



UNIFIED PULLING FEDERATION

(Lure Course Rules)

Fees/Membership

1. No membership fees
2. All breeds and mixed breeds welcome
3. The event host will send \$5 (US) per dog that competes in each event to the UPF. Hosts may not charge more than \$15 (US) per dog

Eligibility

1. All dogs competing for qualifying legs and points must be 36 weeks of age
2. Dogs can wear any collar or harness, other than a prong or choke chain. Flat buckle collar preferred
3. All dogs must be kept in a safe/secure crate
4. Bait/toys, etc. may be used at the end of the lure to out the dog off the lure string
5. All dogs must be on 6' lead when not in crate or competing
6. No females in heat will be allowed to compete
7. No human/dog aggressive dogs will be allowed 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 participate before event starts
10. Muzzles are allowed to keep the dog from biting the string
11. NO Alcohol or drug use permitted at any UPF event

Height Classes

- 13" and under
- 14"-18"
- 19"-23"
- 24" and over

Division Split

- 18" & under
- 19" & over

As of: February 8, 2026

Lure Procedures

1. Lure course will be no shorter than 200ft and no more than 300ft
2. All dogs will get TWO runs and the fastest of the two will be the run used for determining placement. Dogs will run both of their runs back-to-back
3. Dogs will start in the start box, pre-determined by the judge
4. An electronic timer (preferred) or stopwatch may be used to judge the time
5. Judge will decide the run order before the event and make sure, when possible, that handlers with multiple dogs are not running back-to-back
6. Any dog that relieves itself on the lure course will be DQ'd
7. Absolutely no performance enhancing drugs. The UPF will have a drug test conducted by a licensed vet

Handlers

1. A catcher and a releaser is required (bring a second leash) anyone can catch or release a dog

Point System

1st place 10 points

2nd place 7 points

3rd place 5 points

Add 1 additional point for every dog they beat

Nationals

1. To be eligible to compete, a dog must compete in 5 events to qualify for nationals
 - a. If your dog cannot complete 5 events buy-ins at nationals will be available. Cost is \$5 x the number of events needed to meet eligibility requirements. Example if your dog competed in 3 events cost to buy-in would be \$10 plus cost of nationals entry fee
2. All titles earned during season will be handed out at nationals

Equipment

1. Lure machine
2. String, pullies, bag
3. Electronic timers or stopwatch (requires two ppl)

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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 events must be sanctioned 30 days before event
3. Events can be scheduled any day of the week (Monday – Sunday). No limit on the number of sprints scheduled per event
4. NO Alcohol or drug use permitted at any UPF event
5. A list of sanctioned judges and belayers is available 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

Judges

1. To become a sanctioned lure course judge, you must apprentice 4 events under a senior judge

Points Titles

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

Titles will continue on indefinitely going 100 points at a time