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Rules and Regulations

Organizational Statement of Purpose

Splash Dogs is a dog enthusiast company, formed in 2003, which organizes, sanctions and promotes dog water sports, which includes Dock Jumping, Super Vertical and Super Sprint Retrieve in the United States. Splash Dogs rules and regulations were derived from rules in practice across the United States and have evolved within a framework to maintain and promote the sport.

Rules of Conduct

Splash Dogs reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

Splash Dogs events are open to any and all persons without discrimination. Competitors, officials and event personnel shall exhibit good sportsmanship and uphold the standards set forth in these rules and regulations at every event they attend. Anyone exhibiting disruptive or potentially dangerous behavior may be asked to leave the venue by a Splash Dogs official.

All competitors, officials and event personnel shall be responsible for cleaning up after their own dogs at the Splash Dog's event venue. It is requested that you also be responsible in cleaning up after your dogs at your hotels and any other area associated with the event.

All persons enrolling in or serving in official capacity at Splash dog events agree by their engagement of service to comply with all aspects of these regulations and to recognize and accept the decisions rendered through due process of disciplinary rules of actions as set forth herein without recourse.

Splash Dogs reserves the right to have Splash Dog Management make discretionary decisions regarding rules and procedures at events including the right to modify or alter the equipment, at any time, for safety purposes.

General Rules

Season Dates

The season begins with the first event immediately following the prior year National Championships and will end with Last Chance Qualifying at the current year National Championships.

The Dock and Crating Areas

The dock shall be between 36 and 40 feet long and will sit 24 inches above the water surface. Competitors may use any amount of the dock when competing.

Pushing, pulling, shoving or dropping of your dog into the water, up the stairs to the dock, on the dock or on the exit ramp is not allowed. Doing so is grounds for dismissal from the Splash Dogs venue.

Dogs must be kept on a leash of 4 feet or less at all times when not on the dock or in the pool. Flexi leashes are not allowed in the Splash Dogs venue.

Choke, prong, electronic collars and head collars must be removed prior to the dog using the dock, pool or exit ramp.

Flip flops are not allowed on the dock. Handlers must remove them before entering the dock.

There is a (2) two minute time limit on the dock per jump during competition. The (2) minute time period will begin once the handler and dog are on the dock. Open practice time limits will be set by event manager at individual events.

Human participants are not allowed to climb or stand on the exit ramp to retrieve their dog.

Any participant showing abusive behavior towards their dog will be immediately dismissed from the Splash Dogs competition area.

Whistles are not allowed to be used around the pool area or on the dock.

The Handler/Dog Team

The key elements of the sport are to demonstrate the competitor's skill and expertise in training and performance, which in turn highlights the fundamental elements of dock dumping dogs – strength, confidence, speed and all around athleticism.

The Handler/Dog Team shall consist of one dog and one or two handlers. If using two handlers, the person throwing the toy will be considered the handler and the second person will be considered the holder.

Only the handler of the dog competing may verbally cue the dog to perform. The holder is not permitted to assist the dog physically or verbally while on the dock, but shall only be used to hold the dog in place prior to jumping. Verbal or physical assistance from the holder may result in disqualification.

Handlers may compete with multiple dogs in any competition Splash. An individual dog may only compete once within a competition Splash unless the dog is being handled by a Junior Handler(s).

All pure breeds and mixed breeds are welcome to compete in Splash Dog events. It is suggested that dogs be at least 6 months of age to compete but may be approved at the discretion of the Splash Dogs Staff. All competing dogs must be

current on vaccinations and owner shall carry proof of current rabies vaccinations.

Dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness which may be viewed to affect the dog's performance, and dogs demonstrating signs of aggression toward people or other dogs shall not be eligible to compete in Splash Dog events. Bitches in season are not allowed at any Splash Dogs venue. Dogs found to meet any of the foregoing conditions after entry at an event shall be immediately dismissed from the event.

Handler substitutions are allowed as long as the confirmed change has been made with the registration desk prior to the start of the competition Splash prior to the handlers meeting. If a dog is entered in an event by more than one handler and qualifies for the finals round, the dog will qualify for the finals with its highest jump, regardless of the handler. If a handler substitution is requested in the finals, the substitute handler must have competed with the dog in at least one Splash for which the finals round is associated.

Collars & Leashes

All dogs must be leashed in the Splash Dogs venue unless they are taking their turn on the dock or in the pool. All dogs should be kept under close handler control. Please keep your dog to yourself unless there is prior consent from the other dog's owner. Retractable leashes are not allowed in the Splash Dogs venue.

Dogs may compete with or without a collar, except during Super Vertical. The dogs must have the collar removed during Super Vertical. Prong, Pinch, Choke, Electronic collars and head collars must be removed when entering the pool, dock or exit ramp. Dogs are allowed to wear dog vests (neoprene hunting vests), bandannas, other clothing items as well as flotation devices.

Super Air Competition

Splash Dogs is pleased to bring the sport of dock diving to competitors and spectators alike. We take pride in demonstrating responsible pet ownership to the many spectators that visit our competitions. Super Air is our distance class of competition open to any dog no matter their breed or size.

Registration & Check in Procedures

Pre-Registration may be completed online via the Splash Dog website, as far as one month in advance to the event date. Online pre registration will close 24 hours prior to the start of an event.

Onsite registration will be accepted at all competitions as space permits. Onsite registration will close one hour prior to the competition Splash, as long as space permits. Registration for the competition Splash may close sooner if they have

exceeded 40 dogs in the competition Splash. This number can change depending on the event; this is at the discretion of the Splash Dog management at the event. In the event that a Splash is full, online registrations will take priority.

All competitors must check in with registration, sign the waiver of liability, and pay to receive a wristband prior to going on the dock, using the pool, or waiting in line for practice.

Multiple Dog owners will receive a discount for the number of dogs they register in any given competition Splash. The first dog will be a \$25 Splash entry fee additional dogs will be \$15 for that Splash. Dogs must be registered within the same competition Splash to receive this discount. If abuse of this discount is foreseen, the handler registering will be cited by the Rules Committee for further action.

All competitors must check in with the event registration table one hour prior to each of the competition Splashes they have entered. If you do not check in, you may be scratched from the Splash in question.

There will be a Handler's Meeting which will take place approximately 15 minutes prior to each Competition Splash. All handlers must be in attendance. Registration will close 15 minutes prior to the beginning of a Splash. Changes to the upcoming Splash will not be permitted once Registration is closed.

Open Practice

Splash Dogs will allocate and schedule practice times throughout competition events as time permits. Practice times for each event will be listed on the Event Schedule and may be updated at the event due to attendance or time constraints.

Practice time should be limited to (3) three minutes on the dock and/or exit ramp or (2) two jumps from the dock/exit ramp per dog. Once the (3) three minute practice time has expired, the team is allowed to wait in line again for additional practice opportunities.

Practice time may close 30 minutes prior to a competition Splash to competitors for that Splash only. Practice jumps may be reduced to (1) one jump per team at the discretion of the Event Manager(s).

Open practice is conducted under the same rules as competition with the exception that more than one handler can be on the dock during practice.

Splashes

If more than 12 Teams are entered in any given Splash, the Splash may be broken into heats (groups of 12 or less). Each heat shall have a maximum of 12 dogs in it, overfill will be at the judge's discretion.

There will be a Handlers meeting 15 minutes prior to every competition Splash. All competitors must be present at the handlers meeting, or risk being scratched from the Splash. The Handlers meeting will include going through the running order, a review of the competition rules and specific Splash announcements.

Once the Splash competition begins, there will be no further practice jumps allowed. This includes jumping from the exit ramp. All practice jumps must be completed prior to the beginning of a Splash competition. Only at the discretion of the Judge will practice jumps be allowed once a Splash wave has begun. In the event that a dog jumps from the exit ramp during a competition, that jump will count as one of the two jumps allowed and will be scored as a no jump.

As each heat is run, each Team will be given (2) two back to back jumps per the running order. The higher of the two jumps will be the Teams official score for that Splash. Each additional heat in the Splash will run subsequently after the first heat.

Splash Dogs may choose to cancel or adjust the Splash schedule due to environmental or event schedule issues.

The Object:

A chase object may be used to entice the dog to jump, however it is not required. The chase object must be throwable, floatable and retrievable. This object should not sink, dissolve or be a live/dead animal (no feathers or hides put on toy) and not be an edible item for a dog. The dog is not required to retrieve the object in order to receive a score. Examples of chase objects: dead fowl trainer, tennis ball, Frisbee and bumpers.

The Distance/Scoring

The distance of each dog is measured using the Splash Dogs Ruler, a state of the art measuring system created specifically for Splash Dogs. Jumps are measured from the front edge of the dock to the point where the base of the dog's tail first enters the water.

Jumps are considered official once the handler cues the dog to proceed with the jump. If the dog jumps prior to being cued or the toy being thrown, the Team may receive a re-run, per the judge's discretion. Repeat offenders may not be allowed a re-jump if the judge has determined the team has a clear pattern of negligence to this rule.

A Team may pass at any time. The Team will not receive a score for any jump they have passed on. The handler must inform the wrangler as soon as the handler has made the decision to do so. A "Pass" shall be noted on the score sheet for that particular jump. Event personnel and judges cannot recommend whether a Team should pass, however they may advise a Team on how passing will likely affect the standings. Teams who receive a score within a competition year, in any Splash

Dog's competition Splash, shall be ranked against all other Teams competing in Splash Dog events via the Splash Dog's Competitor Database. The rankings will take 5 longest jumps scores each Team has received during the competition ranking period. National rankings will for a competition year, dates to be set annually by Splash dogs.

Finals

Each event may have a specified Finals competition at the end of the event. Teams who have competed throughout an event will be broken down into class/divisions for Finals competition based on their overall event rankings. Throughout the event, a bubble is set for the finals over the course of the competition. This bubble changes throughout the event and Teams are advised to check it as the competition progresses. Splash Dogs is not responsible to notify the team of their placement in the bubble.

A team must participate in at least (2) two Splashes at the same event to be considered for the Finals.

The format of the Finals for an event will be announced when registration opens for an event. There are a few possible formats for the Finals.

Divisional Finals. In this format we take the top 10 teams from each division (Splash, Junior, Senior, Semi Pro, Pro, and Extreme). The number of teams taken from each division will be announced with the event details. Also, the Pro and Extreme Finals may be combined – this will also be predetermined by the Event Manager or Judge. Lap Dog and Golden Dog Finals will be predetermined by the Event Manager or Judge.

Lap Dog, Golden Dog and Junior Handler Finals. Lap Dog, Golden Dog and Junior Handler Finals may also be held at Events. These Finals will be predetermined at larger events; however the judge may elect to hold these Finals at his/her discretion.

Divisional Finals will allow 10 teams for each division. Each Team will be ranked by their farthest competition jump over the event competition. Each Team must check in 1 hour prior to the start of the event finals or possibly be disqualified. Handlers may have a representative check them in.

Handlers can only take (2) two teams to the same divisional final unless divisional final has less than 10 teams.

The running order for each Final will be determined by the qualifying jumps from shortest to longest. Each Team will take their first jump in their specified rotation and then proceed with their second jump. The Team may choose to pass. The longer of the two jumps will be the Team's score.

Resolving Ties

When there is a tie between two or more Teams in a Splash, each Team's second jump distance in that Splash will be used as a tiebreaker. If each Team's second jump of the Splash also results in a tie, each Team's second longest jump distance from all previous jumps within that event shall be ranked and the tiebreaker determined. If a Team whom is tied chooses to "pass" on their subsequent jump, the passing Team will lose the tie.

If there is a tie for a spot in the Finals, the next largest jump throughout the competition weekend will be used as the tie breaker. If a Team is tied for First Place with another Team at the end of the Finals Medal Round, a one jump "jump-off" shall occur. The Team with the longest jump shall be declared the winner.

Divisions, Classes & Titles

Divisions

Splash Dogs has developed the following Dock Jumping Divisions in order to allow competitors to compete at their current level of jumping and work towards advancement on larger jumps.

For the Open Class:

Splash Division - 0'1" to 9'11"
Junior Division - 10'0" to 14'11"
Senior Division - 15'0" to 17'11"
Semi Pro Division – 18'0" to 20'11"
Pro Division – 21'0" to 23'11"
Extreme Division - 24'0" and above

For the Lap Dog Class:

Splash Division - 0'1" to 4'11"
Junior Division - 5'0" to 8'11"
Senior Division - 9'0" to 12'11"
Pro Division - 13'0" to 17'11"
Extreme Division - 18'0" and above

For the Golden Dog Class:

Splash Division – 0'1" to 9'11"
Senior Division – 10'0" to 17'11"
Pro Division – 18' and above

Classes

Splash Dogs has developed three classes of competition, Open, Lap Dog and Golden Dog classes. Open class allows any dog to compete in all division levels of competition. The Lap Dog class allows dogs 16.00" or less the withers to compete against dogs in the same height range. The Golden Dog class allows any dog (10) ten years or older to compete against dogs in the same age range. Lap Dog class and Golden Dogs class competitors may achieve all Titles that Open class dogs achieve except they may compete in their own finals round. Official measurement will be provided if needed by a Splash Dog official.

A competitor may choose to compete in Lap Dog, Golden Dog or Open classes when they register. Once the handler has declared their dog in the Lap Dog class, or the Golden Class the competitor will compete in the chosen class. In the event there is no Lap Dog or Golden Dog Finals at an event, the dog may qualify for the Finals format selected for the event instead.

Titles

Splash Dog Title

Within each Splash of competition at a Splash Dogs event, a Team can secure one leg toward a Splash Dog Division Title based on their longest jump. A Title is earned by accumulating five legs within one division, (prior to January 1, 2008 required four legs). If a Team competes in the Finals, they will also earn one division leg based on their longest Finals jump.

Additional title levels have been added to allow teams to continue to accomplish new titles and goals as they continue to compete with Splash Dogs; Bronze – 10 jumps within a division, Silver – 25 jumps within a division, Gold – 50 jumps within a division and Platinum – 100 jumps within a division. Once a title has been earned, the Team may be referred to by its Title and the appropriate initials can be added to the end of the dog's name.

Splash Dog	SD	Junior Dog	JD
Bronze	SD-B	Bronze	JD-B
Silver	SD-S	Silver	JD-S
Gold	SD-G	Gold	JD-G
Platinum	SD-P	Platinum	JD-P
Senior Dog	SRD	Semi Pro Dog	SPD
Bronze	SRD-B	Bronze	SPD-B
Silver	SRD-S	Silver	SPD-S
Gold	SRD-G	Gold	SPD-G
Platinum	SRD-P	Platinum	SPD-P

Pro Dog	PD	Extreme Dog	ED
Bronze	PD-B	Bronze	ED-B
Silver	PD-S	Silver	ED-S
Gold	PD-G	Gold	ED-G
Platinum	PD-P	Platinum	ED-P
Golden Dog	GD	Junior Handler	JHD
Bronze	GD-B	Bronze	JHD-B
Silver	GD-S	Silver	JHD-S
Gold	GD-G	Gold	JHD-G
Platinum	GD-P	Platinum	JHD-P

UKC Titles

UKC Titles are separate from Splash Dog titles and must be obtained through UKC. In order to participate in the UKC Titling Program, your dog must be registered with the United Kennel Club prior to the day of the event. You must present your UKC Registration number to Splash Dogs registration when checking in at the event. Splash Dogs will submit UKC information to UKC after a sanctioned event for processing within 10 days after each UKC sanctioned event. For further information, see the official UKC rules in Attachment A.

Ribbons, Prizes & Awards

All Teams competing in a Splash will be ranked within their Division. Placement Ribbons are awarded for placements 1st through 4th. Dogs placing 5th or below will receive a Qualifying Ribbon within that Division.

Awards will be presented following each Splash or Final round or as scheduled per event manager. You must be present to accept your ribbon or have a representative present, as no awards will be mailed. The following primary colors shall be used for placement ribbons and rosettes:

1st Place	
2nd Place	
3rd Place	
4th Place	
5th Place	

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finalists of the Final round of the event at the discretion of the event coordinator. Prizes are not guaranteed.

Frequent Flyer Program

The Frequent Flyer Program is a special achievement award which tracks the

total distance a team has achieved in its career with Splash Dogs. All jumps including 1st and 2nd Jumps in a competition Splash are tracked.

Frequent Flyer Bronze	660 Feet (1/8 mile)
Frequent Flyer Silver	1320 Feet (1/4 mile)
Frequent Flyer Gold	2640 (1/2 mile)
Frequent Flyer Platinum	5280 (1 mile)

End of Year Awards

In order for a Team to qualify for any “End of Year Awards” the Team must have the qualifications to participate in Nationals competitions as listed in the National Competition section. The cut-off date to qualify for “End of Year Awards” will be approximately (1) one month prior to the Nationals Competition or at the discretion of the Splash Dog’s Management. Any jumps completed after the cut-off date will be counted towards distance stats for the following year but will still be considered for qualifying jumps for the current year Nationals competition.

Junior Handler Program

The Junior Handler entry fee is \$20.

The Junior Handler Program was designed to encourage youth involvement in the sport of dock diving as a fun, recreational, family sport and to promote responsible pet ownership.

Junior Handlers are between 6 yrs and 15 yrs of age. A junior handler must specify when they register that they would like to compete in the Junior Handler Program in order to participate. If a Junior Handler starts the calendar year at 15yrs of age, their participation in the Junior Handler program will continue throughout the calendar year, even if they turn 16yrs of age inside of that calendar year. The Junior Handler must be able to control the dog on their own; however, under the judge's discretion a Junior Handler may have assistance from a parent or guardian, but must be the one throwing the object for the dog. The dog must be part of the Junior Handler’s household in order for the Junior Handler Team to participate as a Junior Handler. If the dog is not part of the Junior Handler’s household, the team still may compete in the Open Division but will not be considered a Junior Handler Team. If competing in the in the Open Division, the dog will only be able to compete once in the finals so a determination between multiple handlers will need to be made with which handler will be competing with the dog in the finals.

Junior Handler Teams shall be both ranked nationally among all competitors and ranked separately among all Junior Handler Teams.

Super Vertical Competition

The Super Vertical extender:

The Super Vertical extender is a Splash Dogs approved device which extends 8 feet out over the pool. The Super Vertical extender hangs a bumper parallel to the surface of the water at a height which is measured from the surface of the dock to the bottom of the bumper. The dock is between 0" – 24" above the water surface and must be at least 20 feet long. The bumper used is a standard white foam "puppy" bumper that is approximately 1½ inches in diameter and 12 inches long. Splash Dogs reserves the right to modify the Super Vertical equipment at any time.

There must be at least (3) three teams entered into the Super Vertical Competition for the competition to take place. In the event there are less than (3) three teams entered, the event may be cancelled and can be replaced by another type of competition at the Judge's discretion.

Scoring

Super Vertical competition height starts at 4'0" however each team will predetermine which height they will enter competition at.

Super Vertical scoring is based on 2 factors: a Catch and a Miss. A catch is achieved when the dog grabs or completely removes the bumper from the Super Vertical extender. The dog does not have to carry the bumper into the water. For example, if the dog fails to grab the bumper but knocks it down, it is scored as a catch. A miss is when the bumper is still attached to the Super Vertical extender. Each team will receive two chances at knocking the bumper down at each height that they remain active in the SV competition round.

Competitors may choose to use a "pass" at any time through a Super Vertical competition. However, they must make a catch at their next attempted level or they will not continue on in the round. A competitor must inform the Wrangler of his intention to pass before he is called on to the dock for his first attempt at each given height.

Super Vertical Competition Flow

Super Vertical competition height starts at 4'0; however each team will predetermine which height they will enter competition at. The competition running order will be predetermined by the height at which each team enters the competition at.

The number of dog / handler Teams will be limited to 20 per event. Each dog / handler Team will make a maximum of (2) two back-to-back attempts at grabbing the bumper from the Super Vertical extender at 2 inch increments in height. The team will be eliminated if they are unsuccessful at the (2) back to back attempts or a total of (3) three unsuccessful attempts throughout the

competition. Their score will be based on the last completed height catch.

Due to safety, we ask that all dogs run without any type of collar, harness or neck bandannas. Body Vests are accepted on the dog during competition.

The competition will continue with the bumper moving up until only one dog remains with a clean catch. If no dog achieves a clean catch the height will be moved down in 1 inch increments until a clean catch is achieved by one Team, declaring the First Place Finalist.

In the case of a tie for first place, the event will go to a jump off. Using 1" increments and only one turn at each height, the dogs will attempt to make a catch starting 1" below the failed catch and will then go up in 1" increments until there is a clear winner. If there is any reason that the two dogs in question still tie after several rounds, the Super Vertical judge may declare a tie between the competitors.

If there is a tie for any of the other placement order, it will be determined by highest number of completed catches with the lowest number of attempts throughout the finals round.

All Teams who receive a Super Vertical score within a competition year, in any Splash Dog's competition, shall be ranked against all other Teams competing in Splash Dog events via the Splash Dog's Competitor Database. The rankings will take the (3) three highest jumps scores each Team has received during the competition ranking period. National rankings will for a competition year, dates to be set annually by Splash dogs.

Super Retrieve Competition

Super Retrieve is a swimming and retrieving competition where the dog jumps from the dock beginning no further back than the 4 foot mark, swims to the end of the pool, retrieves a bumper that is suspended at the end of the pool, and returns to the finish line, located at the pool 10 foot mark. Only the handler of the dog competing may verbally cue the dog to perform.

In order to receive a score, the dog must retrieve the bumper and bring it back to the finish line. The dog will be scored based on time which will be measured with a stop watch. The time will start once the judge announces "Go" and will stop once the dog has passed the pool 10 foot mark.

The winner of this competition will be determined by the fastest time. Each team will receive two opportunities, which will be completed in a round robin format. All teams will complete one round of competition before the second round is completed.

There must be at least (3) three teams entered into the Super Retrieve Competition for the competition to take place. In the event there are less than (3) three teams entered, the event may be cancelled and can be replaced by another type of competition at the Judge's discretion.

National Rankings

All Teams who receive a score within a competition year, in any Splash Dog's competition Splash, shall be ranked against all other Teams competing in Splash Dog events via the Splash Dog's Competitor Database. The rankings will take the (5) five longest jumps in the Super Air competition ranking period, the 3 fastest times for Super Retrieve competition ranking period and the 3 highest jumps for Super Vertical competition ranking period. National rankings will for a competition year, dates to be set annually by Splash dogs. scores each Team has received during the

National Competitions

Super Air

For a team to qualify to participate in the Super Air Nationals competition, the Team must have (5) five jumps in (1) one Splash Dog Super Air Division. The Team will compete in the highest qualified division acquired throughout the year. If the team average of top (5) five jumps includes (4) four jumps in a higher division and is at least (6) six inches above the qualified division, the team will be moved up to the next higher division. If the team average of top (5) five jumps includes (3) jumps in a higher division, the team may be moved up to a higher division at the discretion of the Splash Dogs Management. Splash Dogs Management can move any team to a different division at their discretion.

All Teams wanting to compete will respond to the email invite so they may be registered by Splash Dogs Registration for the Semi Finals division they have qualified for. All divisions will resume in a head to head Semi Finals competition and the top (12) twelve teams will move on to the National Finals. Placement for finals will be based on scoring from the Semi Finals competition. If a team jumps out of their division by at least (12) twelve inches, they will be moved up to the division they jumped in and ranked accordingly. Those top (12) twelve teams will then compete in a head to head competition within each division for the final rankings at Nationals.

Super Vertical

For a team to qualify to participate in the Super Vertical Nationals competition, the Team must have competed in a minimum of (3) three Super Vertical competitions in the current year. The Team's top (3) three scores will be averaged to determine the qualifying division. For the Nationals competition only, Divisions will be implemented and are as follows:

Novice	4'0" to 5'4"
Pro	5'6" to 6'4"
Extreme	6'5" and up

Super Retrieve

For a team to qualify to participate in the Super Retrieve Nationals competition, the Team must have competed in a minimum of (3) three Super Retrieve competitions in the current year. The Team's top (3) three scores will be averaged to determine the qualifying starting order.

Rules and Regulations Committee

The Rules and Regulations Committee shall be made up of 3-5 individuals to be appointed by Splash Dogs management. The Rules and Regulations Committee will revise the rules as needed. Rule changes will be announced publicly via the Splash Dogs message forum of any rule change and via email to Splash Dog participants that have provided email addresses at registration. Turnover of the Rules Committee shall be by Splash Dogs Management's discretion.

Judges

Judges must complete an apprenticeship determined by Splash Dogs prior to becoming a certified judge. They must have thorough knowledge of all Splash Dog Rules and Regulations and be certified by the Splash Dogs Rules and Regulations Committee.

A judge shall not judge any dog that is owned or co-owned by themselves, an immediate family member or member of the household in which the dog resides. A second judge must verify the score of the dog in question.

The Head Judge is responsible for set up and calibration of the digital scoring system, conducting the Judge's Briefing (prior to each Splash) and being decisive in scoring of all competitors jumps.



OFFICIAL DOCK JUMPING RULEBOOK



Effective January 1, 2015

UKC

UNITED KENNEL CLUB

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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 flavor 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 make an effort to 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/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/or 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 licensed dock jumping events and the awarding of UKC Championship points and titles issued by United Kennel Club, Inc., are uniform and are not given on a local or geographical basis. All UKC licensed dock jumping events shall be governed by the rules herein. All licenses for UKC Licensed events shall be granted, withheld or revoked at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.

Section 2. Who may offer dock jumping (air dog) 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 licensed 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.

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 Licensed 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 (performance events & Junior Showmanship), 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. No dog may be entered in any UKC event for exhibition only.

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. It is suggested that clubs accepting pre-entries establish a pre-entry deadline. Clubs may offer a discounted entry fee for pre-entries.
- **Day-of-competition entries.** Clubs may accept day-of-competition entries but must establish a day-of-competition entry deadline after which no further day-of-competition entries will be accepted for that day's event.
- **Pre-Entry Only.** Clubs may elect not to take day-of-competition 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 and/or exhibitor must notify the owner/exhibitor in writing, with the reason why their entry(s) will not be accepted by the club, and must send a copy of the notification to UKC. Should a day-of- show/trial 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/or cancellation policy. It is suggested that the policy be posted.
- **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. Inoculations. All dogs six months of age or older must have inoculations for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus to be eligible to compete at UKC events. Dogs under six months of age present on the grounds of any UKC event must have current inoculations for Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus. Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in disciplinary action.

Section 8. Regulation and recording of event results. The UKC Dog Events Department regulates and records the results of agility trials, conformation shows, obedience trials, rally obedience trials, dock jumping events, drag racing events, lure coursing meets and weight pull events and issues awards for levels of achievement at these events. Additional events may be added at the sole discretion of the United Kennel Club.

Section 9. When points or legs are awarded. Points or legs earned toward UKC titles are awarded after the United Kennel Club receives and processes the official event report from the host club.

Section 10. UKC right to review and correct event related documents. UKC has the right to inspect all

reports, score sheets, and other documents related to UKC Licensed events and to review those documents for any reason. UKC reserves the right to correct any mistakes found. Pursuant to the Inherent Rights and Powers, UKC employees may make corrections, additions or deletions to any documents related to UKC licensed events, regardless of whether or not those documents are signed by a Judge or club officer.

Section 11. 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 and/or bar exhibitors and/or spectators from the dock and/or event grounds for violations of these rules or conduct that interferes with the event and participants.

Section 2. Age of Handlers. Dock jumping competition handlers may be any age provided the handler is able to control the dog. All handlers that are under the age of 18 must have the waiver/ consent 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 he/she believes the handler is unable to control the dog and the Judge's decision is final.

Section 3. Checking in.

ALL competitors, including any exhibitors who are pre-entered, must check in with the event secretary and sign the waiver before stepping onto the dock, NO exceptions. The event secretary will check in competitors up until ½ hour before scheduled splash or other activities, or the dog may be marked a zero for each jump of the splash. The check-in desk will close ½ hour before each scheduled splash or activity.

Section 4. Items worn by the dog. The following pertain to practice and the scored performance.

- **Collar.** The dog must wear a properly fitted collar. Prong/pinch collars are prohibited in the competition area. Electronic collars are prohibited on the grounds of a UKC licensed performance event.
- **Leash.** The dog should be on leash while accessing the dock whereby the leash will be removed before getting set to jump. Retractable and/or long-line leashes are prohibited in the competition area.

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.

- a. **Excusing a handler.** The Judge may excuse a handler who exhibits poor sportsmanship. The Judge may also excuse a handler that pushes or throws a dog into the pool. The Judge has sole discretion whether or not 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 fee(s) for said dog or any additional dogs the exhibitor has entered on that day regardless if the dogs were shown or not.
- b. **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 his/her 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 to the Competition Secretary.

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 for competitors. ALL competitors must attend the judges briefing, or else they will be scratched from the splash. 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.

- **Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air).** 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.
- **Ultimate Vertical.** The judges briefing will be called 15 minutes prior to the start of the Ultimate Vertical class. At this time, the judge will ask all competitors what height they wish to start at. The lowest requested height is the official starting height. The running order will be announced as well during the judge's briefing.
- **United Fetch It.** *The judges briefing will be called 15 minutes prior to the start of the United Fetch It class. At this time, the judge will ask all competitors what distance they wish to start at. The lowest requested distance is the official starting distance. The running order will be announced as well during the judge's briefing.*

Section 2. Accessing the dock. The dog should be on leash while accessing the dock, whereby the leash will be removed before getting set to jump as this poses a potential danger should the leash get caught while the dog is in the pool. *The handler is to bring the preferred object they wish to use with them when entering the platform; however, this 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.

Section 3. Handlers. Teams may have no more than two handlers on the dock per jump. One to hold the dog and the other to 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 dog may not jump with different handlers in one splash, i.e., the dog may be entered only once per splash. However, a handler may jump multiple dogs. When a dog has multiple handlers throughout the event, and qualifies for the finals, it is up to the multiple handlers to decide who jumps the dog in finals.

Section 4. Running order. The running order for each splash will be determined by the event secretary once the check-in is closed.

- **Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.)** The splashes will usually be broken into groups of approximately equal size depending on the amount of entries. For example: In group 1, each dog/ handler team will jump once, then back to the top of the running order for each team's second jump, then on to group 2, and so on.
- **Ultimate Vertical.** After the running order has been run through, the bumper will be moved up 2 inches to the next height. This will be repeated until all dogs have missed, with the dog catching or knocking highest being declared the winner.
- **United Fetch It.** *After the running order has been run through, the bumper will be moved out 1 foot to the next distance. This will be repeated until all dogs have missed, with the dog catching or knocking 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, then there will be two 1st place winners.*

Section 5. Scoring.

- Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.)** 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. For each dog/handler team, the dog gets 2 jumps per splash, and the higher of the 2 jumps is the team's 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. In other words, if a dog's jump falls into the Junior division, they will be placed according to how they rank in the Junior division, not overall. Unless otherwise noted, events will have divisional finals.
- Finals (Distance Jumping only.) Note: Finals splashes will not count towards UKC Dock Jumping titles**
 - **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 Event Secretary's desk will

close in order for the event secretary to formulate the bubble for the finals. This is a tedious process, and questions must be directed to other event staff during the time to allow the bubble to be completed.

- **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.
 - **Finals alternates** may choose to wait and see if all finalists have checked in. A cut off time for finals check-in will be designated at each event. If a finalist does not check in by this time, the next in line, or alternate, will be put into the finals. It is the alternate's responsibility to find out if they have been placed in the finals, and subsequently check in with the secretary. It is not the responsibility of the event secretary to track down alternates, and will not be done. The divisional finals will be run in reverse order of rankings, the lowest scored team going first on up. Finals will start with the Featherweight (if applicable), to Novice, Junior, Senior, Master, and finishing with Ultimate.
- c. **Ultimate Vertical.** A dog is not required to actually bring the bumper down in their mouth. They can catch the bumper or knock it loose from the apparatus. As long as the bumper comes completely free from the apparatus, the dog moves on to the next height. Each dog gets 2 chances at each height until they have two misses at one height. Then they are out of the Ultimate Vertical round. Their score will be recorded as the last clean catch or knock that they had. The score places the team into a division according to the divisions outlined in Chapter 5. During Ultimate Vertical, 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.
- d. **Ultimate Fetch It.** *A dog is not required to actually bring the bumper down in their mouth. They can catch the bumper or knock it loose from the apparatus. As long as the bumper comes completely free from the apparatus the dog moves on to the next distance. Each dog gets 2 chances at each distance until they have two misses at one distance. Then they are out of the United Fetch It round. Their score will be recorded as the last clean catch or knock that they had. The score places the team into a division according to the divisions outlined in Chapter 5. During United Fetch It, there will be one or two judges 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 he/she is judging a splash.

CHAPTER 4 EQUIPMENT

Section 1. Equipment that must be provided by the club. Proper equipment for the activity such as dock, pool, etc. must be provided by the host club.

- **Dock.** The dock used for dock jumping competitions must be of sturdy construction, with some sort of surface, such as astro turf, outdoor carpet, or even rubber matting, to make for better traction and prevent slipping. The dock must be a minimum of 35 feet and a maximum of 40 feet. For distance jumping, it must sit 2 feet (24 in) off the surface of the water. It may sit lower for Vertical Jumping.
- **Pool.** The pool or natural body of water for dock jumping should be at least 4 feet deep. It must be clean, free of debris, and clear of algae. In the case of a pool, it must have a safe exit ramp or steps for the dog to exit the water.
- **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:

Collars. Chain collars, Fancy collars (such as collars with sequins or buttons etc.), studded, or “pinch” or “prong” collars, head harness, 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 in the competition area. *Dogs may not wear items of adornment, such as, but not limited to, scarves, bandannas, caps or sunglasses while on the dock.*

- **Leashes.** *All dogs must be on a lead, except when it is their turn on the dock. A lead must be long enough to allow the dog to move freely, but not so long as to cause over socialization or to wrap around any equipment. Prohibited leads are any type of long-line or retractable leashes.*
- **Chase/Throw object.** *An object that is used in order to ask the dog to jump, 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.*

CHAPTER 5 OFFICIAL UKC DOCK JUMPING CLASSES AND TITLES

UKC dock jumping titles must be earned successively. Equivalent titles from other venues may not be substituted for UKC dock jumping titles. Once a higher title is obtained, it will replace the lower title of the same category.

Section 1. Dock Jumping Classes.

- a. **Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air.)** 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.
- b. **Vertical Jumping. (Ultimate Vertical.)** Ultimate vertical is the high jump competition. A bumper is suspended 8 feet out from the dock, at various heights.
- c. **Fetch It Jumping. (United Fetch It.)** *This is another competition that measures the distance a dog jumps. Unlike the Ultimate Air distance jumping, a bumper is suspended out and over the edge of the water at varying distances, in which the dog must jump and catch or knock down the fetch it bumper.*

Section 2. Dock Jumping Titles

- a. **Distance Jumping (Ultimate Air) Titles.** To earn this title a dog must earn a qualifying score in five splashes in the same division at UKC licensed dock jumping events. The Distance Jumping Initial Titles are:
 - **United Novice Jumper (UNJ):** 1" to 9'11"
 - **United Junior Jumper (UJJ):** 10' to 14'11"
 - **United Senior Jumper (USJ):** 15' to 19'11"
 - **United Master Jumper (UMJ):** 20' to 22' 5"
 - **United Ultimate Jumper (UUJ):** 22'6" and up
- b. **United Distance Jumping Champion Title.** A dog must earn an *Initial* Distance Jumping title before it is eligible to earn points toward a Distance Jumping Champion title. The dog must then 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. In other words, the first division a dog earns 150 points in will be the division the dog earns a Distance Jumping Champion.
 - **United Novice Jumper Champion (UNJCH):** 1" to 9'11"
 - **United Junior Jumper Champion (UJJCH):** 10' to 14'11"
 - **United Senior Jumper Champion (USJCH):** 15' to 19'11"
 - **United Master Jumper Champion (UMJCH):** 20' to 22'5"
 - **United Ultimate Jumper Champion (UUJCH):** 22'6" and up

c. **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. A dog must then earn 300 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 3 to become a Distance Jumping Grand Champion. In other words, the first division a dog earns 300 additional points in will be the division the dog earns a Distance Jumping Grand Champion.

- **Grand Novice Jumper Champion (GNJCH):** 1" to 9'11"
- **Grand Junior Jumper Champion (GJJCH):** 10' to 14'11"
- **Grand Senior Jumper Champion (GSJCH):** 15' to 19'11"
- **Grand Master Jumper Champion (GMJCH):** 20' to 22'5"
- **Grand Ultimate Jumper Champion (GUJCH):** 22'6" and up

d. **Obtaining a higher division Grand Distance Champion Title.** A dog must earn a Grand Distance Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a higher division's Grand Champion title. A dog must then earn 450 championship points in the higher distance jumping division to earn that division's grand champion title. For example a dog may earn the GSJCH degree and then begin to earn points for a GMJCH or GUJCH degree.

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

A. Normal Dock 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
Ultimate	22'6" – 23'	5
	23'1" – 24'	10
	24' – 25'	15
	25' and up	20

B. Short Dock Championship points Divisions

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

Section 4. Ultimate Vertical Titles.

- a. **Initial Ultimate Vertical Titles.** A dog earns a title once it has 5 scores in the same division.
 - **United Supreme Ultimate Vertical (USUV):** 4'8" - 5'11"
 - **United Radical Ultimate Vertical (URUV):** 6' and up.
- b. **United Ultimate Vertical Champion Title.** A dog must earn an Initial Ultimate Vertical title before it is eligible to earn points toward an Ultimate Vertical Champion title. A dog must then earn 100 championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 5 to become an Ultimate Vertical Champion. *Championship points are earned based upon the jump height categories below. Whichever category the dog first meets or exceeds the required Championship points is the title that will be earned.*
- c. **United Supreme Ultimate Vertical Champion (USUVCH):** *points will be based upon the jumping distance of 4'8" - 5'11" for this title.*
- d. **United Radical Ultimate Vertical Champion (URUVC):** *points will be based upon the jumping distance of 6' and up for this title.*
- e. **Ultimate Vertical Grand Champion Title.** A dog must earn an Ultimate Vertical Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward an Ultimate Vertical Grand Champion Title. A dog must then earn 250 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 5, to become an Ultimate Vertical Grand Champion. *Grand Championship points are earned based upon the jump height categories below. Whichever category the dog first meets or exceeds the required Grand Championship points is the title that will be earned.*
- f. **United Grand Supreme Ultimate Vertical Champion (GSUVCH):** *points will be based upon the jumping distance of 4' - 5'11" for this title.*
- g. **United Grand Radical Ultimate Vertical Champion (GRUVCH):** *points will be based upon the jumping distance of 6' and up for this title.*
- h. **Obtaining a higher division Grand Distance Champion Title.** A dog must earn a Grand Distance Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a higher division's Grand Champion title. A dog must then earn 450 championship points in the higher distance jumping division to earn that division's grand champion title.

Section 5. Championship Points Schedule for Ultimate Vertical:

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

Section 6. United Fetch It Titles. A dog earns a title once it has 5 scores in the same division.

- **United Supreme Fetch It (USF):** 10' - 16'11".
 - **United Ultimate Fetch It (UUF):** 17' and up.
- a. **United Fetch It Champion Title.** A dog must earn an Initial United Fetch It title before it is eligible to earn points toward a United Fetch It Champion title. A dog must then earn 100 championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 7 to become a United Fetch It Champion. Championship points are earned based upon the jump distance categories below. Whichever category the dog first meets or exceeds the required Championship points is the title that will be earned.
 - **United Supreme Fetch It Champion (USFCH):** points will be based upon the jumping distance of 10' - 16'11" for this title.
 - **United Ultimate Fetch It Champion (UUFCH):** points will be based upon the jumping distance of 17' and up for this title.
 - b. **United Fetch It Grand Champion Title.** A dog must earn a United Fetch It Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a United Fetch It Grand Champion title. A dog must then earn 250 additional championship points in accordance with the Championship Points schedule in Chapter 5, Section 7 to become a United Fetch It Grand Champion. Grand Championship points are earned based upon the jump distance categories below. Whichever category the dog first meets or exceeds the required Grand Championship points is the title that will be earned.
 - c. **United Grand Supreme Fetch It Champion (GSFCH):** points will be based upon the jumping distance of 10' - 16'11" for this title.
 - d. **United Grand Ultimate Fetch It Champion (GUFCH):** points will be based upon the jumping distance of 17' and up for this title.
 - e. **Obtaining a higher division Grand Distance Champion Title.** A dog must earn a Grand Distance Champion title before it is eligible to earn points toward a higher division's Grand Champion title. A dog must then earn 450 championship points in the higher distance jumping division to earn that division's grand champion title.

Section 7. Championship Points Schedule for Ultimate Fetch It Titles:

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

UNITED ULTIMATE 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 three placements, where possible, in each jump category and division (see distance table below), where possible, based on the dog's score. First place must be awarded to the dog with the longest/highest score, second place to the dog with the next-highest score and so forth.

Distance Table

- **Novice:** 1" to 9'11"
- **Junior 10' to 14'11"**
- **Senior:** 15' to 19'11"
- **Master:** 20' to 22'5"
- **Ultimate:** 22'6" and up

Section 1. Specific Categories. A dog may only be scored/placed in one category as outlined below.

- **Featherweight Category.** The Featherweight category is for a dog under 16" at the withers. Featherweight division finals will be held at events where there are 2 or more Featherweight dogs. If there is only one featherweight at an event, it will compete with the other dogs.
- **Standard Category.** The Standard category is for a dog over 16" at the shoulder and not a Veteran or Junior Handler category dog.
- **Veteran Category.** The Veteran category is for a dog 8 years of age on the day of the event and not a Veteran or Junior Handler category dog. Veteran finals will be held at events where there are 2 or more Veteran category dogs. If there is only one veteran dog at an event, it will compete with the standard category dogs.
- **Junior Handler.** Handlers age 16 or under. Junior handler finals will be held at events where there are 2 or more junior handlers. If the dog also qualifies for the divisional finals, the team may also participate in those in addition to junior handler finals. If there is only one junior handler at an event, it will compete with the standard category dogs.

Section 2. Ultimate Vertical. The winner of the Ultimate Vertical competition will have the option after the competition is over to attempt to break the Ultimate Air Dogs record, wherever it may stand. The dog will have basically another round at the height they choose above the height of record. The dog will get two chances to grab the bumper, and if they catch or knock the bumper, they will have the new height record.

Supreme: Up to 5'11"

Radical: 6' and over.

Section 3. United Fetch It. *The winner of the United Fetch It competition will have the option after the competition is over to attempt to break the Ultimate Air Dogs record, wherever it may stand. The dog will have basically another round at the distance they choose above the distance of record. The dog will get two chances to grab the bumper, and if they catch or knock the bumper, they will have the new distance record.*

Supreme: 10' – 16'11"

Radical: 17' and up.

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. Also known or referred to as Ultimate Air. 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 Object. *This is an object that may be used in order to ask the dog to jump, 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 even rubber matting, to make for better traction and prevent slipping

Fetch It Jumping (United Fetch It). *This is a competition measuring the length/distance of a dog's jump that includes the dog pulling or knocking a bumper down from the Fetch-it apparatus in order for the jump to count.*

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

Throw object. *This is an object that may be used in order to ask the dog to jump, 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.*

Vertical Jumping (Ultimate Vertical). 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 (cycles) of distance jumping competition. A splash should be divided into groups of no more than 16 competitors. 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.

Ultimate Air. See Distance Jumping.

Ultimate Vertical. See Vertical Jumping.

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 within a Licensed Splash, and the greater distance of the two becomes the dog's qualifying score for that Splash. The score must be officially recorded and reported to UKC. A qualifying score also serves as a Total Dog qualifying score.

Short Dock. A smaller dock, *a maximum of 20 feet in length* that meets all requirements of the standard competition dock other than length and is usually used with a smaller pool. The short dock set up is most often used in select events where space is a concern. As the maximum running start for dogs is shortened, the divisions for distance jumping are apportioned accordingly. The short dock has no impact on vertical jumping divisions.

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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:

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- b. Disqualifications of dogs for fighting or other reasons;
- c. Errors by the recording person; and
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 - 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.
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