

## **AHBA Youth Program**

Youths five and older are allowed to participate in the program.

If preferred, youths age 12 or under may have an adult in the arena beside them throughout the course. The adult is not to help in anyway with commanding the dog, but may help open gates or anything related to safety in the arena.

The sponsor is to determine how many classes to offer, and what type of classes, depending on the number of youths entered.

Youths are allowed to use already trained dogs and dogs who have already earned their AHBA championship. Youth handlers should be clearly indicated on the trial reporting form.

Youths who earn titles with their dogs will have the Youth designation in front of the title.

Sponsors are to list the course and provide a score sheet for the youth handlers, with the word Youth Handler on the score sheet. For example, the score sheet must say Youth HTAD or Youth HTD, etc.

Course maps, descriptions and scores sheets must be sent in for sanctioning to the AHBA Sanction Coordinator.

Courses may be reduced in the number of elements and scoring appropriate to the ages of the team.

Ribbons or certificates should be provided to all junior exhibitors by the sponsors.