



# AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

## The ASFA Judges Licensing Process

**Note:** the official version is given in the current version of the ASFA's *Running Rules and Field Procedures – Lure Field Trials*.

<b>Apprentice Judging Eligibility</b>	<b>Provisional Judging License Requirements Breeds 1 – 3</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be at least 18 years old</li> <li>• Must be in good standing with the American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA)</li> <li>• Must have a general knowledge of the coursing abilities of the breeds recognized by the ASFA</li> <li>• Must be familiar with the ASFA's Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials</li> <li>• Must have participated in lure field trials for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years</li> <li>• Must have served in some official capacity at a minimum of ten (10) field trials</li> <li>• Should request an application package from the Chair of Judges Licensing</li> <li>• The ASFA Judges Handbook, available from the ASFA website, is a valuable resource for new judges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must judge the performance of a minimum of five hounds in one stake for three breeds at three trials under three or more different fully licensed judges</li> <li>• Presents each licensed judge with a confirmation form, which the licensed judge completes and returns to the provisional judge</li> <li>• When the requirements have been met for one or more breeds, the provisional judge notifies the Licensing Chair in writing, listing each breed &amp; assignment, accompanied by the confirmation forms for each judging assignment</li> <li>• The application must be published twice</li> <li>• The provisional license covers all breeds, but no one may judge more than four breeds in addition to Singles and Limited stakes for which he/she is not regularly licensed without special dispensation</li> <li>• All forms for a single breed must be dated within a three year period.</li> <li>• A Provisional judge must be fully licensed for at least one breed within three years from the date of the provisional license</li> </ul>
<b>Pre-Licensing (Apprentice Judging) Requirements</b>	<b>Provisional Judging License Requirements For Additional Breeds</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must apprentice judge a minimum of five breeds</li> <li>• Must judge each breed at a minimum of three trials under three different licensed judges, judging every course of the breed, including runoffs &amp; BOB</li> <li>• Must request permission from the Field Chairman to apprentice judge at a Lure Field Trial</li> <li>• Must request permission from the licensed judge to apprentice with him or her</li> <li>• The scores need to be recorded on judges sheets, to be saved for submission when the requirements have been completed</li> <li>• Must have each judge fill out and sign an apprentice judge's confirmation statement</li> <li>• The ASFA Judges License application, the confirmation statements, judge's sheets and the application fee must be submitted within one year of the last date apprenticed</li> <li>• Must complete a test provided by the ASFA covering knowledge of the running rules with a minimum score of 85% correct</li> <li>• The application must be published twice before the license can be granted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must judge the performance of a breed at a minimum of three trials under three or more different licensed judges. (Singles with a licensed judge counts toward a breed.)</li> <li>• Presents each licensed judge with a confirmation form, which the licensed judge completes and returns to the provisional judge</li> <li>• All forms for a single breed must be dated within a three year period.</li> <li>• When the above requirements have been met, the provisional judge notifies the Licensing Chair in writing, listing each assignment, accompanied by the confirmation forms for each judging assignment</li> <li>• The application must be published twice</li> <li>• Once a judge is actually fully licensed for eight breeds, he/she may apply for an All Breed license</li> <li>• The application must be published twice</li> </ul>
<b>Notes:</b>	
1. A judge must judge at least once in each two years, or the license will lapse.	
2. Any judge who misses an assignment must send a letter of explanation to the chair of Judges' Licensing within two weeks of the date of the missed trials.	