

RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Rules Change Proposals for the 2021 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2021 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 2021 ACoD and will go into effect on August 1, 2021.

--Marilyn Standerford, Chair, REC

REC Members: Russ Jacobs and Ping Pirrung, and alternates—Elaine McMichael and Kathy Sanders

Proposal #1 comes from the ASFA Board of Directors

To delete the following from Chapter IV, Section 5. Course Plans. 3.

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.~~

EFFECT: To delete this section of the rule.

The REC recommends this proposal be rejected and offers the alternative Proposal #1 (A) below.

REASON: *The REC is not allowed to delete rules, but only allowed to amend them. This rule is still potentially viable.*

COST TO THE ASFA: *Nothing*

Proposal #1 (A)

3. When using a continuous-loop system, mid-course reversals are not 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~~

EFFECT: To specify that for continuous-loop courses, it is not permissible to do any mid-course reversals.

The REC recommends this proposal be accepted.

REASON: *The REC feels this amendment to the Proposal #1 achieves the same purpose, without deleting the rule.*

COST TO THE ASFA: *Nothing*

Proposal #2 comes from the 2020 ACoD through the Board of Directors

The motion below was presented and rejected last year but sent back to rework—specifically adding the BOLD, UNDERLINED text below.

Chapter 5, Section 9. Conducting the Draw

5. If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with another breed in a mixed breed stake with the same scheduled judges if all ~~exhibitors~~ owners or their duly-authorized agents agree. The hounds would be scored separately by the one or two judges listed in the premium list for each breed and receive placements and points as if this stake was a regular stake such as open, field champion or veteran.

Effect: This would give points and placements for running with competition when the hounds are of different breeds yet running together.

Cost to the ASFA: major changes to the records program to allow multiple breeds to run against each other and get points and placements toward ASFA titles.

The REC recommends this proposal be rejected.

RATIONALE: Who would judge this mixed breed stake? Each breed in the stake must be judged by the judges listed in the premium. This could potentially have six judges for a single course. It is against the ASFA Running Rules to have more than two judges on the field judging at the same time. The mixed breed could be Open against FCh, or any combination of stakes.

Proposal #3 comes from the 2020 ACoD through the Board of Directors

The following proposal was submitted to the 2020 ACoD and rejected. It was the vote of the ACoD to return this motion to the REC for rework. The REC is not able to propose alternative wording.

Chapter II, Section 4. Huntmaster

16. Will cause the lure to be stopped upon a ~~pre-slip and restart provided no tally has been sounded~~ hound being tangled in its slip lead or other safety concerns. A pre-slip in and of itself is not a cause for stopping the course.

Effect: This prohibits the huntmaster from stopping the course in the case of a pre-slip.

Cost to the ASFA: there is no cost to the ASFA

The REC recommends this proposal be rejected

Rationale: If a pre-slip of one hound is flagrant, the huntmaster should have the ability to stop the course.