

BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES

(To be read at the September 15, 2020 Delegates Meeting)
The AKC Board of Directors approves this amendment

<u>Rule (Bylaw or Regulation)</u> (Line Out)	<u>Proposed</u> (Line In)	<u>Comments</u>
<u>CHAPTER 9</u> Description of Classes and Championship Requirements	<u>CHAPTER 9</u> Description of Classes and Championship Requirements	This recommendation was first proposed by the Beagle Advisory Committee and was voted unanimously in favor.
SECTION 1. At a licensed or member Beagle field trial, the regular classes shall be: Open Dogs not exceeding 13 inches in height. Open Bitches not exceeding 13 inches in height. Open Dogs over 13 inches but not exceeding 15 inches in height. Open Bitches over 13 inches but not exceeding 15 inches in height. However, if when the entries are closed, it is found that there are fewer than six hounds of a sex eligible to compete in any class, the Field Trial Committee shall have the option of combining that class either by gender or size into a single class.	SECTION 1. At a licensed or member Beagle field trial, the regular classes shall be: Open Dogs not exceeding 13 inches in height. Open Bitches not exceeding 13 inches in height. Open Dogs over 13 inches but not exceeding 15 inches in height. Open Bitches over 13 inches but not exceeding 15 inches in height. However, if when the entries are closed, it is found that there are fewer than six hounds of a sex eligible to compete in any class, the Field Trial Committee shall have the option of combining that class either by gender or size into a single class. <u>However, only in the case of traditional Brace trials, the host club has the option to offer only two classes – Open Dogs and Open Bitches. The advertisement for the trial must clearly identify the classes offered. Once approved by the AKC, a club may not decide to split a class by size.</u>	This change provides clubs the option when applying to hold a traditional brace trial, the ability to offer two classes and avoid having to combine classes later during the trial due to lower entries.