

# SRS EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

## **SRS Event Regulations**

All decisions made by the SRS Board of Directors and Running Rules Committee will be final in all matters. The governing body of officials may make a change to these rules when the safety of a team, the integrity of a specific test or the sport of the Super Retriever Series is in question.

## **Competitor's Meeting**

All competitors are required to attend the Competitor's meeting prior to the beginning of the competition. At this meeting, the handlers will receive their final running order. Handlers are encouraged to ask questions and to "question" any and all rules at this time. If you are unable to attend the handlers meeting you must call a committee member or the marshall of the event. All handlers will sign an indemnity and liability waiver during the registration process on [Huntsecretary.com](http://Huntsecretary.com).

**NOTE:** *Competitor's: When visiting host communities or visiting an SRS club community, understand there has been a lot of time and planning put forth into holding your event. A "Thank You" is always appreciated. It does make a difference to the hard working club members who put this event together, the sponsors involved in the community and the possibility to hold this event into a second year and further. Please respect the host hotels, meetings, dinners and most importantly the event grounds that have been provided for you.*

## **Dress Code**

- All handlers should wear attire suitable for a national television audience whether televised or untelevised.
- If a "white coat" is used by the judges in the field in a marking and/or blind scenario, then it is at the handler's discretion to also use a "white coat/shirt" while handling in that scenario.
- If handlers are required to operate from a "blind" (boat blind, ground blind, layout blind or stationary blind) then hunting camouflage should be worn by the handlers during that series. Patterns typically used in a "snow environment" will not be allowed, unless it falls within the proper scenario.
- Handlers may have to wear black, tan or camouflage in certain testing scenarios.
- If you and your retriever are being tested in standing water then waders or hip boots are recommended.

## **Open and Amateur Teams**

- Both Professionals (OPEN) and Amateurs (AM) will run the exact same test scenarios together but scored separately within their own division. The Open division will only compete against the Open division and the Amateur division will only compete against the Amateur division. Amateurs may enter the Open division where all Open rules apply for the Amateur entry. Amateurs cannot double stake a dog.

## SRS Entry and Placements

It is suggested all dogs have a HRCH, FC, AFC, QAA or MH title.

Professional (Open) handlers will have an entry cut-off deadline shown on the premium. Under no circumstance will SRS allow a late entry. If a female dog comes into season you may exchange that dog, along with a veterinarian slip presented on site, for the in-seasoned female or for an injured retriever. The note must include the veterinarian address, phone number and veterinarian signature.

If you have pre-registered a dog for an upcoming event and that dog recently qualified for the Crown Championship in a prior event, then you may substitute another dog.

An Amateur handler may have a late entry due to unknown work schedules, etc. If the running order is made prior to your entry, you will run 5th from the top of the running order for Series 1. If you are an Amateur running in the Open division, you will follow the Open rules on registration.

To qualify for the Crown Championship the team of handler & dog must earn a minimum of 4 points during the calendar year.

1st-3rd place Open & AM placements at any event will advance to the SRS Crown Championship.

4th - 6th Open & AM team placements can qualify based on accumulated points as shown below.

Points given for completion of the Final series in all SRS Open/Amateur qualifying events within an SRS event calendar year:

### Placements

1st - 6 points	4th - 3 points
2nd - 5 points	5th - 2 points
3rd - 4 points	6th - 1 point

Series 1 through Series 4 are accumulative scored series. For Club and Classic events, the top 12 Open teams and the top 12 Amateur teams, from the first two series with the lowest scores, will advance to Series 3 (Semi Final). A tie at the 12th position will advance based on 2nd series scores. If it continues to be tied, go back to the 1st series scores. If still tied, both in that position will go to next series.

The Semi Final (Series 3) and Final (Series 4) will continue with scores from the previous series totals. Higher scores will start the running order. The top 6 Open teams and top 6 Amateur teams, with the lowest scores, will advance to the Finals. A tie at the 6th position will advance based on scores from the 3rd Series. If it continues to be tied, both teams will go to Final series. Lowest score determines the winner. In the case of a tie, a single series run off will be used to determine a winner in a Final round.

A random running order with influence will be generated automatically 5 days prior to the event or after event closes. "Influence" simply means handlers with multiple dogs will be spaced throughout the running order.

SRS Team of the Year Open/Amateur will advance to the Crown Championship if not already qualified.

**SRS Club Event** - There must be a minimum of 30 team entries total (Open/AM) to have a SRS Club event.

**NEW for 2021:** Within the 30 combined entries there must be at least 20 Open and at least 10 Amateurs to be able to acquire all points. This consists of points for UKC Titles, SRS Crown qualifying points and Team of the Year (TOY) points. Zero points will be awarded towards UKC titles, SRS Crown qualification and TOY if entry is less than 20 Pros in the Open division or less than 10 Amateurs in the Amateur division. If this is an Amateur Only event the minimum number of entries is 10 teams. SRS Club events have the option to allow up to 8 dogs per handler. This number will be listed on Huntsecretary and under Facebook events.

**SRS Amateur Only Event** –There must be a minimum of 10 Amateur teams.

**SRS Crown Championship** - All Open/ Am teams qualified, based on the SRS point system, will be invited to the Crown Championship.

## **Amateur Qualifications**

Handler must not receive monetary compensation for dog training within the previous year from the start date of the event in which they are competing.

A professional retriever trainer or cohabitant shall not be listed as owner or partial owner of a dog in the Amateur competition.

An Amateur handler may handle up to two dogs other than his/her own, provided the retriever(s) are owned by an Amateur. Proof of ownership is considered a dated registration, from a known registry, presentable prior to the start date of the event entered.

If this is the first time your dog is running this event, please have proof of ownership in hand. Proof of ownership is expected prior to the start date of the event entered.

*If you have a question regarding Amateur Status, please contact the Running Rules Committee Chair.*

## **Scratch Policy**

Entry fees will be refunded only if you can provide a veterinarian note to the marshall or other official prior to the competition. The note must include the veterinarian address, phone number and veterinarian signature.

## **SRS Membership Fees**

Apply for SRS membership at [huntsecretary.com](http://huntsecretary.com). A handling fee of \$5.00 is added on all memberships.

Your SRS membership fee will be applied at the beginning of each year or upon entry for your first event.

Pro Handler - \$40.00 (1 year membership fee)

Each dog owner must also pay the \$40.00 membership fee if that dog(s) is handled by a pro.

Amateur Handler - \$40.00 (1 year membership fee)

Each member will receive an ID card number with Owner/Dog listed (renewable annually), SRS swag plus discounts for sponsor items.

Non SRS members can run for an additional \$35.00 fee for each dog entered.

NEW for 2021: All SRS events will be uploaded to [www.Huntsecretary.com](http://www.Huntsecretary.com)

The opening of an SRS event will always be on Monday - 7:00 p.m. (eastern) closest to but no less than 30 days prior to the event. All closing of events will be 7 days prior to the event start date. *Example - Friday at 11:59 p.m. (eastern) closing for the event that starts the following Friday.*

Amateur entries will still be able to walk-up unless the event is filled to capacity.

### **Right to Refuse Entry**

SRS and UKC reserve the right to refuse entry to any dog or handler. However no handler may be refused entry based on religion, race, color, national origin, age or sex.

### **SRS Club Event Fees and Payout**

Open - \$250.00 entry fee - Payout top 3 finishers - 25% payout based on Open entries. Ribbons must be given to the Top 6 finalists.

Amateur - \$150.00 entry fee - Payout top 3 finishers - 25% payout based on Amateur entries. Ribbons must be given to the Top 6 finalists.

Payout breakdown is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 60%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 10%

45% payback to host club, 10% to Crown Championship and 20% to SRS.

**NOTE:** Entry fees listed are minimum fees. Individual host clubs may decide to charge an additional amount. Also, additional prizes may be given by the host club.

### **Classic Event Fees and Payout**

Open - \$250.00 entry fee. Payout to top 6 finishers - 80% Competitor payout, 10% to Crown Championship payout and 10% to SRS. Payout purse will not exceed \$10,000.00 (based on a 45 team entry). Any overage will go into the Crown Championship funds. Ribbons will be given to the finalist or Top 6. Breakdown of payout is 1<sup>st</sup> -60%, 2<sup>nd</sup> -20%, 3<sup>rd</sup> -10%, 4<sup>th</sup> -5%, 5<sup>th</sup> -3%, 6<sup>th</sup> -2%

Amateur - \$150.00 entry fee. Payout to top 6 finishers - 80% Competitor payout, 10% to Crown Championship payout and 10% to SRS. Payout purse will not exceed \$10,000.00 (based on a 45 team entry). Any overage will go into the Crown Championship funds. Ribbons will be given to the finalist or Top 6. Breakdown of payout: 1<sup>st</sup> -60%, 2<sup>nd</sup> -20%, 3<sup>rd</sup> -10%, 4<sup>th</sup> -5%, 5<sup>th</sup> -3%, 6<sup>th</sup> -2%.

Example of 45 Open entry \$8000.00 payout

1st - \$4500.00	3rd - \$800.00	5th - \$240.00
2nd - \$1600.00	4th - \$400.00	6th - \$160.00

Example of 45 Am team entry \$4500.00 payout

1st - \$2700.00	3rd - \$ 450.00	5th - \$135.00
2nd - \$900.00	4th - \$225.00	6th - \$90.

## **SRS RUNNING RULES**

*The Super Retriever Series Retriever Trials will judge a team's ability to do the following:*

- 1. Handle any test, trial and/or realistic hunting scenario*
- 2. Marking and memory*
- 3. Line Manners*
- 4. Control*

All Series will be a mixture of HRC/AKC Hunt tests and AKC Field Trials combined.

Every SRS event will include the following types of series or a combination of the following types of series.

1. "Trial like Scenario". Handlers may be asked to wear white/black coats at the line and bird boys will be relatively exposed to both retriever and handler before each mark is thrown. No less than 75% of the marks will be "marked" with an attention getting shot.
2. "Hunt Test like Scenario". Handlers may have to wear camo, black or tan. Marks may or may not be accompanied with an attention getting "call" or "shot". Distances should be taken into consideration and marks exceeding 175 yards are encouraged to be accompanied by an attention getter. Judges may require a handler to use a shotgun with or without a primer. No poppers will be shot within 10 feet of a retriever in any series, although the use of primers at the line is encouraged in hunt test scenarios.
3. A "Hunt Savvy Scenario". This scenario will go beyond what is customary at a weekend hunt test. Large decoy spreads, layout blinds, boats, multiple guns, interrupted marks, multiple blinds, and a mixture of white coat marks with hidden throwing stations etc. are possible. Extremely realistic scenarios are strongly encouraged. Handlers will wear attire harmonious with the hunting environment. This includes camouflage shirts/jackets. The judges will determine and announce what the handling attire will be during handlers briefing. You should have waders, hip boots and all hunting attire you would normally use.

Each Club and Classic event will contain a minimum of 4 testing series. A field trial or a hunt test scenario must be run in the first series. The scenario not used will be the scenario used for the second series, giving that the area presented to the judges is applicable.

SRS allows "Bubba Gunners" in any series. It is also permissible to have a "Bubba Dog" after the 2<sup>nd</sup> series. This is not to be confused with 2 competitor dogs honoring each other which is not allowed in any series. Judges are required to use a designated "bubba dog" for each competing team and that dog must stay on lead except when executing its assigned task. It is recommended the "Bubba Dog" be familiar with its task prior to running the first dog in contention. It is also recommended to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> "Bubba Dog", who is also familiar with this task, available when considering the amount of work the first "Bubba Dog" is required to perform.

Due to any weather conflicts or unforeseen circumstances the 4th series can be eliminated with approval of the SRS Field Marshall.

All events have the option to use artificial birds, real ducks or pheasants at their discretion. There will be no mixing of artificial training birds and/or real birds in an event. All televised events and or Live Streamed events will use artificial mallards and/or flasher birds.

## Judges & Judge Requirements

SRS judges must be looked upon as knowledgeable and trustworthy and be held in good standing with the hunting and retriever communities. A SRS judge must be knowledgeable of all SRS Rules and Regulations and should strive to be fair and consistent when judging. An SRS judge should strive to showcase the very “best of the best” the retriever world offers. All judges will be reviewed and approved by the Rules Committee.

There will be 2 judges for all SRS Club Events and one SRS Field Marshall. There will be 3 Judges for an SRS Classic and the SRS Crown Championship events. Judges are encouraged to test in a fun, yet challenging scenario and provide tests that could potentially happen in a hunting environment.

Judges will not judge a dog he/she owns, co-owns, or a dog owned or co-owned by a member of his/her immediate family to include spouse, co-habitant, parent, brother, sister or stepchild. Judges will not judge a dog trained by either judge within the previous 12 months of the event start date.

Judges’ decisions are final.

## Basic Rules

- Retriever will walk at heel, off lead, to and from the line or as instructed by the judges.
- Handler will signal when ready before the test begins, unless the judge’s instructions are different.
- Handler should refrain from touching his or her dog after they remove the lead.
- Hand, voice or whistle commands may be used by the handler at any time.
- Handler will be allowed to point out the guns in “trial like” scenarios only.
- Training aids will not be permitted on the grounds with the exception of leads, leashes and flat buckled collars.
- The use of hand, excessive voice or whistle commands will not be permitted while honoring. Honoring is only allowed after the second series when there is a “bubba dog” present. (See “Bubba dog” under Hunt Savvy Scenario).
- The handler is encouraged to communicate with the judges before the test begins regarding any unclear instructions.
- When handling a gun, it’s paramount to use the gun as if it were loaded. Be safe.
- Bitches in season are not allowed on the grounds.
- Should a competitor bring a female in season to the line, that dog will be disqualified and handlers other placements become pending, forfeiture of their entire entry fee, and possible suspension for the remainder of the SRS season.

Fault points are accumulated on a 2, 5, 10, and 20 point scale. If additional or non-traditional scoring is to be used by the judges, every handler should be clearly notified prior to the start of that series. (Often time’s judges may determine that an infraction is so severe that if committed, the handler should be dropped immediately or the infraction will result in extreme penalty points.)

There will be no reduction of points applied in any series scenario or additional penalties for which fault points are already listed or otherwise indicated.

Scores will be revealed to the competitors during each series except for the Final Series. Typically, the first 5-10 dogs will run before scores are announced.

No one other than judges or the Field Marshall is allowed at the area of the line. Score Keepers and other personnel should be set-up by the Field Marshall in another tent (No owners or handlers in area of the line).

## SRS POINT SYSTEM

### **2 Point Faults**

Poor Line - A retriever's line to a mark or blind is untrue. Judges are heavily encouraged to adapt a "wait and see" approach to scoring lines to marks.

Whistles – Includes ALL whistles before a bird has been picked-up with the exception of a "come-in" whistle, which shall be judged as a cast. (All casts will be preceded by a "sit whistle")

### **5 Point Faults**

Walking at Heel – Retrievers are expected to walk closely and calmly, at heel, to and from the retrieving line or as instructed by the judges.

Creeping – When a retriever moves across the retrieving line before being cast. A retriever is expected to remain steady, other than repositioning to view a mark.

Cast Refusals - Retriever must improve its position to the line of a mark or blind retrieve. All casts will be preceded by a "sit whistle."

Whistle Refusal - Retriever does not respond to handler's sit whistle. All casts other than a "come-in whistle" will be preceded by a "sit whistle".

Excessive Verbal Commands - Handler speaks in an intimidating manner towards the retriever.

Excessive Vocalization - A retriever is expected to remain reasonably quiet at the line.

Leaving the Area of the Fall (AOF) - Once the retriever has made the Area of the Fall on its own, the retriever is expected to hunt within the AOF until the bird has been picked up.

Popping - A retriever turns to the handler for help prior to a whistle being blown. Consideration may be given for outside interference or unintended influence.

NO GO – A retriever has a "no-go" when it does not leave from the handler's side for a retrieve when sent. Upon second refusal, the dog will be automatically dropped. Judges discretion may be used and explained prior to starting a scenario. *Example: A remote send.*

Refusal to Deliver to Hand – Excessive or continued reluctance to refuse delivery to hand may lead to disqualification.

Wandering (Unnecessary Disturbance of Cover) – Allowing a retriever to wander/hunt outside the area of the fall to include retriever being out of sight for an extended period.

## **10 Point Faults**

Avoidance - A handler does not attempt to challenge the test set forth by the judges. Penalties may be deemed higher at judge's discretion.

Controlled Break – When a retriever leaves before being sent by the handler but returns immediately to the line when directed.

Unsafe Gun Handling - Handler uses gun in a manner that threatens the safety of those around him/her. Upon second warning, the team and the handlers other dogs will be dropped.

## **20 Point Fault**

Handle to the Area of the Fall – When a retriever must be handled to the area of the fall.

## **Automatic Disqualification**

- Uncontrolled break.
- A retrieve of a poison bird out of order. (Unless otherwise deemed by the judges)
- Re-Send - In the absence of confusion, when a dog is sent (cast from the line) and returns on its own.
- A handler may be disqualified for interfering with a test to include; other dogs, the judges, marshall, bird boys, or spectators.
- Physical abuse of a retriever will result in immediate disqualification for both the handler and all his/her dogs entered for that event.
- A retriever will be disqualified for fighting or attacking another dog or person. The handler is not disqualified and may run other dogs.
- Excessive hardmouth or failure to deliver to hand.
- A second warning for gun safety.
- Sportsmanship unbecoming - If a competitor exhibits behavior that the judges or Field Marshall consider unsportsmanlike, that competitor and all of his/her dogs running that event may be disqualified from that event. All instances of unsportsmanlike conduct may be reviewed by the Rules Committee and result in a "Letter" from the SRS board. Members may also receive letters for sportsmanship unbecoming for interfering with SRS Rules Committee investigations, attempting to intimidate or unduly influence SRS officials to include SRS Rules Committee members, using digital media platforms to post negative information concerning the Super Retriever Series, and providing false information to the SRS Rules Committee.

Letters will be used to inform the handler of further penalties for their conduct. Penalties may

include a warning, a fine, suspension of SRS membership, and/or permanent loss of SRS membership.

- Three (3) letters from the SRS will result in an automatic SRS membership dismissal.

### **Super Retriever Series Club Rules and Information**

An SRS Club event can be held by a club or formed group. This club or group will decide the type of event it wishes to hold, i.e., Owner/Handler, Open/AM, Amateur only, or SRSU event.

Each club/group must completely fill out an SRS Club Event Request form and submit it for approval at least 60 days in advance of the scheduled event date. Once a SRS event is held, that date becomes exclusive to that club or group for the following year. No other club or group may hold a SRS event within 200 miles of the listed test site for those dates. Failure to submit a SRS Club Event Request form on time could result in loss of dates. The SRS Rules Committee will review/approve then turn it over to an Event Marshall. SRS suggests a lead time of at least 6 months to properly plan a successful event. You will receive via email all SRS information i.e. rules and scoring sheets. SRS logos will be sent on request.

Please be aware of other tests and trials around you. If there is another dog event within a 200 mile radius your submission may not be approved by the Rules Committee. Your event WILL NOT post on Facebook, SRS website or Huntsecretary.com until it is received and approved. We will post without confirmed judges, however once you have selected your judges, they must be approved by the SRS Rules Committee.

**NEW IN 2021:** You have the option to hold either a 3 Day Club event, with a maximum of 80 dogs, or a 4 Day Club event, with a maximum of 120 dogs. With the new limits on entering, a club has the option to go from a 4 day event to a 3 day event if entries are not as expected. This change will be determined on the date of closing.

An SRS Club event must be attended by an SRS approved Field Marshall. An SRS Field Marshall is best described as a combination of Marshall, Judge's Assistant and SRS Chairman all in one. He is vital in assisting the Judges with scoring and rules. SRS will supply an SRS Field Marshall at \$500.00. This will consist of 4 days to include set-up day before the event. If your event lasts or is scheduled for more than 3 days, the Field Marshall fee will adjust accordingly. All other expenses are supplied by SRS for the Field Marshall. This includes travel to and from the SRS Club event location, lodging and food expenses. It is helpful if you have accommodations available, so please let us know.

Your Club must have a Club Event Chairman listed with contact information. You must also list the club's committee consisting of a minimum 3 members of which at least 2 must be present each day at the event. These committee members will be listed on the premium at Huntsecretary.com.

SRS Club events must have at least 30 combined Open/Am entries to hold an official event.

**NEW IN 2021:** Within the 30 combined entries there must be at least 20 Open and at least 10 Amateur teams to qualify for respective points. This consists of points for UKC titles, SRS Crown qualifying points

and Team of the Year points. Zero points will be awarded towards UKC titles, SRS Crown qualification and TOY if entry is less than 20 entries in the Open division or less than 10 Amateurs in the Amateur division.

If this is an Amateur Only event the minimum number of entries is 10 teams.

SRS Club events have the option to allow up to 8 dogs per handler (**To review 1/1/2022**). This number will be listed on the premium at [Huntsecretary.com](http://Huntsecretary.com) and under Facebook events. If you are an amateur, you may run 2 dogs you do not own. (See Amateur Qualifications under SRS Rules and Regulations)

SRS Club events will receive automatic Crown Championship qualifying for 1st -3rd in the Open/Amateur divisions. The 4th-6th place teams will qualify based on earning a total of 4 points within the event calendar year. (See SRS point system under SRS Entry and Placements)

SRS Clubs must give ribbons to the Top 6 Open /Amateurs.

Entry fees for a SRS Club Event will be decided by the club. Minimum entry fee is \$150.00 for the Amateur division and \$250.00 for the Open division. This event will consist of 4 series. Clubs have the option to use artificial birds, real ducks or pheasants at their discretion. There will be no mixing of artificial birds and/or real birds in an event.

The SRS calculates the club payout and winners' payout then mails the checks. SRS will deduct the Field Marshall's fee from the payout to the club. This information, along with the checks, will be sent within the following week but, depending on when the check from Huntsecretary arrives, no later than 2 weeks after your event.

**NEW for 2021:** All SRS events will be uploaded to [www.HuntSecretary.com](http://www.HuntSecretary.com). The opening of an SRS event will always be on Monday - 7:00 p.m. (Eastern) closest to but no less than 30 days prior to the start date of the event. All closing of events will be 7 days prior to the event start date. *Example - Friday at 11:59 p.m. closing for an event that starts the following Friday.*

Open division entries will have an entry deadline listed on the premium. Under no circumstance will SRS allow a late entry for an Open team. However, if a dog comes in season, is injured or recently qualified for the Crown Championship, you may replace that dog with another dog and veterinarian note. The note must explain the reason for withdrawal and include the veterinarians address, phone number and signature.

Amateur entries are allowed a late entry or walk-up entry based on unknown work schedules and only if the event is not full. If the running order is already posted, latest Amateur entry will run no sooner than 5th from the top of the posted running order. Keep in mind dog #1(1<sup>st</sup> series), as shown on the running order, will run last.

A computer-generated running order will be processed at Huntsecretary with influence and given to the club for printing. (With influence: Handlers with multiple dogs will be dispersed evenly through each running order). Once the 1st Series is complete, the running order will start based on the highest scores. It will run highest to lowest score giving the best score last to run. Amateurs will start no sooner than 5th if he/she so pleases giving them a few runs to watch before running.

## **SRS Club Event Dollars**

45% payback to the Club (unless the club wishes to donate a percentage to charity or add additional dollars to the competitor payout).

25% payback to the Competitor teams (Payback to top 3 Open and Amateur teams) Payout will consist of 1st —60%, 2nd – 30%, 3rd – 10% in both Divisions.

10% payback to SRS Crown Championship pool.

20% payback to the SRS.

SRS Club events will never take place during the following events:

- HRC International Spring/Fall Grand, HRC National Meeting
- AKC Master National / AKC Master National Amateur – MNARC
- AKC National Open / AKC National Amateur

SRS Club events are allowed to get sponsors for their event, Club events are not allowed to get competing sponsors to the SRS National Partners.

## **SRS Crown Championship Rules**

To qualify for the SRS Crown Championship a retriever/handler team must finish in the Top 3 at one of the SRS Qualifying events, or earn a total of 4 total points within the SRS event calendar year. Handlers are not allowed to replace an injured or otherwise unavailable dog in the Crown Championship. The team that qualifies is the team that plays.

Points given for completion of the final series in all SRS Open/Amateur qualifying events are as follows:

**Placements 1st - 6 points, 2nd - 5 points, 3rd - 4 points, 4th - 3 points, 5th - 2 points, and 6th - 1 point**

Points will be applied to all teams that have completed the final series.

The 1st through 3rd place Open/AM teams from the Crown Championship will be invited back to participate the following year.

An Amateur Team can elect to enter as an Open Team. However, if an Amateur team qualifies for both the Open and Amateur divisions, they must choose which division they will compete in at the SRS Crown Championship.

All SRS Running Rules and Regulations, from the current year, apply to the SRS Crown Championship.

The SRS Crown Championship will run 5 total series and split into Open/Amateur divisions as in an SRS qualifier. Scores from all 5 series carry forward on an accumulative basis.

Breakdown of series:

Series 1 and 2 are combined scores and will cut to Top 18 in Open and Top 18 Amateur divisions.

Series 3 - Open and Amateur teams will be cut to top 12 at the conclusion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Series.

Series 4 - Open teams and Amateur teams will be cut to top 6.

Series 5 Finals – At the conclusion of the Finals, 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> placements for both Open and Amateur teams will be announced.

Top 3 Open and top 3 Amateur teams will have an automatic invite for the following year. All points earned at the Crown Championship will carry forward as qualifying points to the following event year.

All Crown Champions (1st place winners) will have an automatic bid to the SRS Crown Championship for the life of the Canine Athlete team.

### **SRS Crown Championship Fees and Payout**

\$250.00 entry fee for Open and Amateur. 90% goes towards the payout for each division and combined with current year SRS qualifying dollars in each division. SRS Crown Championship combined dollar amounts will payout 1st through 3rd place.

Crown Payout will consist of: 1st - 60%, 2nd - 30%, 3rd - 10% for both Open and Amateur divisions. Ribbons will be given to the top 6 finalists Open/Am. Any gift donations to the Crown will be divided among the finalists.

### **SRS Team of the Year (TOY)**

Our goal is to reward the dog/handler team who is consistently in the mix and is what a Team of the Year represents. You will earn points based on placements.

### **SRS Team of the Year (TOY) Program Rules**

The Team of Year “TOY” race is open to all retriever/handler teams that opt to compete in Super Retriever Series Classic or Club events. There will be an SRS TOY Amateur and an SRS TOY Open award.

A team will be defined as a handler and a specific retriever. Handlers may enter with more than one retriever, but each additional retriever a handler enters will designate a separate team entry.

Points are earned the same as UKC Title/Crown qualifying points and are accumulated after each SRS qualifier for both the Open and Amateur Teams. The last SRS qualifying event will determine the winner in the Open and the Amateur divisions.

The Super Retriever Series will notify the teams with the most cumulative points at end of the season.

Award placements are 1st -3rd Open and Amateur each year.

The first place team (Open and AM) who accumulates the highest points will receive a TOY Cash Prize. The second place team (Open and AM) who accumulates the 2nd highest points will receive a cash prize. The third place team (Open and AM) who accumulates the 3rd highest points will receive a prize.

If there is a tie at the end of all qualifying events, TOY placements will be determined by who had the most wins, followed by most 2<sup>nd</sup> place placements and so on until each position is determined.

There is no minimum or maximum number of events that must be run.

Team of the Year awards will be recognized during the final event of the season, which is the SRS Crown Championship.

All winners have signed a general release of likeness supplied by Dancin Dog Productions, LLC for use in promotional materials for the Super Retriever Series during registration on Huntsecretary. Make note that SRS will use your likeness for sponsor purposes as well as media and marketing.

## **Super Retriever Series University Rules (SRSU)**

### *A Collegiate Event*

SRSU Rules for 2021:

#### **Handler**

1. Entry Fee - \$100.00 per dog/handler
2. It is suggested all dogs have a HRCH, SH, QAA title or above to enter.
3. Handler must be enrolled in high school, college or tech school.  
(Proof of enrollment within the calendar year of August 1, last year – August 1, current year)
4. **NEW FOR 2021** - Must be your dog, family member's dog or a borrowed dog.
5. Individual Team = 1 handler / 1 dog
6. One handler may compete with up to 2 dogs, making this 2 separate individual teams.
7. SRS general rules and fault scoring system will apply.
8. SRSU events will consist of 3 series – Hunt Test, Field Trial and Hunt Savvy.  
(Judges are recommended to give this University flair)
9. Each individual team will play all 3 series even if they do not finish a previous test (DNF) or if DQ'd.
10. You are required to have a coach. If you do not have a coach SRS will appoint you to a coach and team.
11. Individual team placements will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. These 3 dog/handler teams are automatically invited to the SRS Crown Championship (minimum 4 qualifying points). All individual placement teams may earn SRS Crown qualifier points (1st through 6th). You can continue to run regular SRS Club events to earn additional qualifying points for the SRS Crown Championship. **NO POINTS WILL APPLY TOWARD A UKC SRSAC TITLE.**
12. Individual dog/handler team with the lowest score will be the winner and receive the UKC title of SRSU.

#### **Coaches Rules**

1. Coaches can have up to 6 individual teams on his/her overall team. Overall Team scores will be averaged to determine Team placements. Team ribbons will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Example – Olympic swimming, gymnastics. You will have an average team score as well as individual scores.*

2. No more than 2 coaches per team.

3. Coaches will have a “coach’s box” designated by the judges. Coaches will remain in the box during the dogs run but will be allowed to approach the handler while the dogs are returning to the line. Once a dog is at the line the coach should be back in his/her coaches’ box. Coaches are allowed to talk to the team and/or handler before, during and after a test.

You are responsible for your travel and entry fee. Prize packages will be determined for the winning team.

If you cannot find a teammate let us know. We will help you through this process.

For General SRS Rules - [www.superretrieverseries.com/rules/](http://www.superretrieverseries.com/rules/) Facebook events - [www.facebook.com/SuperRetrieverSeries](http://www.facebook.com/SuperRetrieverSeries) Instagram – Super Retriever Series

*If interested in participating or finding a teammate or coach, please email [SNardi@dancindogproductions.com](mailto:SNardi@dancindogproductions.com)*

### **United Kennel Club and Super Retriever Series Partnership**

The Super Retriever Series (SRS) and the United Kennel Club (UKC) partnered in October, 2018. The UKC has worked with the SRS on titling not only our future Retriever Athletes but grandfathering past Open and Amateur Crown Champions and Qualifying Open and Amateur Champions. These new titles will now be a part of the UKC Registry. The Title system (below) is in place and will be as follows:

#### **SUPER RETRIEVER SERIES TITLES**

Available UKC Title Designations:

Open SRS Title – SRSC,  
Amateur SRS Title – SRSAC  
Open SRS Crown Champion – SRSCC  
Amateur SRS Crown Champion – SRSACC

- Requirement for an Open Crown Championship SRSCC Title - 1st Place Win
- Requirement for an Open Championship Title SRSC - Qualifier Win and 10 points
- Requirement for an Amateur Crown Championship SRSACC Title – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Win
- Requirement for an Amateur Championship SRSAC Title - Qualifier Win and 12 points

#### **UKC/SRS TITLE POINTS ARE EARNED AS FOLLOWS:**

Placements:	1st - 6 points	4th – 3 points
	2nd – 5 points	5th – 2 points
	3rd – 4 points	6th – 1 point

Each team must complete the final series in all SRS qualifying events to receive points.

SRS Crown Championship – Title points awarded for completion of the final series are the same as those awarded in a qualifying event.

UKC provides a 60 day grace period to register your dog for SRS championship title points. (See UKC Affiliation Agreement for more details) All SRS Crown Champion and SRS Qualifying Champion titles of a deceased canine athlete will be issued a title, with no charge from the UKC, thus allowing this title to be on their pedigree.

## **Affiliation Agreement between United Kennel Club and Super Retriever Series**

The United Kennel Club, a Michigan corporation (Hereinafter referred to as UKC) whose principal place of business is located at 100 East Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002 and Super Retriever Series, a division of Dancing Dog Productions, LLC. (Hereinafter referred to as SRS) located at 2 Patricia Ln, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205 enters and executes this affiliation agreement. In consideration of mutual promises and obligations contained herein: SRS assumes all responsibility for the accuracy of all titles and information that SRS provides to UKC.

In exchange for recognition of SRS titles on UKC pedigrees and issuance of degree certificates, SRS agrees to require UKC registration for all dogs entering an SRS event. Dogs not UKC registered may still be allowed to enter to try the SRS format. Those dogs will be charged a \$5.00 non-registered dog fee which will be forward to UKC (Effective April 1, 2018). Those dogs will also have 60 days in which to complete the registration process to retain any Championship points earned.

Single registration will be available for dogs that meet single registration requirements and are in good standing with UKC. The current single registration fee of \$35.00 per dog (1-3 dogs), featured on a UKC Single Registration Application is designed specifically for SRS participants. Discounted fees apply for 4-8 dogs (\$25.00 per dog) and 9 or more dogs (\$20.00 per dog).

Owners of dogs already having earned an SRS title shall be grandfathered in if the dogs current point criteria is met. These titles will be submitted to UKC.

SRS will provide UKC an initial data file (Excel, Access, etc.) of dogs having earned titles in SRS. UKC will use this information as the basis to add title information to the permanent records of dogs accepted for single registration.

SRS titled ancestors within single registered dog pedigrees will also be noted if the ancestor is also UKC registered. Deceased ancestors may be single registered at no charge but no registration certificate or pedigree for the deceased dog will be issued.

SRS titles shall be reflected on UKC pedigrees as follows: SRSC (Open Champion), SRSAC (Amateur Champion), SRSCC (Open Crown Championship title), SRSACC (Amateur Crown Championship title). Dogs completing subsequent additional requirements for any of the above titles will be indicated by a multiplier {2x, 3x, etc.) for that title.

UKC will issue title degrees for SRS titles to those dogs that have been registered with UKC. All championship certificates issued shall note the dog's name, the owner's name, and the title earned and recognized by SRS. There will be no additional cost associated with the issuance of this certificate beyond that of the initial registration fee.

SRS will maintain a title database and will notify UKC on a monthly basis of updates made to the title list so that UKC may issue title certificates. Registrants will have the option to request new registration papers and pedigree, for a discounted fee, reflecting the new degrees earned.

SRS agrees to not schedule an event on the date of an HRC Grand Hunt or HRC National Meeting. SRS agrees to avoid scheduling an event within 200 miles of any other HRC event. UKC agrees to cooperate with SRS to determine mileage conflicts.

## **UKC Registration and Policies**

For information on UKC Registration Rules and Policies, visit [www.ukcdogs.com/registration](http://www.ukcdogs.com/registration) or contact: Registration Department – United Kennel Club – 100 E. Kilgore Rd. – Kalamazoo, MI 49002 or email [registration@ukcdogs.com](mailto:registration@ukcdogs.com)