

**RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE**  
**Rules Change Proposals for the 2022 ACoD**

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2022 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 2022 ACoD and will go into effect on August 1, 2022.

*--Marilyn Standerford, Chair, REC*

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

***Proposal #1 comes from Marilyn Standerford***

Marilyn Standerford moved to add to **Chapter IV, Section 8. Required Contents of Premium Lists**, an item (g) The Field Trial Secretary's e-mail address, and re-letter the remaining.

**Section 8. Required Contents of Premium Lists**

2. The following items must appear on the front cover:
  - (a) Closing date(s) for entries and entry limits (if any).
  - (b) Club name (logo optional).
  - (c) All-breed or single breed trial(s).
  - (d) Date of trial(s).
  - (e) Location of trial (street, town and state). Must include an actual street address, city and state, or a physical/legal description, if no address is available.
  - (f) A day-of-trial cell phone or on-site emergency contact number, if possible.
  - (g) The Field Trial Secretary's e-mail address
  - (h) Entry fee(s).
  - (i) The ASFA region in which the trial is being held.
  - (j) Permission has been granted by the American Sighthound Field Association for the holding of this event under American Sighthound Field Association Rules and Regulations.  
....., Chair, ASFA Scheduling Committee.

**EFFECT:** To include the Field Trial Secretary's e-mail address as a required piece of information for the Premium list.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

## ***Proposal #2 comes from Marilyn Standerford***

Marilyn Standerford moves that **Chapter IV, Section 8. Required Contents of Premium Lists, 3. (h) through (j)** be referred to the REC to reflect the rule changes that occurred at the 2020 ACoD regarding how Provisional and Limited breeds are referred, removing all Limited Stakes references, defining stakes offered more specifically for the Premium, and including the Singles stake definition.

Items 3 (a) – (g) no changes

(h) Breed or list of breeds eligible to enter. Only purebred Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzoi, Cirneco dell'Etna, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Silken Windhounds, Sloughis, Whippets and Provisional breeds ~~(if any)~~ may be entered in the regular stakes. ~~Limited stake breeds, if any, may be entered in the Limited Stake. These Provisional breeds~~ are listed on the ASFA website.

(i) "All entries in the regular stakes shall be individually registered with the American Kennel Club, the National Greyhound Association, the Federation Cynologique Internationale, an ASFA-recognized foreign or ASFA Board approved registry, including the UKC, or possess a critique registration number (CRN) from the Society for the Perpetuation of Desert Bred Salukis (SPDBS). ~~Limited and/or Provisional stake entries shall be individually registered with the appropriate registry. (Dogs with an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) or Purebred Alternate Listing (PAL) from the American Kennel Club shall be considered registered with that body.)"~~

(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, Ibizan Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, and Whippets, whose age shall be at least seven years. ~~Limited stake.~~ Singles stake: Hounds run alone. Hounds with breed disqualifications or who have been Dismissed or Disqualified from other stakes are eligible to compete in the Singles stake. No ASFA points or placements toward FCH or LCM will be awarded, and they are not eligible for BIF. Best in Field will or will not be offered. (Non-regular stakes: Breeder, Kennel and Bench-optional.)

**EFFECT:** To remove the references to the Limited Stake and further define Singles stake.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

## ***Proposal #3 comes from Marilyn Standerford***

Marilyn Standerford moves that **Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 1** be referred to the REC to reflect the removal of the Limited Stake.

**Chapter V, RUNNING THE MEET, 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 stake 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 stake.

**EFFECT:** To remove the references to the Limited Stake

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

## ***Proposal #4 comes from Marilyn Standerford***

Marilyn Standerford moves that **Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 5 (d)** be referred to the REC to reflect the removal of the Limited Stake.

(d) **SINGLES STAKE:** Any hound otherwise eligible for competition in regular ~~or Limited~~ stakes, including hounds with breed disqualifications and competition disqualifications, shall be eligible for entry in this stake. Singles 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 from this stake, ~~and no points or other considerations toward an ASFA title of any sort will be awarded to dogs in the Limited stake.~~ The winner of this Singles stake shall not be eligible to compete in Best of Breed nor in Best in Field, but will be awarded High Scoring Single

**EFFECT:** To remove the references to the Limited Stake

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

## ***Proposal #5 comes from Marilyn Standerford***

Marilyn Standerford moves that **Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 10. Limited Stake** be removed, and subsequent sections 11-19 be renumbered accordingly.

### **~~Section 10. Limited Stake~~**

~~Limited stake will be offered by all host clubs if there are any breeds approved for Limited status. All rules and procedures pertaining to competition in the Open stake shall apply to Limited stake competition except where inconsistent with the following:~~

- ~~1. Each Limited stake shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and bitches. All Limited status breeds will be run in braces or trios, if possible. Scores and placements will be tallied by breed.~~
- ~~2. Limited stake entry is allowed for hounds of breeds that: 1) are considered sighthounds by their national parent club or the parent club from the country of origin but are not eligible for competition in the ASFA regular stakes, and 2) are on the list of such breeds that the ASFA has currently approved for entry. Such list can be found on the ASFA website.~~
- ~~3. Limited stake entry must be allowed for all breeds on the current ASFA approved list, except that a club may offer a Limited status breed specialty trial, at which only hounds of the single specialty breed will be accepted for entry.~~
- ~~4. Placements shall be awarded based on the combined preliminary and final course scores (and tie-breaking runs if appropriate). The winners of these classes shall not be eligible to compete in the Best of Breed and/or Best in Field courses.~~
- ~~5. No ASFA points or placements towards a Field Championship or an LCM shall be awarded. However, the parent clubs are encouraged to provide recognition.~~
- ~~6. All breed judges are licensed to judge the Limited stake.~~
- ~~7. Provisional judges may judge the Limited stake as allowed by Ch. XI, Section 4 (a). However, such judging assignments will not be considered as part of the licensing requirements for additional breeds.~~
- ~~8. Limited status breeds are eligible to compete in ASFA Invitationals.~~

### **Section 14 10. Provisional Stake.**

**Section 12 11. Best in Field.**

**Section 13 12. Non-Regular Stakes.** 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): ...

**Section 14 13.** A person may handle any number of hounds during a trial but may not handle more than one hound in each course of that trial.

**Section 15 14.** Any owner who deputizes another person to handle his hound must not interfere with the hound or handler throughout the duration of the course.

**Section 16 15.** Handlers shall provide and use, ~~with each entry,~~ a slip lead with each entry. No spike or prong collars are permitted on the field.

**Section 17 16.** An elastic identification band, a blanket, muzzle (if used), and protective coverings in colors other than those listed in Sec. 6 (h) (if used) may be worn. Identification bands will be a maximum of 3/4" wide elastic in black or white. No other paraphernalia is permissible during the running of the course.

**Section 18 17.** These rules permit a handler to muzzle his hound, provided said muzzle has no sharp, hard edges, and allows the hound to breathe freely.

**Section 19 18.** A hound may not be added to a course unless that hound is a regular entry and is to be scored (i.e., there shall be no bye-dog.)

**EFFECT:** To remove the entire section referring to the Limited Stake; renumber the remaining sections to flow correctly.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

***Proposal #6 comes from Marilyn Standerford***

**Section 12. Best in Field.**

At the option of the host club, a Best in Field may be offered. All Best of Breed winners shall be eligible to compete in the Best in Field competition (except Provisional breeds, and Singles stake ~~hounds and Limited stake~~). If the host club offers this competition, it must ~~so indicate~~ be indicated in the premium list.

**EFFECT:** To remove the reference to the Limited Stake and fix the grammar of the last sentence.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

***Proposal #7 comes from Marilyn Standerford***

*Marilyn Standerford moves that Chapter VI, Records & Fees Forwarded to ASFA, Section 1 be referred to the REC to incorporate the reduction in paperwork changes approved by the 2020 ACoD. In addition, change the reference at the end of Section 1 from "For the penalty assessed for late receipt of records, see paragraph (h)." to reflect the paragraph reference correctly as (d).*

**Section 1.** All records must be received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or be 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 late receipt of records, see paragraph ~~(h)~~ (e).

These records must include:

- (a) A copy of the approved premium list 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(s) that include any indicated change of information (e.g., new titles, address change or change of ownership).
  4. Judges sheets for courses in which a hound is excused, dismissed or disqualified.
  5. Per Capita Report Completed Field Trial Secretary Report (FTS Report REC 25)
- (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 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.) 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.
- (d) A penalty will be charged for late receipt of records. This fee shall not exceed the total per capita fee. When paying the per capita electronically, the later of either the payment receipt date or the date the ASFA Records Coordinator receives the records and payment must not be more than 14 days after the event, with the exception of the International Invitational. In the case of the International Invitational, the per capita fee must be received by the ASFA within twenty (20) days of the approved dates for the International Invitational.

**EFFECT:** To clarify what is required with the records paperwork reduction.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

### ***Proposal #8--Chapter XIII, Lure Field Trial Glossary of Terms***

Marilyn Standerford moves that the **Chapter XIII, Lure Field Trial Glossary of Terms** be referred to the REC to remove the references to the Limited Stake and ensure the entries are consistent with the references in the Rulebook.

**Hound Certification:** Certification by a judge that the hound can complete a course without interruption and not interfere with another hound. The judge must be regularly licensed in at least one breed to judge a certification run. Required of dogs entered in the Open ~~or Limited~~ Stake for the first time, and for dogs entered in the Veteran stake who have not previously competed in the Open stake, and who are not eligible for waivers [see Ch V Sec 5(a)]

**Late entry:** An entry made after the latest closing time and date. These are not allowable.

~~**Limited stake:** Hounds run in braces or trios, in separate stakes for each breed, for exhibition only. Only hounds on the current ASFA-approved Limited stake list are eligible. No ASFA points or placements toward FCH or LCM awarded. Not eligible for BIF.~~

**No course:** Any course that a judge determines to be unjudgable.

**Singles stake:** Hounds run alone. Hounds with breed disqualifications or who have been Dismissed or Disqualified from other stakes are eligible to compete in the Singles stake. No ASFA points or placements toward FCH or LCM will be awarded and they are not eligible for BIF.

**EFFECT:** To remove the reference to the Limited Stake in the glossary and define Singles stake.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

### ***Proposal #9—comes from Marilyn Standerford***

Marilyn Standerford moves that the **Chapter I, General Rules, Section 1** be referred to REC to include the United Kennel Club (UKC) as an ASFA Board approved registry. (And include the addition of UKC wherever else for appropriate reference in the ASFA Running Rules and forms.) NOTE:

**Section 1.** Only purebred Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzoi, Cirneco dell'Etna, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Silken Windhounds, Sloughis, and Whippets may be entered in the regular stakes in ASFA lure field trials. All hounds must be not less than one year old on the day of the trial. All entries shall be individually registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), the National Greyhound Association (NGA), the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI), the UKC, an ASFA-recognized foreign or ASFA Board approved registry, or possess a critique registration number (CRN) from the Society for the Perpetuation of Desert Bred Salukis (SPDBS). The owner of a hound is required to notify the Records Coordinator of any change in registration number. 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. (Dogs with an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) or Purebred Alternate Listing (PAL) from the American Kennel Club shall be considered registered with that body.)

*Another place where the UKC should be referenced:*

**Chapter IV, SCHEDULING THE MEET, Section 8, #3 (i)** “All entries in the regular stakes shall be individually registered with the American Kennel Club, the National Greyhound Association, the Federation Cynologique Internationale, the UKC, an ASFA-recognized foreign, or ASFA Board approved registry, or possess a critique registration number (CRN) from the Society for the Perpetuation of Desert Bred Salukis (SPDBS). Limited and/or Provisional stake entries shall be individually registered with the appropriate registry. (Dogs with an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) or Purebred Alternate Listing (PAL) from the American Kennel Club shall be considered registered with that body.)”

**EFFECT:** To include the UKC (United Kennel Club) as an ASFA-recognized foreign approved registry.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

### ***Proposal #10—comes from Marilyn Standerford***

Marilyn Standerford moves that the phrase “owner or agent” be replaced throughout the rulebook to be consistent with the changes made by 2020 ACoD to read “an owner or his duly-authorized agent”, be referred to the REC to make consistent throughout the ASFA Running Rules.

PAGE 6—**Chapter I, GENERAL RULES, Section 2.** The owner or his duly-authorized agent entering a hound in a lure field trial does so at his own risk. The owner or his duly-authorized agent and licensed club agree to abide by the rules of the ASFA.

PAGE 6—**Chapter I, GENERAL RULES, Section 3. (d)** Hounds that have been disqualified, or which do not meet the requirements for entry in an Invitational, are also eligible to have their entry fees refunded by check within 90 days of the trial. Fees will be refunded only if the owner or his duly-authorized agent notifies the Field Trial Secretary of such ineligibility prior to or during roll call.

PAGE 7—**Chapter II, OFFICIALS, Section 1. Field Trial Secretary, 7.** The Field Trial Secretary shall decline any late, incomplete, unsigned, unpaid or conditional entries. Each entry must be completed in full and the information given on the form must be that which applies to that entered hound. The entry form must be signed by the owner or his duly-authorized agent duly authorized to make the entry.

PAGE 10—**Chapter II, OFFICIALS, Section 7. Field Committee. 6.** If a judge is substituted in a stake in which an owner has a hound entered, ~~he~~ the owner or his duly-authorized agent has the option of withdrawing his hound before the draw and receiving his entry fee back. If, subsequent to the draw, a judge must be substituted, no refunds shall be made.

PAGE 10—**Chapter II, OFFICIALS, Section 7. Field Committee. 7.** In the event a published lure operator cannot fulfill his assignment, the field committee must select a substitute lure operator and must announce the name of that substitute before the draw for the stake at which he is to operate the lure. If a lure operator is substituted in a stake in which an owner has a hound entered, ~~he~~ the owner or his duly-authorized agent has the option of withdrawing his hound before the draw and receiving his entry fee back. If, subsequent to the draw, a lure operator must be substituted, no refunds shall be made. The published lure operator shall make every effort to complete his assignment

PAGE 11—**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~~ owner or his duly-authorized agent unless initiated by the judge.

PAGE 12—**Chapter III, JUDGING, Section 13. (d)** Hounds whose ~~handlers or owners~~ or their duly-authorized agents interfere with the judges or officials.

PAGE 19—**Chapter V, RUNNING THE MEET, Section 8.** As per Ch I Sec 3 of the ASFA Running Rules, Clubs shall refund entry fees for hounds with breed disqualifications, hounds determined to be lame at the time of roll call, bitches in season, hounds disqualified prior to the trial, or those which do not meet the requirements for entry in an invitational (but only if the owner or his duly-authorized agent notifies the Field Trial Secretary of such ineligibility prior to the completion of roll call). Clubs shall publish in the premium list any other circumstances in which refunds will be given or state that there are none.

**EFFECT:** Replaces the phrase “owner or agent” with “an owner or his duly-authorized agent” to be consistent throughout the rulebook.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

**Proposal #11**--Marilyn Standerford moves that **Chapter IV, Section 8, (j)** be referred to REC to include the veteran age of the Ibizan hound be changed to seven years of age as per Board action 3/19/2021.

The following items must appear within the premium list, in approximately the order indicated (only minor deviations from the indicated order will be approved):

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, Ibizan Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, and Whippets, whose age shall be at least seven years. Limited stake. Singles stake. Best in Field will or will not be offered. (Non-regular stakes: Breeder, Kennel and Bench- optional.)

**EFFECT:** Adds the Ibizan Hound to the exception list for veterans being at least seven years old, per the IBHCUS request to the Board in 2020.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none



**Proposal #12--** Marilyn Standerford moves that **Chapter V, Section 5, (c)** be referred to REC to include the veteran age of the Ibizan hound be changed to seven years of age as per Board action 3/19/2021.

**Section 5.** Regular stakes are described as follows:

(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, Ibizan Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Saluki, and Whippets, 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.

**EFFECT:** Adds the Ibizan Hound to the exception list for veterans being at least seven years old, per the IBHCUS request to the Board in 2020.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

**Proposal #13--** The 2019 ACoD directed REC to incorporate O-Trials 34, 35, and 36 policies into the Running Rules. Items (a) through (g) do not change. A new (h), (i), (j) are added and then re-lettered current (j) to (k).

**Chapter V, Running the Meet, Section 6.** The following description applies to all regular stakes:

(h) A tie not broken will count as the lowest placement a hound could have won had the tie been broken. However, in tabulating both championship points (Field Champion, LCM, etc.) and Top Twenty points, the points shall be divided evenly between all hounds involved in the tie. All points shall be in whole numbers only, with any fractions obtained as a result of an unbroken tie being dropped. This policy applies to both unbroken ties at the trial itself as well as any tie created from the discovery of an error in the trial records.

(i) In the event of a tie after a runoff, placements and ASFA points will be awarded to the non-forfeiting hound.

(j) Forfeits cannot be decided after trial hours.

(k) ~~(h)~~ All hounds entered in a regular stake shall be divided into trios, if possible, or braces. However, at the option of the host club, selected breeds may be run in braces, if possible. Host clubs shall not have this option at Regional or International Invitationals. Clubs exercising this option shall so state in the premium list and shall list those breeds to be run in braces. When necessary, under this option, hounds shall be run in trios rather than alone, including in the Best of Breed run. Hounds shall be designated by colors according to their drawing.

**EFFECT:** Moves 3 operational policies into the rulebook, for better definition of handling ties.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

**Proposal #14--** Jayme Jones moves to send the following proposal to REC for review and appropriate editing.

#### **Chapter II, Section 4, Huntmaster:**

16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a hound being tangled in its slip lead or other safety concerns ~~a pre-slip and restart provided no tally-ho has been sounded. A pre-slip in and of itself is not a cause for stopping the course. Will stop and recall dogs when there is a false start, as a Tally-Ho has not been called.~~
17. ~~The~~ A false start will be considered a no course and the dogs will be immediately re-run. There will be no pre-slip penalty on the false start. However, a course delay can be assessed by the judge if there is an excessive delay in retrieving dogs to restart or handler error causes significant delays in re-running the course.

Current numbers 17-24 will be re-numbered to 18-25 to show this addition.

**EFFECT:** Further definition of Huntmaster duties, regarding pre-slips.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

**Proposal #15—**Tom Cigolle moves REC look at adding clarification into the appropriate sections of the rulebook as to what judges are used for a mixed breed stake with the purpose of having a mixed breed stake awarding points and placements.

#### **Delete existing Ch V Sec 9 Conducting the Draw. #5**

- ~~6. If only one member of t breed is entered, that hound may be run with another breed if all exhibitors involved agree, the hounds would be scored separately.~~

#### **New Ch. V, Sec 10: Multi-Breed Courses (re-number subsequent sections)**

If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with hound(s) of other breed(s) if all owners or duly authorized agents agree. No more than three breeds may run in such a multi-breed course. At no time will this multi-breed course include more than the individual hound of each of the breeds running together. The hounds will be judged by two judges selected by the FTS from the judges assigned to those breeds, with the assignments posted along with blanket colors. If there are multi-breed courses run two or more days in a row, the FTS shall vary the assigned judges as much as possible, still

selecting from the judges assigned to those breeds in the premium. Hounds entered in such a course shall compete in both preliminary and final runs and shall receive points and placements as if this were a regular stake. All hounds earning a qualifying final score in such a course shall be regarded as Best of Breed for their breed and shall be eligible to advance to Best In Field, if offered.

**New Glossary Item:** *Multi-Breed Courses:* If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with hound(s) of other breed(s) in a multi-breed course if all owners or duly authorized agents agree. No more than three breeds may run in such a course. Hounds entered in such a course shall receive points and placements as if this were a regular stake; however, all hounds earning a qualifying score shall be regarded as Best of Breed for their breed and shall be eligible to advance to Best in Field, if offered.

**EFFECT:** Further define what a multi-breed course is, and how it will be handled.

*The REC recommends rejecting this proposal.*

**REASON:** The REC believes that this proposal would be complex and confusing for FTSs and judges to execute and for handlers to understand, and, especially, that it would award championship points and placements for hounds competing against other hounds with very different running styles and speed. Therefore, we recommend it be REJECTED.

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

**Proposal #16—** On behalf of the Judges Committee, Gregory Breitbach moves that the Board submits the attached changes to Chapter XI of the running rules to Rules Evaluation Committee to be processed for approval at the next ACoD.

## **Chapter XI—Licensing of Judges**

**Section 1.** For the provisions of this chapter only, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

*Applicant:* a person seeking change from previous status.

*Apprentice:* a person seeking a provisional license to judge; has no status as a judge at trials at this time.

~~*Chair:* the ASFA chair of the subcommittee on Judges Licensing.~~

*Judge (also, regular licensed, licensed judge):* a person who is fully licensed for a breed with no restrictions. At any time the word provisional or apprentice does not precede the word judge, it shall mean an individual who is licensed without restriction for that breed.

*Provisional (also, provisionally licensed, provisional judge):* a person who may judge sanctioned lure field trials, with restrictions, as noted in this chapter.

*Publication:* an applicant's name shall be published on the ASFA website, or any other method of publication as approved by the Board of Directors.

*Trial:* an ASFA sanctioned lure field trial at which ASFA points are awarded to appropriate hounds (i.e., not a fun trial).

## **Section 2. General Requirements**

- (a) Every judge (all-breed, provisional, apprentice) will be required to take a 25-question open-book test provided by the Chair of Judges Licensing every four (4) years. This test will cover all running rules and policies in effect on January 1 of that year related to judging. Passing grade will be 85%. If a judge has not passed the test within four years, their license will be suspended. The Scheduling Chair will not approve suspended judges for new assignments until they have passed the test. Currently approved assignments will be completed. Judges will be allowed three attempts to pass.
- (b) All of the following requirements must be met before a license is granted
1. must be 18 years of age or older.
  2. must be in good standing with the American Sighthound Field Association.
  3. 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 ASFA field trials in the listed field capacities: field trial chairman, huntmaster, field trial secretary, field clerk, and/or lure operator).

## **Section 3. Granting Apprentice License**

Prior to, or within 30 days following the first apprentice judging assignment, the applicant:

1. Must file the appropriate application for apprentice judge license with the ASFA Chair of Judges Licensing.
2. Pay applicable fees with application.
3. Will be provided with the link to the ASFA's Judges Handbook on the ASFA website.
4. Must successfully complete an ASFA test covering knowledge of the running rules and policies related to judging. The required performance level on the test will be 85%. There shall be 25 questions on the test randomly selected from a list of at least 35 questions covering judging rules and policies. An applicant shall be allowed to take the test three times; if the applicant does not meet the performance standard in three attempts, the applicant shall wait 6 months before taking the test again.

When the above requirements have been met, and upon receipt of this information, the Chair of Judges Licensing shall verify the application, and may grant the apprentice license no less than 30 days after publication of the application. The Chair of Judges Licensing shall publish the new apprentice judge's name twice on the ASFA website, and in any other method of publication as approved by the Board of Directors, as may be appropriate at the time.

## **Section 3 now 4. Pre-Licensing Requirements Granting Provisional License (apprenticed status)**

After successful completion of Section 3:

- a. Any person who seeks a provisional license to judge must, ~~in addition to fulfilling all of the general requirements of Chapter XI, Section 2,~~ apprentice judge all of the courses for a breed with a minimum of three entries:
  1. At a minimum of three trials, with a minimum period of 19 intervening days between the first and last trial, and
  2. Must judge under three different ASFA judges licensed for that breed.
  3. This minimum requirement must be met for five individual breeds.

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~~ at an ASFA sanctioned event. 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 all judging forms and JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENTS until the requirements have been completed. ~~including having each licensed judge fill out and sign an apprentice Judging statement as approved by the ASFA.~~
- 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. Individuals must apprentice judge under an ASFA breed licensed Judges who are is officially judging the breed for which they are the candidate is apprenticing at the trial. There will be no more than one apprentice per licensed Judge on the field at any time.~~
- d. When the above requirements have been met, the ~~sheets~~ judging forms and JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENTS, together with the completed application form ~~and Request for Change in Judging Status 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 of Judges Licensing shall verify the application, ~~and may grant the provisional license no less than 30 days after publication of the application. The Chair of Judges Licensing and shall publish an applicant's a new judge's name twice on the website, and in any other method of publication as approved by the Board of Directors, as may be appropriate at the time.~~
- e. The Board, upon recommendation of the Chair of Judges Licensing, and no less than 30 days after second publication, with no negative comments or rules violations, shall approve the application for an Apprentice license and include the apprentice judge's name in the monthly judge's report sent to the Scheduling Chair and website for publication.

The ASFA Board of Directors may approve specific other field trial sanctioning organizations, judging at whose trials (as a licensed, or the equivalent, judge under that organization's rules) may be used in substitution for the apprenticing requirements indicated above. The Board may also indicate what class of events of such another organization shall be considered trials for the purposes of this chapter. For apprentice requirements fulfilled in this manner, ~~rather than in addition to~~ submitting judge's sheets and apprentice judging statements as indicated in (d) above, the applicant must submit the published results of the field trials of the other organization(s), showing the number of breeds and hounds judged. The combination of records submitted, for apprenticing at ASFA trials, and judging at other organization's trials, must meet the requirement given in paragraph (a) of judging each of five breeds at a minimum of three trials apiece. Applicants who satisfy apprentice requirements in this manner must also take and pass the ASFA judge's test before provisional status can be approved.

#### **Section 4 now 5. Provisional Status** (seeking regular license)

Provisional judging assignments shall not be counted toward licensing requirements unless the assignment was published in the premium list or the Judge was assigned to the breed to replace another Judge out of necessity. The provisional must still judge with a published ASFA licensed judge for that breed.

- (a) During the period for which a provisional license is granted, the applicant is free to accept judging assignments. (On all premium lists, announcements, flyers, and so forth, an asterisk preceding the judge's name shall denote provisional.) The

provisional license encompasses all breeds, but at no time shall a person judge more than four breeds in addition to Singles stake and Limited Provisional breed stake, for which he is not regularly licensed at any one trial without special dispensation from the ASFA Judges Chair as stated in Section 8 of this chapter. In each planned case where a provisional or licensed judge is to judge more than four breeds provisionally at one trial, the respective Regional Director must write a letter of approval to the Scheduling Chair in advance of, or together with, the sample premium list. There will be no exception without such written dispensation. This provision applies both to Regional Invitationals and to standard trials.

- (b) Any person seeking a regular license for a breed must judge the performance of a minimum of five hounds in one stake or seven hounds in one breed for three breeds:
1. At a minimum of three trials
  2. Under three or more different ASFA licensed judges

The provisional judge shall, on each occasion, present the ASFA licensed judge with ~~form (see sample)~~ a JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENT, as approved by the ASFA, which the licensed judge completes, signs and returns to the provisional judge for mailing to the Chair of Judges Licensing. All such forms for a single breed must be dated within a three-year span of time. Provisional judges must be fully licensed for at least one breed within three years from the date of their provisional license or revert to Apprentice status.

- (c) When the above requirements have been met, the provisional judge shall notify the Chair of Judges Licensing in writing using the Request for Change in Judging Status form, listing each completed breed and assignments, accompanied by the JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENTS forms signed by each licensed judge for each judging assignment.
- (d) The Board, upon recommendation of the Chair of Judges Licensing, and in no less than 30 days after second publication, with no negative comments or rules violations, shall determine if the applicant shall be granted a license for the breed or breeds for which the license is sought.
- (e) Upon completion of public comment period, the applicant's name will be published as an ASFA licensed judge for that breed(s) and sent to the Scheduling Chair in the monthly judge's report ~~be included on the monthly judge's report~~ sent to the Scheduling Chair and website for publication.
- (f) 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 ASFA JUDGING CONFIRMATION STATEMENT from the ASFA licensed judge and documentation supporting their assignment, and which includes the number of hounds in that breed judged on that day.

## **Section 5 6. Granting a Licenseing for Additional Breeds.**

Any ASFA 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) ~~Provisionally~~ Provisionally judge ~~provisionally~~ the breed or Singles stake for which the license is sought at no less than three trials with three different ASFA 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~~ follow the procedure outlined in Section 5 (f) above.

(c) When the ~~above~~ requirements of Section 6 (a) have been met, the provisional judge shall notify the Chair of Judges Licensing, in writing, that a license for one or more breeds is being sought using the Request for Change in Judging Status form, listing each breed and assignment, accompanied by the Judging Confirmation Statement(s) for each judging assignment signed by the ASFA licensed judge.

(d) The Board, upon recommendation of the Chair of Judges Licensing, and in no less than 30 days after publication the second publication, with no negative comments or rules violations, shall determine if the applicant shall be granted a license for the breed or breed for which the license is sought.

(e) Upon completion of public comment period, the applicant's name will be published as a licensed judge for that breed(s) and the judge's name will be included in the monthly judge's report sent to the Scheduling Chair and website for publication.

## **Section 7. Granting All-Breed License**

After approval of eight (8) breeds, the Provisional judge may apply for all-breed status using the Judge Change Status Request form. The Board, upon recommendation of the Chair of Judges Licensing, and no less than 30 days after second publication, with no negative comments or rules violations, shall determine if the applicant shall be granted an all-breed license. Upon completion of public comment period, the applicant's name will be published as an all-breed licensed judge and the judge's name will be included in the monthly judge's report sent to the Scheduling Chair and website for publication.

**Section-6 8.** No person shall accept a fee for judging but may accept reimbursement from the host club to defray expenses.

**Section-7 9.**

- (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. This may be waived by the Chair of Judges Licensing upon presentation of hardship, health, out of country or other valid reason. 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 breed(s), the status will 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.

**Section 8 10.** In each case where a provisional or licensed judge is to judge more than four breeds provisionally at one trial, the respective Regional Director must write a letter of approval to the Scheduling Committee Chair in advance of, or together with, the sample premium list. There will be no exception without such written dispensation-

**Section 9 11.** Two provisional judges may be scheduled to judge a breed, however, the assignment shall not count toward fulfilling the licensing requirements of either judge.

~~**Section 10.** Provisional judges may judge Limited stake; however, the assignments shall not count toward fulfilling their licensing requirements.~~

~~**Section 11.** Upon receipt of a written request from a judge licensed for eight breeds, the Chair shall grant a license for all breeds. The judge will be licensed for all breeds in no less than 30 days after publication~~

**Section 12. (won't renumber)**

**EFFECT:** refine the ASFA licensing of judges' requirements, processes, and procedures.

*The REC recommends accepting this proposal.*

**Cost to the ASFA:** none