

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Rules Change Proposals for the 2020 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2020 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 2020 ACoD and will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

--Marilyn Standerford, Chair, REC

REC Members: Russ Jacobs and Ping Pirrung, and alternates—Elaine McMichael and Kathy Sanders

Proposal #1 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter I, Section 4. There shall be no consumption of any type of alcoholic beverages or legal or illegal drugs that could reasonably be expected to impair perception or judgment by any judge, by any member of the field committee, or by anyone working in any official capacity prior to the completion of their assignment. Said consumption shall be deemed detrimental to the sport of lure field trials.

EFFECT: The REC feels that the changed wording encompasses the intent of the original motion, without calling out specifics.

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

COST TO THE ASFA: *Nothing*

PROPOSAL #2 comes from the ACoD

Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Section 5. Licensing for Additional Breeds. Any judge regularly licensed in at least three breeds may seek an additional breed by meeting the following requirements; so long as those requirements are met, Singles stake shall also count as an additional breed.

- (a) Judge provisionally the breed or Singles stake for which the license is sought at no less than three trials with three different licensed judges. (Judging five hounds per stake is a requirement for the first three breeds only and does not apply to any breeds thereafter, or to Singles stake.)
- (b) AKC licensed Judges who are currently in ASFA Provisional Status may use an AKC assignment, when judging with a fully licensed ASFA judge, where breed entries meet the entry requirements to count towards that breed's license approval. The Provisional judge will be required to provide a signed AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENT from the licensed judge and documentation supporting their assignment, and number of hounds in that breed judged on that day.

(c) When the requirements of Section 5(a) have been met, notify the chair, in writing, that a license for one or more breeds is being sought, listing breed and assignment.

~~(c)~~ (d) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair and after the applicant's name has been published, shall determine whether the applicant shall be granted a license to judge the breed(s) for which the license is sought.

EFFECT: *To allow provisional ASFA judges to use AKC judging assignments, with a fully licensed ASFA Judge, towards the requirements for an ASFA judging license.*

REASON: *to bring ASFA Operational Policy O-JUDG24 into the ASFA Running Rules with the other judge licensing information.*

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Proposal #3 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

The REC felt that the three individual items were unrelated enough that each should be voted on separately. We divided Proposal #3 into three parts—3a (4.), 3b (5.), 3c (6.).

Proposal #3a

Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw

4. When there is but a single course in a regular stake in which an owner or his duly-authorized agent has more than one hound, these hounds will be run together or one or more will be scratched by the owner or his duly-authorized agent, without refund of entry fee.

Effect: *To add the word "the" prior to owner. This appears to be a housekeeping correction.*

Cost to the ASFA: *No cost*

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Proposal #3B

Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw

5. If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with another breed in a mixed breed stake if all ~~exhibitors~~ owners or their duly-authorized agents agree. The

hounds would be scored separately by the one or two judges listed in the premium list for each breed and receive placements and points as if this stake was a regular stake such as open, field champion or veteran.

Effect: *This would give points and placements for running with competition when the hounds are of different breeds yet running together.*

Cost to the ASFA: *major changes to the records program to allow multiple breeds to run against each other and get points and placements toward ASFA titles.*

The REC recommends this proposal be rejected.

RATIONALE: Who would judge this mixed breed stake? Each breed in the stake must be judged by the judges listed in the premium. This could potentially have six judges for a single course. The mixed breed could be Open against FCh, or any combination of stakes.

Proposal #3C:

Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw

6. A single entry in a stake may be drawn to run with any other stake of that breed (mixed stake) if all the ~~handlers involved agree,~~ owners or their duly authorized agents involved agree. But in no event shall more than two stakes be mixed unless all stakes in a breed can be run as a single course. The stakes will be scored separately. The judges shall not be informed which courses are combined.

Effect: *that wherever the words owner or handler is referred to in the rulebook we can replace it with owners or their duly authorized agent, where appropriate. It is a type of housekeeping change in that we want the consistency throughout the entire rulebook.*

Cost to the ASFA: *No cost to the ASFA*

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted and the changes made consistently throughout the rulebook.

Proposal #4 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Proposal #4

(Splitting Chapter IX, Section 1 into two sections and renumbering the rest of the Chapter IX.)

Chapter IX. PROTESTING THE LURE FIELD TRIAL

Any member of a club sanctioned to hold a lure field trial, or any participant in the lure field trial, or any individual belonging to a club sanctioned by the ASFA, may lodge a "protest of proceedings" should he/she desire to do so. The following procedure must be followed:

Section 1. Protesting A Judge's Decision: A written statement lodging the protest and explicitly describing the infringement ~~or non-regular procedure or ruling~~ of ASFA rules and policies,

accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) protest filing fee (when paying by check, the check should be made out to ASFA) is given to the Field Trial Chairman during the trial hours. The Field Trial Chairman shall notify the judge(s) immediately. Since according to Ch. III, Sec. 22, only the Board of Directors of the ASFA may reverse, change or modify a judge's decision, if when the protest regards a judge's decision, the field committee shall not rule on the protest, but shall gather written statements from the judges, huntmaster and lure operator plus as well as rather shall forward the protest and fees any comments the committee is able to make on the substance of the protest. These statements will become part of the protest. The Field Trial Secretary will forward the protest and fees, directly to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary. ~~Otherwise, the field committee must make a ruling in writing as soon as possible during trial hours on that day, a copy of which shall be given, on that day, to the protestor. All monies, copies of the protest and copies of the field committee rulings must be received by the ASFA Corresponding Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the trial or be postmarked within ten (10) days of the trial, except protests upheld by the field committee are cause for reimbursement of the \$10 fee to the protestor and no monies shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary.~~

Section 2. Protesting an infringement or non-regular procedure: A written statement lodging the protest and explicitly describing the ~~infringement or non-regular procedure or ruling of~~ ASFA rules and policies, accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) protest filing fee is given to the Field Trial Chairman during the trial hours. (When paying by check, the check should be in US funds and made out to the ASFA.) The field committee must make a ruling in writing as soon as possible during trial hours on that day. A copy of the ruling shall be given, ~~on that day,~~ to the protestor on that day. All monies, copies of the protest and copies of the field committee rulings must be received by the ASFA Corresponding Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the trial or be postmarked within ten (10) days of the trial. Only protests upheld by the field committee are cause for reimbursement of the \$10 fee to the protestor and no monies shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary.

NOTE: Renumber the remaining sections as necessary.

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Effect: *Identifying the different requirements for Protesting a Judge's Decision and for Protesting an infringement or non-regular procedure.*

Proposal #5 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Appendix

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ASFA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Revising the Running Rules

Section 9. A proposal that has received a favorable vote at the Annual Convention of Delegates shall be considered a change to the Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials. Such proposals shall be posted on the ASFA website, and any other method of publication as approved by the Board of Directors and shall go into effect ~~January July~~ August 1 following ratification.

Effect: *With distribution now electronically and via the ASFA web site, rule changes are distributed faster than previously when they had to be published in FAN and via printed rule book. The CRC is using August 1, not July 1. It should be consistent.*

Cost to ASFA: *None*

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Proposal #6 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter V, Section 5

(b) FIELD CHAMPION STAKE: ... Hounds determined not to be eligible to compete in the Field Champion stake will ~~forfeit all points and placements earned in that stake toward an LCM~~ be notified by the Records Coordinator. The owner will be required to run the hound in Open to attain the required placement or points to attain a Field Champion title within six months of notification by the Records Coordinator. All points and placements attained in the ineligible stake will be held until completion of Field Champion title. If the title of Field Champion is not attained within 6 months, all points & placements will be forfeited.

Effect: *Allowing the points and placements earned while running in the FCh stake, although ineligible to be held awaiting the completion of the FCh title requirement while running in the Open Stake.*

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Proposal #7 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter V, Running the Meet

Section 5. OPEN STAKE: Each stake shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and bitches; ASFA Field Champions of record of that breed may not be entered. A hound running in the Open Stake who has completed its Field Championship title, will not earn any points or placements after the Field Champion title was earned. A photocopy of acceptable registry must be submitted with a hound's first ASFA field trial entry. This requirement will be waived for hounds registered with the National Greyhound Association....

Effect: Clarifying that a FCh hound entered in the Open stake will not earn any further points or placements in the Open Stake. None of those points or placements awarded after the FCH title is earned running in Open Stake will count.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

Proposal #8 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter VII, PLACEMENTS, AWARDS and TITLES

Section 1. Placements

Proficiency and Championship points are not official until published on the ASFA website. In the event of an error in scoring on the submitted records, the Records Coordinator will notify the host club which shall have the sole responsibility of notifying ~~within thirty days~~ those individuals whose hounds have received placements affected points and/or placements within thirty days. Proficiency and Championship points in all regular stakes – Open, Field Champion, Veteran and Singles stakes – shall be awarded by the ASFA on the basis of:

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Effect: To address and clarify notifying owners of errors in submitted records.

Cost to the ASFA: no cost to the ASFA

Proposal #9 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter VII, PLACEMENTS, AWARDS and TITLES

Section 1, Placements

No hound shall receive a placement or be awarded points if it does not score at least 50 percent of the total possible combined scores. Hounds which do not receive placements under this provision will nevertheless be considered as in competition for the purpose of awarding points to hounds which do place. When an ineligible hound receives a placement, all other points and placements will stand.

Effect: Points and placements for eligible hounds stand, even if an ineligible hound is entered.

Cost to the ASFA: there is no cost to the ASFA

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Proposal #10 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter VII, PLACEMENTS, AWARDS and TITLES

Section 3, Titles

Field Champion: A permanent title of Field Champion (FCh) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following championship requirements:

(a) and (b) have no changes

(c) Individuals wishing to know their hound's point standing should use the request form on the ASFA website or send the hound's registered name, registration number and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Records Coordinator of the ASFA, and this information will be sent to them.

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Effect: to further emphasize the use of the ASFA website for hound information from the Records Coordinator.

Cost to the ASFA: there is no cost to the ASFA

Proposal #11 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter VI

RECORDS & FEES FORWARDED TO ASFA

Section 1. All records, either electronic or paper must be received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or postmarked within ten (10) days of the approved lure field trial, with the exception of the International Invitational. In the case of the International Invitational, the records must be received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within twenty (20) days or be postmarked within fifteen (15) days of the approved dates for the International Invitational. For the penalty assessed for the late receipt of records, see paragraph ~~(h)~~ (f).

These records must include:

(a) ~~A copy of the approved premium list.~~ A copy of the approved premium with any course plan changes or judges changes. A letter of explanation of these changes must accompany the premium.

(b) All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required. Notations of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches in season, lame,

dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused by the Field Trial Chairman, etc. The following should also be included:

1. Proof of registration, completed certification and entry forms for hounds entered for the first time.
2. Entry forms that include notations for hounds working off a dismissal
3. Entry form that include any indicated change of information (e.g. new titles, address change or change of ownership).
4. Per Capital Report sheet

~~(c) All completed entry forms.~~

~~(c) All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required.~~

~~(d) All Judge's (s') sheets, including re-runs and runoffs if required.~~

~~(d) Notations of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches in season, lame, dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused by the Field Trial Chairman, etc.~~

(c) Per capita fees are set by the Board of Directors and are payable to the ASFA in USD. (See schedule of fees on the ASFA website.) Per capita fees are required for each hound which was a paid entry in a regular stake and for each paid entry in the non-regular stakes (Kennel, Breeder, and Bench Stakes). No per capita fee is due for any entry, regular or non-regular, that was fully refunded to the exhibitor. All per capita fees shall be paid with a club check, certified check, money order or through an electronic funds transfer (EFT). (Do not send cash or personal checks.) as set by the Board of Directors or received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or be postmarked within ten (10) days of the lure field trial, with the exception of the International Invitational. In the case of the International Invitational, the per capita must be paid through an electronic funds transfer (EFT) as set by the Board of Directors or received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within twenty (20) days or be postmarked within fifteen (15) day of the approved dates for the International Invitational. Points are not recorded by the Records Coordinator until either this per capita fee is received, or the Board of Directors has determined that there is an overriding reason to record the trial. The per capita must be paid by certified check, money order, electronic funds transfer or club check (do not send cash or personal checks).

(d) The A penalty charge will be charged for late receipt or postmark of records which shall not exceed the per capita fee, subject to review by the ASFA Board of Directors. When paying electronically, receipt date will be the date ASFA is notified the payment has been received by the EFT system.

(i) Changes to the approved premium list will be accompanied by a letter of explanation to the Records Coordinator.

Section 2. The Records Coordinator will ~~correct field clerk errors and placements on record sheets, where appropriate, but will not change any judge's total score~~ verify eligibility for each hound entered. The Records Coordinator will notify the Field Trial Secretary of the host club of any ~~and all such changes~~ entry of an ineligible hound which causes a change in points and placements. There shall be no changes to any points or placements after completion of the trial unless an ineligible hound has competed.

Section 3. The host club shall maintain a ~~duplicate~~ complete set of all records submitted for a period of one year following the lure field trial.

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

Effect: *to reorganizes the requirements in a clearer format, making it easier for FTSs to know what must be submitted to the ASFA Records Coordinator*

Cost to the ASFA: *there is no cost to the ASFA*

Proposal #12 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter II, Section 4. Huntmaster

16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a ~~pre-slip and restart provided no tally has been sounded~~ hound being tangled in its slip lead or other safety concerns. A pre-slip in and of itself is not a cause for stopping the course.

Effect: *This prohibits the huntmaster from stopping the course in the case of a pre-slip.*

Cost to the ASFA: *there is no cost to the ASFA*

The REC recommends this proposal be rejected

Rationale: If a pre-slip of one hound is flagrant, the huntmaster should have the ability to stop the course.

Proposal #13 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

Chapter III Judging, Section 6. While on the field during his judging assignment, no judge shall discuss anything relative to his judging assignment with any handler or agent unless initiated by the judge.

The REC recommends this proposal be approved.

Rationale: There may be situations regarding excusals, dismissals, disqualifications, injury or other unusual circumstances where a judge may want to immediately provide feedback to a handler or agent. This still does not allow a handler or agent to come onto the field to discuss

but if a request is relayed through the huntmaster, the judge has the option and may temporarily leave the field to discuss without waiting for a break in their assignment. Sometimes a break may not happen for a period of time and the handler or agent may say or do things without fully understanding the situation as seen from the field.

Cost to ASFA: *Changing the running rules and posting on the web.*

The REC recommends this proposal be approved.