

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Rules Changes effective 1/1/2008

The following rules changes were approved by the 2007 Annual Convention of Delegates. They will go into effect on January 1, 2008. *Russ Jacobs, Chair, REC*

- (1) Ch. IV, Section 8.** Required Contents of Premium Lists. **2.)** The following items must appear on the front cover. (e) Location of trial. (street, town, and state) Must include an actual street address, city and state, or a physical/legal description, if no address is available. (f) A day-of-trial cell phone or on-site emergency contact number, if possible. (Re-number subsequent sub-sections.) **3.)** The following items must appear within the premium list. (j) Judges and their complete addresses their city and state of residence and assignments....(aa) Return address and directions to the site.
- 4)** It is highly recommended that the following information be included in the premium list mailing....
- (e) Return address and/or directions to the trial site.

(2) Ch IV, Section 2. The sanction to hold a lure field trial is granted for a specified time period. The host club does not have the option of completing a trial at a future date or at another locale, except in the case of an extreme act of nature or a catastrophe emergency. A change of trial date(s) and/or location in the case of an emergency may be authorized by the ASFA President 45 days or less before a trial. Under such circumstances the affected club will submit written substantiation to the ASFA Board of Directors for review. must comply with the following conditions:

1. The request for the emergency action must be made through the Scheduling Chair or, if unavailable, may be made directly to the President. If neither the Scheduling Chair nor the President are available, the request may go to any officer who can be reached quickly. Although telephone or email notification is acceptable, USPS letter is preferred. If notification is by telephone or email, a follow-up USPS letter must go to the Scheduling Chair with copies sent to the Corresponding Secretary and the Regional Director.
2. An emergency is defined as a sudden and unexpected turn of events that makes it impossible to hold the scheduled trial on the planned date or in the planned location; examples include extreme and unusual weather conditions, dangerous field conditions, unmowed fields, inaccessibility to the trial site or cancellation of permission for use of the trial site.
3. Relocation of the trial site on the original date must be within 50 miles of the original site and must not conflict with the required distance between trial sites of any previously scheduled trials.
4. The club must make a good-faith attempt to notify all entrants of any site change before the trial and post a person(s) at the original trial site from the beginning of trial hours until ½ hour after roll call to direct entrants to the new site.
5. When the date of the trial is changed, the club must make a good-faith attempt to notify all entrants. If possible, Scheduling will notify the ASFA webmaster about the change of date/location for placement on the ASFA website.

(3) Ch VI Sec 1 (g) A per capita fee, as set by the Board of Directors (see schedule of fees in current issue of Field Advisory News) for each hound which was a paid entry in a regular stake (excepting those whose entry fee was refunded) shall be paid through an electronic funds transfer (EFT) as set by the Board of Directors or received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within fourteen (14) days or be postmarked within ten (10) days of the lure field trial, with the exception of the International Invitational. In the case of the International Invitational, the per capita must be paid through an electronic funds transfer (EFT) as set by the Board of Directors or received by the ASFA Records Coordinator within twenty (20) days or be postmarked within fifteen (15) days of the approved dates for the International Invitational. Points are not recorded by the Records Coordinator until either this per capita fee is received, or the Board of Directors has determined that there is an overriding reason to record the trial. The per capita must be paid by certified check, money order, electronic funds transfer or club check (do not send cash or personal checks).

(h) The penalty charge for late receipt or postmark of records shall not exceed the per capita fee, subject to review by the ASFA Board of Directors. When paying electronically, receipt date will be the date ASFA is notified the payment has been received by the EFT system.

(4) Ch IV Sec 8 (3) (r): Stakes offered. Regular stakes must be listed: Open stake, any eligible sighthound, excluding ASFA Field Champions of record; Field Champion stake, any ASFA Field Champion; Veteran stake, any eligible hound whose age is at least six years, except Irish Wolfhounds, whose age shall be at least five years, and Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks, whose age shall be at least seven years. Limited stake. Singles stake - optional. Best in Field will or will not be offered. (Non-regular stakes: Breeder and Kennel - optional.)

Ch V Sec 4 (c) VETERAN STAKE: For any individual hounds whose age is at least six years, except Irish Wolfhounds whose age shall be at least five years, and Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks, whose age shall be at least seven years. The hound certification requirement in (a) above also applies to hounds entered in the Veteran stake which have not previously competed in Open. Hounds entered in the Veteran stake may not be entered in any other regular stake in the same lure field trial.

Entering your Hound, 6 (c): VETERAN STAKE: For any individual hounds whose age exceeds six years, except Irish Wolfhounds, whose age shall exceed five years, and Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks, whose age shall be at least seven years. The hound certification requirement in (a) above also applies to hounds entered in the Veteran stake have not previously competed in Open. Hounds entered in the Veteran stake may not be entered in any other regular stake in the same lure field trial.

(5) Ch V Sec 4a: OPEN STAKE: ...To be eligible to enter the open stake, a hound must have been certified by a licensed judge within the year preceding the closing date for the entry, hound's first competition, or have previously competed in the Open stake. Such certification must indicate that the hound completed one course of at least 500 yards, running with another hound of the same breed (or another breed with a similar running style), and showed no inclination to interfere with the other hound....

(6) Ch III, New Section 15 (renumber subsequent): In the event that a hound running loose joins a course in progress, and interferes with or instigates a fight with another hound properly entered in that course, the judge or judges currently judging the course in progress may excuse the offending hound from the field for the day.(Such judges need not be scheduled to judge the breed to which the offending hound belongs.)

(7) Chapter V, Section 4. Regular stakes are described as follows:

(a) OPEN STAKE (Paragraph 2): To be eligible to enter the open stake, a hound must have been certified by a licensed judge within the year preceding the closing date for the entry, hound's first competition, or have previously competed in the Open stake. Such certification must indicate that the hound completed one course of at least 500 yards, running continuously with another hound of the same breed (or another breed with a similar running style), and showed no inclination to interfere with the other hound, or to course the other hound rather than the lure

(8) Chapter III, Section 12. A zero total score from both judges, or a judge when only one is used, in the preliminary course automatically excuses a hound for the day. A hound that is so Hounds excused for any reason in the preliminary course will not be permitted to run in the final course, and will not be counted as having been in competition when computing the points. Hounds scored in the preliminary run but excused in the final run shall be counted when computing points.

(9) Ch V, Sec (10) (f) The highest-scoring hound with a qualifying score will be declared the Best in Field on that day.