

## **Chapter II**

### **OFFICIALS**

All lure field trials shall have the following officials: field committee and judge(s). The names of any officials that do not appear on the premium list shall be posted prior to roll call on the day of the trial. The field committee shall consist of no less than five individuals who shall fill the positions of: field secretary, field chairman, field clerk, huntmaster, lure operator and inspection committee. They shall be responsible for the following duties which may be delegated as appropriate.

#### **Section 1.** Field Secretary (must be a member of the host club)

1. Is a member of the field committee.
2. Applies for a date to hold a sanctioned lure field trial.
3. Solicits in writing and receives in writing confirmation of judging assignments prior to submitting the premium list for approval, a copy of which shall be made available to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary upon request.
4. Prepares and mails out premium lists and entry forms after receiving official approval and accepts entries. If not stated in the premium list, field secretaries shall notify the entrant, at the same time as they verify the entry, of approximate time of roll call for the stake entered.
5. Any field secretary or host club which accepts an entry fee other than that published in its premium list or entry form, or in any way discriminates between entrants, shall be disciplined. All persons found guilty of paying or receiving any monies, special inducements or allowances in violation of the foregoing shall be disciplined.
6. The field secretary may decline any entries for cause for a period limited to 12 months from the first refusal of entry for cause, but in each instance the secretary shall file good and sufficient reasons for so doing, along with the current address of the affected owner, with the Corresponding Secretary of the ASFA. The Corresponding Secretary will forward a copy of the letter to the affected individual by certified mail.
7. The field 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 agent duly authorized to make the entry.
8. Provides the field chairman with a list of hounds entered.
9. Shall have available, for each and every member of the field committee, and any and all other officials, copies of the latest updated edition of this book.
10. Insures that all records are collected and forwarded with per capita fees to reach the ASFA Records Coordinator within 14 days or be postmarked within 10 days of the meet.

#### **Section 2.** Field Chairman (must be a member of the host club)

1. Is chairman of the field committee.
2. Provides the grounds for the meet.
3. Shall appoint an inspection committee who shall have the responsibility of inspecting all hounds entered. (See Sec. 6, Inspection Committee, this chapter.)
4. Carries out, before the official draw, a roll call of entered hounds. Hounds not present shall be scratched.
5. Insures that all equipment is in place and functioning, including:
  - (a) Proper color and size blankets.
  - (b) All record sheets and judges scoring sheets.
6. Insures that all placement awards are on hand.
7. Provides for policing, i.e., clean-up of the grounds before, during and after the meet, especially of anything remotely resembling a lure and anything hazardous.
8. Must individually approve anyone who is to be allowed in the judging area other than the officials of the trial (e.g., apprentice judges).
9. May, at his discretion, excuse from the field for the day any hound that exhibits uncontrolled aggressive behavior toward any person or hound on the trial grounds, except hounds competing in the course then in progress. The field chairman may also excuse, or levy and collect a penalty fee of \$5 from the owner or the duly authorized agent of any hound that is loose on the field and not in competition at the time.
10. In the event of an official protest, the field chairman shall notify the judge(s) immediately.

#### **Section 3.** Field Clerk.

1. Is a member of the field committee.
2. Is responsible for the draw of hounds in competition.
3. Shall be stationed on the field and shall promptly collect the score sheets from the judges upon the completion of the judging of each course.

4. Keeps score on the record sheets including judge's scores per hound. The field clerk shall notify the judge of any arithmetic or blanket color errors on the judge's (s') sheets, and said error shall be corrected and initialed by the judge. The field clerk shall not change any judge's scores (see Ch. III, Sec. 20).
5. Posts preliminary scores of each breed before finals, final scores before runoffs and Best of Breed runs and Best of Breed scores before Best in Field runs.
6. Shall announce the final placements and scores at the end of the stake or trial.

#### **Section 4. Huntmaster**

1. Is a member of the field committee.
2. Will be in complete charge of all hounds and handlers (see also Ch. V, Sec. 13).
3. Shall call up each new course as each previous course is completed.
4. Will insure that a handler handles but one hound in each course.
5. Will check that blankets are properly secured and slip leads are in position for release. Will check that any elastic collars used for the purpose of identification fit snugly around the neck but are constructed to easily pull over the head and meet ASFA regulations as established in Chapter V, Section 15.
6. Must explain release and retrieval procedures before each preliminary course only.
7. Shall stand in close proximity to, but not in front of, the handlers and hounds.
8. The lure must be positioned in front of the hounds and in the direction in which it will travel before the signal is given to activate it. The lure shall not be brought up from behind the hounds.
9. As the huntmaster is facing the lure, the hounds shall be placed as follows: YELLOW on the left, PINK in the middle or to the right in braces, BLUE on the right in trios.
10. Shall not tease the hounds with the lure.
11. Shall question, in the following order, the judge(s), lure operator and handlers "Are you ready?" and, after affirmative answers, the course is begun for the purpose of determining a pre-slip.
12. Provides a hand signal to the lure operator to start the lure.
13. Gives the signal "tally-ho" to release the hounds for each course, and "Retrieve your hounds" when appropriate.
14. Hounds should not be slipped before the sound of the "T" in "tally-ho." Will notify the handler of the pre-slipped hound and the judge(s) of any pre-slips immediately at the end of each course. If the huntmaster fails to notify the judge(s) of a pre-slip, then to all intents there has been no pre-slip, but the judge(s) shall have the prerogative to question the huntmaster at any time if the release seems questionable.
15. The huntmaster may order a hound that fails to run at the tally-ho, or returns to its handler while the course is in progress, to be immediately retrieved. The huntmaster shall notify the judge(s) of an immediate retrieval at the completion of the course, but the judge(s) shall have the prerogative to question the huntmaster at any time if the immediate retrieval seems questionable. In the case of a restart, it will be up to the judge(s) to determine whether a retrieved hound shall be included in the restart.
16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a pre-slip and restart provided no tally-ho has been sounded.
17. Will inspect the lure before every course and replace it if needed.
18. Will neither pick up nor authorize anyone to pick up or touch the lure until such time as all hounds are on lead and moving away from the finish line, unless the lure is lying on the ground in the clear.
19. Insures that the lure be re-strung immediately upon completion of each course.
20. Shall notify the inspection committee if any of the hounds appear lame.
21. Shall notify the judge(s) of any occurrence at the beginning or the end of a course which might be grounds for excusal, dismissal or disqualification. Appropriate action shall be at the sole discretion of the judge(s).
22. Shall inform immediately the handlers of all hounds in a course that is called a no-course or a course in which a dog is dismissed or disqualified.
23. May signal the lure operator to stop the lure any time a hound becomes entangled in the string or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop.
24. Shall not huntmaster for any stake or flight in which any hound is entered that he owns or co-owns or is owned or co-owned by a member of his immediate family or residence.

#### **Section 5. Lure Operator**

1. Is a member of the field committee.
2. Will lay out the course according to the approved course plan.
3. Will make at least one pilot run of the lure before the first course of the day and upon reversing or changing the course layout.
4. Starts the lure at the signal from the huntmaster and stops it at least 20 yards before the lure machine, if possible.

5. Will attempt to keep the lure 10 to 30 yards in front of the lead hound at all times after the course begins. (See Ch. III, Sec. 8(d).) In the event a hound becomes unsighted, the lure must continue in the originally planned direction until completion of the course.
6. Will stop the lure on a signal from the huntmaster or judge(s), but shall automatically stop the lure any time a hound becomes entangled in the string or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop.
7. Shall not operate the lure for any stake in which any hound is entered that he owns or co-owns or is owned or co-owned by a member of his immediate family or residence.
8. The same lure operator shall operate the lure throughout an entire stake.
9. Shall notify the judge(s) of any occurrence at the beginning or end of a course which might be grounds for excusal, dismissal, or disqualification. Appropriate action shall be at the sole discretion of the judge(s).

## **Section 6. Inspection Committee**

1. Are members of the field committee.
2. The inspection committee shall consist of three people whose duties shall be to inspect each entry for lameness, bitches in season, and breed disqualifications, at roll call. The inspection committee shall also investigate and report its findings to the field chairman regarding any observed or reported aggressiveness of any hound or abuse or mistreatment of any hound on the grounds during the trial hours. Hounds that have been awarded the ASFA F.Ch. or ASFA V-F.Ch. title shall not be inspected for breed disqualifications unless such inspection is requested by an exhibitor, judge or the field committee. The hounds that pass inspection shall be considered the entry, for the purpose of the draw, for their respective breed.
3. Any hound found to have a breed disqualification, to be lame, or any bitch in season or which shows a discharge characteristic of being in season, shall be barred from competition and entry fees shall be refunded by check within 90 days of the trial. This measurement and determination of breed disqualifications shall be the responsibility of the inspection committee.
4. If a hound is injured in the meet or becomes lame in the meet, the inspection committee shall determine whether the hound may continue to compete or whether it shall be withdrawn. A hound so withdrawn shall not be entitled to a refund of its entry fee.
5. The procedure for measuring is as follows:
  - (a) The hound being measured shall be placed on a flat, level surface that is not slippery. The handler shall position the hound at the inspection committee's discretion. The hound shall be in a naturally alert position, with the head up but not stretched upward, and with its feet well under it and its forelegs vertical as viewed both from the front and side.
  - (b) A member of the inspection committee, of which there shall be three members, shall first determine the highest point over the shoulder blades with one hand, and shall then pass the measuring wicket over the hound from the rear with the other hand, and place the wicket so the cross piece comes down directly on the highest point over the shoulder blades. The wicket should not be placed on the neck in front of the shoulder or on the spinal column behind the shoulder blades. At least two members of the inspection committee must agree that a hound is within or outside the height limits.
  - (c) Hounds will be measured only once and at the time of roll call.
  - (d) Handlers will be allowed only two minutes to position their dogs in a proper standing position. Hounds that cannot be made to stand in the proper position for measurement on two attempts will not be allowed to course, and their entry fees will be forfeited.

## **Section 7. Field Committee**

1. The field committee will make every attempt to conduct the trial in accordance with what is published in the premium list. Changes may only be made out of necessity, not convenience. This includes the field committee and their assignments, judges, lure operators, and course plan.
2. Field committees may make such general regulations or additional rules for the governance of their field trials as shall be considered necessary and proper, provided such regulations or rules do not conflict with, change, or modify any running rule or field procedure of the ASFA. Such additional regulations or rules shall be printed and distributed with the premium list and violations thereof shall be considered the same as violations of the rules and regulations of the ASFA.
3. The decision of the field committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties, in all matters occurring on the day of the meet, except for matters coming within the jurisdiction of the judge(s), but such committee decisions must be made in accord with the general running rules and standard procedures that apply to the trial being held. All decisions are subject to the rules of the ASFA.
4. If it becomes necessary to replace a published judge after the opening of the lure field trial and no person on the eligible judges list is available to take the aforementioned judge's place, the field committee may select, as a substitute for the published judge, a person whose name is not on the eligible judges list provided such person is not currently suspended from

the privileges of the ASFA. The field committee must announce the name of any substitute judge before the draw for the stake at which he is to officiate.

5. In the case where a judge is unable to complete his judging assignment, a replacement may be substituted. The field committee shall notify the exhibitors of the substitution. All of the scores of the judge that was replaced shall stand as recorded.

6. If a judge is substituted in a stake in which an owner has a hound entered, he 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.

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 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.

8. The field committee shall handle all official protests on the day of the lure field trial as specified in Ch. IX.

9. The field committee shall have the authority to dismiss from the grounds of a lure field trial for the day any individual who willfully interferes with any person, hound, or official during trial hours. Failure to immediately comply with this dismissal may be grounds for the suspension of privileges for a period to be determined by the Board.