

Chapter XIII

LURE FIELD TRIAL GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AKC: American Kennel Club

ASFA: American Sighthound Field Association

Blanket: A colorful cloth, without visible ornamentation, worn by the hounds during a course. The colors are bright yellow, bright pink and bright blue.

Course: Consists of one, two or three hounds pursuing a lure of either mechanical or electrical drive over a selected course pattern. The course begins after the handler's(s') affirmative response to "are you ready?" and ends when all hounds in the course are under the handler's(s') physical restraint.

Course delay: A course delay shall include delays caused by hounds whose handlers delay the start of the course, hounds that break away from and avoid their handlers prior to the request "Are you ready?" and hounds that avoid their handlers after the command "retrieve your hounds."

Day of trial entry: A completed official ASFA entry form with payment received by the field trial secretary by the designated closing time on the day of the trial.

Decision: Any official disposition of a hound by a judge other than a score; e.g., an excusal, dismissal or disqualification.

Draw: A random drawing determining the order in which the hounds will run.

Early entry: A completed official ASFA entry form with payment received by the field trial secretary by the closing date and time designated for early entry on the entry form. The closing date for early entries may be any date before the date of the trial. If there is no time indicated, 12 Midnight will be assumed.

Entry: A completed official ASFA entry form with payment.

Flight: When an entry in any regular stake reaches 20 or more hounds, the host club will split the stake into a number of flights (or classes). Championship points and placements are allocated as in a regular stake.

Handle: To take a hound to a lure field trial as the owner's representative.

Host club: The sanctioned club responsible for conducting the lure field trial.

Hound Certification: Certification by a judge that the hound can complete a course without interruption and not interfere with another hound. The judge must be regularly licensed in at least one breed to judge a certification run. Required of dogs entered in the Open or Limited Stake for the first time, and for dogs entered in the Veteran stake who have not previously competed in the Open stake, and who are not eligible for waivers [see Ch V Sec 5(a)]

Late entry: An entry made after the latest closing time and date. These are not allowable.

Limited Stake: Hounds run in braces or trios, in separate stakes for each breed, for exhibition only. Only hounds on the current ASFA-approved Limited Stake list are eligible. No ASFA points or placements toward FCH or LCM awarded. Not eligible for BIF.

No course: Any course that a judge determines to be unjudgable.

Non-regular stakes: Consists of Breeder and Kennel stakes within each individual breed or Single stake. No points are awarded.

Ownership: For the purpose of these regulations, ownership and co-ownership are equivalent.

Pre-slip: When a hound is slipped before the signal is given by the huntmaster.

Qualifying score: 50 percent of the total possible combined scores from the preliminary and final courses.

Regular stake: Consists of Open, Field Champion, and Veteran competitions within each individual breed. Titles or championship points are awarded to hounds competing in these classes.

Run-off: A competition to determine a final placement.

Singles Stake: Hounds run alone. Hounds with breed disqualifications or who have been Dismissed or Disqualified from other stakes are eligible. No ASFA points or placements toward FCH or LCM awarded. Not eligible for BIF.

Score: A numerical figure given by a judge to a hound in competition.

Scoring criteria: The categories listed below are used by judges in determining a hound's overall score.

1. Enthusiasm - the hound's overall interest in coursing the lure.

2. Follow - the relationship between the running of the hound and the movement of the lure.
3. Speed - the hound's overall speed and acceleration in coursing the lure.
4. Agility - nimbleness; the ability to move quickly and easily, negotiating the terrain and turns and recovering from falls.
5. Endurance - the physical stamina of the hound.

Slip lead: A slip lead is a simplified or quick-release mechanized slip which will give almost instantaneous freedom to the hound which is to be released when the tally- ho signal is called by the huntmaster. Recommended slips are those consisting of a leather or webbed strap with a wide collar, and double or single metal rings.

Stake: Composed of a number of courses where hounds compete against one another for championship points.

Trial hours: Shall begin at the time stated in the premium list for that trial and shall conclude one hour after the last scored course of the day.

NOTE: For the purpose of these regulations, words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and the feminine the masculine, and the singular the plural and the plural the singular.