

American Sighthound Field Association

Annual Convention of Delegates

March 21-22, 2026



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2026 ACoD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Zoom Webinar Teleconference

March 21-22, 2026

Saturday March 21, 2026

Call to Order 10:00am EDT

- (a) Roll call and Seating of Delegates
- (b) Appointment of Parliamentarian / Tellers / Sgt at Arms
- (c) Appeal
- (d) Approval of Minutes of the 2025 Annual Convention of Delegates
- (e) Report of the President
- (f) Report of the Vice Presidents
- (g) Report of the Recording Secretary
- (h) Report of the Corresponding Secretary
- (i) Report of the Chief Financial Officer
- (j) Report of the Regional Directors
- (k) Reports of the Standing Committees of the Board
- (l) Reports of the Special Committees of the Board
- (m) Reports of the Standing Committees of the Convention
 - 1. ACoD Site Selection Committee
 - 2. ACoD Planning Committee
 - 3. Animal Advisory Committee
 - 4. Gary Forrester Award (Kathy Nelson)
 - 5. Lure Coursing Hall of Fame (Mike Hussey)
- (n) Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws
- (o) Amendments to the Running Rules and Field Procedures – Lure Field Trials
- (p) Election of Officers
- (q) Unfinished Business
- (r) New Business
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Officers Reports

President's Report

By Scott Hurlbert

As we close another year of coursing and community, I want to reflect on the progress we've made together. We welcomed several new clubs into the ASFA family and enjoyed a number of successful Invitationals. Throughout the year, the Board remained actively engaged in reviewing our policies and practices. These discussions have been thoughtful, productive, and have already resulted in meaningful actions.

One of our major goals for 2025 was to begin a constructive dialogue with the American Kennel Club regarding the future of coursing. Thanks to the input many of you provided, the committee met with AKC representatives and established a positive opening conversation. The door is now open for continued collaboration.

A key topic that emerged from these discussions was judges' training. Many of you who have attended recent AKC seminars may have noticed the use of ASFA's Judges Handbook and the Lure Operators Guide. We see an opportunity to formalize this shared approach and potentially take the lead in developing a unified training process that benefits both organizations.

Another significant undertaking this year was the search for a programmer to complete the work on our records system. The selection committee—chaired by Phil Fullom and including Phil Dean, Cathy Sanderson, Lori Zorbaugh, and myself—has identified a strong candidate. The committee will be preparing a recommendation for the Board's consideration.

Looking ahead to 2026, the next Annual Convention of Delegates will include the election of ASFA Officers. Two slates of candidates will be presented, and additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee is present or has submitted written consent. This election is an important opportunity for you to help shape ASFA's future, and I encourage you to give it your full attention.

I also urge you to participate actively in the convention process: ask questions, seek clarity, and remain open to the possibilities for ASFA's continued growth. I know there were concerns last year regarding the 2025 proposed budget, but you will see that our

situation is not as dire as it may have seemed. Your engagement—your willingness to be participants rather than bystanders—strengthens ASFA and the sport we all love.

As my term as President comes to an end, I want to express my gratitude. While there are always things one wishes they had done better, I hope the communication you received from me was clear, fair, and sincere. I believe deeply in ASFA and in the shared joy that brings us together: watching our dogs do what they were born to do—chase, run, and revel in the thrill of the course.

Thank you for your dedication, your passion, and your partnership.
Tally Ho.

Report of 1st VP

By Marilyn Standerford

It has been a busy and full year! In addition to the committee responsibilities that I had (updates elsewhere in this packet/Communique), I served on other committees including the Executive Committee, the Scheduling Committee, ACoD Minutes Review, and the 2025 ASFA II Planning Committee.

One of the duties of the First Vice President, is to help “keep the balls in the air”. While that can be seen as micro-managing in many ways, it is. But it is also ensuring, or trying to ensure that the tasks before the Board, individuals, and committees are progressing along.

I also have been called from trials for rules interpretations, identifying the rules for the situations presented, and just general questions. One of my duties, although not as First Vice President, was to answer the questions that come from the fancy through the ASFA website. I try to always include the **Running Rules** or **Policies** references to help the inquisitor know where to read and find those answers in the future.

It is important to know that Policies carry the same weight of enforcement that the **Running Rules** do. So you must be well-versed in both. I have been working on determining which policies should perhaps be included in the rulebook, but that is a very daunting task, to say the least.

If there is a committee on which you would like to volunteer, let the President know or any of the officers. We will do our best to include you. But remember, you volunteered, so you

need to participate. That does not always mean you wait for the Chair to start things. You can prod the Chair to get things moving and share your ideas.

I look forward to serving you for another term. I'm very passionate about the success of the ASFA as an organization, and as a family of enthusiasts. We all want to have fun and enjoy our dogs running. I'd like to have a dog that runs! 😊 It's been about 5 years since we had an active courser. However, I continue to be active with the organization on a local, regional and national basis.

Come join the fun!

Best Regards,
Marilyn Standerford
First Vice President

Report of 2nd VP

By Greg Breitbach

As 2nd VP, there are not many duties to be performed.

The ASFA board has been busy the past 12 months. Between dealing with motions and issues via email, and having four virtual board meetings, the past year went very fast. As your 2nd Vice President, I was fully engaged in those meetings and discussions, and provided input/feedback so that the ASFA Board could make the best decisions benefiting ASFA that we could. Much of our work will be discussed during the upcoming ACOD. It is my opinion that the ASFA Board works as hard now for the benefit of the organization as it has in its past, and that is mostly due to the use of virtual meetings.

I also attended many trials and listened to their complaints/praises of the organization. I view these opinions as the Board meets and votes for/against ongoing issues facing the organization.

Gregory Breitbach

Recording Secretary's Report

By Jennifer Gysler

I have been very fortunate to be the Recording Secretary for the past four years and my work comes to a close as I reach the term limits for this position. I have learned so much

from my fellow board members and regional directors, past and present. Thank you to the Board, all of the volunteers who have served on the ASFA committees and Regional Directors for their contributions to ASFA and the lure coursing community.

The Board met five times, both in person and via Zoom, as follows: (1) March 20-21, 2025 (in conjunction with the ACoD); (2) April 2, 2025; (3) June 18, 2025; (4) September 17, 2025; (5) December 17, 2025.

The ACoD Minutes Review Committee, to be appointed at the ACoD, will perform an important function in reviewing the minutes from this year's convention.

As you will see from reading the minutes from 2025 and the reports for the 2026 ACoD, our volunteers have been busy and we are looking forward to 2026.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Kathy Sanders, Corresponding Secretary

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Chief Financial Officer Report

By Ping Pirrung

Chief Financial Officer Report Finance and Budget Committee Report March 2026

Ping Pirrung, Chief Financial Officer

As with any job, it can take some time to get a feel for it. 2025 was my second year as CFO and during the year I felt as though I had a better handle on my responsibilities and how to fulfill them. Both Sean and Scott have been a great help along the way.

The Finance and Budget Committee consists of myself as chair with members Scott Hurlbert, Sean McMichael and Mary Frances Miller. We have worked well together and each of us has an expertise that has been brought to the table. Everyone has contributed to the budget for 2026, see attached, and I feel it is very well thought out so we can keep ASFA fiscally responsible. A budget is a guideline or a goal for finances which we keep in mind throughout the year as expenditures arise and money comes in.

Referring to the 2025 Profit and Loss statement, also attached, ASFA did not lose money in 2025, in fact we made a profit of \$56.24. This past year we tried to have a financial report at each quarterly meeting to keep a closer eye on where we were in relationship to projections. With a year behind us, I feel as though 2026 will be easier.

Clubs contribute with each ASFA trial you hold. Adding a trial or two really helps, not only to your club's treasury but ASFA's as well. We are working on ways to help clubs be fiscally responsible to their members and to ASFA. If you have any suggestions, we would really like to hear them.

I have enjoyed the challenge of being the CFO and looking forward to serving the fancy in the years ahead.

2026 ASFA Budget

Income	
ACoD	\$2,200.00
ASFA Store	\$800.00
Membership	\$3,700.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Donations	\$0.00
Total Trial Fees	
Per Capita	\$24,400.00
II	\$2,000.00
Regionals	\$900.00
Total	\$35,000.00

Expenses	
ACoD	\$50.00
ASFA Store	\$700.00
Board	\$0.00
Committee Expenses	
Archives	\$1,000.00
Awards	\$500.00
IT	\$3,600.00
Officers	\$420.00
Reg Directors	\$1,000.00
Invitationals	\$3,000.00
Insurance	\$1,400.00
Misc	\$100.00
Records	\$25,000.00
Records Program	\$1,000.00
Total	\$37,770.00
Net	\$2,770.00

2025 ASFA P & L

Income		
	Budgeted	Actual
ACoD	\$250.00	\$2,201.74
ASFA Store	\$800.00	\$881.54
Membership	\$3,700.00	\$3,891.15
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$1,242.57
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Records Replacement Program	\$2,700.00	\$2,445.00
Total Trial Fees		
Per Capita	\$22,300.00	\$21,416.39
Experimental Programs	\$100.00	\$9.70
II	\$4,500.00	\$15,835.27
Regionals	\$600.00	\$851.17
Total	\$35,950.00	\$48,774.53

Expenses		
2025 ASFA P & L	Budgeted	Actual
ACoD	\$250.00	\$0.00
ASFA Store	\$2,000.00	\$290.90
Board	\$750.00	\$0.00
Committee Expenses		
Archives	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Awards	\$2,600.00	\$1,271.00
IT	\$4,600.00	\$3,469.22
Officers	\$250.00	\$617.42
Reg Directors	\$1,000.00	\$193.86
Invitationals	\$3,000.00	\$17,890.23
Insurance	\$1,400.00	\$1,295.00
Misc	\$100.00	\$0.00
Records	\$27,000.00	\$23,690.66
Records Program	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Total	\$48,950.00	\$48,718.29
Net	\$13,000.00	\$56.24

Reports of the Regional Directors

Region 1 – no written report

Region 2 – no written report

Region 3 Report

By Michele Bisbee, Director

Region 3 Boundaries:

- Region 3 includes the states of CO, NM, UT and WY
- 360,654 square miles within the Rocky Mountain area

Region 3 Clubs and current Club contact information:

Regional Clubs:

- Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)
 - o President: Darci Kunard
 - o Liaison: Tom Golcher
- Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)
 - o President: Karla Smith
 - o Liaison: Leonore Abordo
- Rocky Mountain Coursing Club (RMCC)
 - o President: Janet Krick
 - o Liaison: Heather Minnich
- Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA)
 - o President: Sarah Shorey-Wickholm
 - o Liaison: Michael Hussey
- Utah Sighthound Racing and Coursing Club (USRCC)
 - o President: Melissa Egbert
 - o Liaison: Faith Burnham

National Clubs with Liaisons in Region 3:

- American Whippet Club (AWC)
 - o President: Gwin Borstel
 - o Liaison: Claudia Miller
- Pharoah Hound Club of American (PHCA)
 - o President: Darci Kunard

- Liaison: Darci Kunard

2025 Recap:

Region 3 Clubs hosted a total of 27 trials (11% increase over 2024) with 730 entries in 2025 (6.7% increase). They also finished 2025 with three #1 rankings in the Top 20: Azawakh, LCI-Large (Top 3) and Pharaoh Hound (Top 5). The Region lead ASFA for the top Breed Entries for the Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Galgo Espanol (t), Greyhound, Irish Wolfhound, Pharaoh Hound and LCI Sighthound Mix entries.

CLCA hosted 18 trials in 2025, 4 more than in 2024. CLCA was #1 in the country for trails hosted and #2 for hounds entered (613). CLCA is planning to host 23 trials for 2026, including the **52nd Grand National**.

LLCC hosted 2 trials in 2025 with a total of 29 entries. Weather was a cruel participant in NM for 2025 – cutting short the first day of the April trials and cancelling the winter trials. Hopefully 2026 weather will be kinder as LLCC is scheduled to host the **Regional Invitational** (TBD).

RMCC is on an every other year rotation for ASFA trails and will plan to host one trial in 2026.

RMIWA hosted a total of 3 trials in 2025 (1 Regional Specialty and 2 all breed trials) for a total of 57 entries. They are hoping to continue trying out a new field and have the same trial schedule for 2026.

USRCC hosted 4 Silken Windhound Specialties for a total of 31 entries. They are planning the same schedule for 2026.

Additionally, Region 3 was proud to host both the **Italian Greyhound Club of America** and **Irish Wolfhound Club of America** National Specialties (Colorado/Utah) in 2025 for a total of 17 and 12 entries respectively.

Region 4 Report

By Shannon Hoehn, incoming Reg 4 Director.

Region IV is still struggling with entries and finding clubs that are willing to hold ASFA trials. We are doing well with LCI entries. LCI makes up about a third of our entries. ORCA (Oklahoma Racing and Coursing Association) is still the only club in Region IV that is actively holding ASFA trials. ORCA hosted 4 trials over 2 weekends, including the Region IV Invitational, in both 2024 and 2025, with total entries for the year 139 and 147, respectively. total entries for the year. Unfortunately, starting in 2026 ORCA is dropping one ASFA weekend (Thanksgiving) due to its hosting national events over that weekend.

I am trying to reestablish ASFA lure coursing in Texas. I attended an AKC lure coursing trial in Texas in January and polled multiple people about the possibility of bringing ASFA back to Texas. The answer was a resounding YES!! I contacted Vickie Frey about possibly getting GIT (Gazehounds In Texas) back as an active ASFA club. She indicated that GIT would be thrilled to resume having ASFA trials, but the club there are several roadblocks including declining membership, due to most club members having aged out and also a lack of funds to bring in judges. GIT does have the equipment and a place to set up. I have suggested that they contact and partner with a local AKC club and co-host a FastCat event to raise funds and split the profits. I don't know what else to suggest. Vickie told me they have had some success with holding AOK9 events. I would hate to lose them to AOK9 which also has all breed lure coursing.

I am open to suggestions on how to help GIT come back as an active club.
–Shannon Hoehn

Region 5 Report

By Shellie Marvin

ASFA Region 5 had a great coursing year in 2025! Statistics out through mid December showed we had at least 67 dogs from Region 5 in the Top 20 of their breed. Of these, 26 were LCI competitors. We are also proudly represented by TWENTY dogs in the Top 5!

I was fortunate enough to take part in Region 5 events with: Iowa Coursing Association (ICA), Minnesota Coursing Association (MCA), Heartland Coursing Association (HCA), Nebraska Coursing Association (NCA), and the Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club (GTCWC). I was impressed with all of the work clubs put into the events, providing great experiences for all. Please thank all of your field committees members, club board members, and volunteers - they are truly keeping this sport going.

Moving into 2026, I encourage everyone to branch out and try a new volunteer position so we can combat the common problem of volunteer shortages and volunteer burnout. Every person has unique gifts and talents to share, please reach out to your club to see what you can do to help. It takes a lot of “people work” for our dogs to enjoy this sport!

Along with that, we can all invite another “dog person” to come see what we are all about. We were all “new” at some point, and had someone point us in the direction of

ASFA, please pass that gift on! Together we can continue to go out and run dogs safely!

One last note, please remember we all pursue this as a SAFE and FUN way for us to enjoy our dogs. There are no guarantees: enjoy your dog, have fun, pitch in, and treat everyone as you would like to be treated. Have a fantastic year on the field in 2026!

Region 6 Report

By Holly Hamilton

Region 6 had a great year for coursing, ending with our Regional hosted by SLASH at the end of December. We had decent weather, great food and hospitality, awesome trophies, and hard working club members. Our winner at the Regional was Chip the whippet NFC FC Keen's Chiseled Outta Tru-Luv LCM CR SC owned by Shannon Hoehn. Other competitors for Best in Regional were fantastic, providing the judges a challenging decision. We finished the day with dinner at a local Mexican restaurant.

I had the opportunity to attend trials for all the clubs in the region and I am pleased to say that coursing is alive and well in the Midwest. Like most clubs we are always looking for new exhibitors to join clubs and run their dogs. I am always impressed to see new folks welcomed into the fold.

Region 6 also had the pleasure of hosting the Afghan, Scottish Deerhound, International Silken Windhound Society national trials, which is always a treat!

Holly Hamilton, Region 6 Director

Region 7 – no written report

Region 8 – no written report

Region 9 Report

By Gina Whritenour

Areas of inclusion: Ontario, CA, New York, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

Region 9 –Club to host Regional Invitational for 2026 - TBD

2025 Trials:

- GONE – 10 trials – 2 cancelled - 8 total trials = 493 hounds (top 20 club for trials and entries)
- NAA - 4 trials = 170 hounds
- LCLC – 1 trial = 60 hounds
- ECHO – 1 trial = 70 hounds
- NERCC - 0
- SANE – Fun Trial completed = 18 hounds (fun trial accepted – moved to affiliate status)
- RRCUS - 0

Total entries for Region 9 ASFA trials = 811 hounds & LCI's in 15 trials

Regional Clubs

Elite Coursing Hounds of Ontario (ECHO)--member
Northern Azawakh Association (NAA)--member
Gazehounds of New England (GONE)--member
New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (NERRC)--affiliate
Saluki Association of New England (SANE) – affiliate
Lake County Lure Coursers (LCLC)--member
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of United States (RRCUS)--parent

Region 9 notes: SANE completed their Fun Trial and is now moved up to an Affiliate Club!! They can now have regular point trials which hopefully will help our numbers continue to grow. Entries across the board for 2025 went up for all clubs. 2024 total entries were 683 and 2025 total entries were 811. This was a jump in entries of 128 total. GONE membership has continued to grow as they mentor new people, not only in running their hounds but taking on volunteer assignments during field trials. SANE members are checking on new fields to be used in the future. We are currently checking to see if we have enough fields to host a future International Invitational.

2025 Top 20 rankings for Region 9

Afghan

- 10 Hala Mamunia's Halo Of The Moon S.& N.Khanna/J.Martin
- 14 Charlotte Dream A Little Dream Of Me FCh K.O'Brien/J.Martin

Azawakh

- 2 Obi Starfire's Obi At Zafis J.Butterworth
- 3 Oiseau In Stride Sambala Carmen'l'Oiseau Rebelle B. & B.Wimsatt

Basenji

17 Quiz Sinbaje's Puzzling Proposition M.Heidebrecht

Greyhound

1 Switch Lakilanni Switchin' To Glide LCM L.Soutar
2 Sugar Lakilanni No Sugar Tonight FCh L.Soutar
3 Vincent Ch Lakilanni Starry Starry Night FCh L.Zucker
7 Vedder Lakilanni Hard Sun L.Soutar
11 Alice DC Golightly Lakilanni White Rabbit LCM,SC,RN,CGCA,BCAT,CGCU
L.Zucker/L.Soutar
13 Luco Unbridled Sap To The Sugar Shack C.Laliberte
14 Sunspot DC Lakilanni Sunspot Baby LCM,RN,SC,TKN,CGC,SIN L.Soutar
18 Summertime Lakilanni The Living is Easy FCh C. Laliberte`

Ibizans

2 Pete Marwyn Nahala Fantastic Voyage To Symphony
Martin/Lynch/Smith/Special
4 Madyson BII, CKC Ch IcyCold Parallels Sixth Avenue LCM4 Dr.K.Catt
5 PennylcyCold Sixth Cent LCM2Dr.K.Catt
13 Honolulu NSBIF MBIF DC Symphony's American Pacific Islander MC LCX5 HOF
P.Martin Jr/J.Tully
16 Hedwig MBIF DC Symphony's Magical Snowy One FCh MC LCX ROM POM
ROMdc P.Martin

LCI Large

6 Rev Reving The Engines M.A.Heather
8 Dark Woodwolf's When You Wish Upon A Star L.Wilson
10 Kona Kona M.Li/J.Sham
11 Scoops Scoops A.Ruttan
12 Willi Willi S.Godbehere
18 Havok Havok N.Breckon

LCI Sighthound Mix

1 AbnerHigh Falls Angel Eyes at Blue Mist A.Hayes
5 Chaos Blue Mist's Chaos Theory Of Apsara LCI LCCC.Hatton
10 Appa Apsara's Yip Yip of Tova C.Blackstone
16 Poki Apsara's Be The Leaf of Tova E.Silverberg
19 Rapid MissJiffs Now Or Never @ Tactical Image Rapid Fyre B.O'Connor

LCI small

- 1 Zoey Zoey Furiously Happy LCI,LCC,LCA,LCE2 P.Buswell
16 Limit Tactical Image's The Possibilities Are Limitless J.Esplen

Pharaoh

- 14 Cowboy Ch Galadrial's Z-Faro Space Cowboy C.& S.Leslie/S.Hoffman

Saluki

- 5 Rajah FC Sandstorm Hope For Genie's Golden Lamp FCh,TCP,SC T.Pressley
5 Paisley DesertSkye Tamarisk Boteh-Jegheh ACT2 D.Rubin/R.Zucker13
Kingsley Khamsin's King Of the Road CKC FCh S.Konopa/K.Welsh
10 Snoop Phaeema Bint Sahab Al Assli M.Schambourg
14 Fin Pure Elegance Super Trooper O.Blais/E.Wu

Scottish Deerhounds

- 2 Chance Ch Harambee's AE Fond Kiss At Caithness S.Rivenburg
6 Twig Hollyrood Scots Pine At Lir D.Whitmore
11 Stirling Ch Fernhill's Stirling FCh,BCAT S.Rivenburg

Singles

- 1 SA Umma Umm Kalsum bint Phaeema Al Assli M.Schambourg
7 SA Tokala Korfa's Red Dog Of Rose Creek N.Lipinski
8 SA Guidry Korfa's Louisiana Lightning Strikes Twice N.Lipinski
12 SA Blossum Desertskeye Blossoming Moment D.Rubin

Whippets

- 3 Hoppit FC Hyflyte That Will Leave A Mark LCM2,SC,NA,NAJ
D.Johnson/J.Courtemanche
5 Hugo Hyflyte Ohh The Places Hugo TCP S.& R.Lang
6 Elan Merci Isle Hide Your Heart FCh R.Viola/I.Kimmelman
7 Vengeance Hyflyte Merciless Vengeance FCh G.Cheung/L.Siddons
9 Ivan FC Hyflyte Catch The Wind At Shannon Down LCM2 MC NARX4 PR4 TRP
J.Courtemanche
11 Baylen Merci Isle After Midnight FCh R.Viola/I.Kimmelman
13 Niko Millrace Surrey Hill Impression: Sunrise FCh S.& M.Kellogg
13 Rapper Hyflyte The Show Must Go On LCM H.Ferguson/M.Smith/M.Mortin
13 Velour Merci Isle Velvet Glove FCh J.& J.Kimmelman/P.Ewing DVM
19 Talia Merci Isle Heaven's Dew A.Sampson

Region 9 dogs in top 20 = 53 (The 2025 Number 1 Dogs in GH, LCI Mix, LCI Small and Singles)

Region 10 Report

By Keith Hicks, Regional Director

[Region 10 covers the state of California south from the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada south of Highway 6.]

Our Clubs: Region 10 has 5 clubs. Two are member all breed clubs, California Coursing Association “CCA” based in southern California and Central Coast Association of Sighthounds “CCASH” based in Paso Robles, Calif. The third club is a National breed club (International Silken Windhound Society “ISWS”) which has a specialty every year in different regions. We also have two Fast Track clubs, the Desert Fun Bunch “DFB”, based in the Phoenix area of Arizona, and Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club “OCRRC” based in southern California.

Our Trials: Our numbers have increased from the prior year. Region 10 normally lacks in ASFA trials compared to other areas of the country. The LCI program has garnered more interest in the past year, as has ASFA in general. In 2025, Region 10 hosted 26 trials with 345 entries, as compared to 2024 with 23 trials and 285 entries. Our new Fast Track Club, OCRRC has really stepped up and in its first year as a Fast Track club, held 9 trials, 2 of which were all breed trials and 7 of which were ASFA Silken specialties, for a total of 169 hounds running. We hope to continue this momentum into 2026, and we have our Regional planned for Friday, November 27, in conjunction with our Turkey Trot weekend.

The positives: Increased number of trials and dogs running ASFA as compared to the prior years plus an ASFA Regional Trial planned for November.

LCI: Interest continues to grow in this program and we are hoping to have even more participants in 2026.

The future: By continuing to foster relationships with exhibitors and clubs, along with sharing the positives that ASFA has to offer, we will continue to increase the number of trials and hounds running in 2026.

Committees of the Board

Animal Advisory Committee

Kathy Sanders, Chair

Dear ASFA Members,

During calendar year 2025, legislative activity at both the state and federal levels continued to focus on the regulation of dog breeding, sales, housing, and importation. While many proposals were introduced as animal welfare or consumer protection measures, several had potential implications for responsible breeders, hobby breeders, kennel operators, and performance dog households. Recurring themes included retail pet sale restrictions, expanded breeder definitions, increased documentation requirements, kennel licensing modifications, and proposed amendments to the federal Animal Welfare Act.

The following summary highlights key legislative activity from 2025. Items are listed alphabetically by state, followed by federal activity. References are provided at the end in the event you'd like to research further.

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#### State Legislation

##### California

- AB 506 (2025) – Expanded consumer protection requirements for dog sales, including additional health disclosures and documentation obligations applicable to breeders and rescues.
- AB 519 (2025) – Restricted certain dog broker and third-party sales practices.
- SB 312 (2025) – Established health certificate and reporting requirements for dogs imported into California for resale.

##### Delaware

- HB 131 (2025) – Proposed prohibition on retail pet stores selling dogs and cats, limiting sales to shelter or rescue animals only. The bill did not pass during the 2025 session.

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##### Massachusetts

- 2025 session proposals addressing expanded definitions of breeders and kennel licensing categories, including concepts that could apply to hobby breeders.
- Proposed revisions to enclosure size and outdoor housing standards affecting kennel operations.

### New Jersey

- S.2511 (2025) / A.4051 (2025) – Legislation advancing restrictions on the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits by pet shops statewide. The bills progressed through committee during 2025 and generated discussion regarding consumer protection and sourcing requirements.
- Advocacy groups noted potential concerns that amendments could affect how certain home-based breeders are classified under retail licensing language.

### Pennsylvania

- HB 693 (2025) – Proposed amendments to Pennsylvania's Dog Law relating to kennel and licensing provisions; referred to committee in 2025.
- 2025 legislative discussions included renewed efforts to restrict retail pet store sales of dogs, cats, and rabbits.
- Ongoing implementation of Dog Law modernization measures (Acts 18 of 2023; Act 47 of 2024) continued to shape kennel and licensing practices.

### Texas

- HB 3458 (2025) and SB 1652 (2025) – Companion bills proposing restrictions on retail pet sales. Neither bill advanced during the 2025 legislative session.

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Multi-State Legislative Trends – 2025

In addition to state-specific bills, several recurring legislative patterns appeared across multiple jurisdictions during 2025. Examples of states
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reflecting these broader trends in 2025 included Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, California, Delaware, Texas, Maryland, Nevada, and Florida.

Tethering Limitations:

Many states considered time-based limits on tethering, restrictions on equipment, temperature-triggered prohibitions, and increased penalties. While generally aimed at neglect prevention, these provisions may affect structured kennel management practices and temporary tethering used in sporting environments.

Weather-Related Confinement Standards:

Proposals included mandated temperature thresholds requiring indoor access, specific shelter construction requirements, restrictions during extreme weather events, and continuous potable water mandates. Some

bills moved toward prescriptive engineering standards rather than performance-based welfare standards.

Expanded Definitions of “Commercial Breeder”:

Several jurisdictions proposed redefining breeder status based on the number of intact females owned, litters produced annually, number of dogs transferred within a 12-month period, or revenue thresholds. In some cases, these definitions were set at levels that could include small-scale hobby breeders and trigger licensing or inspection requirements.

Retail Sales and Broker Regulation:

Even in states where full pet store bans did not pass, legislation frequently addressed broker activity, third-party sales, public posting of breeder information, and expanded recordkeeping requirements.

Housing and Insurance Policies Related to Breed:

Legislatures continued addressing breed-related housing restrictions and insurance underwriting practices. Proposals included limits on landlords’ ability to prohibit specific breeds and requirements affecting rental housing policies.

Increased Recordkeeping and Disclosure Requirements:

Across multiple states, legislation proposed expanded veterinary certification requirements, longer document retention periods, public access to inspection records, and enhanced buyer notification standards.

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Collectively, these trends indicate continued legislative interest in standardizing breeding, housing, and sales practices through expanded regulatory definitions and prescriptive care requirements.

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Federal Legislation

H.R. 2253 – Puppy Protection Act of 2025

Proposed amendments to the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. §2131 et seq.) that would impose additional statutory requirements on USDA-licensed dog breeders, including standards related to exercise, breeding frequency, and facility conditions. Introduced March 21, 2025.

H.R. 3112 / S. 1538 – Better CARE for Animals Act

Proposed changes to federal Animal Welfare Act enforcement authority and oversight structure.

H.R. 349 – Goldie’s Act

Proposed revisions to inspection procedures, violation classifications, and enforcement mechanisms under the Animal Welfare Act.

Federal Dog Importation Proposals

Continued congressional discussion regarding health certification and documentation requirements for dogs imported into the United States.

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It's apparent by all of this that legislative developments in 2025 reflect sustained national attention on dog breeding, retail sales, and ownership standards. Although not all proposals advanced to enactment, recurring themes across states and at the federal level suggest ongoing regulatory interest in expanding oversight, refining breeder classifications, and standardizing care requirements. Continued monitoring remains important to ensure awareness of legislation that may affect responsible breeders, kennels, and the sporting-dog community. While some things may not appear to affect any of us on the surface, it's what lies within and/or the ripple effect of things that could hurt us all in the end. We need to stay vigilant of what is happening, not only on a state level, but also federal.

References

1. California Legislature (2025–2026 Session): AB 506, AB 519, SB 312
2. Delaware General Assembly (152nd Session): HB 131
3. Massachusetts General Court (2025–2026 Session): Breeder/Kennel Proposals
4. New Jersey Legislature (2024–2025 Session): S.2511, A.4051
5. Pennsylvania General Assembly (2025–2026 Session): HB 693; Dog Law Modernization (Acts 18 of 2023; Act 47 of 2024)
6. Texas 89th Legislature: HB 3458, SB 1652
7. U.S. Congress (119th Congress): H.R. 2253, H.R. 3112, S. 1538, H.R. 349
8. Animal Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. §2131 et seq.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Sanders

Archives and Historical Committee

Marilyn Standerford, Committee chair

Committee Members: Chair, Marilyn Standerford and Ben Brodeur, Sabrina Wright-Hiller, Kathy Sanders

We have not had a meeting as a committee; however, work has been done on this committee. We are currently in the process (and logistics) of getting boxes of the ASFA Archives from Dean Wright's storage. The FANs are coming to me for scanning.

Kent and I drove to Russ Jacob's home to get the physical paper files of old Corresponding Secretary reports, old ACoD reports, old copies of minutes, etc. In addition to these files, we also packed up the old ASFA records prior to them being

added to the ASFA computer program in 1993. I just got these in the middle of January, and have not had a chance to go through these files. There are 10 banker's boxes full.

I will be submitting some of these files for inclusion in the Communique, as "fillers" for them to share. I did submit the short "History of ASFA" from 1972 – 2000 from the ASFA Historical Books.

A goal that I have for 2026 is to get the last 25 years of history written up and shared.

If anyone is aware of any ASFA Archive information that may be with someone else, please let me know and I will approach them to wrangle it back so we have it mostly in one location.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Standerford, Chair
Archives Committee

ASFA AWARDS – Top Dogs & Incentive Awards

Kathy Sanders, Chair

2025 Top Dogs

**** ASFA Operational Policy, O-TITLE04 – In order for a hound to receive a Top Twenty plaque, it must satisfy at least one of the following three criteria: a) has competed in at least six trials; or b) has faced competition, or c) has won Best in Field.**

Breed	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner(s)
Afghan	Na'Vi	Na'Vi Khan Of Synergon	Kathryn Nelson
Azawakh	Ramisi	FC Kel Simoon Ramisi 'N Sambala FCh,RN,MC,CGC,CA,FCAT	Michele Bisbee
Basenji	Chilly	GSW2, GCH, DC, Can Ch Borassus Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM12, VLCM2, LCX4, MC, CAA, RATN, BCAT	Kathy Sanders
Borzoi	Shay	Del Sol Canyon de Chelly Howff Carbonel FCh	Susan Van de Water
Cirneco dell'Etna	Dimi	Rockin' Heart's Trick Of The Fourth Dimension	Nancy & Jael Wight, Kathie Wamsley
Galgo	Ronnie	Rescue Story	Lee Warden
Greyhound	Sugar	Lakilanni No Sugar Tonight FCh	Laurie Soutar

Ibizan Hound	Maverick	MBIF DC Treybeau's I Ain't Worried LCM,SC,BCAT,ATT	Sabrina Wright-Hiller
Italian Greyhound	Lulu	FC Divine's Chocolate Bunny FCh, SC, CA, ,BCAT, GRC, JOR	Diane Kerrigan & Sarah Evans
Irish Wolfhound	Vixen	Ianina's Vixen at Odd Duck Farm	A.I.Gottsch, Kim Oliver & Michael Cherry
Peruvian Inca Orchid	Kip	Calypso's Cruise	Christine Dudney
Pharaoh Hound	Cuest	DC Nefer-Temu Lotus' All The Right Moves FCh SC LCX	Darci Kunard
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Daytona	FC Chiastolite on the Road Again By Venus SC	Kay Straky & Rosemary Marnoch
Saluki (TIE)	Voomi	Va Va Voom CPX, BCAT, CA	Elaine Johnston
Saluki (TIE)	Freya	Obi-Wan SM Beignet All Day	Mary Frances Miller & Jonathan Miller
Scottish Deerhound (TIE)	Epic	Dhu Mohr Epic Journey At Deermont	Mary Beth Grieb
Scottish Deerhound (TIE)	Redd	Grey Havens King Crimson	Joy, Julianne & Michael Blair DVM
Silken Windhound	Guinness	Starfyre Magical FCh	Jolene & Keith Hicks, Marybeth Grant-Beuttler & Richard Beuttler
Whippet	Chip	NFC FC Keen's Chiseled Outta Tru-Luv CR SC	Shannon Hoehn
Single – Saluki	Umma	Umm Kalsum bint Phaeema Al Assli	Morgane Schambourg
LCI Small	Zoey	Zoey Furiously Happy LCI, LCC, LCA, LCE2	Pam Buswell
LCI Large	Rohan	OMG We Ride To Gondor LCA, LCE	Mary Crist & Meagan Townsend
LCI Sighthound Mix	Abner	High Falls Angel Eyes at Blue Mist LCI LCC	Ann Hayes

OVERALL TOP HOUND

Ibizan Hound	Maverick	MBIF DC Treybeau's I Ain't Worried LCM,SC,BCAT,ATT	Sabrina Wright-Hiller
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ASFA INCENTIVE AWARDS

TRIALS		
Club	TRIALS	Entries
PLATINUM AWARD WINNERS (17+ Trials)		

CLCA	Colorado Lure Coursing Association	18	613
GOLD AWARD WINNERS (9-16 Trials)			
UCBSC	Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club	16	846
CCA	California Coursing Association	10	116
OCRRC	Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club	9	169
GASM	Gazehound Association of the Smoky Mountains	9	165
SILVER AWARD WINNERS (6-8 Trials)			
MCA	Minnesota Coursing Association	8	403
GONE	Gazehounds of New England	8	493
LEGS	Lure Enthusiasts of Georgia Sighthounds	8	306
GTCWC	Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club	6	288
MGA	Michigan Gazehound Association	6	220
DFB	Desert Fun Bunch	6	29
ORCA	Oklahoma Racing and Coursing Association	6	154
SLASH	St Louis Area Sighthounds	6	265
ENTRIES			
Club		Trials	ENTRIES
PLATINUM AWARD WINNERS (500+ Entries)			
UCBSC	Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club	16	846
CLCA	Colorado Lure Coursing Association	14	613
GOLD AWARD WINNERS (400-499 Entries)			
GONE	Gazehounds of New England	8	493
MCA	Minnesota Coursing Association	8	403
SILVER AWARD WINNERS (300-399 Entries)			
LEGS	Lure Enthusiasts of Georgia Sighthounds	8	306

Awards Committee Report

Kathy Sanders Committee Chair

Dear ASFA Members,

Regional Invitationals were held in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9. I would like to encourage all Regional Directors to work closely with their clubs to host Regional Invitationals. I am happy to help if any guidance is needed. I have attached the Regional Invitation Policy - O-INVIT03 for your reference.

REMINDER It is the responsibility of Regional Directors to place ribbon orders and maintain records of entries and awards used each year. This record must be transferred between Regional Directors to ensure coordination with clubs hosting Regional Invitationals. After events, any unused ribbons and medallions must be

returned to maintain inventory levels.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Regional Directors who effectively managed award distribution, resulting in minimal returns. Your efforts are commendable.

PUBLICITY MATTERS I urge all regions to capture moments from ribbon ceremonies, whether from Regional Invitationals, International Invitationals, or regular trials. Share these images with the Public Outreach Committee to be included on ASFA's Facebook page and Communiqué.

Thank you to those who continue to push through and promote ASFA. If there is anything that ASFA can do or help with, please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Sanders, Chair
ASFA Awards Committee
February 12, 2026

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Regional Invitation Policy - O-INVIT03

(As approved by the Board of Directors, November 2020)

The chair of the Invitationals Committee shall submit a copy of this current Regional Invitational Policy to the Forms Chair to update the policy and provide it to the Internet Liaison for publication on the ASFA website.

Each year the ASFA will sanction a series of lure field trials, the purpose of which shall be to promote and further test those hounds that have attained at least one point toward their ASFA Field Championship, hounds that are ASFA Field Champions or hounds that are ASFA Lure Coursers of Merit. These lure field trials consist of a series of ASFA Regional Invitationals held in each of the ASFA Regions and the ASFA International Invitational. See the International Invitational Policy for requirements for that event.

Requesting permission. The club submits a request to its Regional Director at least 4 months prior to the proposed date. This request should include:

- Name of the club
- Proposed date or dates
- Location of trial and description of grounds
- Entry fee
- Additional activities (if any)

Date. A date that has already been approved by the Scheduling Chairman for a trial in that region, or is a priority date or dates in effect for a club, cannot be used unless the club holding the date or dates notifies Scheduling, in writing, that it will relinquish

the date for the Regional Invitational. The club relinquishing the date would retain priority for the following year. After a date has been approved for the Regional Invitational, no other trial shall be held in the region on the same date.

A Regional Invitational may be held any time from January to December, but there shall be only one weekend each year in each region, on that weekend a club may host a one day or a two-day Regional Invitational, upon the approval of the Regional Director.

**Two Day Regional Requirements.** When hosting a two-day Regional Invitational there will be a Best In Regional Invitational held at the conclusion of the second day of competition. This competition will be judged by two all-breed ASFA judges. To compete in this final competition the hounds must have competed both days of the Regional and received qualifying scores both days and won Best of Breed at least once. The Best of Breed winners for each day will be drawn by random draw to compete in the Best in Regional Invitational. The hound with the highest total score from that run will be declared that year's Best in Regional Invitational for that Region. **Entry limits.** There shall be no entry limits without prior approval from the Regional Director.

**Location and grounds.** The trial must be held within the regional boundaries. The grounds must be adequate to accommodate a large trial for the region. Course lengths must be within rule specifications (500 yards or more), but a length in excess of 750 yards is recommended. The grass must be a length that allows the lure operator clear visibility of the lure. Consideration should also be given to accessibility, lodging, refreshments, and restroom facilities.

**Entry fees.** Will be set by the host club and may have a higher fee for late entries.

**Additional Activities.** Activities such as banquets, seminars, dog shows, awards, etc., (if offered) should be listed in the premium.

**Eligibility.** Any hound that has at least one ASFA point, is pointed in its country of residence, or is AKC pointed is eligible to enter a Regional Invitational in an appropriate stake, including Single Stake, if offered. Proof of non-ASFA points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the certificate, or a page of formal printing, included with the entry. For a Provisional breed to be eligible, the hound must have received a placement with competition. All points or placements must be earned prior to the closing date of the event. An eligible hound may be entered in any number of Regional Invitationals. Hounds entered in the Single Stake are not eligible to be entered in Breeder, Kennel, or Bench stakes.

**ASFA Website.** One page will be available on the ASFA website for announcing and providing the premium for each Regional Invitational, provided the host club submits ad copy to the Internet Liaison (webmaster@asfa.org). The date of the "current" Regional Invitational can be announced on this page as soon as the date is approved

by Scheduling for the next year. The page will remain available after the trial to post results and pictures. Again, these must be provided by the host club to the Internet Liaison. The article and photos of each Best of Breed and Best in Regional Invitational should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial. There is no charge to the host club(s) for this page. All reported content added to this page will be submitted to [webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org) by a single representative of the Regional Invitational Field Committee. The Scheduling Chairperson will submit the Regional premium list to the ASFA website for publication.

Per capita fees to ASFA. The Regional per capita fee is published on the ASFA website. This fee will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. The per capita fee for each Bench, Breeder and/or Kennel stake entry will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. Copies of the Bench stake, Breeder stake and/or Kennel stake entries will accompany the records.

Rosettes and Trophies. ASFA provides rosettes for all placements, ASFA medallions for each Best of Breed winner and for the High Scoring Single (if offered). The host club must request these from the Regional Director at least 25 days before the trial. The host club may offer additional trophies at the club's own expense or through donations. The Best of Breed rosettes shall be 15 inches in length. All unused ribbons and medallions will be returned to the Awards Chair within 14 days after the trial.

The purpose of perpetual trophies donated for the ASFA Regional Invitational is to honor those hounds that have achieved outstanding records in the sport of lure coursing. This fosters the continued remembrance of remarkable individual coursing hounds.

Trophies may be donated for individuals who have volunteered a great part of their life to improve and promote the sport of lure coursing in the region. For dogs, only one trophy per category per breed will be accepted. All trophy donations must be in writing and approved by the Regional Director or at the Regional meeting. Only Perpetual Regional Trophies will be donated in this manner. All other trophies will be donated for one year and will be accepted by the host club for that year

General. The premium list shall include both the host club's and ASFA's Officers and Board Members. Judges must be regularly licensed for the breeds that they judge. Equipment provided by the host club should be adequate to handle a large entry for the region. A veterinarian should be on call or at the trial site. Each year, the Regional Director will review all proposals received from clubs requesting to host a Regional Invitational. Once a decision is made, the Regional Director shall notify, in writing, the Scheduling Chairman and each club that submitted a proposal. All additional requirements and exceptions to the ASFA rulebook relating to Regional Invitationals are noted; all ASFA rules and policies shall apply to Regional Invitationals. The ASFA Board of Directors must approve exceptions to any of these invitational policies.

Consult the ASFA Corresponding Secretary or your Regional Director for more information.

Invitational Policies Review. The Invitationals Committee shall review the Regional Invitational Policies on an annual basis. The review is not intended to be a re-write of the policies, but rather a time to address issues that may have come up during the most recent Regional Invitationals, and any rule or policy changes that directly affect this policy.

1. The timing of the annual reviews:

a. Regional Invitational review shall begin no later than December 31st of each year.

2. The process that should be followed:

a. Issues that cause concern or problems are given to the Invitationals Committee Chairman by clubs, exhibitors, or anyone with knowledge of the issues.

b. The chair shall present the issues to the committee members and will establish a timetable and process for discussion and formulation of a resolution. Modifications or changes must be approved by a simple majority vote of committee members voting.

c. At the completion, the resolution will be made into a motion and submitted to the ASFA Board of Directors via the Corresponding Secretary and the Policy Compilations Committee, as necessary.

d. If the Board of Directors passes the motion, the Invitationals Committee Chair will submit the changes to the Internet Liaison for publication on the ASFA website

### **Communiqué** Report to the Board

from Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Editor [asfa.communique@gmail.com](mailto:asfa.communique@gmail.com)

2025 was the 8 th consecutive year of publishing the Communiqué online. We published 4 issues throughout the year - in January, April, August, and November.

We acknowledged the retirement of esteemed photographer Mary Huff and the departure of dedicated committee member Audrey Silverstein. We extend our sincere gratitude for their valuable service. We have a wonderful working committee, and we hope to bring on additional committee members in 2026.

In working on this magazine, we get to interact with many people from this amazing lure coursing community. We appreciate the generosity of so many of you who share your time, talent, experience, pinions, ideas, and stories. Your willingness to share enhances the quality and relevance of the Communiqué'. We thank you.

Distribution: Our committee is now distributing the Communique' directly to the clubs. The issues are sent to the club liaisons. The club liaisons are responsible for distributing the issues to their club members. If this system breaks down anywhere along the line, please let us know at asfa.communique@gmail.com so we figure out what's happening and fix the problem.

Respectfully,

Vicki Fagre-Stroetz – Editor/Committee Chair asfa.communique@gmail.com

Committee members: Victoria Cassano, Sally MacDowell, Lois Obelcz, Dean Wright

### **Contracts Committee**

*by Jennifer Gysler*

(Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlbert, Sean McMichael)

In 2025, the Contracts Committee reviewed two contracts related to the Board hosted ASFA II.

### **Executive Committee Report**

(no written report)

### **Experimental Committee Report**

*By Gregory Breitbach*

### **Field Trial Improvement Committee**

*By Gregory Breitbach*

I dropped the ball on this committee the past year as I spread myself too thin. After the last ACoD, I attempted to get a zoom meeting of the committee and we could not agree when to meet at that time. Thus during the year, I was involved in several other events and we did not meet.

Gregory Breitbach

### **Finance and Budget Committee**

*By Ping Pirrung*

(See CFO Report)

## Forms & Publications Committee Report

*Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

Thank you to the members of the Committee—Debb Meyer & Karen Sanders

### **Status of ASFA Store**

We are only selling ASFA forms through the ASFA store. As a result of the 2025 ACoD action, when orders are received for ASFA forms, I send an e-mail to the requestor stating that I must receive payment for the postage/shipping prior to sending the order, While PayPal takes about 3% of that cost, the postage/shipping is paid

### **Status of PayPal**

PayPal is used for almost 100% of the sales and postage/shipping of ASFA Store.

Consider checking your forms inventory now and getting your order in for your next few trials or for the year.

### **Publications**

The Rulebook, Constitution, Policies (Administrative and Operational), and ASFA forms have been updated as of August 1, 2024 to reflect changes from REC/CRC changes as of the 2024 ACoD.

Remember, it was determined that the cost of printing a smaller rulebook far exceeds the return for individual cost and shipping. Also, the rulebook is updated almost every year, and that is not feasible to try to have a qty. of the current rulebook on hand to sell.

### **FORMS Update**

Each committee should be reviewing the forms and publications for which they are responsible and updating as necessary with Policy and Rule changes. The chair of each committee then provides the changes/updates to the Forms committee to update the files on hand and publish the updated copies to the website.

### **REMINDER**

It is the responsibility of the Forms Chair to maintain the only official copy of the ASFA Forms and Publications. That means that if you are requesting updates or changes made to the forms, publications, or any printed matter for which your committee is responsible, you may send the updates to [forms@asfa.org](mailto:forms@asfa.org), and I will make the changes for you, if mainly cosmetic. The changes will be presented to the Board for approval, if there are substantive changes.

It is imperative that the official, most up-to-date versions are on file with the Forms Chair. Go to the website and download the forms for which your committee is responsible. You may mark it up in any way you need to and either scan it in and e-mail it to me, or just mail it to me. You may clearly reference sections in an e-mail. I can follow edits pretty clearly, if you identify them. Include the original wording with your corrections/updates underlined. Strikethrough text you want removed/replaced. All additions should be bolded and underlined. An “all new” document will not be accepted, unless there is no previous form for that requirement.

When the edits by your committee have been completed, and I have updated the forms, I send them to the Forms Committee for review and discussion about the changes. When we are in agreement, I will return them to the Committee Chair for final approval. Upon the final approval, unless a Rules Change is required or Board approval is needed, I submit it to internet liaison for inclusion on the website, if appropriate. If there are substantial changes and updates, they will have to go to the Board for approval in the ASFA format.

## **ASFA PACKET**

All of the information that was included in the ASFA Packets has been included on the website in PDF format and can be printed by clubs as needed. If you have questions as to where to find a specific file, let me know at [forms@asfa.org](mailto:forms@asfa.org), and I will assist you.

Respectfully submitted  
Marilyn Standerford, Chair  
*Forms Creation and Distribution Committee*

## **Inter-Organizational Liaison**

Co-Chairs: Scott Hurlbert & Jennifer Gysler  
Members: Holly Hamilton, Phil Fullam, Cathy Sanderson, Kathy Sanders, Dean Wright

As noted in the President’s Report, we opened a dialogue with the AKC this year about potential collaborations to benefit and support the future of lure coursing. Topics discussed included judge’s education and other issues based on input from the ASFA fancy. For example, the ASFA Judge’s Handbook, which can be purchased

from the ASFA website is beneficial to all judges and often referenced as a good resource across both organizations. We look forward to continued discussions.

## **IT Report**

*By Sean McMichael*

## **Judges Licensing and Committee**

*By Greg Breitbach*

Of the current judges who received and returned their 4 year test, 40% passed on the first attempt.

Of the individuals applying for apprentice/provisional licenses, 0% passed on the first attempt.

Three judges died this past year.

Three judges retired their licenses this year due to personal reasons.

There are 107 judges available and there were 84 active judges in 2025.

I have notified individuals on the annual "No Judge 2 Year Report" .

I am defining individuals who have not judged in the recent past on the monthly judges list. Judges listed with "\*\*\*" have two months to obtain an invitation to judge an ASFA trial during this calendar year or lose their license due to not judging for 2 or more years. If an individual has an extenuating circumstance which is preventing them from judging, they should contact me immediately.

Current individuals needing to schedule soon: Mary Childs, Steve Curry, Rita Figg, Linda Garwacki, Vern Staack, Jan Swayze-Curry, Mike Terry

Judges listed with "\*" have until next year to judge an ASFA trial.

Current individuals needing to judge this year: Robin Barry, Tracy Leonard,

The top 10 individuals will be announced at the ACoD and the entire list will be posted in the June report.

Submitted

Gregory Breitbach

Chair ASFA Judge Licensing

## Judges Committee Report

*By Greg Breitbach*

Judge Committee

Members: Phil Fullam, Josie Haumont, Justin Dannenbring, Ben Brodeur, Darci Kunard, Paul Sanders

The committee has been in discussions about future LCI judges. As the LCI program matures, there may be some individuals interested in judging the stakes. We are investigating the possibility of offering a LCI ONLY judge license. This could open up the opportunity for clubs to host LCI only events without requiring a regular licensed judge. We have also opened discussions for a policy regarding the use of carts by judges in lieu of walking the field. There are some judges with physical restrictions on walking the field, and there are some clubs which take judges around the field in carts prior to the trial. There needs to be a consistent procedure to be followed so that each course is inspected in the same manner.

Submitted

Gregory Breitbach

Chair ASFA Judge Committee

## Long Range Planning Committee

*by Jennifer Gysler*

(Jennifer Gysler, Greg Breitbach, Linda D'Antonio, Scott Hurlbert, Kathy Sanders, Cathy Sanderson)

The LRP is moving forward with preparing a seminar to be made available to ASFA club in the areas of huntmastering, field set up, and other areas of interest expressed at last year's ASFA ACoD.

LRP will work in conjunction with the Field Trial Improvement Committee on some of these topics.

## Membership Committee Report

*Ping Pirrung, Chair*

**Purpose:** The purpose the Membership Committee is to not only collect the annual dues from all ASFA Clubs, but to also assist and approve clubs that wish to become affiliated with the ASFA.

I wish to thank my committee members: Cindy Antonik, Russ Jacobs, Jayme Jones and Pat Spinazzola for being responsive and such a help to me this past year.

**Goals:**

- To maintain the list of clubs and liaisons in a timely manner
- To keep the website updated
- To communicate with liaisons and help them when needed.

Currently ASFA has 52 member club, 2 affiliate clubs, and 7 fast track affiliate clubs.

Last year most clubs had sent in their renewals by the deadline of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. This year the first dues notice went out in the middle of January. For some reason many, if not all, did not go through so I had to go back in and send each renewal notice individually. Many clubs responded quickly, for which I am very thankful. I am sure the liaisons get tired of getting reminder emails from me. The next notice will be going out shortly after the ACoD.

I encourage clubs when renewing to use the online form and paying with PayPal. This is very helpful on my end as well as for the club's treasury because they don't have to wait for me to send their checks to Sean to be cashed.

In 2025 we lost four clubs: District Area Sighthound Association (DASH), Irish Wolfhound Association of the Garden State (IWAGS) and Mid-Atlantic Deerhound Association (MADA) and Potomac Afghan Hound Club (PAHC)

On the bright side we have several affiliate clubs working towards full membership. If you are able to go to their trials, please support them and lend a helping hand. We also have a couple of clubs that are eligible to apply for full membership this year and I will be working with them to get their application submitted and presented to the ASFA Board.

Also be aware that in order to maintain full membership status a club needs to hold at least one ASFA trial in the past two calendar year. If for some reason a club hasn't held a trial in the past two years they will become an affiliate club. Affiliate clubs can hold ASFA field trials, however they are unable to vote at ACoDs, to nominate or vote for RDs, to vote for the approval of a breed etc. I will be notifying clubs of their status when I confirm receipt of a club's dues.

A question has come up regarding clubs updating their constitutions. If your club updates its constitution, please send me a copy of the revised constitution. Clubs that have been existence for more than 20 – 30 years it might be time to review your constitution to be sure it states what the club would like it to. If you unable to find a copy let me know as I have all the files and more than likely have a copy. I can scan it and send it to your club liaison.

The aim is to send updates to the website in a timely manner. More at the beginning of the year then as they come in later in the year. If you see an error in your club's information, please let me know right away. If there is a liaison change, change of status of a club or new club approved in between the quarterly updates after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, I notify the Corresponding Secretary, Scheduling, Records, the appropriate RD and the President of any changes with an email.

If your club hasn't already sent in their dues and update for, for 2025, please do it as soon as possible.

Here's to a great year of coursing. Be safe.

### **Policy Compilation Committee Report**

(no report)

### **Public Outreach**

(no report)

### **Records Coordinator** (separate attachment)

### **2025 RD & ASFA II Committee Report**

*Chairpersons – Paul Sanders and Jayme Jones*

Members

Region 1 Paul Sanders

Region 2 Jayme Jones

Region 3 Michele Bisbee

Region 4 Shannon Hoehn

Region 5 Aryn Ping

Region 6 Holly Hamilton

Region 7 (Vacant)

Region 8 Pat Spinazzola

Region 9 Gina Whritenour

Region 10 Keith Hicks

### **EPA Report (Excellence in Performance Award)**

*By Jayme Jones, Chairperson*

Each year the Regional Directors nominate club(s) for the EPA award. The winner will be announced at the ACoD. The following is a link which explains more about the award and the procedures involved: [Excellence in Performance \(asfa.org\)](https://www.asfa.org/excellence-in-performance)

## Scheduling Report

By Samantha Duryee

Hi all!

2025 was a great year. Here's a quick overview of our trials:

- We scheduled a total of 221 trials throughout the year, 31 of which were cancelled/rescheduled due to various reasons.
- 45 Breed Specialties, including 8 National Specialties
- LCIs were offered in 132 trials
- 7 Regional Invitational Dates were held

A special shout out to the Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA). CLCA held the most trials in 2025 with 18 trials over 9 weekends.

Overall, the premiums submitted looked great. The most common updates requested for resubmission included:

- Judges and their assignments
- Entry form updates
- Course plan updates

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in 2025! 2026 is off to a great start, and I am excited about the rest of the year.

Sam Duryee

## Search Committee, Records Program

By Phil Fullam

## Website Liaison Report

By Marilyn Standerford, Chair

Thank you to the members of the fancy who let me know of any errors or problems with website. It is the only way we can get them fixed quickly. You may contact me at [webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org). I can research to see if I get the same error or if there is truly something wrong with the site. Sometimes all it takes if for you to **1)** refresh your page for the updates to show, or **2)** clear your cache, but we can work that out together.

## Website Updates

After the ACoD each year, the following updates are submitted to the website. All reports and updates must come from the chairs of the respective committees, per policy **A-WEB03**. The updates that are made annually, or as changed, are:

- ASFA Board of Directors roster
- ASFA Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Membership makeup
- ASFA Hall of Fame Inductees
- The Gary Forrester award recipient
- EPA and Club Incentive Awards
- Lifetime Top 20
- Records 101
- Policies, as identified and ratified at the ACoD or by the Board throughout the year
- Ensure the **@asfa.org** addresses are updated to forward to the correct personal e-mail address.
- Update any forms with current chair and contact information, if required, and post to the website.

Then in August:

- update the ASFA Running Rules with: the approved REC proposals,
- the Constitution with the approved CRC proposals
- any LCI approved proposals
- any experimental programs added

Weekly, or as received from the Scheduling Chair, the ASFA Trial Schedule is updated.

- All reports are formatted and submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from Scheduling

Monthly updates to the website include:

- ASFA Titles
- All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from Records. We are working on the minimal requirement for reformatting. The holdback is that the **LCI and the Singles records have to be manually tabulated and reported**. This is a time-consuming task for the Records Coordinator.
- ASFA Top 20 (submitted directly to the webmaster by Records Coordinator)
- ASFA Trial Records (submitted directly to the webmaster by Records Coordinator)
- Judges Licensing, and other reports as submitted by committee chairs
- the NEWS section on the home page.
- The Communique is posted to the ASFA website upon receipt from the committee/Editor. Our webmaster charges us by “time”, similar to a lawyer. Therefore, she may wait until she has a full 15 minutes to use for posting, unless I tell her it is urgent. She is trying to save us money as well by doing it in this manner.

Update of Membership Reports

- All reports are submitted to the webmaster upon receipt from Membership Chair. I review and do minor reformatting these. They are received, roughly, on a quarterly basis.  
Judges Licensing
- All Judges List and Judges reports are submitted to the webmaster upon receipt from Judges Licensing Chair.

### **Contact Us**

There were 66 “Questions and Comments” e-mails to the Webmaster via the website. I have been approved to answer these questions, unless they can be directed to a specific Committee Chair. Most of these e-mails are requesting hound records. All were answered in a timely manner.

### **Accomplishments**

In working with Tom Cigolle, we created a Lure Operator of the Year page listing all of the past lure operators who have been given this award. This is an addition to the Results and Awards Page on the website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Standerford  
[webmaster@asfa.org](mailto:webmaster@asfa.org)

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACoD Site Selection**

**ACoD Planning Committee**

**Gary Forrester Award** (separate attachment)

**Lure Coursing Hall of Fame** (separate attachment)

## Constitutional Review Committee

By Ping Pirrung

### CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE

2025 - 2026

The following Amendments to the Constitution will be submitted for approval to the 2026 Annual Convention of Delegates. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY.

Per Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution, amendments require a two-thirds vote of the convention delegates present and voting at the ACoD. Those proposals receiving a favorable vote will be considered an Amendment to the ASFA Constitution and By-Laws. Such Amendments will be published on the ASFA website following the 2026 ACoD and will go into effect on 1 August 2026.

CRC: Chairperson – Ping Pirrung. Members – Ben Brodeur, Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlbert, Russ Jacobs and Mary Frances Miller.

**PROPOSAL #1:** *to review the possibility of virtual participation for the in person board meeting, a hybrid meeting, given the financial and time hardships of board members.*

#### Article IV

#### CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS, CONVENTION DELEGATES and VOTING

##### Section 6. Board of Directors Meetings.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall meet in person, at least once each fiscal year at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. *Should some board members be unable to attend the in-person board meeting due to financial and/or time hardships, the board may elect to allow their attendance virtually, using such technology as seems best at the time.* Should the ASFA Board determine that it is substantially impractical to host a physical Board Meeting, they may choose to host a virtual or electronic meeting, using such technology as seems best at the time. Notice of each such meeting shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board of Directors. The Board must have in place clear policies that determine when such a shift may take place, and how such a virtual Board Meeting shall be run, including details about how voting will be conducted.

**PROPOSAL #2:** *to define the responsibilities of the Board Committee as stated in Article X, Section 4 for the moving of breeds from provisional to full recognition.*

## Article X

### RECOGNITION OF ADDITIONAL SIGHTHOUND BREEDS

**Section 4. Convention Voting for Recognizing New Breeds.** After two years of Provisional status, the member clubs may vote on whether to accord the breed full recognition. If the national parent club or a board appointed committee wishes full recognition, a letter requesting such status must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary by January 1st of the year following at least two full calendar years of Provisional status. Member club delegates present at the Annual Convention of Delegates at which a breed has come up for recognition will vote with each member club allowed one vote. However, a member club not in attendance at the ACoD may send in one absentee ballot to be received not less than two weeks before the ACoD in which a breed has come up for recognition. A two-thirds majority of clubs voting shall be required for full approval. Results of such voting shall be announced at the Annual Convention of Delegates. When a breed is fully recognized, it shall assume the same status as any previously recognized breed, and any appropriate titles and certificates, or points toward such titles and certificates, shall then be awarded to the members of the breed based on sanctioned lure field trial results from the Provisional period. If a breed does not achieve full recognition, the breed will stay within the Provisional status. Such a breed may re-apply for recognition every two years. The new fully recognized breed will be eligible the first of the month after approval at the Annual Convention of Delegates.

*CRC feels defining the responsibilities of board committees is not under the purview of the CRC. These responsibilities should be defined by a policy directed by the Board.*

**PROPOSAL #3:** *to review the CFO job description*

## Article V

### DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

#### Section 2. Officers

(f) The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) shall be responsible for overseeing the financial performance of the ASFA. His responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, fundraising, budget development, variance analysis including financial modeling, managing assets and expenditures, ensure timely audits of the ASFA financials and assist in the long-range financial planning of the ASFA. As head of the Finance and Budget committee, the CFO will direct the Treasurer in his duties and will have the overall responsibility of the financial success of the ASFA. At the Annual Convention of Delegates the CFO will be responsible for a full financial report.

*The CRC feels the Board could expand upon the CFO's responsibilities, if they so choose.*

**PROPOSAL #4:** *revise the Constitution to permit virtual conventions as the default position, with a way to override*

## **Article IV**

### **CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS, CONVENTION DELEGATES and VOTING**

**Section 2. Annual Convention of Delegates.** There shall be an Annual Convention of Delegates held in March or April of each year. The location should rotate across the country so that each section of the country will have the opportunity to host. The sections are:

West: Regions 1, 2, 3 and 10;

Central: Regions 4, 5 and 6;

East: Regions 7, 8 and 9.

This rotation will be followed....

**Section 3:** Whenever possible, the ACoD should be held ~~in a physical location, with all ACoD Delegates attending in person.~~ **virtually or electronically using such technology as seems best at the time.** However, should the ASFA Board determine that it is ~~substantially impractical~~ **in the best interest of the ASFA** to host a physical ACoD, they may choose to host ~~a virtual or electronic ACoD, using such technology as seems best at the time.~~ **the ACoD in a physical location, with all ACoD Delegates attending in person.** When such a decision is made, all clubs will be notified as soon as possible, but in no event less than 60 days prior to the scheduled date of the ACoD, along with an explanation of the reason for the shift to ~~a virtual meeting~~ **an in-person ACoD.** Clubs may override such a Board decision to meet ~~virtually~~ **in person** by an affirmative vote of 1/3 of the member clubs. To do so, the clubs shall submit a petition to the

Corresponding Secretary within 30 days of publication of the Board's decision to move the ACoD to ~~a virtual~~ **a physical** meeting. Upon receipt of a petition to override signed by the club liaisons of one-third of the member clubs in good standing the Corresponding Secretary shall proceed with publication of the time and place of a physical ACoD. The petition shall state the objection to the ASFA Board's vote to host the ACoD ~~virtually~~ **in person**. The Board must have in place clear policies that determine when such a shift may take place, ~~and~~ **The Board shall also have in place clear policies** for how ~~such~~ a virtual ACoD shall be run, including details about how voting will be conducted.

**PROPOSAL #5:** to clarify the timeline for action referred to in Article IX Discipline, Section 1.

## **Article IX DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1.** Any club, individual or the ASFA Board of Directors may prefer charges against any individual or club for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA or any and all breeds of sighthounds. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of \$25 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Corresponding Secretary and the President, in consultation with the Board, will then appoint an Investigating Committee consisting of the Corresponding Secretary (unless he or she is disqualified by conflict of interest) and two other Board members (three in the case of the Corresponding Secretary being disqualified) who shall first review the charges and the evidence available for them. After considering all available evidence, the Investigating Committee shall consider whether the Board should entertain jurisdiction in the matter. If the Investigating Committee decides that there is sufficient evidence of an offense that would constitute alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the ASFA or any and all breeds of sighthounds, the Board shall fix a date of a hearing ~~at the next regular Board not less than six (6) weeks~~ **30 days nor more than 45 days thereafter after the report of the Investigating Committee. This time frame may be extended with the written approval of all parties concerned. The hearing will be held virtually or electronically using such technology as seems best at the time or at a location selected by the Board.** The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send one (1) copy of the charges to the accused by certified mail or other alternative capable of verifying delivery together with a notice of the

hearing and an assurance that the defendant club or individual may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if they (he/she) wish(es).

## Rules Evaluation Committee Report

*Marilyn Standerford, Chair*

*REC Members: Russ Jacobs and Kathy Sanders*

*Alternates: Ping Pirrung and Phil Dean*

### **RULES EVALUATION COMMITTEE Rules Change Proposals for the 2026 ACoD**

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2026 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined, bolded and in red (if color available); 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 2026 ACoD and will **go into effect** on August 1, 2026.

*--Marilyn Standerford, Chair, REC*

*REC Members: Russ Jacobs, Kathy Sanders and alternates: Ping Pirrung and Phil Dean*

**REC Comment:** *There were two motions presented to the REC regarding **Chapter II, Officials**. As we worked through Chapter II, we implemented both requested changes into one proposal. We also rearranged the Sections, so that Field Committee (Section 7) becomes Section 1 and renumbered the other sections. The Field Committee is referred to in Sections 1-6, but was not defined until Section 7. In addition, we propose each entry in each section have complete sentences, to remove any doubt.*

#### **Proposal #1 comes from new business of 2025 ACoD and Field Trial Improvement**

The ACoD directs the Board to direct REC to make the following proposed amendments to the ASFA Running Rules and Field procedures for lure field trials:

**Chapter II Officials, Section 2. Field Trial Chairman**, be amended as follows: The Field Trial Chair shall conduct a handlers meeting, after roll call in which the following is discussed: Safety and general orientation to the grounds and event. Identifying the field committee. Referring new handlers to mentors or those willing to help them with their hounds. Any other information the field committee deems important to the event.  
and

The Field Trial Improvement requested the Board to direct REC to edit the Field Clerk's duties to remove the responsibility of the completing the draw.

## **Chapter II, Officials**

(No changes to the paragraph preceding the sections.)

Section ~~7~~ **1. Field Committee** (Only changing the Section # and position in the chapter. No change to the body of the enumerated items.)

Section ~~1~~ **2. Field Trial Secretary** ~~(should be a member of the host club)~~

*New #1 and renumbering rest of section.*

- 1. The Field Trial Secretary should be a member of the host club.**
- 2. The Field Trial Secretary is a member of the field committee.**
- 3. The Field Trial Secretary applies for a date to hold a sanctioned lure field trial.**
- 4. The Field Trial Secretary solicits in writing and receives in writing confirmation of judging assignments prior to submitting the premium list for approval, a copy of which shall be made available to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary upon request.**
- 5. The Field Trial Secretary prepares and mails **sends** out premium lists and entry forms after receiving official approval and accepts entries. If not stated in the premium list, Field Trial Secretaries shall notify the entrant, at the same time as they verify the entry, of approximate time of roll call for the stake entered.**
- 6. Any Field Trial Secretary or host club which accepts an entry fee other than that published in its premium list or entry form, or in any way discriminates between entrants, shall be disciplined. All persons found guilty of paying or receiving any monies, special inducements, or allowances in violation of the foregoing shall be disciplined.**
- 7. The Field Trial Secretary may decline any entries for cause for a period limited to 12 months from the first refusal of entry for cause, but in each instance the Field Trial Secretary shall file good and sufficient reasons for so doing, along with the current mailing address and e-mail address of the affected owner, with the Corresponding Secretary of the ASFA. The Corresponding Secretary will forward a copy of the letter to the affected individual by e-mail and by certified mail **or other alternative capable of verifying delivery.****
- 8. The Field Trial Secretary shall decline any late, incomplete, unsigned, unpaid or conditional entries. Each entry must be completed in full and the information given on the form must be that which applies to that entered hound. The entry form must be signed by the owner or agent duly authorized to make the entry.**

9. **The Field Trial Secretary p** Posts preliminary scores of each breed before finals, final scores before runoffs and Best of Breed runs and Best of Breed scores before Best in Field runs.
10. **The Field Trial Secretary p** Provides the Field Trial Chairman with a list of hounds entered.
11. **The Field Trial Secretary posts preliminary scores of each breed before finals, final scores before runoffs and Best of Breed runs and Best of Breed scores before Best in Field runs.**
12. **The Field Trial Secretary s** Shall have available, for each and every member of the field committee, and any and all other officials, copies of the latest updated edition of this rulebook.
13. **The Field Trial Secretary e** Ensures that all records are collected and forwarded with per capita fees to reach the ASFA Records Coordinator within 14 days or be postmarked within 10 days of the meet.

Section 2 ~~3~~. *Field Trial Chairman (must be a member of the host club)*

*New #1 and renumbering rest of section.*

1. **The Field Trial Chairman must be a member of the host club.**
2. **The Field Trial Chairman i**s chairman of the field committee.
3. **The Field Trial Chairman p** Provides the grounds for the meet.
4. **The Field Trial Chairman s** Shall appoint an inspection committee who shall have the responsibility of inspecting all hounds entered. (See Sec. 4 ~~7~~, Inspection Committee of this chapter.)
5. **The Field Trial Chairman c** Carries out, before the official draw, a roll call of entered hounds. Hounds not present shall be scratched.
6. **The Field Trial Chairman will conduct a handlers' meeting after roll call in which the following will be addressed:**
  - (a) **Safety and general orientation to the grounds and the event.**
  - (b) **Identifying the Field Committee.**
  - (c) **Identifying new handlers and assign them to mentors or those willing to help them throughout the event.**
  - (d) **Any other pertinent information to the event.**
7. **The Field Trial Chairman e** Ensures that all equipment is in place and functioning, including:
  - (a) Proper color and size blankets.
  - (b) All record sheets and judges scoring sheets.
8. **The Field Trial Chairman e** Ensures that all placement awards are on hand.
9. **The Field Trial Chairman p** Provides for policing, i.e., clean-up of the grounds before, during and after the meet, especially of anything remotely resembling a lure and anything hazardous.

10. **The Field Trial Chairman m**ust individually approve anyone who is to be allowed in the judging area other than the officials of the trial (e.g., apprentice judges).
11. **The Field Trial Chairman m**ay, at his discretion, excuse from the field for the day, any hound that exhibits uncontrolled aggressive behavior toward any person or hound on the trial grounds, except hounds competing in the course then in progress. The Field Trial Chairman may also excuse, or levy and collect a penalty fee of \$5 from the owner or the duly authorized agent of any hound that is loose on the field and not in competition at the time.
12. In the event of an official protest, the Field Trial Chairman shall notify the judge(s) immediately.
13. **The Field Trial Chairman i**s responsible for ensuring that the course layout is consistent with the published course plan.

#### Section 3 **4. Field Clerk.**

1. **The Field Clerk i**s a member of the field committee.
2. ~~Is responsible for the draw of hounds in competition.~~ (renumber following paragraphs)
3. ~~It is strongly recommended that, w~~**Whenever possible, it is strongly recommended** a field clerk be placed on the field **with the judges** to collect paperwork. The prompt collection after each course allows the field clerk to check for the judge's signature, verify the judge's scores are added correctly, and promote a smoother flow of paperwork.
4. **3. The Field Clerk k**eeps score on the record sheets including judge's scores per hound. The field clerk shall notify the judge of any arithmetic or blanket color errors on the judge's (s') sheets and said error shall be corrected and initialed by the judge. The **F**ield **C**lerk shall not change any judge's scores (see Ch. III, Sec. 21).
5. ~~Posts preliminary scores of each breed before finals, final scores before runoffs and Best of Breed runs and Best of Breed scores before Best in Field runs.~~ (renumber following paragraphs)
6. **4. The Field Clerk m**ay be assigned to announce the final placements and scores at the end of the stake or trial.

#### Section 4. **Huntmaster**

1. **The Huntmaster i**s a member of the field committee.
2. **The Huntmaster w**ill be in complete charge of all hounds and handlers (see also Ch. V, Sec. 14).
3. **The Huntmaster s**hall call up each new course as each previous course is completed.
4. **The Huntmaster w**ill ensure that a handler handles but one hound in each course.
5. **The Huntmaster w**ill check that blankets are properly secured and slip leads are in position for release. **The Huntmaster w**ill check that any elastic collars used for the

purpose of identification fit snugly around the neck but are constructed to easily pull over the head and meet ASFA regulations as established in Chapter V, Section 16.

6. **The Huntmaster m**ust explain release and retrieval procedures before each preliminary course only.
7. **The Huntmaster s**hall stand in close proximity to, but not in front of, the handlers and hounds.
8. **The Huntmaster ensures t**he lure must be positioned in front of the hounds and in the direction in which it will travel before the signal is given to activate it. The lure shall not be brought up from behind the hounds.
9. As the **H**untmaster is facing the lure, the hounds shall be placed as follows: YELLOW on the left, PINK in the middle or to the right in braces, BLUE on the right in trios.
10. **The Huntmaster s**hall not tease the hounds with the lure.
11. **The Huntmaster s**hall question, in the following order, the judge(s), lure operator and handlers "Are you ready?" and, after affirmative answers, the course is begun for the purpose of determining a pre-slip.
12. **The Huntmaster p**rovides a hand signal to the lure operator to start the lure.
13. **The Huntmaster g**ives the signal "tally-ho" to release the hounds for each course, and "Retrieve your hounds" when appropriate.
14. **The Huntmaster ensures h**ounds should not be slipped before the sound of the "T" in "tally-ho." **The Huntmaster w**ill notify the handler of the pre-slipped hound and the judge(s) of any pre-slips immediately at the end of each course. If the **H**untmaster fails to notify the judge(s) of a pre-slip, then to all intents there has been no pre-slip, but the judge(s) shall have the prerogative to question the **H**untmaster at any time if the release seems questionable.
15. The **H**untmaster may order a hound that fails to run at the tally-ho, or returns to its handler while the course is in progress, to be immediately retrieved. The **H**untmaster shall notify the judge(s) of an immediate retrieval at the completion of the course, but the judge(s) shall have the prerogative to question the **H**untmaster at any time if the immediate retrieval seems questionable. In the case of a restart, it will be up to the judge(s) to determine whether a retrieved hound shall be included in the restart.
16. **The Huntmaster w**ill cause the lure to be stopped upon a 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.
17. **The Huntmaster w**ill inspect the lure before every course and replace it if needed.
18. **The Huntmaster w**ill neither pick up nor authorize anyone to pick up or touch the lure until such time as all hounds are on lead and moving away from the finish line unless the lure is lying on the ground in the clear.
19. **The Huntmaster e**nsures that the lure be re-strung immediately upon completion of each course.

20. **The Huntmaster s** Shall notify the inspection committee if any of the hounds appear lame.
21. **The Huntmaster s** Shall notify the judge(s) of any occurrence at the beginning or the end of a course which might be grounds for excusal, dismissal or disqualification. Appropriate action shall be at the sole discretion of the judge(s).
22. **The Huntmaster s** Shall immediately inform the handlers of all hounds in a course that is called a no-course or a course in which a dog is dismissed or disqualified.
23. **The Huntmaster m** May signal the **L**ure **O**perator to stop the lure any time a hound becomes entangled in the string or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop.
24. **The Huntmaster s** Shall not huntmaster for any stake or flight in which any hound is entered that he owns or co-owns or is owned or co-owned by a member of his immediate family or residence.

#### Section 5 ~~6~~. Lure Operator

1. **The Lure Operator i** Is a member of the field committee.
2. **The Lure Operator w** Will lay out the course according to the approved course plan.
3. **The Lure Operator w** Will make at least one pilot run of the lure before the first course of the day and upon reversing or changing the course layout.
4. **The Lure Operator s** Starts the lure at the signal from the **H**untmaster and stops it at least 20 yards before the lure machine, if possible.
5. **The Lure Operator w** Will attempt to keep the lure 10 to 30 yards in front of the lead hound at all times after the course begins. (See Ch. III, Sec. 8 (d).) In the event a hound becomes unsighted, the lure must continue in the originally planned direction until completion of the course.
6. **The Lure Operator w** Will stop the lure on a signal from the **H**untmaster or judge(s) but shall automatically stop the lure any time a hound becomes entangled in the string or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop.
7. **The Lure Operator s** Shall not operate the lure for any stake in which any hound is entered that he owns or co-owns or is owned or co-owned by a member of his immediate family or residence.
8. The same **L**ure **O**perator shall operate the lure throughout an entire stake.
9. **The Lure Operator s** Shall notify the judge(s) of any occurrence at the beginning or end of a course which might be grounds for excusal, dismissal, or disqualification. Appropriate action shall be at the sole discretion of the judge(s).

#### Section ~~6~~-7. Inspection Committee

1. **The Inspection Committee a** Are members of the field committee.
2. The **I**nspection **C**ommittee shall consist of three people whose duties shall be to inspect each entry for lameness, bitches in season, and breed disqualifications, at roll call. The **I**nspection **C**ommittee shall also investigate and report its findings to the

Field Trial Chairman regarding any observed or reported aggressiveness of any hound or abuse or mistreatment of any hound on the grounds during the trial hours. Hounds that have been awarded the ASFA FCh or ASFA V-FCh title shall not be inspected for breed disqualifications unless such inspection is requested by an exhibitor, judge or the **F**ield **C**ommittee. The hounds that pass inspection shall be considered the entry, for the purpose of the draw, for their respective breed.

3. Any hound found to have a breed disqualification, to be lame, or any bitch in season or which shows a discharge characteristic of being in season, shall be barred from competition and entry fees shall be refunded by check within 90 days of the trial. This measurement and determination of breed disqualifications shall be the responsibility of the **I**nspection **C**ommittee.
4. If a hound is injured in the meet or becomes lame in the meet, the the **I**nspection **C**ommittee shall determine whether the hound may continue to compete or whether it shall be withdrawn. A hound so withdrawn shall not be entitled to a refund of its entry fee.
5. The procedure for measuring is as follows:
  - (a) The hound being measured shall be placed on a flat, level surface that is not slippery. The handler shall position the hound at the inspection committee's discretion. The hound shall be in a naturally alert position, with the head up but not stretched upward, and with its feet well under it and its forelegs vertical as viewed both from the front and side.
  - (b) A member of the the **I**nspection **C**ommittee, of which there shall be three members, shall first determine the highest point over the shoulder blades with one hand, and shall then pass the measuring wicket over the hound from the rear with the other hand, and place the wicket so the cross piece comes down directly on the highest point over the shoulder blades. The wicket should not be placed on the neck in front of the shoulder or on the spinal column behind the shoulder blades. At least two members of the the **I**nspection **C**ommittee must agree that a hound is within or outside the height limits.
  - (c) Hounds will be measured only once and at the time of roll call.
  - (d) Handlers will be allowed only two minutes to position their dogs in a proper standing position. Hounds that cannot be made to stand in the proper position for measurement on two attempts will not be allowed to course, and their entry fees will be forfeited.

## **Chapter V**

### **Section 9. Conducting the Draw**

1. ~~The order and arrangement of hounds coursing shall be determined by a random drawing by breed at the beginning of the field trial or stake.~~ **After roll call and inspection, the Field Trial Secretary shall conduct the random draws in full public view**

**on the trial grounds; however, stakes may be split prior to roll call at national specialty trials or Invitationals.**

2. ~~The draw shall be after the roll call and inspection on the day of the trial and shall be made in full public view on the trial grounds. However, stakes may be split prior to roll call at national specialty trials or Invitationals.~~(Renumber following paragraphs)
3. **2.** Multiple entries from an owner shall be divided as evenly as possible between flights (if the regular stake is split.) Upon request from an owner or an owner's agent on the entry form, multiple entries from an owner shall be divided as evenly as possible between each course. This does not apply to the Best in Field competition. In the event of a kennel stake, the separation shall divide the kennel entry.
4. **3.** When there is but a single course in a regular stake in which an owner or his duly authorized agent has more than one hound, these hounds will be run together or one or more will be scratched by the owner or his duly authorized agent, without refund of entry fee.
5. **4.** If only one member of a breed is entered, that hound may be run with another breed if all exhibitors involved agree. The hounds would be scored separately.
6. **5.** A single entry in a stake may be drawn to run with any other stake of that breed (mixed stake) if all the owners or their duly authorized agents involved agree. But in no event shall more than two stakes be mixed unless all stakes in a breed can be run as a single course. The hounds would be scored separately. The judges shall not be informed which courses are combined.
7. **6.** A hound that has received a minimum score of less than half the total possible points in the preliminary course shall be eligible to compete in the final course. A hound that is excused will not be permitted to run in the final course and will not be counted as having been in competition when computing the points.
8. **7.** After the draw is completed, should, ~~for any reason,~~ a hound **fail** fails to appear for its course **or be pulled, for any reason,** such that **leaving** a single hound ~~remains to be in that~~ run, ~~that~~ **the** remaining hound will be run and be scored alone, unless that hound can be added to a brace, should one exist, ~~in a preceding or~~ **in a** subsequent course.

**EFFECT:** To clarify Chapter 2 (all Sections) and to update the Field Clerk's responsibilities to remove the responsibility for completing the draw. This is referred to in **Chapter II**, as well as in **Chapter V**.

**The REC recommends accepting this proposal.**

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

**Proposal #2 comes from new business of 2025 ACoD.**

*Motion by Marilyn Standerford for the Board to direct REC to review the LCI veteran points required for the VLCC and the VLCE and the consistency of the point structure compared to the ASFA sighthound veteran titles. Motion adopted.*

**LCI Chapter V, PLACEMENTS, AWARDS, and TITLES, Section 3, D**

Veteran Lure Chasing Champion (VLCC) and Veteran Lure Chasing Excellent (VLCE): For dogs s over the age of seven (7) who earn either two first placements with competition or one first and two second placements with ~~completion~~ **competition** and ~~100~~ **75** points will earn the VLCC title. Continued competition with ~~three~~ **four (4)** first **placements from the Veteran stake over qualifying hounds** and an additional ~~300~~ **200** points will earn the VLCE title.

**EFFECT:** To clarify LCI Chapter V, Section 3. D. to put the LCI veteran title points for the VLCC and VLCE in line with the Veteran title points requirements defined in the ASFA Running Rules.

**The REC recommends accepting this proposal.**

**Cost to the ASFA:** none

**INFORMATION ONLY:** *There are many instances where changes to the Rulebook and Constitution have not kept up with the references throughout each. As a housekeeping activity, I will be correcting references to match the current Rulebook and Constitution. These changes will occur with the 2026 update of the ASFA Running Rules August 1, 2026.*

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Rules Evaluation Chair