



AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

Apprentice Judging Requirements and Procedures

1. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Applicants must be in good standing with the ASFA
3. Applicants must have a general knowledge of the coursing abilities of purebred sighthound breeds recognized by the ASFA.
4. Applicants must be familiar with ASFA rules and policies. Both rules and policies are available from the ASFA website: www.asfa.org.
5. The applicant must have participated in lure field trials a minimum of three consecutive years during which time the applicant has served at ten or more field trials in an official position.
6. When the above requirements are met, an applicant should submit an application for apprentice judging to the Chair of Judges Licensing, along with the appropriate fee. Application forms, as well as other relevant forms, are available on the ASFA website or from the Judges Licensing Chair.
7. The above requirements, including submission of an appropriate application, must be met not later than 30 days after the first apprentice judging assignment that is to be considered in the licensing process.
8. When these initial requirements are met, the applicant's name will be published, so that clubs will be aware of the new apprentice.
9. When apprentice judging, always request permission from the Field Trial Chairman and the Judge prior to judging. It is strongly recommended you contact each of them prior to the day of the trial so they can be prepared to work with you.
10. Review ASFA rules and policies before judging.
11. Have enough copies of the "Judging Confirmation Statement" with you, so each Judge you work with can fill out and sign a separate form.
12. Pre-Licensing requirements require you to judge each of five breeds. You must judge the entire breed through Best of Breed (and all runoffs) at least three different times, under three different judges, at three separate trials. The first and last apprenticeship on each breed must be separated by at least 19 days.
13. You are responsible for maintaining your records. When you have completed all of the above listed requirements: (a) fill out the application form, (b) mail directly to the Chair of Judges Licensing, and (c) include all judges confirmation sheets and your judging sheets. *Check the ASFA website for the address of the current Chair of Judges Licensing at www.asfa.org.*
14. Then you will be sent an open-book exam on ASFA rules that you must pass with a minimum score of 85%.
15. Once you complete the above requirements, your name will be published in two consecutive reports on the ASFA website as "Applied for Provisional Status". Unless negative correspondence is received during this process, you will then be licensed as a Provisional Judge.

For more information

Please e-mail the Chair of ASFA Judges Licensing

[At judgeslic@asfa.org](mailto:judgeslic@asfa.org)