



AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

Information Regarding ASFA Affiliation

Thank you for your interest in holding ASFA-sanctioned lure field trials. Enclosed you will find a number of items which should help you in this endeavor. The process of becoming approved to hold ASFA-sanctioned lure field trials is called "affiliation". A club that has this approval is known as an affiliate club. In order to be an affiliate club, you must meet the following preliminary requirements.

- Have a membership of at least 10 families or 15 individual members
- Have a constitution that can be accepted by the ASFA
- Submit proper application fee
- Submit a completed "Application for Affiliation"

When these requirements are met, you will be notified that your application is approved and your club is in "applied" status. Before receiving final approval as an Affiliate club you must complete the following requirements:

- Hold two sanctioned "Fun Trials". After receiving confirmation that all preliminary requirements have been met, you will apply to the ASFA Scheduling Chairman for each fun trial date. (Both dates can be obtained at the same time, but there must be a minimum of 30 days between trials.)
- Each fun trial must have a minimum entry of 12 hounds; a large entry will indicate active interest in your club's activities. At least one of your fun trials must be an all-breed trial, even if you are a specialty club.
- The purpose of these fun trials is to gain experience. You must follow all ASFA rules and procedures for scheduling the trial. Please consult the Appendix section of the rulebook, "Applying for ASFA Affiliation", for additional information and the differences between fun trials and point-trials. The Constitution & By-laws contain sections on "Membership" and "Affiliation" which you might also find helpful. By the second fun trial, you must be able to demonstrate the ability to organize a trial, conduct the trial, and complete the required paperwork after the trial.
- Receive notification from the membership committee that all requirements have been met and your club is now recognized as affiliated with the ASFA, and therefore approved to hold ASFA sanctioned lure field trials where points are awarded to qualified hounds.
- Your club must be in existence for one year or more before "affiliate" status can be granted.

Enclosed please find: 1) an application for affiliation; 2) guidelines for your constitution; 3) ASFA/Club Delegate Responsibilities; 4) a list of ASFA officials and addresses; 5) a current rulebook; and 6) where to obtain additional information available from the ASFA. Please feel free to contact your ASFA Regional Director or the Membership Chair if you have any questions. We're looking forward to working with you!

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