

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Rules Change Proposals for the 2010 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2010 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted wording is ~~struck out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a favorable vote will be considered a change in the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be published in the first available issue of FAN after the 2010 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2011.
Russ Jacobs, Chair, REC

REFERRED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

(1) Chapter XI, Section 7 (c) A judge whose license has lapsed for a period of 12 months or more may be reinstated upon request and payment of the application fee, if any, and re-passing the judges test. If the license was provisional prior to lapse, the judge must apprentice under a licensed judge at least once prior to reinstatement and all work toward a full license must be repeated. If the license was a regular license for a one or more breed(s), the status license will temporarily revert to provisional, upon reinstatement and the judge will be required to repeat all requirements for a regular license including taking the judge's test. To regain the prior status, the judge must apprentice with an all breed judge in an all breed trial, for a majority of that judge's assignments, including at least one breed entry of 7 or more hounds. A judging confirmation sheet for that assignment must be sent to Judges Licensing in order for the status to be reinstated.

Effect: This would accelerate the process by which judges whose licenses have lapsed could be reinstated.

Reason: The Board believes that this process should be streamlined and "fast-tracked."

The REC recommends that this proposal be rejected.

(2) Add Singles Titles:

Chapter V, Section 1: At a breed specialty trial, a Regional Invitational or International Invitational, either three or four regular stakes shall be offered, the singles stake being the optional stake; i.e. Open, Field Champion, Veteran, and Singles, except that at a Limited breed specialty trial only the Limited and Singles stakes may be offered; at an all-breed trial, four regular stakes shall be offered in all breeds, i.e., Open, Field Champion, Veteran and Singles.

Chapter V, section 5. Regular stakes are described as follows:

New (d) Singles Stake: Any hound otherwise eligible for competition in regular stakes, including hounds with breed disqualifications and competition disqualifications, shall be eligible for entry in this stake. Single stake entries from all breeds shall be combined into one mixed stake, with proficiency points and placements awarded across the breeds. A hound entered in the Singles Stake shall be barred from competition in the Open, Field Champion and Veteran stakes at the same trial. Each hound shall run alone in the preliminary, the final and as applicable, the

runoff course. Only proficiency points and placements toward the Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP) and the Title of Coursing Proficiency Excellent (CPX) will be awarded. No ASFA points or placements toward the Field Championship or Lure Courser of Merit titles will be awarded. The winner of this stake shall not be eligible to compete in Best of Breed nor in Best in Field, but will be awarded High Scoring Single.

Chapter V, Section 9: Singles Stake DELETE IN FULL; RE-NUMBER SECTION ACCORDINGLY

Chapter VII, Section 1: Proficiency and Championship points are not official until published in the Field Advisory News...Proficiency and Championship points in all regular stakes – Open, Field Champion, Veteran and Singles – shall be awarded by the ASFA on the basis of:

First Place: Four times the number of hounds competing in the stake (or flight if the stake is split) with a maximum of 40 points....

Chapter VII, Section 2: Awards

All host clubs shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes:

First Place.....Blue
Second...
High Scoring Single.....Navy and Gold
Best of Breed.....Purple and Gold
Best in Field.....Red, Blue and White

If ribbons or rosettes are awarded at fun trials or practice events, they shall only be the following colors, but may be of any size or design:

First Place.....Rose
Second Place...
High Scoring Single.....Light Blue
Best of Breed.....Orange

Chapter VII, Section 3: Titles

Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP): A permanent Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound that has fulfilled the following proficiency requirements:

- (a) Attained a number of proficiency points in Singles Stake competition, as fixed by the ASFA. The number of proficiency points is 100.
- (b) Contained in this number of proficiency points must be two first placements or one first placement and two second placements. All such placements shall be awarded against competition, that is to say, wherein at least one placing hound is defeated. Consequently, a hound may have attained all the necessary proficiency points but not awarded the Title of Coursing Proficiency until the placements have been attained.

Title of Coursing Proficiency Excellent (CPX): The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate awards to those hounds that have a

ttained the ASFA Title of Coursing Proficiency and that, after receiving this title, continue to compete in the Singles Stakes to receive four first placements with competition and 300

proficiency points. A hound attaining these requirements shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name the Title of Coursing Proficiency Excellent (CPX).

When a hound completes the CPX title, it may continue to compete for additional titles. After receiving an additional four first placements with competition and 300 proficiency points in the Singles Stake, the title of CPXII shall be awarded. This process will be repeated indefinitely for the CPXIII, CPXIV, CPXV, and so on.

Effect: This would modify the singles stake to allow titles to be won from this stake.

Reason: This new title would provide both reward and incentive to competitors participating in ASFA lure coursing.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

(3) Add intermediate titles:

Chapter VII, Section 3: Titles

Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP) :

Title of Coursing Proficiency Excellent (CPX) :

Junior Field Champion (J.FCh.): an intermediate title of Junior Field Champion (JFCh) shall be utilized as a suffix title added to the registered name of any hound that has fulfilled the following requirements:

- a. Attained more than 50% of the required number of championship points assigned by the ASFA to attain the Field Champion (FCh) title.
- b. Attained at least one first placement with competition wherein at least one placing hound is defeated. It is possible that a hound may have attained a sufficient number of championship points but may not be awarded the title of Junior Field Champion until the placement is attained.

This intermediate title shall be dissolved and replaced by the ASFA Field Champion (F.Ch.) title once any hound has met the defined requirements for said title. No certificate of title shall be awarded for the Junior Field Champion.

Field Champion (as is)

Veteran Field Champion (as is)

Effect: to add a new intermediate title, mid-way to the Field Championship.

Reason: This new title would provide both reward and incentive to competitors participating in ASFA lure coursing. As an intermediate title awarded at the “half way” interval to ASFA’s established performance title, the ASFA Field Championship, this temporary suffix title is intended to encourage owners to get involved and inspire them to stay involved with ASFA coursing.

The REC recommends that this proposal be rejected.

(4) Add intermediate titles:

Chapter VII, Section 3: Titles

Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP) :

Title of Coursing Proficiency Excellent (CPX)

Senior Field Champion (S.FCh.): an intermediate title of Senior Field Champion (S.FCh.) shall be utilized as a suffix title added to the registered name of any hound that has fulfilled the following requirements:

- a. Attained more than 50% of the required number of championship points assigned by the ASFA to attain the Lure Courser of Merit (LCM) title.
- b. Attained at least two first placements with competition wherein at least one placing hound is defeated. It is possible that a hound may have attained a sufficient number of points but may not be awarded the title of Senior Field Champion until the placements are attained.

This intermediate title shall be dissolved and replaced by the ASFA Lure Courser of Merit (LCM) title once any hound has met the defined requirements for said title. No certificate of title shall be awarded for the Senior Field Champion.

Lure Courser of Merit (as is)

Veteran Lure Courser of Merit (as is)

Effect: to add a new intermediate title.

Reason: This new title would provide both reward and incentive to competitors participating in ASFA lure coursing. As an intermediate title awarded at the “half way” intervals to ASFA’s established and revered performance title, the ASFA Lure Courser of Merit, this temporary suffix title is intended to encourage owners to get involved and inspire them to stay involved with ASFA coursing.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

(5) Add Dual Champions:

Chapter VII, Section 3: Titles *Insert after “Veteran Field Champion” and before “Lure Courser of Merit”.*

Dual Champion: a permanent title of Dual Champion (D.Ch.) shall be awarded as a prefix title to the registered name of any hound that has fulfilled the following championship requirements:

- (a) attained, at a minimum, the ASFA Field Championship title as well as
- (b) an American Kennel Club (AKC) conformation champion title and/or
- (c) a Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) conformation champion title and/or
- (d) a United Kennel Club (UKC) Grand Champion conformation title

Proof of the completed conformation championship title or titles must be forwarded to the ASFA Record's Coordinator by mailing a photocopy of the issuing organization's title certificate. The ASFA cannot award a Dual Champion (D.Ch.) title until such time as this proof is on file with the ASFA. Proof may be forwarded to the Records Coordinator in advance of completing the ASFA Field Championship title.

(If this proposal passes, the Board will adjust language in the appendix addressing Dual Champions to reflect this change.)

Effect: to add a new title.

Reason: To encourage bench titled lure coursers to compete in ASFA events.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

(6) Add Bench Stake

Chapter V, Section 12. Add new (c) Bench stake: for hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall consist of a single hound with proof on file with the ASFA of a conformation champion title from the AKC, CKC or both or a conformation grand champion title from the UKC.

Effect: To add a new, non-regular stake. No points will be awarded in this stake.

Reason: To encourage bench titled lure coursers to compete in ASFA events.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

REFERRED FROM REGION 8:

(7) Chapter XI: Reverse the order of Section 1 and section 2.

Effect: Would put the explanation of the terms being used in front of the document rather than having it thrown in in the middle.

Reason: Makes the document read and flow better.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

(8) Ch XI, Section 1. General Requirements

All of the following requirements must be met before a license is granted: either prior to, or within 30 days following the first apprentice judging assignment that is to be counted toward the pre-licensing requirements of Section 3, below. When these initial requirements are met, the Judges Licensing Chair will publish the applicant's name in FAN or on the ASFA website, as may be appropriate.

- (1) must file appropriate application for apprentice judging.
- (2) must pay applicable fees.
- (3) must certify that he regularly receives a copy of the Field Advisory News.
- (4) must have a general knowledge of the coursing abilities of purebred sighthound breeds recognized by the ASFA.
- (5) will receive a free current copy of the ASFA's Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials along with a free current copy of the ASFA's Judges Handbook.

(b) All of the following requirements must be met before a license is granted:

- (a1) must be 18 years of age or older.
- (b2) must be in good standing with the American Sighthound Field Association.
- ~~(c) must certify that he regularly receives a copy of the Field Advisory News.~~
- ~~(d) must have a general knowledge of the coursing abilities of purebred sighthound breeds recognized by the ASFA.~~
- ~~(e) must be familiar with the ASFA's Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials.~~
- (f3) Must have participated in lure field trials a minimum of three (3) consecutive years during which time the applicant has served at ten (10) or more field trials in some official capacity.
- ~~(g) must have had lure coursing or open field coursing experience.~~
- ~~(h) must file appropriate application forms.~~
- ~~(i) must pay applicable fees.~~

Effect: the applicant judge would apply to apprentice judge before beginning the process or within 30 days of the first time they apprentice judged. This would get a commitment from the person. The applicant would send in their application along with the fee and would receive their free rulebook and Judges handbook up front to be used while they are apprentice judging rather than at the end after they have completed everything. The first publication would be in the beginning so that RD's and clubs would know who was working on a judges license and help them along.

Reason: Makes the whole process of becoming a judge flow and work better.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

(9) Ch. XI, Section 3: Pre-Licensing Requirements (apprentice status)

- (a) Any person who seeks a provisional license to judge must, in addition to fulfilling all of the general requirements of Section 1, apprentice judge a breed:
 1. at a minimum of three trials, with a minimum period of 19 intervening days between the first and last trial, and
 2. under three different licensed judges.

The applicant shall judge at least an entire breed, scoring each and every hound running in every course of that breed. All such apprentice judging must be performed within the United States. Each of five breeds must be judged this minimum number of times before an apprentice is

eligible for a provisional license.

(b) The apprentice judge's sheets shall be accumulated until the requirements have been completed, including having each licensed judge fill out and sign an apprentice judging statement as approved by the ASFA. (See sample form in appendix.)

(c) Prior to being granted a provisional license, the applicant must successfully complete a test provided by the ASFA, covering knowledge of the running rules. The required performance level on the test will be established by the Board.

(d) When the above requirements have been met, the sheets, together with the completed application form, shall be sent to the Chair of Judges Licensing, to arrive within one year of the date last apprenticed. Upon receipt of this information, the chair shall verify the application, and may grant the provisional license no less than ~~45~~30 days after publication of the application. The Chair of Judges Licensing shall publish a new judge's name ~~first twice~~, in FAN, ~~if the deadline for FAN is 30 days or less in the future; otherwise it may be published on the ASFA website, or in both locations, as may be appropriate at the time. The second publication may be either in FAN or on the website.~~

Effect: Make it so that an apprentice judge could not complete the apprentice judging in one weekend. Move the policy that the apprentice judging must be done in the US into the rulebook, also with Han going away covers for that

Reason: gets some items out of policies where they are to find and into the rulebook.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

REQUESTED BY THE PARENT CLUB:

(10) Raise the age of Afghan Veterans

Ch IV, Sec 8 (3)(j) Stakes offered. Regular stakes must be listed: Open stake, any eligible sighthound, excluding ASFA Field Champions of record; Field Champion stake, any ASFA Field Champion; Veteran stake, any eligible hound whose age is at least six years, except Irish Wolfhounds, whose age shall be at least five years, and Afghan Hounds, Whippets, and Rhodesian Ridgebacks, whose age shall be at least seven years. Limited stake. Singles stake - optional. Best in Field will or will not be offered. (Non-regular stakes: Breeder and Kennel - optional.)

Ch V Sec 5(c) VETERAN STAKE: For any individual hounds whose age is at least six years, except Irish Wolfhounds whose age shall be at least five years, and Afghan Hounds, Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks, whose age shall be at least seven years. The hound certification requirement in (a) above also applies to hounds entered in the Veteran stake which have not previously competed in Open. Hounds entered in the Veteran stake may not be entered in any other regular stake in the same lure field trial.

ENTERING YOUR HOUND, 6. (c) VETERAN STAKE: For any individual hounds whose age exceeds six years, except Irish Wolfhounds, whose age shall exceed five years, and Afghan Hounds, Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks, whose age shall be at least seven years. The hound certification requirement in (a) above also applies to hounds entered in the Veteran stake

have not previously competed in Open. Hounds entered in the Veteran stake may not be entered in any other regular stake in the same lure field trial.

Effect: This would raise the minimum age of entry into the Veteran class to seven years for Afghan hounds.

Reason: The Afghan Hound Club of America has requested this change

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.