



American Sighthound Field Association **TEEN LURE COURSER PROGRAM**

GUIDELINES

Teen Lure Courser

Section 1. Standard for judging. Teen lure courser's shall be judged on the teen lure courser's knowledge of the sport of lure coursing, and the ability of the teen lure courser to perform each of the different aspects of running a lure trial such as: lure operation, judging, running their hound, course design, Huntmaster, hound inspection, and field trial secretary.

Section 2. Classes

(A) Novice. This class is the first step towards the teen lure courser attaining their TLC certificate. This class is for boys and girls who are at least 9 years of age, but under 18. Teen lure courser will have to have a passing score of 70 or higher in the following classes: running their own hound, huntmastering and hound inspection.

(B) Open. This class is the second step towards the teen lure courser attaining his/her TLC certificate. This class is open to girls and boys who are at least 9 years of age, but under 18. Teen lure courser will have to have a passing score of 70 or higher in the following classes: lure operation, course design and judging a lure course.

(C) Advanced. This is the final step towards the teen lure courser attaining their TLC certificate. This class is open to girls and boys who are at least 9 years of age, but under 18. Teen lure courser will have to have a score of 70 or higher in running a field trial as co-Field Trial Secretary.

Section 3. Eligibility of Dog. Each dog handled by the teen lure courser in a Teen lure courser coursing competition must be a sighthound. Each hound must be owned by the teen lure courser or by the teen lure courser's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother, including step and half relations, or by a member of the teen lure courser's household. Bitches in season are not eligible.

Section 4. Purpose. The purpose of the Teen Lure Courser Program is to introduce and encourage teen lure courser's to participate in the sport of Lure Coursing and to provide teen lure courser's with a meaningful competition in which they can learn, practice, exhibit good sportsmanship and have fun.

Section 5. Conduct. Conduct in the teen lure courser is an important factor in judging. The teen lure courser should enjoy what he or she is doing, be confident, prepared, and attentive. They should be courteous to the judges, other Teen lure coursers and exhibitors. Poor sportsmanship in a teen lure courser should also be taken in account for judging.

Section 6. Events in a Competition.

(A) **Running Their Hound.** This event is to see if the teen lure courser has a working knowledge of releasing and retrieving their hound. An understanding of the procedures for running your hound as outlined by the ASFA's rulebook.

(B) **Hound Inspection.** This event is to see if the teen lure courser has knowledge of breed's disqualifications and to see if the teen lure courser can acknowledge a lame hound or a bitch is season.

(C) **Huntmaster.** A very important role in a field trial. This event is to see if the teen lure courser can demonstrate the role and duties of the huntmaster.

(D) **Course Design.** This event is to see if the teen lure courser can design a safe and practical course design.

(E) **Lure Operator.** This event is for the teen lure courser to demonstrate their ability to operate the lure safely for at least 10 sighthounds.

(F) **Judging a Course.** This event is used to see if the teen lure courser knows the rules and procedures of judging a course of hounds. They must have a working knowledge of the different running styles of each of the sighthounds that ASFA recognizes. They must also demonstrate the importance of walking a course before the test dog is run.

(G) **Field Trial Secretary.** This event is to evaluate if the teen lure courser has knowledge of whom the trial committee consists of, how the records are recorded, the procedure of the random draw, the field clerk duties, and the procedure for handling a trial protest.

Section 7. Awards. Each of the seven events that a teen lure courser can participate in will be scored. After each event there will be a certain number of points that the teen lure courser can earn. Points will be given according to the task performed by the teen lure courser. The better the task is performed, the more points the teen lure courser will receive. The points and placements of the teen lure courser will be known at the end of each event. Any teen lure courser failing to score a 70 or higher on any given event will have to wait a minimum of 30 days to repeat that event. After the teen lure courser has completed a class with all events scoring a 70 or higher they will receive a seal to be placed on their certificate acknowledging that they have passed that class with a qualifying score. After the teen lure courser receives all three seals, one each for, novice, open and advanced, they will receive their Teen Lure Courser certificate.

Section 8. Points. Each of the seven events will have a total number of points for the teen lure courser to earn. The total number of points possible for each event is 100.

Section 9. Scoring / Judging. Teen lure coursers' will have two years in which to complete a class. Events can be completed in any order, but the classes must be finished in the following order: Novice, Open and Advance.

(A) **Lure Operation.** Scoring of the lure operation event will take place during a **practice** before an ASFA recognized judge. The teen lure courser will run the lure for the hounds that are participating in the practice with the owner's consent or they may use their own hound(s).

(B) Judging. Scoring of the judging event will take place during the actual judging of a lure field trial. The teen lure courser will sit alongside a judge that is listed on the premium list, but is not judging the course in progress at that time. The teen lure courser will judge the hounds on the field running a course. After the course is finished the teen lure courser will discuss with the judge how and why they judged the course the way they did. The teen lure courser will have six courses to judge of at least two different breeds. Three each, in prelims and three each, in finals.

(C) Running Their Hounds. Scoring of the class, "Releasing their hounds", will take place during the practice runs. The teen lure courser must release their own hound(s) or that of a willing owner. An ASFA recognized judge or an Huntmaster with at least four years experience would judge the teen lure courser on how she/he slips their hound(s).

(D) Course Design. This event will take place on paper. The teen lure courser will draw a course design that will be judged at a trial or practice by the lure operator(s) who are running the lure for that trial or practice. The teen lure courser's design must be a minimum of 600 yards, show agility, demonstrate safety of the hounds and allow the hounds to show their speed by the way of including at least one straight away.

(E) Hound Inspection. The FTS or Inspection committee will score the teen lure courser for this event. The teen lure courser must demonstrate their knowledge of the different breed disqualifications of the hounds eligible to compete in lure coursing. They must also be able to recognize hounds that are lame or in season, making them ineligible to compete in that day's trial. This event must be done at an ASFA approved field trial.

(F) Huntmaster. The teen lure courser will be scored on how well he/she performs the duties of Huntmaster during an actual trial, by the huntmaster for "that" day's trial. The teen lure courser will have to huntmaster half of the prelims, half of the finals and any run off or best in field (if offered).

(G). Field Trial Secretary. The FTS of the trial will have the teen lure courser as co-FTS. **(This must be pre-approved by the FTS of the trial at which the teen lure courser wishes to participate.)** The teen lure courser will perform the duties of the FTS with the assistance of the trials actual FTS. The scoring will be done by the FTS.