

AKC SPORTMIX

Made In America Tour

We are excited to announce our Sportmix Made In America Tour and I want to explain how it will work. The tour will actually be two different tours which are tied together thru our points system.

We will have three Major Tour Hunts each year plus 1 Tour Championship.

These three tour hunts will be **open to ANY** AKC registered coonhound. These three events will be held in different locations and may move based on interest. **You do not have to be a tour member to participate in these three events.**

Double Sportmix points will be awarded to all cast winners in the early rounds. This will allow non tour members a chance to gain points towards the next year's tour race.

These events will use a two night format. The top 2 cast winners from each night will advance to the Final Round on Saturday night where they will compete to be the overall winner and earn \$5,000. This format gives you two chances to advance to the final round.

Hunters will have the option to hunt it off or split by a majority vote if so decided.

The entry fee for these events shall be \$75 per night.

AKC Sportmix Tour CHAMPIONSHIP

This event will be open only to the Top 125 dogs.

All dogs must compete in the Tour Championship both nights to be eligible for Awards.

There will be no blind draw for the Tour Championship. Dogs will be placed into casts as to how their position is in the Sportmix rankings as of December 31st. Dogs in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th place will hunt against each other and so forth on down.

In the case of dogs not showing up for the Tour Championship the next dog in the rankings will be moved up to fill that position.

Sportmix rankings will be adjusted from Friday night to Saturday night.

Saturday night's cast will be drawn based on point's rankings after Friday night's hunt.

The first place hound AFTER Saturday night's hunt will be crowned the Champion and receive the \$6,000 purse. Second and Third place will be determined this way as well.

These hounds will also be competing for \$5,000. The same format as the Major Tour Events will apply.

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So if you make it to the Tour Championship you are hunting for two separate purses- \$6,000, \$2,000, \$1,000 for the Tour Champions and \$5,000 purse money for the event.

How do I compete in the Sportmix Made In America Tour?

Tour Cardholder – Owner of any dog that finishes in the top 125 (including ties) in the previous year's Sportmix rankings. These 125 dogs are considered Tour Dogs.

Tour Cardholders will automatically receive a card showing dog's name and year of eligibility at the beginning of the competition year. Points shall belong to the hound and are transferrable if the hound is sold. (New cards available anytime per request)

Tour Dogs will be eligible to compete in the Sportmix Tour Championship.

Competition year- competition year runs from **January 1 until December 31.**

But remember, the winners will not be decided until Saturday night of the Tour Championship Hunt. This is when the overall rankings will be determined. So you could go into the Championship hunt in say 5th place and wind up winning first place overall! This is why competing at the local clubs will be important. The closer the race is the better your odds are.

A Tour Dog will receive double Sportmix points for all plus point cast wins in any regular AKC night hunt. You can look online at how our Points System works at <http://www.akccoonthounds.org/akc-events/point-system/>



How Do I get on the Tour?

First and foremost by competing at the local clubs. The points you accumulate will determine whether you get on Tour for the next year. This will also determine whether or not current Tour Dogs get to stay on Tour. We sincerely hope that you will go out and support your local clubs while earning a chance to hunt for some nice cash awards each year.

Bonus Point hunt- A bonus-point hunt will be a hunt where anyone competing and receiving a cast win will receive double Sportmix points.

Bonus Point Hunts are open to ANY AKC Coonhound.

Bonus Point hunts will be given to participating clubs only at the discretion of the AKC Coonhound Events Department. These will typically be State Championships, Benefit events, and past World Qualifiers.

Things to remember when booking hunts:

- **Photo requirement on all casts will be strictly enforced. NO PHOTO= NO WIN**
- **Continually Late or delinquent hunt /show reports will cause your club to lose future events.**
- **Event dates can be requested by phone or email at least three weeks in advance.**

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