



(Mill Race Rules)

Fees/Membership

1. No membership fees
2. All breeds and mixed breeds welcome
3. The show host will send \$5.00 per dog that competes in a given event to the UPF. Hosts may not charge more than \$10 (US) per dog

Eligibility

1. All dogs competing for qualifying legs and points must be 36 weeks of age
2. All dogs must have their own walking harness or flat buckled collar
3. All dogs must be kept in a safe/secure crate
4. All dogs must use a flat, buckled collar. No pinch collars or choke chains allowed
5. All dogs must be on 4' lead when not in crate or on mill
6. No females in heat will be allowed to compete or be present at show site
7. No human/dog aggressive dogs will be allowed to race or at the show site
8. Animal abuse will not be tolerated. This includes physical or verbal abuse. The chief judge reserves the right to disqualify (DQ) a handler for abuse
9. The chief judge will determine if a dog is injured or too thin to run at time of measuring.
10. All dogs must be measured no more than 24 hours before race
11. All dogs must be measured using the same wicket

Height Classes

- 13" and under class
- 14"-18" class
- 19"-23" class
- 24"-28" class
- 29"-33" class
- Unlimited class 34"+

A dog measuring between 13" and 14" will be in the 13" and under class. A dog measuring between 18" and 19" will be in the 14" to 18"

Race Procedures

1. Handler must bring their dog up when called. Dogs will be notified when they are on deck

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2. Run order is based on height from shortest to tallest in a class. Run order can only be changed if a handler has back-to-back dogs then the taller dog can be moved to the end of the class
3. Any dog that relieves itself on the mill will be DQ'd
4. The dog will be hooked by the handler. Mill steward may assist
5. When the dog is hooked the handler must ensure that the dog has enough slack to run safely. If the dog backs up on its own after being released, there is no penalty. Walking is permitted
6. The time will start when the handler and judge are both ready
7. The judge or mill steward may time the race
8. Dogs must spin the belt enough to record a distance. If they don't they will be recorded as a NO DISTANCE
9. If your dog touches you, the bait or any part of your clothing before the 2 mins is completed you will be DQ'd by the judge
10. Brake or (manual pressure) MUST BE on when dog gets on or off the mill
11. Winners of a height class are determined by the dog with the highest number using distance traveled in 2 minutes divided by height at the withers. Ties will be broken by measuring dogs from point of shoulder to point of hip. The dog with the shorter body wins. If 2nd tie breaker required: 60 second run off
12. Absolutely no performance enhancing drugs. The UPF will have a drug test conducted at nationals by a licensed vet

Handlers

1. No double handling
2. You may clap or cheer for a dog running if you are 10' from mill

Point System

1st place	10 points
2nd place	7 points
3rd place	5 points

Add 1 additional point for every dog they beat in their class
10 points for Most Distance Travelled (MDT) 23" and under
10 points for Most Distance Travelled (MDT) 24" and over
Classes determined by MDT in 2 minutes

Nationals

1. To be eligible to compete, a dog must compete in 5 events to qualify for nationals
2. All titles earned during season will be handed out at nationals
3. Top Runner award will be awarded at nationals. Top Runner award is the dog with the most number of points for the season

Equipment

Slat Mill

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1. Wood or metal framing. Must be dog propelled. Motors are not permitted
2. Slats may be made of wood or plastic
3. Carpet, or belt mills without slats are not permitted
4. Must be equipped with hardware for attaching the dog's harness/collar
5. Must have side panels
6. Odometer must read to the thousandths of a mile/KM i.e. 0.000

Bait

1. Each contestant is required to have their own bait for their personal dog to use
2. All bait used by contestants can be checked by judge, prior to use
3. No live or dead animals allowed (hide from game animals, cows, rabbits is acceptable provided it is NOT still part of the animal and has been dried)
4. Acceptable examples of bait include ball, frisbee, tug, hide, plastic bag etc.

Sanctioning

1. Show season is 11/1 thru 9/30. Shows may be sanctioned outside of these dates but do not count towards qualifying for nationals
2. All races must be sanctioned 30 days before event
3. Races can be scheduled any day of the week (Monday – Sunday). No limit on the number of races scheduled per event
4. NO Alcohol or drug use permitted at any UPF event
5. A list of sanctioned Mill Judges is on the UPF website
6. Entry forms, result/score and summary sheets must be sent to the webmistress apbtme2@gmail.com; per dog fees must be sent to the treasurer through PayPal (using 'send to a friend' feature) within 10 days of conclusion of event. Email for PayPal is karenpearce.upf@gmail.com
7. Paperwork and per dog fees for events sanctioned in September MUST be received within 24 hours of event weekend
8. Paperwork and per dog fees received late incur a \$50 late charge

Judging

1. To become a sanctioned mill judge you must apprentice 4 events under a senior judge

Points Titles

Title Name	Points Earned
RUN 1	100
RUN 2	200
RUN 3	300
RUN 4	400
RUN 5	500
RUN 6	600
RUN 7	700
RUN 8	800
RUN 9	900
RUN 10	1,000*

Titles will continue on indefinitely going 100 points at a time

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