

# **TEXAS STATE COON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION**

## **General Membership Guidelines – March 2008**

General Membership to the Texas State Coon Hunters Association (TSCHA) is open to anyone that owns and hunts a coondog in the State of Texas. (You may live in another State only the wins in Texas will count.)

### **GOAL & PURPOSE**

By being a member you will be doing your part to fulfill the purpose of the TSCHA General Membership which is to promote increased participation in competitive coonhound events sponsored by local clubs in Texas and the TSCHA. The creation of the TSHCA General Membership is intended to improve competition coon hunting in Texas by strengthening local clubs and their state organization through increased participation in coonhound events held in Texas and by giving Texas coonhunters a stronger voice in their sport while retaining the autonomy of local clubs and TSCHA. The TSCHA Board of Directors will retain sole oversight and the final authority on all matters pertaining to the functioning of the Texas State Coon Hunters Association (TSCHA).

Meeting:

Any Member wishing to bring a topic before the Board for consideration must contact the 1st Vice President. Express, search out, and develop the wishes of the Texas Coon Hunters and to relay them to the to the TSCHA Board for consideration.

### **THE YEAR LONG COMETITION:**

1. Dog registered to TSCHA members shall be eligible to win "Show Dog of the Year", Night Hunt Dog of the Year", and Combination Hunt and Show Dog of the Year.
2. The winner of the (3) above "Dog of the year" categories will be determined by a year long point system. When a dog place in any bench show or night hunt licensed by ANY REGISTER held in Texas, they will receive points to be totaled at the end of the competition year.
3. Points will run from the Texas State Hunt through the Texas State hunt of the next year.
4. The points will be tallied from the win slips given by local clubs or TSCHA. Only win slips (the ORIGINAL OR A COPY) will be accepted and must be presented to the judging committee at the TEXAS STATE HUNT to be counted.
5. Points for SHOW competition one (1) point will be awarded for each win slip regardless of what place was won(reg. Class, breed, show, or Ch or GRCH. An additional five (5) points will be awarded for each win slip at the Texas State Hunt, American Heritage or Invitational.

### **THE INVITATIONAL HUNT AND SHOW**

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE INVITATIONAL HUNT AND SHOW THAT WIL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY PLEASE SEND IN YOUR WIN SLIPS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. An invitational hunt and show will be held each February, for the top 64 hunt and the top 64 show dogs, by dividing the licensed register presented to the Board evenly that have accumulated the most points from participating in events licensed by each of the registries. Additional dogs needed to fill the sixty-four (64) dog event will be chosen from the next highest scoring dogs from any of the other licensed registries.
2. These top 128 dogs (maximum) will be invited to participate in a competition to determine the "TEXAS NIGHT HUNT DOG OF THE YEAR" and" THE TEXAS BENCH SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR."
3. The invitational wild coon hunt will be a sixty-four (64) dog maximum entry AKC Black Gold- Gold Medal Series competition to determine the Texas Nite Hunt Coonhound of the Year.
4. The invitational Bench Show will be a Sixty-four (64) dog maximum entry AKIC licensed competition in which a panel of three (3) judges will determine the Texas Bench Show Coonhound of the Year.
5. The Texas Combination (Hunt & Show) Coonhound of the year will be awarded to the dog that accumulates the highest combined (hut & show) gross total points combining wins in al registries during the year long competition.
6. A \$55.00 dog entry fee for the Nite Hunt and pre-registration entry information must be submitted by each invitee on or before the published entry date deadline.
7. A \$25.00 dog entry fee for the Bench Show and pre-registration entry information must be submitted by each invitee on or before the published entry date deadline.
8. DEADLINE TO TURN IN WIN SLIPS WILL BE AT THE 2008 TEXAS STATE HUNT HELD IN SEPT. IN MADI-SONVILL TEXAS.