

2023 Little Pack Rule Change Clarifications

ARHA Chartered Clubs:

8. Effective January 1, 2023, no two new Little Pack clubs may be within a 25-mile radius of each other. Clubs may, however, share the same running grounds. The 25-mile radius is from the clubhouse to clubhouse and is measured “as 25 drivable miles.” Any clubs that are currently within 25 miles of each other, may not have sanctioned hunts scheduled on the same day. Hunt requests will be accepted on a first come first serve basis and if there is a conflict the club’s will be notified and required to change dates. No more than two clubs can share the same club house and this must be pre-approved by the NKC office and is not recommended.

II. Board of Directors

Guidelines for New Rules Committee Under the Executive Board:

F. Rules Committee

1. This committee is made up of 5 members, preferably one from each region, appointed by the Chairman of the Board. They serve 2-year terms.
2. This committee shall be a standing committee that during the year collects recommendations for running rules or scoring procedure changes. This committee puts the suggested changes in proper order and presents them to the Watchdog Committee, then to the Executive Board.
3. Note that the only recommendations that will be processed by the Rules Committee will be those submitted by ARHA Little Pack chartered clubs or Executive Board members.
4. It will be the responsibility of the Rules Committee along with the help from the ARHA office to update (and/or re-write) the tests for field judges and Master of Hounds to reflect any changes to the rules made by the Board of Directors. These tests are to be approved by the Chairman of the Board before they are distributed to Little Pack clubs.
5. **NOTE:** Any decision made by a committee and/or board within the ARHA Little Pack structure shall be subject to review and possible revocation by the ARHA President.

VIII Conducting the Hunts

C. Casts # 5

6. Each cast is to be made up of 3 to 5 hounds **or the Master of Hounds has the choice to choose to run no more than six hounds in a cast if this helps conduct the hunt faster or there is a limited amount of judges. (Example; if there is six champion hounds entered in a hunt, the MOH may choose to run one cast of champion class hounds to determine a winner)** and without discrimination made on the basis of sex or size. Except, the final cast may have 2 hounds. **If a class is started with using five dog casts it must be completed without having no more than five dogs in any cast. Six hounds in a cast shall only be used in club hunts**

Use of Collars:

- a. **Electronic Training Collars & Tracking Collars:** Training and tracking collars **ARE** allowed in the field. If training collars are used, handlers **ARE** permitted to carry the receiver for training and tracking collars in the field. Combination tracking and training collars are permitted and treated just like a training collar. If a handler intends to use a training collar, he must present it to the field judge for inspection at the casting pole prior to putting it on his hound. Likewise, tracking only collars are to be presented to the field judge prior to the cast and approved. The collar/strap on all tracking/train collars must be black at all Little Pack hunts.
- b. Training collars are only allowed to be used in one of the four following instances:

1. The judge announces the cast has ended at the conclusion of the cast.
 2. The judge announces that a hound has been disqualified for any reason, that hound's handler may use the training device and use it for training purposes.
 3. Dead track and time outs as stated by judge before cast begins.
 4. Handler requests to use training device for hound in danger (example being headed for a road) or to stop a dog pulling to another cast. Judge's permission required in these instances.
- c. All handlers will have an opportunity to use their tracking and training collars on their dogs in these situations.
- d. Judges must not discriminate against individuals.
- e. **Note:** If a handler/owner is found using his/her training device without the judge's permission during a cast, the handler/owner and his/her hound will be immediately scratched from the cast. The handler/owner will be reported to the NKC with the hunt results and the situation will be given to the Watch Dog Committee for review and the handler/owner will be subject to being banned from ARHA Little Pack competition for a minimum of one year upon their first offense and a minimum five-year ban for a second offense.