



Regional Invitational Policy

(Operational Policy 218)

(As approved by the Board of Directors, February 2009)

Each year the ASFA will sanction a series of lure field trials, the purpose of which shall be to promote and further test those hounds that have attained a certain number of points toward their ASFA Field Championship, and those hounds that are ASFA Field Champions or Lure Coursers of Merit of record. These lure field trials consist of the ASFA International Invitational and a series of Regional Invitationals, held in the various ASFA regions. Information regarding the ASFA International Invitational is available from the Corresponding Secretary.

Requesting permission.

The club submits a request to its Regional Director at least 4 months prior to the proposed date. This request should include:

- Name of the club
- Proposed date
- Location of trial and description of grounds
- Entry fee
- Additional activities (if any)

Date.

A date that has already been approved by the Scheduling Chairman for a trial in that region, or is a priority date in effect for a club, cannot be used unless the club holding the date notifies Scheduling, in writing, that it will relinquish the date for the Regional Invitational. The club relinquishing the date would retain priority for the following year. After a date has been approved for the Regional Invitational, no other trial shall be held in the region on the same date. A Regional Invitational may be held any time from January to December, but there shall be only one each year in each region.

Entry limits.

There shall be no entry limits without prior approval from the Regional Director.

Location and grounds.

The trial must be held within the regional boundaries. The grounds must be adequate to accommodate a large trial for the region. Course lengths must be within rule specifications (500 yards or more), but a length in excess of 750 yards is recommended. The grass must be a length that allows the lure operator clear visibility of the lure. Consideration should also be given to accessibility, lodging, refreshments and restroom facilities.

Entry fees.

Will be set by the host club and may have a higher fee for late entries.

Additional Activities.

Activities such as banquets, seminars, dog shows, awards, etc., (if offered) should be listed in the premium.

Eligibility.

1. No first time entered hounds shall be permitted in Singles.
2. Hounds entered in Open Stake must have competed previously in the Open Stake.
3. Non-FCH hounds entered in the Veteran Stake must have competed previously in either the Open Stake or the Veteran Stake.
4. A Field Champion of record.
 - a. Proof of non-ASFA title and non-ASFA points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the certificate, or page of formal printing, and included with the entry. An eligible hound may be entered in any number of Regional Invitationals. Limited Stake or Provisional breeds are eligible to compete in Regional Invitationals.

- b. Hounds with an AKC or equivalent foreign Field Champion of Record title are eligible to enter Regional Invitationals.
- 5. Any hound that possesses one or more of the following titles from the 01.07 ASFA Hound Certification Waiver may enter without prior ASFA experience:
 - a. Canadian Kennel Club's Certification, FCH, FCHX
 - b. American Kennel Club's FC or SC
 - c. North American Whippet Racing Association's RCH or SR
 - d. National Oval Track Racing Association's ORC, OTR, OTRM, SORC or SOR
 - e. Continental Whippet Alliance's ARX, TRP, SRA or DPC
 - f. Whippet Racing Association's CR or WRCh
 - g. Large Gazehound Racing Association's GRC

FAN publication.

One full page will be available for each Regional Invitational provided the host club submits ad copy at least 120 days before the trial. Two full pages (including photos) will be made available after the trial. The article and photos should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial to ensure timely publication. There is no charge to the host club for these publications.

Per capita fees to ASFA.

A per capita fee of \$5.00 per hound will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. A per capita fee of \$1.00 per Breeder/Kennel stake entry will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. Copies of the Breeder stake and/or Kennel stake entry will accompany the records.

Rosettes and Trophies.

ASFA provides rosettes for all placements and ASFA medallions for each Best of Breed winner. The host club must request these from the Regional Director at least 60 days before the trial. The host club may offer additional trophies at the club's own expense or through donations. The Best of Breed ribbons shall be 15 inches in length. The Breeder and Kennel stake winners ribbon shall be 15 inches in length.

General.

The premium list shall include both host club and ASFA Officers and Board Members. Judges must be regularly licensed for the breeds that they judge. Equipment provided by the host club should be adequate to handle a large entry for the region. A veterinarian should be on call or at the trial site.

Each year, the Regional Director will review all proposals received from clubs requesting to host a Regional Invitational. Once a decision is made, the Regional Director shall notify, in writing, the Scheduling Chairman and each club that submitted a proposal.

All additional requirements and exceptions to the ASFA rulebook relating to Regional Invitationals are noted; all ASFA rules and policies shall apply to Regional Invitationals.

The ASFA Board of Directors must approve exceptions to any of these invitational policies. Consult the ASFA Corresponding Secretary or your Regional Director for more information.