

Chapter VII PLACEMENTS, AWARDS and TITLES

Section 1. Placements

Championship points are not official until published in the *Field Advisory News*. In the event of an error in scoring, the Records Coordinator will notify the host club which shall have the sole responsibility of notifying those individuals whose hounds have received placements. Championship points in all regular stakes - Open, Field Champion and Veteran - shall be awarded by the ASFA on the basis of:

First Place: Four times the number of hounds competing in the stake (or flight if the stake is split) with a maximum of 40 points.

Second Place: Three times the number of hounds competing in the stake (or flight if the stake is split) with a maximum of 30 points.

Third Place: Two times the number of hounds competing in the stake (or flight if the stake is split) with a maximum of 20 points.

Fourth Place: Points equal to the number of hounds competing in the stake (or flight if the stake is split) with a maximum of 10 points.

NBQ (Next Best Qualified): No points awarded.

When computing points, hounds which have been Disqualified or Dismissed, during a preliminary or final course shall be counted. Hounds which have been excused, or which have received a total score of zero in the preliminary course, shall not be counted.

No hound shall receive a placement or be awarded points if it does not score at least 50 percent of the total possible combined scores. Hounds which do not receive placements under this provision will nevertheless be considered as in competition for the purpose of awarding points to hounds which do place.

Section 2. Awards

All host clubs shall use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes:

First Place	Blue
Second Place	Red
Third Place	Yellow
Fourth Place	White
NBQ	Green
Best of Breed	Purple and Gold
Best in Field	Red, White, Blue

Each ribbon shall bear at least the following information: (a) club name or initials, (b) ASFA or American Sighthound Field Association spelled out, and (c) placement. Ideally, the ribbons or rosettes should be at least two (2) inches wide and approximately eight (8) inches long.

If ribbons or rosettes are awarded at fun or practice events, they shall only be the following colors, but may be of any design or size:

First Place	Rose
Second Place	Brown
Third Place	Light Green
Fourth Place	Gray
NBQ	Light Pink
Best of Breed	Orange
Best in Field	Lavender

Section 3. Titles

Field Champion: A permanent title of Field Champion (F.Ch.) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following championship requirements:

- (a) Attained a number of championship points in Open stake competition, as fixed by the ASFA. That number of points is 100.
- (b) Contained in this 100 points there must be two first placements or one first placement and two second placements.

All such placements shall be with competition which shall mean defeating at least one placing hound. In other words, a hound may have more than the 100 points but not be awarded the Field Champion title until the placements have been attained.

- (c) Individuals wishing to know their hound's point standing should send the hound's registered name, registration number and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Records Coordinator of the ASFA, and this information will be sent to them.

Veteran Field Champion: A permanent title of Veteran Field Champion (V-F.Ch.) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following veteran championship requirements:

- (a) Attained a number of championship points in Veteran stake competition, as fixed by the ASFA. That number of points is 75.
- (b) Contained in this 75 points there must be two first placements or one first placement and two second placements. All such placements shall be with competition, which shall mean defeating at least one placing hound. In other words, a hound may have more than the 75 points but not be awarded the Veteran Field Champion title until the placements have been attained.

Lure Courser of Merit: The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate awards to those hounds who have attained the ASFA Field Championship, and who, after receiving the championship, continue to compete and receive four first placements with competition and 300 more points, which must be in the ASFA Field Champion stake. Hounds who shall have attained said number of placements and points shall be known as Lure Courser of Merit (LCM).

When a hound completes the LCM title it may continue to compete for additional titles. After receiving an additional four (4) first placements with competition and an additional 300 points, the title of LCM II shall be awarded. This process will be indefinitely repeatable for LCM III, IV, and so on.

The accumulation of placements and points for this title shall be retroactive.

Veteran Lure Courser of Merit: The ASFA shall recognize and make appropriate awards to those hounds who have attained the ASFA Veteran Field Championship, and who, after receiving the championship, continue to compete and receive four first placements with competition and 200 more points, which must be in the ASFA Veteran stake. Hounds who shall have attained said number of placements and points shall be known as Veteran Lure Courser of Merit (V-LCM).

When a hound completes the V-LCM title it may continue to compete for additional titles in the Veteran stake. After receiving an additional four first placements with competition and an additional 200 points, the title of V-LCM II shall be awarded. This process will be indefinitely repeatable for V-LCM III, IV, and so on.