance. Each dog gets 2 chances at each distance. The team will be out of the round when they miss both chances. Their score will be recorded as the last clean catch or knock they had. The score places the team into a division according to the divisions outlined in Chapter 5.
 - o During Fetch It, there will be one or two judges, or a judge plus a helper, by the pool using two or more bumpers. They will replace the bumper on the apparatus after each jump and verify the distance.

Section 6. Complaints about the Judge's Scoring. By entering a UKC event, the participant is inviting the opinion of the judge and must accept the judge's decision as final.

Section 7. Interfering with the Judge. No person may interfere with the judge in any way while they are officiating.

CHAPTER 4 - EQUIPMENT

Section 1. Equipment to be Provided by the Club. Proper equipment such as a dock, pool, etc. must be provided by the host club.

- **Dock.** The dock used must be of sturdy construction with some sort of surface such as astro turf, outdoor carpet, or rubber matting to make for better traction and prevent slipping. The dock must be 40 feet long. It must be at least 7.5 feet wide. For distance jumping, it must sit 2 feet off the surface of the water. It may sit lower for Vertical Jumping. The dock must have a barrier on the two long sides and the rear to prevent dogs from jumping off any other side of the dock.
- **Pool.** The pool or natural body of water should be at least 4 feet deep. A pool must be a minimum of 40 feet long and at least 17 feet wide. It must be clean, free of debris, and clear of algae. Pools must have a safe exit ramp or steps for the dog to exit the water.
- **Portable Docks and Pools.** UKC may allow a portable dock and pool that does meet the above specifications for special events. Prior approval is required.
- **Vertical Jumping Extender.** A vertical extender reaches from the end of the dock out to 8 feet over the edge of the water. A bumper is hung at the end of the extender at varying heights. The object is for the dog to catch and pull down the bumper.
- **Vertical Object.** The object for vertical must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the vertical extender.
- **Fetch It Extender.** The Fetch It extender reaches from the side of the pool out 4 feet over the edge of the water at various distances. The object is for the dog to catch and pull or knock down the bumper. The bumper is hung at the end of the extender and is moved out in 1-foot increments after each successive splash. The length of each jump is measured from the edge of the dock to the bumper and the greatest distance jumped will be recorded for each dog.
- **Fetch It Object.** The object for Fetch It must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the Fetch It extender.

Section 2. Equipment that must be provided by the exhibitor. An exhibitor must provide the following for each entered dog:

- **Chase/Throw Object.** The exhibitor must provide an object to throw from the dock that the dog will chase into the water. The object can be anything that does not sink, is not edible, does not dissolve in water, and is not a living or dead animal. It is not required that the dog retrieve the object to earn a qualifying score.
- **Leash and Collar.** Please see Chapter 2 Section 4 for acceptable leashes and collars.

CHAPTER 5 - OFFICIAL UKC DOCK JUMPING CLASSES AND TITLES

The initial UKC Dock Jumping titles do not need to be earned successively. The Champion and Grand Champion titles must be earned successively within each division. Equivalent titles from other venues may not be substituted for UKC titles. Once a higher title is obtained, it will replace the lower title of the same category and division.

Section 1. Dock Jumping Classes.

- **Distance Jumping.** Distance jumping will measure the distance of a dog's jump. The distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface.
- **Vertical Jumping.** Vertical Jumping is a high jump competition. A bumper is suspended 8 feet out from the dock at various heights.
- **Fetch It.** In Fetch It, a bumper is suspended out and over the edge of the water at varying distances. The dog must jump and catch or knock down the bumper.

Section 2. Dock Jumping Titles

- **Distance Jumping Titles.** To earn this title a dog must earn a qualifying score in 5 splashes in the same division. Dogs may work toward titles in different divisions in any order. The initial Distance Jumping titles are:
 - o **United Novice Jumper (UNJ):** 1" to 9'11"
 - o **United Junior Jumper (UJJ):** 10' to 14'11"
 - o **United Senior Jumper (USJ):** 15' to 19'11"
 - o **United Master Jumper (UMJ):** 20' to 22' 5"
 - o **United Elite Jumper (UEJ):** 22'6" and up
- **United Distance Jumping Champion Title.** A dog must earn an initial Distance Jumping title before it is eligible to earn points toward the Distance Jumping Champion title in that division. The dog must earn 150 championship points in the same division in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 3 to become a Distance Jumping Champion.
 - o **United Novice Jumper Champion (UNJCH):** 1" to 9'11"
 - o **United Junior Jumper Champion (UJJCH):** 10' to 14'11"
 - o **United Senior Jumper Champion (USJCH):** 15' to 19'11"
 - o **United Master Jumper Champion (UMJCH):** 20' to 22'5"
 - o **United Elite Jumper Champion (UEJCH):** 22'6" and up
- **Grand Distance Jumping Champion Title.** A dog must earn a Distance Jumping Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Distance Jumping Grand Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 300 additional championship points in the same division in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 3 to become a Distance Jumping Grand Champion.
 - o **Grand Novice Jumper Champion (GNJCH):** 1" to 9'11"
 - o **Grand Junior Jumper Champion (GJJCH):** 10' to 14'11"
 - o **Grand Senior Jumper Champion (GSJCH):** 15' to 19'11"
 - o **Grand Master Jumper Champion (GMJCH):** 20' to 22'5"
 - o **Grand Elite Jumper Champion (GEJCH):** 22'6" and up

Section 3. Championship Points Schedule for Distance Jumping. A qualifying jump is required to earn the following points:

- **Dock Jumping Championship Point Divisions.**

Division	Distance	Points
Novice	1" – 3'11"	5
	4' – 5'11"	10
	6' – 7'11"	15
	8' – 9'11"	20
Junior	10' – 10'11"	5
	11' – 12'5"	10
	12'6" – 13'11"	15
	14' – 14'11"	20
Senior	15' – 15'11"	5
	16' – 17'5"	10
	17'6" – 18'11"	15
	19' – 19'11"	20
Master	20' – 20'11"	5
	21' – 21'5"	10
	21'6" – 21'11"	15
	22' – 22'5"	20
Elite	22'6" – 23'	5
	23'1" – 24'	10
	24'1" – 25'	15
	25'1" and up	20

Section 3. Vertical Jumping Titles.

- **Vertical Jumping Titles.** A dog will earn the United Supreme Vertical title or the United Radical Vertical title once it has 5 scores in the corresponding division.
 - o **United Supreme Vertical (USV):** 4' - 5'11"
 - o **United Radical Vertical (URV):** 6' and up.
- **United Vertical Jumping Champion Title.** A dog must earn an initial Vertical Jumping title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Vertical Jumping Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 100 championship points in accordance with the championship points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 5 to become a Vertical Jumping Champion.
 - o **United Supreme Vertical Champion (USVCH):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 4' - 5'11" for this title.
 - o **United Radical Vertical Champion (URVC):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 6' and up for this title.
- **Vertical Jumping Grand Champion Title.** A dog must earn a Vertical Jumping Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Vertical Jumping Grand Champion Title in that division. A dog must then earn 250 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 5, to become a Vertical Jumping Grand Champion. Grand championship points are earned based upon the jump height categories below.
 - o **United Grand Supreme Vertical Champion (GSVCH):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 4' - 5'11" for this title.
 - o **United Grand Radical Vertical Champion (GRVCH):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 6' and up for this title.

Section 5. Championship Points Schedule for Vertical Jumping:

Supreme Vertical	
Heights	Points
4' - 4'11"	5
5' - 5'3"	10
5' 4" - 5'7"	15
5' 8" - 5'11"	20
Radical Vertical	
6' - 6' 3"	5
6' 4"- 6'7"	10
6'8" - 6'11"	15
7' and up	20

Section 6. Fetch It Titles.

A dog will earn the Supreme Fetch It or Radical Fetch It title once it has 5 scores in the same division.

- o **Supreme Fetch It (SFI):** 10' - 16'11".
- o **Radical Fetch It (RFI):** 17' and up.
- **Fetch It Champion Title.** A dog must earn an initial Fetch It title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Fetch It Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 100 championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 7 to become a Fetch It Champion.
 - o **Supreme Fetch It Champion (SFCH):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 10' - 16'11" for this title.
 - o **Elite Fetch It Champion (EFCH):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 17' and up for this title.
- **Fetch It Grand Champion Title.** A dog must earn a Fetch It Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Fetch It Grand Champion title in that division. A dog must then earn 250 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 7 to become a Fetch It Grand Champion.
 - o **United Grand Supreme Fetch It Champion (GSFCH):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 10' - 16'11" for this title.
 - o **United Grand Elite Fetch It Champion (GEFCH):** Points will be based upon the jumping distance of 17' and up for this title.

Section 7. Championship Points Schedule for Fetch It Titles:

SUPREME FETCH IT				
Height	10' to 11'	12' to 13'	14' to 15'	16'+
Points	5	10	15	20

RADICAL FETCH IT				
Height	17' to 18'	19' to 20'	21' to 22'	23'+
Points	5	10	15	20

CHAPTER 6 - AWARDS, TROPHIES, RIBBONS AND PLACEMENTS

The judges shall award up to four placements, where possible, in each jump category and division based on the dog's score. First place must be awarded to the dog with the longest or highest score, second place to the dog with the next-highest score and so forth. Qualifying ribbons are not required.

Dock Jumping Ribbon Colors:

1st place – blue

2nd place – red

3rd place – green

4th place – yellow

Section 4. Cash prizes. UKC clubs may offer cash prizes at performance events without prior written authorization from UKC. Cash prizes include, but are not limited to, cash awards, gift cards, and gift certificates.

Section 5. Awards and trophies. Clubs may give such awards and trophies as they choose. Clubs may accept trophies donated by individuals or other organizations and these trophies may be designated for specific breeds or specific accomplishments.

CHAPTER 7 - DEFINITIONS

Bubble. A divisional ranking of dog/handler teams after all splashes are completed. The bubble indicates the top five teams that proceed into the finals.

Distance Jumping. This is the competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump. The dog's distance is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. In summation, a dog takes a running start down the competition dock, from whatever point the handler chooses to place the dog, and jumps into the water, usually after a chase object.

Chase/Throw Object. This is an object that may be used to incentivize the dog to jump from the dock, but is not a requirement. The object can be anything that does not sink, is not edible, does not dissolve in water, and is not a living or dead animal. Further, it is not required that the dog retrieve the object from the pool in order to achieve its score.

Dock. The dock is the surface used for dock jumping competitions. It must be of sturdy construction with some sort of surface, such as astro turf, outdoor carpet, or rubber matting to make for better traction and prevent slipping.

Fetch It Jumping. This is a competition measuring the distance of a dog's jump and includes the dog pulling or knocking a bumper down from the Fetch It apparatus in order for the jump to qualify.

Fetch It Object. The object used for Fetch It must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the Fetch It extender.

Pool. The pool is a self-contained pool or natural body of water that is used for dock jumping.

Vertical Jumping. Competition measuring the height of a dog's jump. A vertical extender reaches from the end of the dock out to 8 feet over the edge of the water. A bumper is hung at the end of the extender at varying heights. The object is for the dog to catch and pull down the bumper. The height is measured from the surface of the dock to the bumper.

Vertical Object. The object for vertical must be a bumper with strings at either end to attach it to the vertical extender.

Splash. A splash is a series of two rounds of distance jumping competition. Each group will go through its running order with each dog taking one jump, and then start back at the top of that group for each dog to take its second jump. The higher jump for each dog will become its score.

Qualifying Score: A qualifying score is earned when a dog competes in a UKC Licensed Dock Jumping event and successfully enters the water to be given a distance of the jump by the judge. The dog is given two opportunities to jump per splash, and the greater distance of the two becomes the dog's qualifying score. The score must be officially recorded and reported to UKC. A qualifying score also serves as a Total Dog qualifying score.

INHERENT RIGHTS AND POWERS OF UKC

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United Kennel Club holds and has reserved to itself certain inherent rights and powers in connection with conducting its business, registering litters, transferring registrations of dogs, licensing events, and awarding titles. These inherent rights and powers include but are not limited to the following:

United Kennel Club has the right to inspect all reports, scorecards and documents related to UKC events. Some, but not all, of the items subject to inspection are:

- Scores;
- Disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- Errors by the recording person; and
- Documentation excluded for any reason.

UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found during such inspection whether or not the document has the signature of a Judge or Club Officer. UKC reserves the right to itself and in its sole judgment and discretion, to take such actions and impose such sanctions as would:

- Bar an individual from entering or participating in any way in any UKC licensed event.
- Bar an individual from transferring or registering any pups or dogs in that person's name (joint or full registration) or to any member of that person's family.
- Bar an individual from receiving Championship points for any dog registered in that person's name (joint or full registration).

By way of illustration, the following constitute some, but not all, of the situations calling for the above sanctions:

- Falsification or alteration of a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- Falsification or alteration of any reports of wins issued to UKC
- Falsification or alteration of receipts issued by UKC Judges.
- Switching, wrongfully using or attempting to use a UKC Registration Certificate, Pedigree, UKC Easy Entry™ Card or any other UKC document.
- Selling or attempting to sell a dog with false or incorrect UKC Registration Certificate or Pedigree.
- Intimidating, threatening, or injuring a Judge, Club/Association member or official, event participant or spectator, or UKC representative.

The six illustrations given above are only by way of example and UKC reserves to itself its inherent right and power to impose such sanctions in any other circumstances deemed appropriate by UKC.

Any individual who is found guilty by a court of law of a crime involving dogs will be barred from United Kennel Club for an indefinite period. A person shall be considered guilty in a criminal proceeding if they are convicted by a judge, jury, or if they enter a plea bargain or other arrangement to plea to a lesser offense, or if their case is disposed of by any form of deferred adjudication; a person shall be considered guilty in a civil proceeding if they are held responsible or liable by a judge, jury, or if a compromised settlement is reached between the parties.

UKC POLICY REGARDING PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH FIGHTING DOGS

Any individual or group of individuals known by UKC to promote, support, raise dogs for fighting; knowingly sell, give or trade dogs that will be used in fighting; condone or be associated with the facing off, game testing, rolling or pitting of dogs; or arrested for attending and/or participating in a dog fight, will have the following actions taken against them by United Kennel Club:

- **1.** All dog registration privileges will be revoked for life.
 - o **a.** The person(s) will not be permitted to register any litters of puppies.
 - o **b.** The person(s) will not be permitted to transfer ownership of any puppies or adult dogs into their name.
- **2.** The person(s) will be barred for life from participating in or entering any UKC licensed events. Their dogs will not be awarded any UKC Championship points or titles even if handled by another person.
- **3.** The person(s) will be barred for life from advertising in any UKC publications.

Anyone aware of any persons currently involved in such activities as are listed above should report them to United Kennel Club.

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