

Appendix

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ASFA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following information is provided here for convenient access. It is not a part of the ASFA Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials. Please see the most recent issue of Field Advisory News, or the ASFA website at www.asfa.org, for the names and addresses of the current ASFA officials.

Field Advisory News

FAN is the official publication of, and is distributed by the American Sighthound Field Association. FAN is the complete source of current information on the sport of lure coursing, regularly including:

- lure field trial results
- official ASFA news
- list of upcoming trials
- list of ASFA member and affiliated clubs
- schedule of fees
- where to write
- list of available ASFA publications
- new ASFA Field Champions and Lure Coursers of Merit.

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Applying for ASFA Affiliation

In order for a club to be granted affiliate status with the ASFA and hold sanctioned lure field trials, it is necessary for the club to meet the following requirements in the following order:

- (a) Make proper application to the ASFA Membership Chair. Applications must be accompanied by payment of dues, a list of members and officers of the club, with addresses, and an acceptable club Constitution.
- (b) Obtain approved dates for the holding of two fun lure field trials from the Scheduling Chair, following all current rules and procedures, except that a fun lure field trial and an all-breed field trial can be held on the same day.
- (c) Hold at least two fun trials, following all ASFA running rules except as noted in (f). All entry forms, judges sheets, record sheets, and a copy of the premium list for each trial must be forwarded to the Records Coordinator in accordance with Ch. VI.
- (d) Be in existence for one year or more.
- (e) Be approved by the ASFA as an affiliated club.
- (f) The following rules apply to fun lure trials ONLY:
 1. No per capita fee is submitted with the fun trial results.
 2. Judges need not be recognized nor licensed by the ASFA, but there must be two judges for each breed.
 3. "NO ASFA POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED AT THIS FUN TRIAL" shall be printed on the front cover of the fun trial premium list and entry form.
 4. Provision of a Singles stake is encouraged. (See Singles stake rules - Ch. V, Sec. 8.)
 5. Ribbon colors (if offered). (See Ch. VII, Sec. 2.)
 6. A copy of the approved premium list must be sent to the Membership Chair and to the appropriate Regional Director.

Applying for ASFA Membership

In order for a club to be granted membership status with the ASFA and have a vote on all matters before the membership, it is necessary for the club to meet the following requirements:

- (a) Make proper application to the ASFA Membership Chair. The application must be accompanied by a current list of members and officers of the club, including addresses, and a current Constitution. Dues must be current with the ASFA.
- (b) The club must have held two separate lure field trials on two separate weekends in each of the previous two years. The results of these trials must have been published in FAN.

The application for membership will be presented to the ASFA Board of Directors, together with the Membership Committee recommendation, for a decision within 90 days after completed filing.

Singles Stake Guidelines

1. Order of running will be determined by random draw and entered onto the record sheet (and draw order, if used) as 1-Y, 1-P, 1-B, 2-Y, etc.
2. Judges will score each hound using one judges sheet for three Singles hounds.
3. Scores shall be posted on the record sheet in the usual manner.
4. Singles stake records shall be forwarded to the Records Coordinator appropriately labeled as such. The per capita fee is due for each hound run.
5. The entry fee is not required to be the same as it is for other stakes.
6. ASFA shall publish first through NBQ of each Singles stakes.
7. Hounds with breed disqualifications and/or hounds that have been disqualified from competition in other stakes are eligible to enter the Singles stake.
8. When a Singles stake is offered, owners of hounds that have not been properly trained should be encouraged to enter this stake.

Breed Disqualifications

Chart Polski – (FCI) Any dog showing clear signals of physical abnormalities or behavior must be disqualified.

Cirneco dell'Etna – (US) overshot mouth, lack of pigment, wall-eye.

Galgo Español – (UKC) Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid; viciousness or extreme shyness; albinism; distinctly overshot or undershot.

Ibizan Hound – (US) Any color other than white or red.

Italian Greyhound – (US) Dogs with brindle markings; dogs with tan markings normally found on black and tan dogs of other breeds.

Magyar Agar – (FCI) Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.

Peruvian Inca Orchid – (US) Albino.

Pharaoh Hound – (US) A solid white spot on the back of the neck, shoulder, or any part of the back or sides of the dog

Portuguese Podengo (all three varieties and both coat types) - (US) Eyes of two different colors; bent or lopped ears; undershot or overshot bite; brindle; black and tan; tricolor or totally white colors; aggression or overly shy behavior.

Rhodesian Ridgeback – (US) ridgelessness

Scottish Deerhound – (US) A white blaze on the head or a white collar-shaped marking on the neck

Sloughi (UKC) - Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid; viciousness or extreme shyness; overshot or undershot; ears erect or with tip drooping forward, or small and folding backwards in a "rose ear"; coat too long and feathering on the tail and/or legs; color not in accordance with the standard; extensive white markings such as particolored, white socks, white blaze; albinism.

Whippet – (US) Blue or wall eyes; an undershot bite; an overshot bite one-quarter inch or more; size: dogs 19 to 22 inches, bitches 18 to 21 inches, measured across the shoulders at the highest point - more than one-half inch above or below the stated height limits is not permitted; any coat type other than short, close, smooth and firm in texture

NOTE: There are no disqualifications for the other sighthound breeds.

Invitationals

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 a certain number of points toward their ASFA Field Championship, and those hounds that are ASFA Field Champions or Lure Coursers of Merit of record. These lure field trials consist of the ASFA International Invitational and a series of Regional Invitationals, held in the various ASFA regions. Information regarding the ASFA International Invitational is available from the Corresponding Secretary.

Regional Invitational Policies (Operational Policy 218)

(As approved by the Board of Directors, February 2009)

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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
- 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 in effect for a club, cannot be used unless the club holding the date 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 each year in each 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.

1. No first time entered hounds shall be permitted in Singles.
2. Hounds entered in Open Stake must have competed previously in the Open Stake.
3. Non-FCH hounds entered in the Veteran Stake must have competed previously in either the Open Stake or the Veteran Stake.
4. A Field Champion of record.

- a. Proof of non-ASFA title and non-ASFA points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the certificate, or page of formal printing, and included with the entry. An eligible hound maybe entered in any number of Regional Invitationals. Limited Stake or Provisional breeds are eligible to compete in Regional Invitationals.
 - b. Hounds with an AKC or equivalent foreign Field Champion of Record title are eligible to enter Regional Invitationals.
5. Any hound that possesses one or more of the following titles from the 01.07 ASFA Hound Certification Waiver may enter without prior ASFA experience:
- a. Canadian Kennel Club's Certification, FCH, FCHX
 - b. American Kennel Club's FC or SC
 - c. North American Whippet Racing Association's RCH or SR
 - d. National Oval Track Racing Association's ORC, OTR, OTRM, SORC or SOR
 - e. Continental Whippet Alliance's ARX, TRP, SRA or DPC
 - f. Whippet Racing Association's CR or WRCh
 - g. Large Gazehound Racing Association's GRC

FAN publication.

One full page will be available for each Regional Invitational provided the host club submits ad copy at least 120 days before the trial. Two full pages (including photos) will be made available after the trial. The article and photos should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial to ensure timely publication. There is no charge to the host club for these publications.

Per capita fees to ASFA.

A per capita fee of \$5.00 per hound will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. A per capita fee of \$1.00 per Breeder/Kennel stake entry will be forwarded to the Records Coordinator with the trial results. Copies of the Breeder stake and/or Kennel stake entry will accompany the records.

Rosettes and Trophies.

ASFA provides rosettes for all placements and ASFA medallions for each Best of Breed winner. The host club must request these from the Regional Director at least 60 days before the trial. The host club may offer additional trophies at the club's own expense or through donations. The Best of Breed ribbons shall be 15 inches in length. The Breeder and Kennel stake winners ribbon shall be 15 inches in length.

General.

The premium list shall include both host club and ASFA 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.

International Invitational Policies (Operational Policy 217)

(As approved by the Board of Directors, August 2008)

Each year the ASFA will host the International Invitational. The purpose of which shall be to promote and further test those hounds that have attained a certain number of points toward their Field Championship and hounds that have earned the Field Champion or Lure Courser of Merit titles. When hosting the International Invitational, the ASFA will endeavor to abide by established regional rotation schedules but reserves the right to locate the event in alternate geographical areas as the ASFA deems appropriate.

Date. International Invitational priority dates will be the 3rd weekend of the year (January) or the 22nd weekend (end of May or beginning of June) following the AKC Corresponding Date Table, unless the 22nd weekend is Memorial Day weekend. In such cases, the spring date shall be on the 23rd weekend.

The International Invitational may be held at any time from January to December, except that any club with a corresponding priority date for a trial to be held within 150 miles of the International Invitational site at the time of scheduling the International Invitational must agree, in writing to the Scheduling Chairman, to relinquish the date for the holding of the International Invitational. Any club relinquishing the date would retain priority for the following year.

Additionally, any club holding a priority date for a trial to be held at a site more than 150 miles from the International Invitational site in any year which chooses not to hold that trial on the same dates as the International Invitational that year would retain priority for that date for the following year.

No other trial shall be held on the same weekend within 150 miles of the International Invitational. Both Saturday and Sunday will be reserved for the event.

Evaluating proposals. The following system will be used by the Regional Directors when evaluating proposals.

Location. Sections are defined as:

WEST - Regions 1, 2, 3 and 10

CENTRAL - Regions 4, 5 and 6

EAST - Regions 7, 8 and 9

Rotation schedule calendar:

2009 – West	2010 – Central	2011 – East
2012 – West	2013 – Central	2014 – East
2015 – West	2016 – Central	2017 – East
2018 – West	2019 – Central	2020 – East
2021 – West	2022 – Central	2023 – East

Any club(s) in the appropriate section of the country for that year may submit a proposal to co-host the International Invitational. This proposal should be submitted by the conclusion of the ACOD, two calendar years before the trial date in question. The co-host club(s) will be chosen with consideration to the following:

- the overall economics of the proposed event
- appropriate section of the country for that year
- the club(s) deemed most likely to co-host the highest quality event
- timely receipt of proposal

If, in the opinion of the Invitationals Committee and/or the ASFA Board, no viable proposal is received from the section with priority by the conclusion of the ACOD, two calendar years before the year of International Invitational, any club(s) in the country may submit a proposal to co-host the International Invitational. This proposal should be submitted by the ACOD one calendar year before the trial year in question. The co-host club(s) will be chosen with consideration to the following.

- the overall economics of the proposed event
- the proposal that appears to be likely to result in the highest quality event
- the region that has hosted an International Invitational least recently
- club(s) status (member, longevity, etc.)

When a proposal is submitted to the Invitationals Committee, such proposal will be provided to the CFO. The CFO will be responsible for reviewing the overall economics of the proposal and, as appropriate, discuss alternative terms with the proposing club(s) prior to any submission of the proposal to the Board.

The Scheduling Chairman, Records Coordinator, Membership Chairman and the respective Regional Director shall be asked for comments regarding the potential co-host club(s) and field committee members before a final decision is reached. The co-host club(s) will be approved by the Board of Directors, following the order of preference stated above, no later than December 1st, two calendar years before the event in question, if possible, and each of the club(s) submitting a proposal shall be advised of the decision.

If no proposals from club(s) are received by the beginning of the fall board meeting one calendar year prior to the year of the International Invitational in question, the Board of Directors will assume the responsibility for hosting the event. At its discretion, the ASFA Board may negotiate a co-hosting arrangement.

Each year, the Regional Directors will review all proposals received from club(s) requesting to co-host an International Invitational. The Regional Directors will present their recommendation to the Board of Directors. After a decision has been made, the Corresponding Secretary shall notify the Scheduling Chairman and each of the club(s) that submitted a proposal of the decision. The appropriate Regional Director shall serve as a liaison between the co-host club(s) and ASFA Board.

Club(s) Proposal. The club(s) submits a proposal to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary. This proposal should include at a minimum:

- Name of the Club(s)
 - Proposed date including appropriate weather and daylight statistics
 - Approximate location of trial and description of the grounds
 - Entry fee
 - Additional activities (if any)
 - Proposed budget
 - Financial terms of the co-host arrangement
- **Grounds.** The grounds must be adequate to accommodate an entry of 300 or more hounds. 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. A description of grounds should include dimensions of running area, either by yards or acres, and should include aerial photographs of fields from Google Maps or other internet source. It also should include a statement regarding the expected footing on the grounds for the dates proposed.
 - **Budget.** The final budget and/or financial arrangements shall be approved by the Board.
 - **Entry limits.** As this event is to promote competition of exceptional hounds, the entry shall not be limited and shall be open to all hounds eligible to compete. The ASFA Board of Directors must specifically approve any entry limitation.
 - **Additional activities.** Activities such as banquets, seminars, dog shows, awards, etc., (if offered) should be listed.

Eligibility. Any hound that has earned at least 20 ASFA points, or equivalent points in its country of residence, or is an AKC or equivalent foreign Field Champion of Record in another lure coursing field trial-sanctioning organization or has placed in a Regional Invitational (with competition) is eligible to enter. Proof of non-ASFA title and non-ASFA points for hounds should be in the form of a photocopy of the certificate, or page of formal printing, and included with the entry. For a Limited breed to be eligible, the entry must have one first placement, or two second placements, with competition in the Limited Stake. For a Provisional breed to be eligible, the entry must have one first placement, or two second placements, with competition within its breed. All points or placements must be earned by the entry closing date of the event.

FAN publication. One full page will be available for announcing each International Invitational provided the co-host club(s) submits ad copy to the editor at least 160 days before the trial. Three full pages (including photos) will be made available after the trial. The article and photos of each Best of Breed, Best in International Invitational and winner of the Gillette Stake should be submitted as soon as possible after the trial to insure timely publication. There is no charge to the co-host club(s) for these publications.

The co-host club(s) may also circulate the premium list with FAN provided the club(s) submits a copy of the premium list to the editor within the deadlines to ensure timely distribution.

General. The sample premium list should be mailed to the Scheduling Chairman and the Regional Director at least 120 days before the trial and should include both co-host club(s) and ASFA Officers and Board Members. The approved premium list shall be distributed to each club(s) delegate, each judge for the event, and all ASFA Board Members. Judges shall be fully licensed for the breed(s) that they judge.

Equipment provided by the co-host club(s) should be adequate to handle an entry of 300 or more hounds per day. The co-host club(s) is encouraged to recruit lure operators and other members of the field committee and judges from outside the area, whenever possible. A veterinarian should be on call or at the trial site.

After the trial. Within a reasonable time after the International Invitational, the field trial secretary shall forward the following to the ASFA Corresponding Secretary:

- a copy of the premium lists
- catalog (if any)
- a completed and signed I.I. Perpetual Trophy Return Agreement for each perpetual trophy winner.

The Corresponding Secretary shall forward the return agreements to the next International Invitational field trial secretary; the other information shall be forwarded upon request.

Three sets of International Invitational banners will be passed on to each International Invitational. The current field trial chair will be responsible for getting the banners to the next year's field trial chair.

All additional requirements and exceptions to the ASFA rulebook relating to International Invitational are noted; all other ASFA rules and policies shall apply to International Invitational. The ASFA Board of Directors must approve exceptions to any of the previously listed invitational policies.

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

Rosettes and trophies. Rosettes will be awarded for all placements including Best of Breed, Kennel and Breeder stakes, Gillette stakes, and Best in International Invitational winners. Medallions will be awarded for Best of Breed, Gillette Stake and Best in International Invitational winners.

Rosettes should not be ordered until entries close or until 30 days prior to the first day of the trial whichever is earlier.

In addition, the following perpetual trophies are awarded each year to each breed winner:

Saturday Memorial Trophies

Afghan: Gary Forrester

Basenji: Merv Bauer

Borzoj: Locket

Greyhound: Michael Lorenzo

Irish Wolfhound: Kevin Bryson

Rhodesian Ridgeback: Marc Gembala

Saluki: Bill Henry

Scottish Deerhound: Bob Sellers

Whippet: Tom Leone

Sunday Memorial Trophies

Afghan: Bandit

Azawakh: Cinnamon

Basenji: Sheena

Borzoj: Pyerun

Greyhound: Fantasy

Ibizan: Flyer

Irish Wolfhound: Joshua

Italian Greyhound: "D"

Pharaoh: Bozo

Rhodesian Ridgeback: Ida

Saluki: Haseeb

Scottish Deerhound: Pyns

Sloughi: Bouty

Whippet: Betz Leone

The **Lyle Gillette Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the Gillette stake winner on Saturday.

The **American Whippet Club Perpetual Trophy** is awarded to the Whippet representing the breed in the Gillette Stake.

The **"Eterna" Perpetual Trophy** is awarded to the Ibizan Hound representing the breed in the Gillette Stake.

Best in International Invitational. **The President's Cup**, donated by Arnold Ross, will be awarded to the equivalent of a Best in Event winner on Sunday.

NOTE: When awarding these trophies, please refer to the I.I. Perpetual Trophy information sheet for assistance in their presentation.

With the ASFA Board's approval, the co-hosting club(s) may award other rosettes and/or trophies as may be funded from trophy donations. These trophies shall not be in competition with the approved perpetual trophies (ie: they may be a breed flight winner or highest scoring bench champion for a particular breed).

The co-host club(s) at each I.I. is responsible for obtaining a completed and signed I.I. Perpetual Trophy Return Agreement from each individual who takes possession of a perpetual trophy.* The completed forms shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary. The co-host club(s) is responsible for contacting the previous year's winner of each trophy and arranging for the trophies to be on the trial site.

* A \$100 fine will be imposed and all points and placements will be held on all hounds owned by an individual who does not return an I.I. perpetual trophy.

The Gillette Stake. The Gillette Stake is a premier event held annually at the International Invitational. This competition is to showcase form and function in our finest sighthounds and to honor the father of the sport of lure coursing in America, Lyle Gillette.

- **Eligibility.** Entry shall be open to hounds that have achieved all of the following:
 - AKC or foreign bench championship, and
 - ASFA Field Championship, and
 - 20 or more ASFA points during the 12-month period prior to the closing date of the International Invitational.
- **Entry.** Each hound must be entered in either the Field Champion or Veteran stake on Saturday of the International Invitational. The field trial secretary must receive a special entry form for the Gillette stake, and proof of bench championship, by the closing date of regular entries. There is no additional fee for an entry in this stake.
- **Competition.** The Gillette stake competition will be run on Saturday, following the same procedures as a regular Best in Field. The eligible hound in each breed that receives the highest, qualifying, combined score during regular competition on Saturday will be randomly drawn to run in the Gillette Stake. Ties within a breed, if any, will be run off or forfeited prior to the draw. The hound receiving the highest score in this one course (more only if required by a tie) shall be the winner of the Gillette Stake.
- **Judges.** One or two judges shall be selected from the ASFA all-breed licensed judges present. The judge(s) need not be published in advance.
- **Awards.** The name of each year's winning hound shall be engraved on the perpetual Lyle Gillette Memorial Trophy. An ASFA medallion shall be awarded for the winner to keep.
- **Decisions.** The field trial chairman shall be responsible for any and all decisions regarding this stake, not specifically covered above, unless the chairman has a hound eligible to compete in this stake. Then, the field trial secretary shall make all decisions. If the secretary also has a hound eligible to compete, the field trial committee shall make the decisions.

The chair of the Invitationals Committee shall submit a copy of these current II policies to the internet liaison for publication on the ASFA web site.

Entering your hound

1. Only purebred Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzoi, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Italian Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish

Deerhounds, Sloughis, and Whippets may be entered in the regular stakes in ASFA lure field trials. All hounds must not be less than one year old on the day of the trial. All entries shall be individually registered with the American Kennel Club, the National Greyhound Association, the Federation Cynologique Internationale, an ASFA-recognized foreign (see policy flyer SEC-10 for a list of these registries) or ASFA Board approved registry, or possess a critique registration number (CRN) from the Society for the Perpetuation of Desert Bred Salukis (SPDBS). The owner of a hound is required to notify the Records Coordinator of any change in registration number.

2. The owner or agent entering a hound in a lure field trial does so at his own risk. The owner or agent and licensed club agree to abide by the rules of the ASFA.
3. The Field 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.
4. To be eligible to enter the Open stake, a hound must have been certified by a licensed judge within the year preceding the closing date for the entry, or have previously competed in the Open stake. Such certification must indicate that the hound completed one course of at least 500 yards, running with another hound of the same breed (or another breed with a similar running style), and showed no inclination to interfere with the other hound.

The preceding eligibility requirement will be waived for a hound that has earned a lure coursing or racing title from another recognized organization, if such title requires competition, and if a waiver for such title has been approved by the ASFA. The following titles waive the requirement for certification: AKC Field Champion (FC), Senior Courser (SC) or Dual Champion (DC); AWC Award of Racing Merit (ARM); CKC Field Champion (FCh) or Field Champion Excellent (FChX); NAWRA Racing Champion (RCh) or Certificate of Show and Racing Excellence (SRE); NOTRA Oval Race Champion (ORC), Supreme Oval Race Champion (SORC), Junior Oval Racer (JOR) or Senior Oval Racer (SOR); CWA Award of Racing Excellence (ARX), Title of Racing Proficiency (TRP), Superior Racing Award (SRE) or Dual Purpose Champion (DPC); LGRA Gazehound Race Champion (GRC) or Superior Gazehound Race Champion (SGRC); WRA Whippet Race Champion (WRCh), Companion Racer (CR) or Companion Racer Excellent (CRX). A CKC hound certification form may be submitted in lieu of an ASFA hound certification form.

5. No hound may be entered in more than one regular stake at a meet. Designation of stake entered may be changed up until the draw for that breed has begun.
6. Regular and non-regular stakes are described as follows:
 - (a) OPEN STAKE: Each flight shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and bitches; ASFA Field Champions of record of that breed may not be entered.
 - (b) FIELD CHAMPION STAKE: Each flight shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and bitches, who are ASFA Field Champions of record. Hounds whose owner's records show them to be ASFA Field Champions may be entered for a period up to 90 days without official certification. Hounds whose owner's records show them to have met the requirements for the Field Champion title may be changed from the Open stake to the Field Champion stake provided notification is made to the Field Secretary prior to roll call. Hounds determined not to be eligible to compete in the Field Champion stake will forfeit all points and placements earned in that stake toward an LCM.
 - (c) VETERAN STAKE: For any individual hounds whose age exceeds six years, except Irish Wolfhounds, whose age shall exceed five years, and Whippets and Rhodesian Ridgebacks, whose age shall be at least seven years. The hound certification requirement in (a) above also applies to hounds entered in the Veteran stake have not previously competed in Open. Hounds entered in the Veteran stake may not be entered in any other regular stake in the same lure field trial.
 - (d) SINGLES STAKE: At the option of the host club a Singles stake may be offered. If the host club offers this stake, it must so state in the premium list. All rules for entering regular stake shall apply except when inconsistent with the following:
 - a. Only hounds found lame or in season at roll call shall be barred from competition in this stake.

- b. A hound entered in the Singles stake shall not be eligible to enter the Open and/or Field Champion stake at that trial.
- (c) LIMITED STAKES: Limited stakes will be offered by all host clubs if there are any breeds approved for Limited status. All rules and procedures pertaining to competition in the Open stake shall apply to Limited stake competition except where inconsistent with the following:
 - a. Each Limited stake shall consist of entries of only one breed, dogs and bitches. All Limited status breeds will be run in braces or trios, if possible. Scores and placement will be tallied by breed.
 - b. Limited stake entry is allowed for hounds of breeds that: 1) are considered sighthounds by their national parent club or the parent club from the country of origin but are not eligible for competition in the ASFA regular stakes, and 2) are on the list of such breeds that the ASFA has currently approved for entry. These are: Chart Polskis, Cirneco dell'Etnas, Galgo Espanols, Magyar Agars, Peruvian Inca Orchids, and Portuguese Podengos.

Dual Champions and Dual Titlists

The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate awards to those hounds who have attained the ASFA Field Championship and an AKC show championship certificate, or the ASFA Field Championship and earned the title AKC Obedience Trial Champion (OTCh). Recipients of said awards shall be known as dual champions.

The ASFA shall also recognize and make appropriate awards to those hounds that have obtained the ASFA Field Championship and any of the following awards:

1. AKC obedience or tracking title
2. AWC Award of Racing Merit certificate
3. NOTRA Oval Racing Champion certificate
4. NOFCA Coursing Champion or Courser of Merit.
5. NACA Coursing Champion or Courser of Merit.
6. LGRA Gazehound Racing Champion certificate.

Recipients of these awards shall be known as dual titlists.

Sample Forms

Following are reduced copies of some standard ASFA forms. Single copies of these, and other forms, as well as sample premium lists and other useful items, are available from the Forms Distribution Chair (see Field Advisory News for details) or on the ASFA website at www.asfa.org.

SAMPLE: Judging Form

<http://asfa.org/forms/SEC-02--JudgingFormLimited.pdf>

SAMPLE: Record Sheet

<http://asfa.org/forms/SEC01--RecordSheet.pdf>

SAMPLE: Hound Certification Form

<http://asfa.org/forms/SEC-06--Certification.pdf>

SAMPLE: Judging Confirmation Sheet

Records Coordinator

• Submission of Trial Results

Current points and placements of individual hounds can be determined by requesting this information in writing from the Records Coordinator. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with each request. A field secretary may accept entries of hounds that are pending individual registration. The Records Coordinator will record points and placements earned by such hounds for a limited period of time. For more information, contact the Records Coordinator or ASFA Corresponding Secretary. This information is also available by requesting through the Hound Record section of the ASFA website at www.asfa.org.

• Organization of Trial Records for Submission

The following required items must be promptly sent to the Records Coordinator following each trial, as indicated in Ch. VI:

1. Proper per capita check (current fee for each hound entered which has not been excused as lame or in season at or prior to roll call).
2. One copy of the approved premium list, with corrections to list of judges, if appropriate.
3. All entry forms, judges sheets and record sheets, completely filled out and written legibly.

The preferred order to use in organizing this material for submission is:

1. Per capita check
2. Premium list
3. Field records in the following order:
 - A. Afghan Hound
 1. Open stake
 - a. Entry forms in record sheet order
 - b. Record sheets
 - c. Preliminary course judges sheets in course-number order.
 - d. Final course judges sheets in course-number order.
 - e. Judges sheets from runoffs, if any.
 2. Field Champion stake
 - a through e, as above
 3. Veteran stake (if any)
 - a through e as above
 4. Best of Breed run judges sheets, if any. (Total scores and blanket colors are posted to the proper record sheet in column labeled "BOB Runoff.")
 - B. Azawakh (follow same order as above).
 - C. Basenji (same as above), etc., by breed in alphabetical order.
 - D. Limited stakes by breed in alphabetical order (same as indicated for Open stake above)
 - E. Singles stake (same as above)
 - F. Best in Field record sheet (filled out completely).
 - G. Best in Field judges sheets in course number order.

Copies of the records submitted must be retained for the club files. It is strongly recommended that the club retain proof of the date of mailing. If the original package is lost in the mail, the trial results can be reconstructed.

• Filling in the Trial Record Sheets

The record sheets must be completely and legibly filled out. This includes the complete names of the judges, the call names and registration numbers of the hounds, etc. If an entered hound is not competing, the reason should be entered on the record sheet, as should the reason for any excusal, dismissal, or disqualification. For tie runoffs, the blanket color and total score only should be entered in the "Runoff" column; similarly, for Best of Breed runs, enter only these items in the "BOB Runoff" column.

Following are two examples of filled-in record sheets. The first includes the Open and Field Champion stakes for a breed with a small entry; the second is for Best in Field competition.

SAMPLE: Record Sheet

<http://asfa.org/forms/SEC01--RecordSheet.pdf>

Revising the Running Rules

The procedure for revising the *Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials of the American Sighthound Field Association* is given here. This has been adopted as a Special Rule of Order of the ASFA. As such, it can be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of a Convention of Delegates, to which prior notice has been given of the proposed amendment. Its provisions can, however, be suspended during a Convention of Delegates by approval of a motion to suspend the rules, requiring a two-thirds majority vote. (For discussion on the status of such a special rule, see the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.)

Section 1. Any member club may propose a rules change by submitting a detailed copy of the change to its Regional Director via its club delegate. (Such a proposed change is hereinafter called a proposal.)

Section 2. Sometime within each calendar year any Regional Director who has received rules change proposals in accordance with Section 1 shall call a regional rules conference to consider such proposals. A regional rules conference may be conducted by mail.

Section 3.

- (a) A proposal which is passed by a regional rules conference which has a majority of the clubs in the region represented is then submitted by the Regional Director within 30 days of the meeting to the ASFA Rules Evaluation Committee. The Regional Director must also submit the proposal to the Field Advisory News for publication within 30 days of the meeting with a notice that this proposal has been generated by the region and submitted to the Rules Evaluation Committee for consideration. At the same time, a copy of the proposal shall also be mailed to each club delegate in the region with a notice that it has been submitted to the Rules Evaluation Committee and to the Field Advisory News.
- (b) Proposals submitted to the Rules Evaluation Committee and to FAN must be accompanied by appropriate explanatory material (i.e., "reason" for proposing the rule change and the "effect" of the rule change, if passed).
- (c) The Board of Directors may propose a rule change by submitting a detailed copy of the change to the Rules Evaluation Committee via the chair of that committee.

Section 4. The Rules Evaluation Committee shall consist of three individuals appointed by the Board of Directors. The chair of this committee shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The Rules Evaluation Committee may hold a meeting in conjunction with any Board of Directors meeting or may conduct meetings by mail whenever submitted proposals are outstanding.

Section 5. The Rules Evaluation Committee can discuss and/or amend a rule proposal. The committee shall edit all proposals for grammar and agreement with context of the ASFA rulebook. The committee shall investigate any possible contradictions with rules (other than the specific rule being considered for alteration) and shall report these contradictions (if any) with the final version of the proposal. The committee may suggest appropriate options to the proposal. The committee may generate proposals in response to issues raised by Regional Directors or the ASFA Board of Directors. The committee may not reject a properly submitted proposal, but shall have the obligation to recommend action on the proposal to the ASFA Convention of Delegates (see Sections 7 and 8).

Section 6. Proposals passed by the Rules Evaluation Committee as outlined previously shall be submitted to the Field Advisory News for publication with all appropriate explanatory material. Such proposals shall be published with a statement that this final version of the proposal will be submitted to the next Annual Convention of Delegates for a vote.

Section 7. Proposals passed by the Rules Evaluation Committee and published in the Field Advisory News as outlined previously, shall be submitted to the next Annual Convention of Delegates for a vote. Such proposals shall be circulated, with a notice that these proposals will be on the convention agenda, to registered convention delegates, at least 30 days prior to the convention.

Section 8. Only rule change proposals that have followed this procedure will be discussed at the Annual Convention of Delegates. Minor word changes which do not (in the opinion of a majority of REC members present) substantively change the intent of the rule change proposal shall be the only modifications permitted.

Section 9. A proposal that has received a favorable vote at the Annual Convention of Delegates shall be considered a change to the Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials. Such proposals shall be published in the Field Advisory News in the first available issue and shall go into effect January 1 following ratification.

Section 10. Approval of a proposal by the Annual Convention of Delegates shall not necessarily imply that a new edition of the rulebook be published. The Board of Directors will determine when a new version of the rulebook is needed.

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