

Appendix
GENERAL INFORMATION ON
ASFA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Breed Disqualifications

Chart Polski – (FCI) Any dog showing clear signals of physical abnormalities or behavior must be disqualified.

Cirneco dell’Etna – (US) overshot mouth, lack of pigment, wall-eye.

Galgo Español – (UKC) Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid; viciousness or extreme shyness; albinism; distinctly overshot or undershot.

Ibizan Hound – (US) Any color other than white or red.

Italian Greyhound – (US) Dogs with brindle markings; dogs with tan markings normally found on black and tan dogs of other breeds.

Magyar Agar – (FCI) Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.

Peruvian Inca Orchid – (US) Albino.

Pharaoh Hound – (US) A solid white spot on the back of the neck, shoulder, or any part of the back or sides of the dog

Portuguese Podengo (all three varieties and both coat types) - (US) Eyes of two different colors; bent or lopped ears; undershot or overshot bite; brindle; black and tan; tricolor or totally white colors; aggression or overly shy behavior.

Rhodesian Ridgeback – (US) ridgelessness

Scottish Deerhound – (US) A white blaze on the head or a white collar-shaped marking on the neck

Sloughi (UKC) - Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid; viciousness or extreme shyness; overshot or undershot; ears erect or with tip drooping forward, or small and folding backwards in a "rose ear"; coat too long and feathering on the tail and/or legs; color not in accordance with the standard; extensive white markings such as particolor, white socks, white blaze; albinism.

Whippet – (US) Blue or wall eyes; an undershot bite; an overshot bite one-quarter inch or more; size: dogs 19 to 22 inches, bitches 18 to 21 inches, measured across the shoulders at the highest point - more than one-half inch above or below the stated height limits is not permitted; any coat type other than short, close, smooth and firm in texture

NOTE: There are no disqualifications for the other sighthound breeds.

Revising the Running Rules

The procedure for revising the Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials of the American Sighthound Field Association is given here. This has been adopted as a Special Rule of Order of the ASFA. As such, it can be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of a Convention of Delegates, to which prior notice has been given of the proposed amendment. Its provisions can, however, be suspended during a Convention of Delegates by approval of a motion to suspend the rules, requiring a two-thirds majority vote. (For discussion on the status of such a special rule, see the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.)

Section 1. Any member club may propose a rules change by submitting a detailed copy of the change to its Regional Director via its club delegate. (Such a proposed change is hereinafter called a proposal.)

Section 2. Sometime within each calendar year any Regional Director who has received rules change proposals in accordance with Section 1 shall call a regional rules conference to consider such proposals. A regional rules conference may be conducted by mail.

Section 3.

- (a) A proposal which is passed by a regional rules conference which has a majority of the clubs in the region represented is then submitted by the Regional Director within 30 days of the meeting to the ASFA Rules Evaluation Committee. The Regional Director must also submit the proposal to the Field Advisory News for publication within 30 days of the meeting with a notice that this proposal has been generated by the region and submitted to the Rules Evaluation Committee for consideration. At the same time, a copy of the proposal shall also be mailed to each club delegate in the region with a notice that it has been submitted to the Rules Evaluation Committee and to the Field Advisory News.
- (b) Proposals submitted to the Rules Evaluation Committee and to FAN must be accompanied by appropriate explanatory material (i.e., "reason" for proposing the rule change and the "effect" of the rule change, if passed).
- (c) The Board of Directors may propose a rule change by submitting a detailed copy of the change to the Rules Evaluation Committee via the chair of that committee.

Section 4. The Rules Evaluation Committee shall consist of three individuals appointed by the Board of Directors. The chair of this committee shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The Rules Evaluation Committee may hold a meeting in conjunction with any Board of Directors meeting or may conduct meetings by mail whenever submitted proposals are outstanding.

Section 5. The Rules Evaluation Committee can discuss and/or amend a rule proposal. The committee shall edit all proposals for grammar and agreement with context of the ASFA rulebook. The committee shall investigate any possible contradictions with rules (other than the specific rule being considered for alteration) and shall report these contradictions (if any) with the final version of the proposal. The committee may suggest appropriate options to the proposal. The committee may generate proposals in response to issues raised by Regional Directors or the ASFA Board of Directors. The committee may not reject a properly submitted proposal, but shall have the obligation to recommend action on the proposal to the ASFA Convention of Delegates (see Sections 7 and 8).

Section 6. Proposals passed by the Rules Evaluation Committee as outlined previously shall be submitted to the Field Advisory News for publication with all appropriate explanatory material. Such proposals shall be published with a statement that this final version of the proposal will be submitted to the next Annual Convention of Delegates for a vote.

Section 7. Proposals passed by the Rules Evaluation Committee and published in the Field Advisory News as outlined previously, shall be submitted to the next Annual Convention of Delegates for a vote. Such proposals shall be circulated, with a notice that these proposals will be on the convention agenda, to registered convention delegates, at least 30 days prior to the convention.

Section 8. Only rule change proposals that have followed this procedure will be discussed at the Annual Convention of Delegates. Minor word changes which do not (in the opinion of a majority of REC members present) substantively change the intent of the rule change proposal shall be the only modifications permitted.

Section 9. A proposal that has received a favorable vote at the Annual Convention of Delegates shall be considered a change to the Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials. Such proposals shall be published in the Field Advisory News in the first available issue and shall go into effect January 1 following ratification.

Section 10. Approval of a proposal by the Annual Convention of Delegates shall not necessarily imply that a new edition of the rulebook be published. The Board of Directors will determine when a new version of the rulebook is needed.

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