



AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

The ASFA Judges Licensing Process

Note: the official version is given in the current version of the ASFA's Running Rules and Field Procedures – Lure Field Trials.

Apprentice Judging Eligibility	Provisional Judging License Requirements Breeds 1 – 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 18 years old. • Must be in good standing with the American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) • Must have a general knowledge of the coursing abilities of the breeds recognized by the ASFA. • Must be familiar with the ASFA's Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials and ALL related policies. • Must have participated in lure field trials for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years. • Must have served in some official field capacity at a minimum of ten (10) field trials. • Download from the ASFA web site all applicable forms (https://www.asfa.org/judges/index.htm). • The ASFA Judges Handbook, available on the ASFA website, is a valuable resource for new judges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must judge the performance of five or more hounds in a stake or seven hounds of a breed at three trials for that breed under three or more different all-breed licensed judges. • Presents each judge with a Judging Confirmation Statement (JDG 02), which the licensed judge completes and returns to the provisional judge. • The provisional license covers all breeds but may not judge as a provisional for more than four breeds at a trial without prior approval from the Regional Director. A Provisional may judge Singles and any breeds for which they are regularly licensed in addition to the four provisional breeds without special permission. • When the requirements have been met for one or more breeds, the provisional judge notifies the Licensing Chair on form JDG 03, listing each breed & assignment, accompanied by the confirmation forms for each judging assignment. • The application must be published in the monthly judge report twice before the license can be granted. • All forms for a single breed must be dated within a three-year period. • A Provisional must be fully licensed for at least one breed within three years.
Pre-Licensing (Apprentice Judging) Requirements	Provisional Judging License Requirements For Additional Breeds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must judge a minimum of five breeds. • Must judge each breed at a minimum of three trials under three different licensed judges, judging every course of the breed, including runoffs & BOB. • Must request permission from the Field Chairman to apprentice judge at a Lure Field Trial • Must request permission from the licensed judge to apprentice with them. • Must record scores on a judge's sheet, to be saved for submission when the requirements have been completed. Download a blank form from the ASFA web site or ask the FTS for forms. • Must have each licensed judge fill out and sign a Judging Confirmation Statement (JDG 02). • The ASFA Judges License application, confirmation statements, judge's sheets and the application fee must be submitted within one year of the last date apprenticed. Prefer electronic/scanned submissions. • Must complete a test provided by the ASFA covering knowledge of the running rules and policies with a minimum score of 85% correct. • Must be published in the monthly judge report twice before the license can be granted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must judge the performance of a breed with at least 3 hounds at a minimum of three trials under three or more different licensed judges. (5 hounds per stake or 7 hounds per breed is not required once the first 3 breed licenses have been granted.) • Presents each licensed judge with a Judging Confirmation Statement (JDG 02), which the licensed judge completes and returns to the provisional judge. • All forms for a single breed must be dated within a three-year period. • When the above requirements have been met, the provisional judge notifies the Licensing Chair in writing, listing each assignment, accompanied by the confirmation forms for each judging assignment. • The application must be published twice. • Once a judge is properly licensed for eight breeds, they may apply for an All Breed license. • The application must be published in the monthly judge report twice before the license can be granted.
Notes:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A judge must judge at least once in each two years, or the license will lapse. 2. Any judge who misses an assignment must send a letter of explanation to the chair of Judges' Licensing within two weeks of the date of the missed trials. 	