

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Rules Change Proposals for the 2017 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2017 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 on the ASFA website after the 2017 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2018.
---Russ Jacobs, Chair, REC

(1) Chapter 5 Section 7:

Section 7. First placing hounds in all regular stakes of each breed shall runoff or withdraw from Best of Breed competition. Unless all ties for first place and Best of Breed can be resolved in one course, all ties must be broken before running Best of Breed. Best of Breed competition must be resolved in one course. In the case of multiple flights, an overall winner in the Open stake, an overall winner in the Field Champion stake, and an overall winner in the Veteran stake must be determined by runoff or forfeiture unless the Best of Breed can be run in one course. Determination of this overall winner shall be determined in the same manner as tie-breaking: namely, all hounds in contention shall be randomly drawn in as many courses as are necessary, and after a single run of each course the high-scoring hound will be considered the overall winner (ties must be forfeited or run-off). The winner of this run or the remaining hound shall be declared that breed's Best of Breed. Only hounds winning a awarded Best of Breed run either by winning a run-off or by forfeiture shall be awarded points equal to the points awarded the highest-placing hound in that breed which it defeated. In the event of a single entry in any breed, or all hounds in a breed entered in one stake, the Best of Breed winner shall be determined solely by the highest combined scores of the preliminary and final courses. A hound must earn a qualifying score in the runoff in order to win Best of Breed. A hound who wins a Best of Breed run, and who is a single entry in a stake, shall be awarded a first placement with competition. A hound excused, dismissed or disqualified in a runoff and/or Best of Breed run shall not lose prior points or placements earned that day. A dismissal or disqualification in a runoff and/or Best of Breed run shall count on the hound's record in accordance with Chapter VIII, "Disqualification, Dismissal, and Reinstatement of Hounds"

Effect: To allow any hound awarded best of breed to win points equal to the highest amount awarded in that breed.

Reason: To avoid situations where additional points are denied to a stake winner by refusal to run best of breed.

The REC makes no recommendation on this proposal.

(2) Chapter 5 Sec 13:

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Section 13. At the option of the host club, non-regular stakes may be offered as follows (all entries and awards shall be divided by breed; Singles stake will be considered a single, separate "individual breed" for the purposes of this section):

Note: The following stakes are non-regular stakes which can be offered by the host club at its option. If one or more of these stakes is offered, it is simply noted and winners are determined from their performance in the regular stake. In other words, these are not stakes especially run. They are designed to offer competitors a chance to win special non-regular ribbons or prizes. No points are awarded in any of these stakes.

- (a) Kennel stake: For hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall consist of two hounds, designated at time of entry, ~~in one of the regular stakes being~~ owned and kenneled by the same person.
- (b) Breeder stake: For any individual breed which shall have, designated at time of entry, two hounds bred by the same individual.
- (c) Bench stake: for hounds of any individual breed; an entry shall consist of ~~a single an~~ individual 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.

In all non-regular stakes there will be only one winner per breed with no championship points awarded.

Effect: To allow Singles stake hounds the opportunity to compete in their own non-regular stakes.

Reason: Currently, it is not clear if or how Singles stake breeds can compete in non-regular stakes. This makes it clear that a club can offer non-regular kennel, breeder and bench stakes for Singles stake only.

The REC recommends that this proposal be approved.

