

Chapter IX

PROTESTING THE LURE FIELD TRIAL

Any member of a club sanctioned to hold a lure field trial, or any participant in the lure field trial, or any individual belonging to a club sanctioned by the ASFA, may lodge a "protest of proceedings" should he/she desire to do so. The following procedure must be followed:

Section 1. A written statement lodging the protest and explicitly describing the infringement or non-regular procedure or ruling, accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) protest filing fee (when paying by check, the check should be made out to ASFA) is given to the field chairman during the trial hours. Since according to Ch. III, Sec. 21, only the Board of Directors of the ASFA may reverse, change or modify a judge's decision, if the protest regards a judge's decision, the field committee shall not rule on the protest, but rather shall forward the protest and fees, plus any comments the committee is able to make on the substance of the protest, directly to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary. Otherwise, the field committee must make a ruling in writing as soon as possible during trial hours on that day, a copy of which shall be given, on that day, to the protestor. All monies, copies of the protest and copies of the field committee rulings must be received by the ASFA Corresponding Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the trial or be postmarked within ten (10) days of the trial, except protests upheld by the field committee are cause for reimbursement of the \$10 fee to the protestor and no monies shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary.

Section 2. If an appeal of the decision of the field committee is desired, an additional letter from the protestor must be received by the ASFA Corresponding Secretary within fourteen (14) days or be postmarked within ten (10) days of the trial.

Section 3. The Corresponding Secretary will convey the protest situation to the Board of Directors of the ASFA who shall rule on upholding or negating the protest.

Section 4. Protests upheld may void all points awarded at a lure field trial or may result in other action deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

(a) Protests upheld are cause for reimbursement of the \$10.00 filing fee to the protesting individual.

(b) Protests not upheld cause forfeit of the \$10.00 filing fee to the treasury of the ASFA.

Section 5. In all cases, the individual protesting is informed of the ruling on the protest appeal within 30 days subsequent to the ensuing Board of Directors meeting.

Section 6. When a protest voids points awarded, the Corresponding Secretary informs the Records Coordinator and he/she notifies all participants who had received points that they are voided for that lure field trial.

Section 7. In situations where the requirements for filing a protest cannot be met, statements of irregularity alleging an infringement of an ASFA rule by an individual or Club may also be sent to the Corresponding Secretary at any time, but preferably as soon after the alleged infringement as is possible. However, the Board will take no punitive action based on a statement of irregularity with regard to anything that took place prior to the date of the Board review.