



AOK9 SINGLES RACING PROGRAM

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PREFACE

This rule book is intended to serve as an addendum to the regular rule books for the AOK9 Sprint and Oval Racing Programs. All of the rules for those programs still apply, except where specifically outlined in this addendum.

CHAPTER I - GENERAL RULES

1.0 PURPOSE

Racing and Coursing Enthusiasts (RACE) has prepared these Official Rules and Regulations for its AOK9 Singles Racing Program (AOK9) to encourage competition between dogs of all breeds and/or mixed breeds who are fully trained and enjoy racing sport, but who cannot otherwise run in the company of other dogs. Every effort has been made to offer a set of rules that can be operated effectively and efficiently by local race clubs.

1.2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE

Any dog wishing to compete in any AOK9 Singles Racing Program event is expected to be a fully trained racer for all intents and purposes. This means that the racer is box trained (if applicable), will reliably chase the lure for the entire length of the track/course, wearing a muzzle and a blanket.

1.3 MINIMUM STARTERS FOR AN OFFICIAL MEET

As with regular sprint or oval racing, the minimum number of starters for an Official Meet in which dogs are eligible to earn championship points shall be either two (2) starters of the same breed, or two (2) starters of the same type for a mixed division. Type is defined as a combination of size, proportion, and/or speed and running style.

CHAPTER II - REPORTING RESULTS OF AN OFFICIAL RACE MEET

2.0 MEET REPORT

Within 48 hours of a meet, the Host Club Race Secretary must phone, email, or mail in a completed meet report, using the official AOK9 Singles Report Template: (NOTE that emailed results are preferred). The official AOK9 Singles Report Template shall contain the following information:

1. Number of dogs starting in each breed or mixed division. Each division must be clearly identified as either a Breed Division or a Mixed Division. In the case of Breed Divisions, the breed shall also be clearly indicated.
2. The "call" name and owner name of each starter. If registration with AOK9 is pending, the breed, registered names of the starters and the owners' names and addresses must be included.
3. The placement earned by each starter.

4. All First Time Entered (FTE), Disqualifications (DQ), Off Course (OC), Did Not Finish (DNF), and Scratch (S) with Race Number scratched from, i.e., ran race 1, did not run race 2, show S2
5. The recorded times for each dog in each program, listed to two tenths of a second.

NOTE: Failure to comply with the 48 hour rule will result in a \$10.00 fine per day for every day late.

CHAPTER III – OFFICIALS

3.0 TIME KEEPER

If possible, to better ensure consistency in time keeping operations, the Race Meet Secretary shall appoint one qualified Time Keeper to serve in this capacity prior to the start of the meet. Otherwise, the time keeper position shall be filled by volunteers. Volunteers should be experienced and familiar with the rules. Ideally the time keeper should not have an interest in a dog entered in the race to be timed. Qualified time keepers may time keep for races which their own dogs might be competing only if there is a shortage of officials and with agreement of the owner/handlers involved.

The time of the race for every racer must be recorded down to a tenth of a second. A dog that leaves the track at any time prior to crossing the finish line shall be recorded as 'off course'. A dog that does not cross the finish line or crosses the finish line only after receiving assistance from a person or persons on the track should be recorded as "did not finish".

CHAPTER IV - RUNNING THE OFFICIAL RACE MEET

4.1 THE RACE FORMAT

The Race Format consists of the distance of the races, the number of programs of racing (the number of times each racer runs in a meet), and the method used to determine the placements of each racer at the end of the meet.

4.2 NUMBER OF PROGRAMS

An Official Singles Race Meet consists of up to three programs of racing in which an entrant can race once in each program. The number of programs offered shall be at the discretion of the Host Club.

4.3 DETERMINING PLACEMENTS

There shall be two different formats for determining placements among singles racers: (1) Average Time Format, or (2) Program by Program Format. In both formats, racers shall be grouped into appropriate divisions, based on size, speed/running style.

4.3.1 Average Time Format

In the Average Time Format, all racers shall run up to three programs, and their times for each program recorded. After all times are recorded, each racer shall have their times averaged and then ranked against the other dogs in their division from fastest to slowest. Under this format,

each racer shall have the option to drop their slowest time in calculating their average time. In order to be eligible for a placement and any available championship points, a racer must complete at least 50% of the programs offered by the Host Club on that day, and must not have any “off course” or “did not finish” results in their daily record. Each racer must compete in the first program in order to be considered a valid starter. If a racer opts to scratch from program 2, it shall not be eligible to run again in program 3 (assuming a third program is being offered by the Host Club).

To illustrate, refer to this example:

A club offering a Singles stake opts to offer a three program meet. They receive a total entry of five dogs, all the same breed. Three of the five dogs run all three programs, one dog runs two of the three programs, and one dog attempts to run all three programs but has a DNF in program 2. Each dog who ran three programs can opt to drop their slowest time, because they will still have ran at least 50% of the available programs. The dog who only ran twice does not have the option to drop a time, unless they want to forfeit any points/placements that they could potentially earn. The dog with the DNF is not eligible for points or placements, but still counts as a starter for the purposes of calculating championship points for the remaining four racers.

4.3.2 Program By Program Format

In this format, each racer is timed, and the times are then used to assign a score to each dog the same way that you would in a regular stakes race, with the final score then being used to determine the placements at the end of each meet. If there are more than four dogs in a division, then the Race Meet Secretary must draw the racers into heats such that there is one high point race and however many low point races that are necessary to complete the division. The RMS shall use each racer’s average time - listed in the Singles Grading Guide - to determine the drawing of each heat. In this format, every racer must complete all three programs with no DNF or OC in order to be eligible for any points or placements.

4.3.3 Selection of Post Position

Even though each racer is running alone, the RMS should assign each racer a specific post position, starting with #1 (red) for the first dog, #2 (blue) for the second dog, and so on and so forth, repeating the same sequence as many times as necessary to accommodate every racer. The purpose of this process is to ensure order and efficiency, particularly for the time keeper so that he/she knows how many dogs to expect, and can easily distinguish Singles racers from practice runs or school runs which may be taking place on the same day. See Appendix figure 8.6 Singles Score Sheet.

CHAPTER V - TROPHIES, AWARDS TITLES & CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

5.2 SINGLES BREED CHAMPIONSHIP & SINGLES OVAL BREED CHAMPIONSHIP

Singles Breed Championship points are awarded to dogs running in breed divisions depending on the number of eligible entrants as indicated in the chart below. No SBC/SOBC points will be awarded to a dog that does not finish all races or finishes last in its breed division or that has not defeated at least one dog in that day's racing.

SBC/SBOC POINTS AWARDED (non SBC/SOBC only)				
Eligible Entry	High Score Dog	Second High Score	Third High Score	Fourth High Score
2-4	1.0	0.5		
5-7	2.0	1.0		
8-10	3.0	1.5	0.5	
11-15	4.0	2.0	1.0	
16 -21	5.0	3.0	1.5	
22-30	6.0	4.0	2.0	
31-40	7.0	5.0	3.0	
41 or more	8.0	6.0	4.0	2.0

A permanent title of Singles Breed Champion (SBC) or Singles Oval Breed Championship (SOBC) will be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any dog which has earned at least 12 points. RACE will award a certificate to the owner.

5.3 SINGLES MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP & SINGLES MIXED OVAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Singles Mixed Championship points are awarded to dogs running in mixed divisions, or to “left over” dogs running in breed divisions, depending on the number of eligible entrants as indicated in the chart below. No points will be awarded to a dog that does not finish all races or finishes last in its division or that has not defeated at least one dog in at least one race in that day's racing.

SMC/SOMC POINTS AWARDED (non SMC/SOMC only)				
Eligible Entry	High Score Dog	Second High Score	Third High Score	Fourth High Score
2-4	1.0	0.5		
5-7	2.0	1.0		
8-10	3.0	1.5	0.5	
11-15	4.0	2.0	1.0	
16 -21	5.0	3.0	1.5	
22-30	6.0	4.0	2.0	
31-40	7.0	5.0	3.0	
41 or more	8.0	6.0	4.0	2.0

A permanent title of Singles Mixed Champion (SMC) or Singles Oval Mixed Champion (SOMC) will be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any dog which has earned 12 championship points. At least 2 of the 12 required points must be mixed points. The remaining points may be either breed or mixed points. RACE will award a championship certificate to the owner.

5.4 SUPREME SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

A dog may attain Supreme titles by accumulating 30 National Points in breed or mixed division using the same point schedule and progression as dogs running in the regular racing stakes.

5.5 SINGLES TURTLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A dog may attain Turtle and Supreme Turtle titles in Singles divisions using the same point schedule and progression as dogs running in the regular racing stakes.

5.6 COMPANION RACING TITLES

Companion racing titles are also available to dogs racing as Singles; in those cases a "-S" will be added to the end of the title (e.g. NSR-S, or NOR-S) to indicate that it was earned by racing in the Singles division.

CHAPTER VI - DISQUALIFICATION, DISMISSAL, BARRED, SCRATCHES, PROTEST

6.2 DISMISSAL

Rules applying to regular racing regarding Dismissal still apply in the Singles stake.

6.3 BARRED FROM RACING

The Race Committee shall bar any dog from racing for the following reasons:

- (a) A bitch that shows noticeable signs of being in season. She can be barred at any time during a meet when such signs become noticeable.
- (b) A dog that shows obvious signs of sickness or lameness.

CHAPTER VII - RACE TRACK AND EQUIPMENT

7.8 TIMING EQUIPMENT

The preferred and most accurate means of keeping times for each race is with an electronic timing curtain in which the dog must cross over an invisible beam to start the timer and cross over a second beam to stop the timer. In the event that an electronic timing curtain is unavailable, clubs may use a manually operated stop watch. The stop watch must record times down to at least a tenth of a second.

CHAPTER VIII - CHARTS AND FORMS

8.6 Singles Scoring Sheet

Figure 8.6 is the official record of the draw and outcome of the meet for use by the Race Secretary. Participants may also use the form for their personal records.

SINGLES RACING TIME RECORD SHEET

Date: _____ Time Keeper: _____

Race	Post	Dog Name	Program 1	Program 2	Program 3	Average
	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					

Race	Post	Dog Name	Program 1	Program 2	Program 3	Average
	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					

Race	Post	Dog Name	Program 1	Program 2	Program 3	Average
	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					

Race	Post	Dog Name	Program 1	Program 2	Program 3	Average
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	2					
	3					
	4					