## HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC YOUTH HANDLER PROGRAM POLICY

The Purpose of the Youth Handler Program was developed to encourage participation in HRC events allowing the entire family to get involved. The Youth Handler Program was designed for the Youth Handler primarily, and not necessarily the chase of championship points for the dog.

## Eligibility:

The Youth Handler Program is available to children from 8 to 18 years of age. The Youth Handler must be a member of the Hunting Retriever Club, either as a single or family member. The Youth Handler may register within 30 days of participating in the first event to be eligible to receive credit for the event(s) run.

## **Guidelines:**

Youth Handlers may enter a dog in Started, Seasoned, Finished, or Upland. If the same dog is run in contention by a handler for championship points, the dog may not be run in the same category by the Youth Handler.

Example: If a dog is run by a handler in Finished for championship points, the Youth Handler may not run the same dog in the Finished category even if there are multiple flights.

Youth Handlers will run the same test as everyone else. All HRC rules will be the same for the Youth Handler in the category entered as a regular handler.

Youth Handler entries will count toward total test entries. Example: If your flight has a maximum of 50 dogs, Youth Handlers will count towards the 50.

Youth Handlers will pay the same entry fee as other handlers unless otherwise reduced by the club.

UKC will help track participation by each Youth Handler through their HRC membership number.