

Chapter IV

SCHEDULING THE MEET

Section 1. An approved date must be obtained for a lure field trial. The requesting club must be sanctioned by the American Sight-hound Field Association. Applications for dates must be submitted in writing to the Scheduling Committee; such applications must be submitted by the field secretary or an authorized member of the host club at least 45 days prior to the date requested. Requests for dates shall include:

- (a) Name of host club.
- (b) Date(s) requested.
- (c) Location of trial.
- (d) All-breed or specialty trial.

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 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.

Section 3. Two sample copies of the premium list and entry form must be sent to the Scheduling Committee no less than 45 days prior to the approved date. A field secretary may not mail out the premium list until such time as it has been approved for mailing by the Scheduling Committee.

1. Premium lists must be 5-1/2 inches wide and 8-1/2 inches high. The entry form and premium must be of the same size and must conform exactly to the list of requirements included in this chapter.
2. Closing date, limitations of entries and entry fees are left to the discretion of the host club.
3. A final copy of the approved premium list must be sent to the Scheduling Committee, the President, and to the Regional Director of that area, in advance of the trial date.
4. Each trial shall have a separate premium list, except that trials held by the same club(s) on consecutive dates on the same site may use a combined premium list.
5. Only information pertaining to the trial(s) shall be included in the premium list. (Separate enclosures mailed with the premium list are acceptable.)
6. Exhibition Only stakes are not considered part of the trial, and shall not be included in the premium list.
7. All-breed trials on the same date will be 150 miles, or more, apart.
8. A club or association that has held a trial or trials in any one year shall have first right to claim the corresponding date(s) for its trial(s) to be held in the next succeeding year.
9. If a club wishes to hold a trial on their priority date, they must request this from the Scheduling Chair, in writing, at least 120 days before the date of the trial.

10. A club may hold priority on a date for an additional year if it relinquishes the date for a Regional or International Invitational. Such relinquishment and reservation for the following year must be made in writing to the Scheduling Chair.

Section 4. The ASFA will, from time to time, publish a list of judges eligible to judge ASFA events.

Section 5. Course Plans. Exact layouts, including approximate distances between turns, and locations of hills, gullies, fences, etc., of proposed coursing plans must be in the premium list.

1. No course shall be less than 500 yards. It is recommended that a course be no less than 600 yards whenever possible.
2. When using a continuous-loop system every attempt shall be made when laying out the course plan to assure that the lure does not traverse the course twice in order to meet the distance requirements. The minimum distance of line used on the continuous loop shall be 500 yards.
3. When using a continuous-loop system, mid-course reversals are permissible so long as they are clearly stated in the premium list and provided that the place and duration of the reversal is the same, or approximately the same, for each and every course.

Section 6. Entry Forms. Entry forms must include: name of host club, date of trial, field secretary's name and address, closing date(s) of entries, entry fee(s), and entry limit, if any.

Section 7. Hound Certification Form. A current Hound Certification form, if hound certification runs will be offered.

Section 8. Required Contents of Premium Lists.

1. Each premium list must contain all of the items enumerated in this list.
2. The following items must appear on the front cover:
 - (a) Closing date(s) for entries and entry limits (if any).
 - (b) Club name (logo optional).
 - (c) All-breed or single breed trial(s).
 - (d) Date of trial(s).
 - (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.
 - (g) Entry fee(s).
 - (h) Permission has been granted by the American Sighthound Field Association for the holding of this event under American Sighthound Field Association Rules and Regulations., Chair, ASFA Scheduling Committee.
 - (i) The ASFA region in which the trial is being held.
3. The following items must appear within the premium list, in approximately the order indicated (only minor deviations from the indicated order will be approved):
 - (a) Club officers and directors.
 - (b) Judges and their complete addresses, their city and state of residence and assignments. (An asterisk shall be used to denote provisional status.)
 - (c) Field Committee, including, at least, chairman, secretary and lure operator.
 - (d) Ribbons (or rosettes) will be awarded for all placements -1st through NBQ, Best of Breed and Best in Field (if offered).
 - (e) Trial hours.
 - (f) Roll call(s).
 - (g) Entries will (or will not) be acknowledged by mail (or telephone).
 - (h) Breed or list of breeds eligible to enter. Only purebred Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzoi, Cirneco dell'Etna, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, Sloughis, and Whippets and Provisional breeds (if any) may be entered in the regular stakes. Limited stake breeds, if any, may be entered in the Limited Stake. These are listed in each issue of the Field Advisory News.
 - (i) "All entries in the regular stakes shall be individually registered with the American Kennel Club, the National Greyhound Association, the Federation Cynologique Internationale, an ASFA-recognized foreign or ASFA Board approved registry, or possess a critique registration number

- (CRN) from the Society for the Perpetuation of Desert Bred Salukis (SPDBS). Limited and/or Provisional stake entries shall be individually registered with the appropriate registry. (Dogs with an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) or Purebred Alternate Listing (PAL) from the American Kennel Club shall be considered registered with that body.)”
- (j) 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.)
 - (k) All entries must be one year of age or older on the day of the trial.
 - (l) Stakes will be split into flights by public random draw if the entry in any regular stake is 20 or more.
 - (m) Bitches in season, hounds with breed disqualifications, and lame hounds will be excused.
 - (n) Hounds not present at the time of roll call will be scratched.
 - (o) Any circumstances (other than those listed in Ch I Sec 3) in which refunds will be given, or a clear statement that there are no such additional circumstances
 - (p) Hound certification runs will (or will not) be offered and when (one hour prior to roll call, following the trial, etc.).
 - (q) Type of lure machine. (Examples: battery-powered take-up reel; or battery-powered continuous-loop system.)
 - (r) Type of lure. (Examples: highly-visible plastic strips; or a combination of highly-visible plastic and fur; or fur.)
 - (s) Course plan. A diagram to approximate scale, including total number of yards, known obstacles (if any) and distances between pulleys. Also must include indication of the start and finish of the course and whether it will (or will not) be reversed for final courses. (Description of grounds/terrain - as needed.)
 - (t) Return address and directions to the site.
4. It is highly recommended that the following information be included in the premium list mailing.
- (a) General information on Field Advisory News.
 - (b) Information on accommodations, including whether they accept dogs.
 - (c) Availability of veterinary care.
 - (d) Whether food, water, and shade (if appropriate) will be available for handlers and/or hounds.
 - (e) Return address and/or directions to the trial site
5. Optional information may be included in premium lists, so long as it is consistent with these running rules and is pertinent to the trial(s). The following items are specifically allowed:
- (a) Trophies.
 - (b) If muzzles are required it must be so stated; otherwise, optional.
 - (c) If substitutions for hounds are allowed after the closing date this must be stated in the premium list.
 - (d) The club reserves the right to alter the course diagram as required by weather and/or field conditions on the day of the trial, included with the course plan.
 - (e) Return address and/or directions to the trial site.
 - (f) Reasonable health restrictions.