

The Canadian Scent Hurdle Racing Association



DEFINITIONS

Definitions of the Canadian Scent Hurdling Racing Association					
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Definitions

For the purposes of the Bylaws, Rules of Racing, and Policies & Procedures of the Canadian Scent Hurdle Racing Association (CSHRA), the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

Association – The Canadian Scent Hurdle Racing Association (CSHRA).

Active (Dog Registration) – A dog that is properly registered with the CSHRA and has a valid racing number for the current year.

Active Region – Active Regions are those Regions that host at least one Tournament a year. Active Regions will be represented by a CSHRA Regional Representative.

Blended Team - A group of dogs from DIFFERENT CLUBS who join together to enter a particular tournament. Teams formed of different dogs from the same Club are not considered “Blended” even if they are listed on separate teams within the Club.

Board of Directors – The governing body of the Association, elected by the Members in accordance with the Bylaws. Referred to herein as the “Board”.

Box Judge – An official responsible for monitoring actions at the box and ensuring compliance with equipment and handling rules.

Club - Except as otherwise indicated means a club, organization, or association who sponsors one or more teams.

Complainant – A Member or participant who files a complaint alleging misconduct.

CSHRA – The Canadian Scent Hurdle Racing Association

Dead Heat – When neither team successfully finishes a heat, so that no winner can be declared.

Director – A director is a member of the Board of Directors

Dog - Whenever used in these regulations includes both sexes, whether intact or altered.

Dog Points – Dogs accumulate “points” toward Scent Hurdle Racing titles, from running successfully in sanctioned Scent Hurdle Races.

Dog Racing Number (DRN) – A number assigned by the CSHRA to a dog when it is first registered, used to track team affiliation and individual dog points.

Early Pass – When the nose of the dog goes over the start line before the nose of the previous dog crosses finish line.

Flagging – Means to signal a racing dog/handler/box loader’s “fault”. The “flag” may, but does not have to, include a piece of fabric to raise as a signal. It may also consist of the judge who sees the fault simply raising their hand, to ensure that the head judge and timer have seen the fault, and so can track appropriate reruns.

Head Judge – The official with overall authority for rule enforcement at a tournament. The Head Judge will also act as the Starting Judge.

Independent Tournament – A sanctioned CSHRA Tournament that is not held in conjunction with a CKC event.

Line Judge – An official responsible for monitoring start, finishes, passes, and fouls at the designated Start/Finish line.

Loss of Heat – Issued when a team commits a foul which causes them to be unable to complete a heat.

Max Time – A heat taking over 80 seconds shall not earn any points, and will be stopped by the judge as per Rules: III. Scent Hurdle Racing Times and Awards 1.4.

Member in Good Standing – A Member whose dues are fully paid and who is not under suspension, expulsion, or sanction.

No Time - A *No Time (NT)* is declared when a team is unable to record a valid completion time for the heat.

Participant – The owner or owners or handler of dog. All dog handlers competing in a sanctioned race must be members in good standing of the CSHRA.

Proxy Voting – The practice of authorizing another Member to vote on one's behalf. Proxy voting is permitted only as expressly provided in the Bylaws.

Regional Representative – An individual appointed by the Board to oversee scent hurdle activities within a designated active region, including liaison with host clubs, appointment of judges, and arbitration of disputes.

Regions – Current Regions within the CSHRA (including “Active” and “Non-Active”)

- 1) British Columbia - Mainland / Yukon Territory – Active
- 2) British Columbia- Island – Non-Active
- 3) Alberta – North / NWT (including Lloydminster) – Active
- 4) Alberta - South (including Red Deer) - Active
- 5) Saskatchewan / Manitoba / Nunavut -Active
- 6) Ontario – Non-Active
- 7) Quebec – Active
- 8) Newfoundland and Labrador – Non-Active
- 9) New Brunswick / Nova Scotia / Prince Edward Island – Non-Active

Regular Team – A team entered in a Tournament that consists of only dogs from their sponsoring club. A team that does not have a sponsoring club is considered both a Team and a Club.

Respondent – A Member or participant against whom a complaint has been filed.

Sanctioned Race– A race during a tournament, sanctioned by the Canadian Scent Hurdle Racing Association, for dogs to accumulate points toward titles.

Sanction – A disciplinary measure imposed under the Bylaws or Rules, which may include warnings, probation, suspension, loss of standing, or expulsion.

Special Resolution – A resolution of the Members passed in accordance with the *Alberta Societies Act*, requiring notice of not less than 21 days and approval by at least 75% of Members entitled to vote and present at a meeting, or by unanimous written consent.

Statistician – The officer of the Association responsible for maintaining records of tournaments, results, dog points, and registrations.

Team - A team shall consist of four to twelve "Active" status dogs, along with their associated handlers, who must be Members in good standing, registered as a "Team" with the Statistician of the CSHRA. Several Teams can be part of the same Club.

Racing Number – The number assigned to a particular dog on a particular team for the year, which will be reflected on that dog's dumbbells and racing jacket.

Tournament – A competition held under the authority of the CSHRA, whether CKC-sanctioned or independent.

Veteran Dog – A dog who is over 7 years of age.