

## Chapter VIII

### DISQUALIFICATION, DISMISSAL, and REINSTATEMENT OF HOUNDS

**Section 1.** Hounds shall be dismissed from the field by a judge, for the day, for interfering (aggressively or playfully) with the course of another hound. (Growling and/or barking, in and of itself, does not constitute grounds for dismissal.)

**Section 2.** Hounds shall be disqualified by the judge, or by agreement of both judges where two are used, for the following reason: fighting - the aggressor in fighting in the field. In the event that only one of two judges disqualifies a hound, this disqualification constitutes a dismissal.

**Section 3.** A hound dismissed or disqualified in a runoff, Best of Breed or Best in Field run shall not lose prior points or placements earned that day. A dismissal or disqualification in a runoff and/or Best of Breed run shall count on the hound's record in accordance with Chapter VIII, "Disqualification, Dismissal and Reinstatement of Hounds."

**Section 4.** A hound's privilege to compete will be withdrawn upon either a disqualification or two (2) dismissals within six (6) lure field trials. The Records Coordinator of the ASFA must inform, in writing, the individual or individuals whose hound was disqualified, and cite the reason given for the hound's disqualification. (See Chapter III, Sections 14 and 15.) A hound's privilege to compete will be withdrawn immediately upon such withdrawal by another field trial sanctioning organization whose disbarments are recognized by the ASFA.

**Section 5.** When a hound is dismissed at a trial, the dismissal will be expunged after the hound completes five (5) additional trials with qualifying scores, against competition, in at least the preliminary course and is not excused, dismissed or disqualified at the trial. If a hound is entered in a trial which is to count toward working off a dismissal, the fact that the hound is working off a dismissal must be indicated on the entry form. A second dismissal, or a disqualification, within six trials, disqualifies the hound. A trial at which a hound is excused does not count toward the hound's five clean trials.

**Section 6.** A hound whose privilege to compete was withdrawn based on such withdrawal by another field trial sanctioning organization may regain ASFA eligibility either by reinstatement by the other organization, or by following the provisions for reinstatement under the ASFA rules, as listed below.

**Section 7.** The privilege to compete may be reinstated by the Board of Directors upon completion of:

- (a) a minimum of a calendar month of retraining, and
- (b) certification in writing, at least 30 days after the disqualification or second dismissal, by two (2) regularly licensed judges for the breed being reinstated, stating the hound is running cleanly with two (2) other hounds of the same breed (preferably not kennelmates), and
- (c) a letter to the Board of Directors from the owner of the hound applying for reinstatement, with a brief explanation of how the hound was retrained, and
- (d) a decision by the Board to reinstate said privilege.

**Section 8.** A second reinstatement of the privilege to compete may only be accomplished by an explicit vote of the Board of Directors. Such decision may not be delegated. No hound may be reinstated more than twice.