

## RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### Rules Change Proposals for the 2008 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2008 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 2008 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2009. *Russ Jacobs, Chair, REC*

#### **Referred from the Board:**

(1) Ch IV, Sec. 8. Required Contents of Premium Lists. (*Subsections have been re-lettered; only new subsection h has been changed.*)

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

(a) Club officers and directors.

(b) Judges and their complete addresses and assignments. (An asterisk shall be used to denote provisional status.)

(c) Field committee, including, at least, chairman, secretary and lure operator.

(d) Ribbons (or rosettes) will be awarded for all placements -1st through NBQ, Best of Breed and Best in Field (if offered).

(e) Trial hours.

(f) Roll call(s).

(g) Entries will (or will not) be acknowledged by mail (or telephone).

(h) Breed or list of breeds eligible to enter. Only purebred Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzoi, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Sloughis, ~~and Whippets and Provisional breeds (if any)~~ may be entered in the regular stakes. Limited ~~and Provisional~~ stake breeds, if any, may be entered in Limited Stake. These are listed in each issue of the Field Advisory News.

(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, 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."

(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 Whippets, 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.)

(k) All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the trial.

- (l) Stakes will be split into flights by public random draw if the entry in any regular stake is 20 or more.
- (m) Bitches in season, hounds with breed disqualifications, and lame hounds will be excused.
- (n) Hounds not present at the time of roll call will be scratched.
- (o) Hound certification runs will (or will not) be offered and when (one hour prior to roll call, following the trial, etc.).
- (p) Type of lure machine. (Examples: battery-powered take-up reel; or battery-powered continuous-loop system.)
- (q) Type of lure. (Examples: highly-visible plastic strips; or a combination of highly-visible plastic and fur; or fur.)
- (r) Course plan. A diagram to approximate scale, including total number of yards, known obstacles (if any) and distances between pulleys. Also must include indication of the start and finish of the course and whether it will (or will not) be reversed for final courses. (Description of grounds/terrain - as needed.)

**Effect:** These changes correctly letter the sub-sections, and clarify the entry on Limited and Provisional Stake breeds. Previously, this was an incomplete sentence, whose meaning was not clear.

**Reason.** No substantive changes have been made; this is for clarification only.

*The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

**(2)** Ch 1, Sec. 1: Add new final sentence: (Dogs with an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) from the American Kennel Club shall be considered registered with that body.)

Ch. IV, Sec. 8 (3) i: Add new final sentence: (Dogs with an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) from the American Kennel Club shall be considered registered with that body.)

**Effect:** Explicitly allows for dogs with an AKC ILP number to run in ASFA events.

**Reason.** Although this has long been the practice, there is no support for it in ASFA rules. This would provide such support.

*The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

### **(3) Chapter XI LICENSING OF JUDGES**

~~Only those persons whose names appear on the list of eligible judges of the ASFA, which will be published from time to time in the Field Advisory News, may, at the discretion of the ASFA, be approved to judge at any ASFA sanctioned lure field trial.~~

**Chapter XI Section 3(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 days after publication of the application ~~in FAN~~. The Chair of Judges Licensing shall publish a new judge's name first in FAN, if the deadline for FAN is 30 days or less in the future; otherwise it may be published on the ASFA website. The second publication may be either in FAN or on the website.

~~Ch IV Sec 4: Only those persons whose names appear on the list of eligible judges of the ASFA, which shall be published from time to time in the Field Advisory News, may, at the discretion of the Association, be approved to judge at any sanctioned lure field trial. The ASFA will from time to time publish a list of judges eligible to judge ASFA events.~~

**Effect:** Removes requirements that judges be listed in FAN, and allows them to be listed on the website.

**Reason:** Since we will be publishing FAN only four times a year, we will be using the website more and more to publish lists like the judges list. New judges might wait quite a while to have their names added to the list in FAN.

*The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

**(4) Ch XI Sec 3(e)** 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 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 judge's test before provisional status can be approved.

**Effect:** Makes clear that that judges from other organizations must still take the ASFA judges test.

**Reason:** Previous language appeared to exempt such judges from the judges test.

*The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*

**(5) Ch V Sec 7 (6.)** A single entry in a stake may be drawn to run with any other stake of that breed if all the handlers 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 hounds would be scored separately. The judges shall not be informed which courses are combined.

**Effect:** Incorporates Operational Policy 310 into the rulebook.

**Reason:** Makes it easier to find this requirement.

*The REC recommends that this proposal be ACCEPTED.*