



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

Sports & Events Department

February 2019

To: **Clubs Licensed to host Companion & Performance Events**

Subject: **Changes to the Non-AKC Events Policy**

This communication is to inform your club of a recent change to the Non-AKC Events Policy as approved by the Board of Directors at the February Board Meeting.

This change provides additional clarification that an AKC event cannot be held in conjunction with events sanctioned by organizations not affiliated with the AKC without the approval of the applicable Sports & Events Department. This is effective immediately upon this communication.

With the growth of AKC's newer activities, some private multi-sport event facilities have begun mixing AKC and non-AKC events in attempt to maximize usage at their locations. The intention of this policy is to protect AKC clubs and prevent unaffiliated organizations from taking advantage of popular AKC sports and events.

An example of a policy violation would be an AKC club hosting FAST CAT® in conjunction with UKC conformation shows. Whereas an AKC club hosting FAST CAT® events in conjunction with BHA Barn Hunt events would be automatically approved as BHA is affiliated with the AKC.

The specific language of the new AKC Board policy states:

To protect the best interest of the AKC, its clubs and its sports, AKC events may not be held in conjunction with events sanctioned by an organization not affiliated with the AKC without the approval of the applicable Sports & Events Department.

This policy can be found under club policies, called "Non-AKC Events" at the following link:
<https://www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual/club-policies/>

For questions regarding this policy as it relates to Performance Clubs or events, please send your inquiry to: performanceevents@akc.org or (919)816-3908.

For questions regarding this policy as it relates to Companion Clubs or events, please send your inquiry to: obedience@akc.org or (919) 816-3575.