

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Rules Change Proposals for the 2012 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2012 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted wording is ~~struck out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a favorable vote will be considered a change in the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be published on the ASFA website after the 2012 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2013.

---Russ Jacobs, Chair, REC

REFERRED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

(1) Add Best in International Invitational and Gillette Stake Winner as official ASFA titles:

Ch VII Sec 3: Add new sections at the end:

Best in International Invitational: The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate awards to those hounds who have been awarded the Best in International Invitational, when said award is given at the ASFA International Invitational. The honored hound may then use the prefix title BII when listing the titles with the hound's registered name. This title will be included in the titles listed in the ASFA Records, as well as the Top 20 and other listings of the hound's achievements. This title may be included retroactively.

Gillette Stake Winner: The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate awards to those hounds who have been winners of the Gillette Stake offered at the ASFA International Invitational. The honored hound may then use the prefix title GSW when listing the titles with the hound's registered name. This title will be included in the titles listed in the ASFA Records, as well as the Top 20 and other listings of the hound's achievements. This title may be included retroactively.

Effect: This would make Best in International Invitational and Gillette Stake Winner official ASFA titles.

Reason: Hounds winning these prestigious events should be recognized with official ASFA titles.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

(2) Allow for commutation of suspension of judging privileges: new language at end.

Ch XI Section 12. The Board of Directors may, after due and proper consideration, and after hearing all arguments presented, revoke or suspend a judge's license for cause in which his performance, or lack of performance, has substantially compromised his effectiveness as a judge. Reports of alleged misconduct should be sent to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary.

A suspended judge that has served at least one-half of the suspension period, or a judge whose license has been revoked for not less than two years, may petition the Board to commute some or all of the remaining suspension period, or in the case of revocation, to allow the person to re-

apply for a judges license. Upon receipt of such a petition, the President will convene a committee of three Board members to investigate and make a recommendation regarding the disposition of the petition. The investigation will include a review of the initial offending conduct, the request for commutation/permission to apply, the manner in which the judge has complied with the discipline, and any other pertinent information including demonstration of rehabilitation. Upon a favorable recommendation of the Committee, the Board, by a majority vote, may commute some or all of the remaining suspension period, or permit the person to re-apply for a judges license.

Effect: This would allow the Board to commute suspension of judging privileges.

Reason: Since the Board can already commute other disciplinary actions, this would make judge's discipline consistent.

The REC recommends that this proposal be rejected.

(3) Allow two-day Best in Regional to count as BIF:

Chapter 5 Section 12. Best in Field.

At the option of the host club, a Best in Field may be offered. All Best of Breed winners shall be eligible to compete in the Best in Field competition (except provisional breeds, Single stakes and Limited stakes). If the host club offers this competition, it must so indicate in the premium list.

New (j) In the case of a two-day Regional Invitational, the hound winning the Best in Regional shall be considered to have won a Best in Field.

Effect: allow two-day Best in Regional Invitational winners to win an official Best in Field.

Reason: This would treat two-day Best in Regional Invitational Winners on a par with BII winners.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.

(4) Allow Regional Directors to grant dispensation to clubs to allow a judge to judge the same breed or breeds alone on two consecutive days:

Ch III Section 2. A person shall not judge the same breed or breeds ALONE on two consecutive days within a 150-mile radius, unless given special dispensation by the trial giving club's Regional Director to prevent a hardship on the host club. In each case where a person is to judge the same breed or breeds ALONE on two consecutive days, the respective Regional Director must write a letter of approval to the Scheduling Chair in advance of, or together with, the sample premium list. There will be no exception without such written dispensation.

Effect: To allow Regional Directors to give special dispensation to a club to allow a person to judge the same breed(s) on two consecutive days within a 150 mile radius, if this is necessary to prevent a hardship on the host club.

Reason: Some clubs are having difficulty finding, or affording, sufficient judges for their trials under the current rules.

The REC recommends that this proposal be accepted.