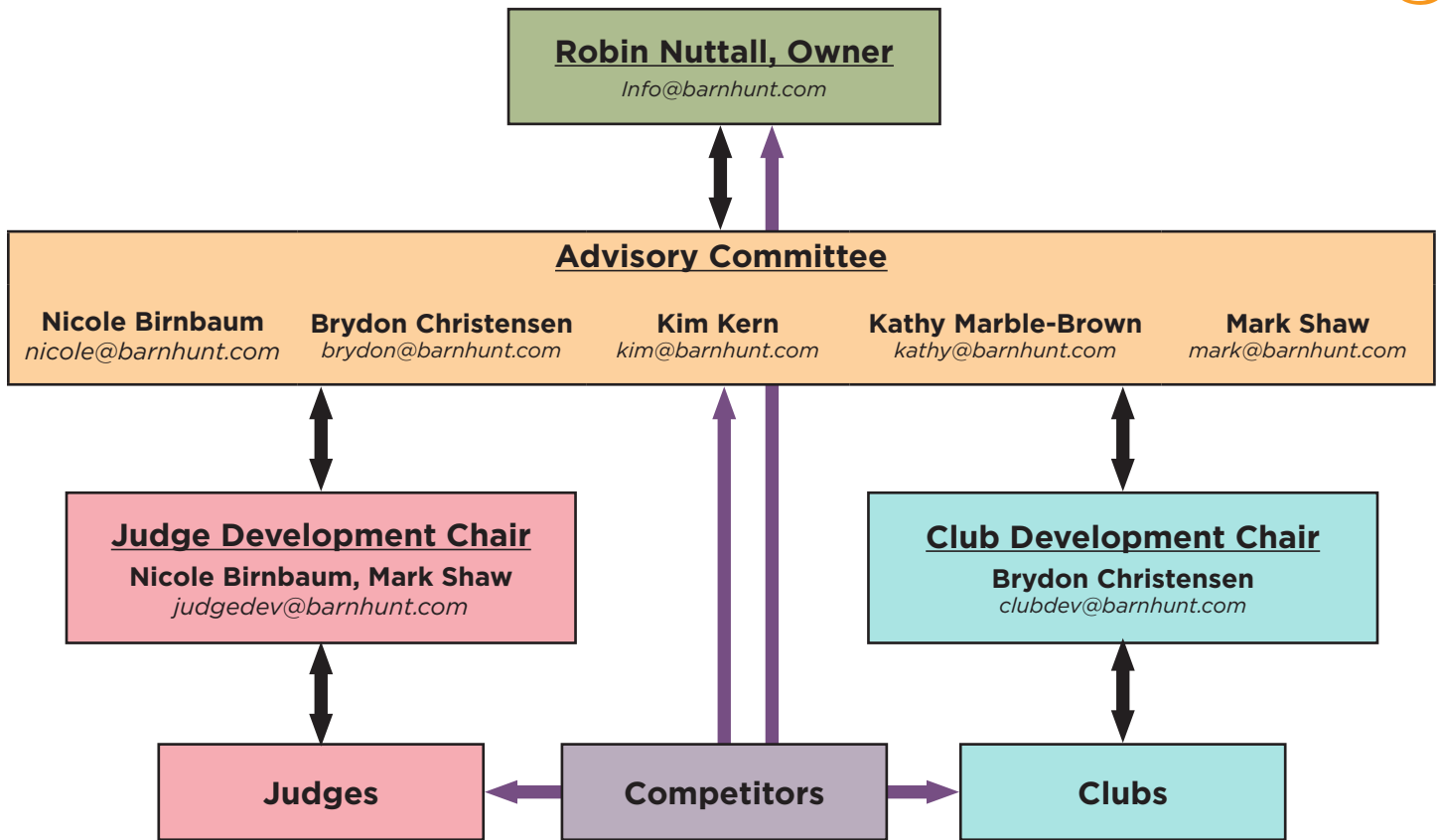


Hierarchy of Authority for Barn Hunt®

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Summary

Generally, the Judge of Record controls everything inside their ring, and the Club controls everything outside the ring. If there are two or more JOR on site and an in-ring rules conflict arises, the Judge with seniority has final say.

Judges who are in attendance but not serving in any official capacity should not interfere with any JOR or the Club unless they observe something that is egregiously illegal (e.g., a Senior course with no places 3 high) or likely to cause injury/harm to a person, dog, or rat. Respect must be accorded to the JOR(s). The non-official attending Judge may report more minor concerns later to the Judge Development Chair, any Advisory Committee member, and/or Robin Nuttall.

Any on-site Advisory Committee member is considered a delegate of the BHA and can override a Judge and/or Club as necessary even if not serving in an official role.

If a rules conflict arises between the Club and Judge(s), Judges have ultimate hierarchy over the Club. (**Judges are required to complete continuing education, Clubs are not**). Either party may escalate the inquiry to the Judge and/or Club Development Chair, the Advisory Committee, and/or Robin if necessary, during or after the Event.

Competitors with issues should first reach out to the Club and/or Judge at the Event. It is understood that some competitors will feel speaking up at the Event is not possible or safe. They can still contact any Advisory Committee member and/or Robin, during or after the Event. **Note that all efforts are made to ensure confidentiality of any person reporting an issue, but confidentiality can never be guaranteed. All inquiries must be in writing via email.**