

OMCBA Bench Show Rules

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1. OMCBA Bench Show is for OMCBA registered dogs only.
2. OMCBA has the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. No handler shall be barred on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, or sex.
3. No Bench Show entries are to be taken after the advertised deadline. Show shall start as soon as possible after the advertised deadline.
4. OMCBA Permanent registration must be presented at entry. OMCBA entry card can also be used.
5. No copies of a registration or copy of entry card will be accepted.
6. Judge(s) will be selected by the Hunt Director(s). The judges decision is final.
7. Dogs shall not be judged on handler's showmanship.
8. Working dogs are not to be penalized for scars or injuries caused by hunting.
9. Female dogs in season shall not be shown. Judge will remove any female in season from the bench.
10. OMCBA recognized Bench Show Champions and Grand Bench Champions must compete in the correct division. Champions may only compete in the Champion Division. Grand Champions may only compete in the Grand Champion Division.

Bench Show Event Format

To ensure the integrity of the OMCBA Bench Champion Titles and to utilize the Bench Show Champion Points System, the following format will be used for all OMCBA Sanctioned Bench Shows.

1. There are three Divisions that will show which are: Registered, Champion, and Grand Champion. The Registered Division may be divided into the following age classes: Under 6 month females & males, 6 month to 1 year females & males, 1 to 2 year females & males, and 2 year and over females and males.
2. The Registered Division will show first and consist of a Registered Female Class and a Registered Male Class. (Can be divided into age classes) The winners of these two classes will be declared the Best of Show Female and Best of Show Male. The Best Female and Male of Show in this Division have now earned the title of Bench Champion and will show in the Champion Division at their next event. If this division is divided into age classes then all age class winning females will be called back for judging. The winner of this judging will be awarded the Best Female of Show. Next, all age class winning males will be called back for judging. The winner of this judging will be awarded the Best Male of Show. **Note*** There must be at least 5 dogs entered in the female registered division (any age) before a female dog can claim a Bench Champion Title. If less than 5 dogs are entered, they are showing for a trophy only. There must be at least 5 dogs entered in the male registered division (any age) before a male dog can claim a Bench Champion Title. If less than 5 dogs are entered, they are showing for a trophy only.**

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3. The Champion Division will show next and consist of a Champion Female class and a Champion Male class. Each of these classes will be placed 1st – 5th and point slips awarded accordingly.
Note* There must be at least 2 Champion dogs entered in the Champion Female class for females to receive Champion points toward Grand Champion. If less than 2 dogs are entered, they are showing for a trophy only. There must be at least 2 Champion dogs entered in the Champion Male class for males to receive Champion points toward Grand Champion. If less than 2 dogs are entered, they are showing for a trophy only.**
4. Finally, the Grand Champion Division will show and consist of a Grand Champion Female class and a Grand Champion Male class. Best Grand Champion Female and Male of Show will be awarded in this division.
5. For a Titled Event, call back the Best Female and Male of each Division to compete for the Titled Best of Show. **Note*** This is for a Trophy only... no points are awarded.**

Bench Show Classes for the June & September Hunts

Registered Female Puppy -	0 to 6 months
Registered Female Puppy -	6 months to 1 year
Registered Female Junior -	1 year and under 2 years
Registered Female Senior -	2 years and older

Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Female of the Show.

Registered Male Puppy -	0 to 6 months
Registered Male Puppy -	6 months to 1 year
Registered Male Junior -	1 year and under 2 years
Registered Male Senior -	2 years and older

Call the winner of each class back for judging. The winner of this judging is awarded the Best Male of the Show.

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Bench Champion Female Class

Bench Champion Male Class

Note – To go from Bench Champion to Grand Bench Champion you must have a 1st place win and an additional 150 points. (Total of 300 points)

1st place – 150 points

2nd place – 100 points

3rd place – 75 points

4th place – 50 points

5th place – 25 points

Grand Bench Champion Female Class

Grand Bench Champion Male Class

The World Hunt and Spring Classic will have the following classes:

Registered Female Class

Registered Male Class

Champion Female Class

Champion Male Class

Grand Champion Female Class

Grand Champion Male Class

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Awards

June & September Hunt:

Registered Female Classes (Age Classes)	1st, 2nd, 3rd places	Plaque
Registered Male Classes (Age Classes)	1st, 2nd, 3rd places	Plaque
Best Female of Show		Plaque
Best Male of Show		Plaque
Bench Champion Female		Plaque
Bench Champion Male		Plaque
Grand Bench Champion Female		Plaque
Grand Bench Champion Male		Plaque

World Hunt and Spring Classic:

Registered Female Class	BOS, 2nd, 3rd places	Plaque
Registered Male Class	BOS, 2nd, 3rd places	Plaque
Bench Champion Female		Plaque
Bench Champion Male		Plaque
Grand Bench Champion Female		Plaque
Grand Bench Champion Male		Plaque
Titled Overall Best of Show		Plaque or Trophy

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Breed Standard for MTN. Curs:

1. **Color:** Black, Brindle, Yellow, Blue. White markings not to exceed one-third of total color. No open spots will be acceptable from the shoulders back.
2. **Head:** Wide with short muzzle, sculptured in clean lines, without jowls or excess flesh on the sides or under the eyes or temples.
3. **Lips:** Medium thickness, firm of line and fitted neatly without folds at the corners.
4. **Nose:** Square rather than round with nostrils well opened.
5. **Teeth:** Strong, white and adapting perfectly in a scissors bite.
6. **Eyes:** Set well apart with the inner and outer corners on the same level. Large well opened and calm, never narrowed or slanted. Color: Brown or Dark.
7. **Ears:** Should be attached high and be firm at the medium length and full control when alert.
8. **Chest:** Broad and deep with moderately curved ribs, not too rounded.
9. **Neck:** Strong and well constructed.
10. **Back:** Broad and strong, never swayed or roached.
11. **Legs:** Well muscled with strong bone. Should be straight and parallel to the medium line of the body.
12. **Feet:** Strong and rounded being slightly oval in shape. Pads well developed, compact and elastic. Toes strong, well arched and compacted.
13. **Dewclaws:** Not required but preferred, with one or two on each rear leg, placed low on the leg giving a wider base of the foot. Ideally dewclaws form additional functioning toes.
14. **Tail:** Medium length, well feathered or natural bob-tail.
15. **Voice:** Open or semi-open on track preferred with good change over at the tree. Silent trailing acceptable.
16. **Coat:** Outer coat smooth or rough, but not wooly. The undercoat is fine and light on all the body.
17. **Height:** Males 18-24 inches. Females 17 to 22 inches.
18. **Weight:** Males 35 to 60 pounds. Females 35 to 50 pounds.
19. **General Appearance:** Vigorous and alert, powerful and strong in bone and muscle, exhibiting the strength and agility required of a hunting dog.
20. **Characteristics:** Strong treeing instinct on all game, courageous fighters, intelligent, easily trained. Retaining a high degree of ancestral instincts such as running a track with the head in the air. A hunting and tracking style much different than a hound's but faster.