

REC Report
Rules Change Proposals for the 2019 ACoD

The following Rule Change Proposals will be submitted for approval to the 2019 Annual Convention of Delegates. New wording is underlined; deleted wording is ~~struck out~~. Explanations for the proposal are included, along with REC recommendations. THESE ARE PROPOSALS ONLY; those that receive a favorable vote will be considered a change in the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials*. Such proposals will be published on the ASFA website after the 2019 ACoD, and will go into effect on January 1, 2020.
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(1) Ch V. Sec. 12 (e) ~~No~~ Additional ASFA championship points will be awarded to the hound winning BIF, determined by the number of hounds actually defeated in the BIF run. No more than 40 total points can be earned at a trial by that hound. ~~;~~ however, ~~†~~The hound that wins Best in Field will also be credited with a first placement in a stake.

Effect: this will allow hounds winning BIF to earn additional points based on the number of hounds defeated in BIF, with an overall limit of 40 points at a single trial.

Rationale: Hounds should be rewarded with both points and placements for winning BIF.

The REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED.

(2) Chapter XI, Licensing of Judges, Section 4. Provisional Status (seeking regular license)

(d) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair, and in no less than 30 days after publication, shall determine, if the applicant shall be granted a license for the breed or breeds for which the license is sought.

Section 5. Licensing for Additional Breeds. Any judge regularly licensed in at least three breeds may seek an additional breed by meeting the following requirements; so long as those requirements are met, Singles stake shall also count as an additional breed.

(c) The Board, upon recommendation of the chair, and in no less than 30 days after the applicant's name has been published, shall determine whether the applicant shall be granted a license to judge the breed(s) for which the license is sought.

Section 11. Upon receipt of a written request from a judge licensed for eight breeds, the Chair ~~may~~ shall grant a license for all breeds. The judge will be licensed for all breeds in no less than 30 days after publication.

Effect: To make timelines for granting of judging licenses clearer.

Rationale: Electronic publication of judge's license requests allows for faster approval.

The REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED.

(3) Chapter I, Section 4. There shall be no consumption of any type of alcoholic beverages or ~~illegal drugs~~; cannabis, whether approved for medical or recreational use; Schedule 1 controlled substances; illegal drugs; and opioid-based drugs that impair perception or judgment by any judge, by any member of the field committee, or by anyone working in any official capacity prior to the completion of their assignment. Said consumption shall be deemed detrimental to the sport of lure field trials.

Effect: to specify more clearly what sorts of drugs are prohibited at a lure field trial.

Rationale: Some drugs which may impair performance at a lure field trial are not illegal in all states and in all circumstances.

The REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED.

(4) Ch II Sec 3 Field Clerk 6. May be assigned to ~~Shall~~ announce the final placements and scores at the end of the stake or trial.

Effect: to allow other trial officials to announce placements and scores, at the club's discretion.

Rationale: some clubs traditional assign the Field Trial Chairman or other official to announce placements and scores.

The REC recommends that this proposal be APPROVED.