

# **LURE COURSING FIELD TRIAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

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# 1 INTERPRETATIONS

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## 1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 For the purposes of these rules and regulations the following interpretations shall apply:

**“Board”** means the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“breed”** includes a breed that is accepted by a CKC recognized foreign stud book or by an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act other than the CKC

**“CKC”** means The Canadian Kennel Club

**“Club”** means The Canadian Kennel Club

**“club”** means a club or association officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club

**“complainant”** means any person who has laid a charge or complaint against another person, partnership, company or organization relative to contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“course”** means 1, 2 or 3 hounds pursuing a lure of either mechanical or electrical drive over a selected course pattern. The course begins after the handler’s affirmative response to “Are You Ready?” and ends when all hounds in the course are under the handlers’ physical restraint

**“debar”** means to prohibit a person from participating in any competition or other activities directed, sanctioned, sponsored or authorized by The Canadian Kennel Club if held under its auspices or under any of its rules or regulations

**“defendant”** means any person, partnership, company or organization against whom a charge or complaint has been laid, relative to contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

**“deprive of privileges”** means to deprive a non-member of all privileges accorded to non-members of The Canadian Kennel Club, including the use of the Head Office

**“dog”** means a purebred dog of either sex

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“**draw**” means a random draw determining the order in which the hounds will run

“**entrant**” means the individual, or if a partnership, all the members of the partnership entering in a trial/test

“**expel**” means to terminate membership in The Canadian Kennel Club and depriving the person so expelled from all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

“**good standing**” means an individual who is not under suspension, deprivation, debarment or who has not forfeited his rights to participate in any Canadian Kennel Club events.

“**handler**” means the person handling the dog in competition

“**Head Office**” means the office at which the business of The Canadian Kennel Club is carried out on a regular ongoing basis

“**host club**” means the CKC accredited club that is responsible for conducting the lure coursing field trial

(32-10-18) “**hound**” means Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzois, Deerhounds (Scottish), Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis and Whippets

“**immediate family**” means spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents and significant other

“**just cause**” means how a reasonable person without personal bias or prejudice would act

“**listed breed**” means a breed that is included in the Miscellaneous List and that is authorized to participate in CKC events in accordance with the rules and regulations governing those events

“**owner**” means the owner or owners as stated on the registration certificate of the dog

“**pre-slip**” means where a hound is slipped after the handler has stated “ready” and before the Tally-Ho is sounded by the Huntmaster. The Tally-Ho need not be sounded

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**“recognized breed”** means a breed that The Canadian Kennel Club is authorized to register in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act

**“stake”** means the number of courses where hounds compete against one another for championship points

**“suspend”** means to deprive a member, for the period ordered, of all the privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

*(01-05-18)* **“Temporary Competition Number”** means a number issued by the CKC that allows a dog of a recognized breed that is eligible for CKC registration to participate in CKC events. Dogs that require a Miscellaneous Certification Number, Performance Event Number, or Canine Companion Number, are not eligible for a Temporary Competition Number (TCN)

This rule book shall be read with all applicable changes in gender so that the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural if applicable.

## **1.2 Lure Coursing Field Trials Defined & Classified**

- 1.2.1 An approved lure coursing field trial is a formal event given by a CKC accredited club at which championship points may be awarded.
- 1.2.2 An approved lure coursing field trial conformation show is a show given in conjunction with a lure coursing field trial. Only those hounds that have actually competed in the Regular Stakes and obtained a qualifying score without being excused, dismissed or declared ineligible in the preceding lure coursing field trial may compete in the conformation show.
- 1.2.3 A sanctioned lure coursing field trial is an informal event given by a CKC accredited club, at which dogs compete but do not earn qualifying scores towards a title.

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## **2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

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### **2.1 Eligibility to Hold a Lure Coursing Field Trial**

2.1.1 *(04-10-18)* Only a club accredited by the CKC, and formed for the purpose of holding lure coursing field trials for the following breeds: Afghan Hounds, Azawakhs, Basenjis, Borzois, Deerhounds (Scottish), Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Whippets and (Irish) Wolfhounds may apply to hold an approved lure coursing field trial. A specialty breed club may apply to hold a specialty lure coursing field trial.

2.1.2 A club that has not held a lure coursing field trial under CKC rules will be required to hold at least 2 sanctioned lure coursing field trial matches with all aspects of same under the observation of the local CKC Board member or Lure Coursing Council Representative before consideration will be given for the club to hold an approved lure coursing field trial. Sanctioned lure coursing field trials may be run on consecutive dates if a club so wishes. Sanctioned lure coursing field trials should be held in accordance with these Lure Coursing Field Trial Rules & Regulations.

2.1.3 A CKC accredited lure coursing field trial club may hold a limited breed(s) specialty lure coursing field trial under the sponsorship of a specialty Sighthound club to a limit of one per breed, per zone, per year.

### **2.2 Making Application**

2.2.1 A club wishing to hold a lure coursing trial must make application on a form provided by the CKC. The Event Date Application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 180 days prior to the date of the proposed trial. The application must clearly state the number of trials being applied for, the dates of the proposed trials, and the location where the trials are to be held. The CKC will notify the club whether or not the application has been approved.

2.2.2 The Event Secretary must be a regular member in good standing with the CKC.

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- 2.2.3 There must be a minimum of 402 km (250 road miles) between lure coursing field trials held on the same day under the rules of the CKC.
  - 2.2.4 The CKC will not approve applications for trials where dates conflict unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the CKC that the approval of such an application will not prove detrimental to either club which is applying.
  - 2.2.5 The CKC shall have the authority to grant approval of an application for dates. If a date is granted and the club fails to hold its trial on that date, the club in default will be required to pay an administrative fee as set by the Board. This penalty may be waived on the grounds that the club had no alternative but to postpone or cancel its trial.
  - 2.2.6 When, due to circumstances beyond its control, a club finds it necessary or advisable to change the date of its trial, the date may be changed subject to the approval of the CKC.
  - 2.2.7 The use of a club's name for lure coursing field trial purposes cannot be transferred.
  - 2.2.8 All approved lure coursing field trials that are for championship points must offer regular stakes for every eligible breed as indicated in these rules and regulations.

## **2.3 CKC Publication**

- 2.3.1 All clubs holding lure coursing trials are required to have available copies of the latest edition of these Lure Coursing Field Trial Rules and Regulations.

## **2.4 Advertising**

- 2.4.1 A club that has not been granted priority dates must not advertise or publish the date of any event that has not been approved by the CKC.
- 2.4.2 A club that has been granted priority dates for its event may advertise those dates prior to submitting the Event Date Application. This does not exempt the club from submitting the required application to the CKC within the prescribed time frame.
- 2.4.3 A club must not advertise the names of the judges until the club has received official notification from the CKC that the judges have been approved.



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## **2.5 Handlers with Disability**

- 2.5.1 At the judge's discretion a modification to the exercise/routine may be made to accommodate a handler with disabilities providing that such modification does not aid the dog's performance or inhibit other dogs and the dog is required to perform all exercises/routines.

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# **3 JUDGES**

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## **3.1 Application for Approval of Selected Judges**

- 3.1.1 After a club has been granted permission by the CKC to hold a lure coursing trial, the club must submit a Judging Panel Application. The application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 120 days prior to the date of the trial. The application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons selected to judge, as well as the stake(s) assigned to each judge.
- 3.1.2 When the Judging Panel Application reaches the CKC less than 120 days prior to the test, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club.
- 3.1.3 If the CKC is not prepared to approve the entire assignment for which a person has been selected, or approve of a person selected to judge, the club must, within 2 weeks of notification, submit to the CKC the name or names of the alternate persons to judge the assignment in question.
- 3.1.4 If the list of judges referred to in this section does not reach the CKC by the deadline specified, the club must pay an administrative fee as set by the Board.
- 3.1.5 There must be one or two judges assigned for each Sighthound breed (see 6.1.1).

## **3.2 Eligibility to Judge**

- 3.2.1 Any person who is a regular member in good standing with the CKC may apply to judge any breeds of Sighthounds for which, in his opinion, he is qualified by training and experience to judge.

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All resident lure coursing field trial judges and applicant judges must be members of the CKC.

- 3.2.2 The application to judge at lure coursing field trials shall be made on a form supplied by the CKC.
- 3.2.3 Only those persons whose names appear on the list of eligible Canadian Kennel Club lure coursing field trial judges may be approved to judge at any approved lure coursing field trial.
- 3.2.4 Any individual who is licensed for any particular breed by the American Sighthound Field Association and/or the American Kennel Club shall be eligible to judge those breeds at CKC approved lure coursing field trials.
- 3.2.5 Lure coursing judges that have not judged a regular stake at a field trial in the previous 5 years must provisional judge at two assignments within 12 months before reinstatement.

### **3.3 Substitute Judge**

- 3.3.1 Where a trial-giving club is notified before the day of the trial that an advertised judge will be unable to fulfill his assignment, attempts must be made to secure CKC approval for a replacement judge.
- 3.3.2 Any person in good standing with the CKC may be used as a substitute judge in an emergency. The Field Trial Committee may select a substitute judge before the draw and must announce and post in a prominent location a notice to this effect which lists the stakes and breeds for which the substitute judge will be officiating. The CKC must be notified of the change as soon as possible thereafter.

### **3.4 Indignities to a Judge**

- 3.4.1 A judge officiating at a trial held under these rules shall not be subjected to indignities of any kind. It shall be the duty and obligation of the club holding the trial to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

### **3.5 Judges Conduct**

- 3.4.1 A judge must conduct himself in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the sport.

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## **4 PREMIUM LIST**

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### **4.1 Premium List**

- 4.1.1 A standard premium list must be published by all clubs holding lure coursing field trials under these rules. Once a club or association which has been granted permission to hold a trial has received approval of its selected judges, it must prepare and distribute a premium list with entry forms to be made available to prospective exhibitors.
- 4.1.2 At the time of distribution of premium lists to prospective exhibitors, the club shall forward one copy of the premium list and approved entry form to the CKC Shows and Trials Division, to each officiating judge, to the local CKC Board Member, and to the Lure Coursing Representative residing in the zone in which the trial is to be held.
- 4.1.3 Premium lists and entry forms shall be of such size, in such form, and contain such information as prescribed by the CKC. The following information must be listed on the cover (or first inside page excluding the inside cover) of the premium list:
- (a) The words “Official Premium List”;
  - (b) The name of the club or association holding the event;
  - (c) Type of event being held;
  - (d) Dates of the event;
  - (e) Date and closing time for entries (if post entries will be accepted, a statement to this effect must be included).
- 4.1.4 The following information must appear in a premium list:
- (a) The statement “These events are held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club”;
  - (b) The exact location of the event (a map showing the location may be included);
  - (c) A statement setting forth the time and place at which the roll call will be held;
  - (d) A list of the stakes which will be offered;
  - (e) A statement as to the running order;
  - (f) The amount of the entry fee for each stake, and the fee for listed dogs;

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- (g) A list of the club officers which include the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer;
  - (h) A list of the Field Trial Committee with the email address and phone number of the Field Trial Secretary;
  - (i) The address and phone number of where entries are to be sent (if different from the Field Trial Secretary);
  - (j) A complete list of the judges and their email addresses;
  - (k) A complete list of each judge's assignment broken down for each day;
  - (l) A list of awards and/or prizes, if offered;
  - (m) At least one copy of the entry form with the official logo of the CKC;
  - (n) The name of the Executive Director of the CKC and the address of the Head Office;
  - (o) The name of the local CKC Lure Coursing Representative;
  - (p) The name of the local CKC Board Member;
  - (q) The following statement must be included in every premium list:

“It shall be the duty and obligation of the trial-giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer or any participant at an event held under these rules is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Field Trial Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred.”

- 4.1.5 Clubs are free to include other rules and information as they deem necessary. However, if other rules are included, they become part of the premium list and will be enforced.

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## **5 OFFICIALS**

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### **5.1 Officials**

- 5.1.1 All lure coursing field trials shall have the following officials: Field Trial Secretary, Field Trial Chair, Field
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Clerk, Huntmaster, Judge(s) and Lure Operator. The names of these officials shall appear on the club's premium list. The duties and responsibilities of these officers are as detailed in this section.

## **5.2 Field Trial Secretary**

5.2.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Field Trial Secretary shall include the following:

- (a) Applies to the CKC for permission to hold an approved lure coursing field trial on a form prescribed by the CKC.
- (b) Applies to the CKC for approval of selected judge(s).
- (c) Prepares and mails out premium lists and entry forms after receiving official approval of the dates and judge(s).
- (d) Provides the Field Trial Chair with a list of hounds entered.
- (e) Carries out before the official draw, a roll call of entered hounds and ensures that hounds not present are scratched. Should hounds arrive late they will not be allowed to compete.
- (f) Ensures that items such as blankets in proper size and colour, judges score sheets and record sheets are present.
- (g) Ensures that all placement awards are on hand.
- (h) Presides over the draw of hounds in competition.
  - (i) When there is a single course in a regular stake in which an owner or his duly authorized agent has more than one hound, these hounds may be drawn, as in the case of 3 hounds, into a trio or a brace consisting of only one hound of the multiple entry. The other hound shall run as a single. In the case of only 2 hounds in the stake with the same owner, they may run as a brace or as 2 single runs.
- (i) Posts the scores prior to the beginning of the finals and prior to the ribbons being given out at the end of the trial.
- (j) Divides all multiple entries from an owner, as evenly as possible, at random, between each course if requested by the owner/handler or agent.

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- (k) Announces the final placements and scores at the end of the stake or trial.

### **5.3 Field Trial Chair**

5.3.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Field Trial Chair shall include the following:

- (a) Must be a member of the Field Trial Committee.
- (b) Secures the grounds for the meet.
- (c) Ensures that the lure is re-strung immediately upon completion of each course (if required).
- (d) Provides for “policing”; such as, inspection and clean-up of the grounds before, during and after the trial, especially anything remotely resembling a lure which may be hazardous.
- (e) Assists in the draw with the Field Clerk and the Field Trial Secretary.
- (f) Delegates a Field Trial Committee of 2 or more members to help with the responsibilities. One of the members must be the Field Trial Secretary.
- (g) May dismiss from the grounds for the day any hound and/or owner for just cause. A written report outlining the reasons for dismissal must be filed with the CKC within 14 days of the trial.
- (h) May excuse for the day any hound that is loose on the course field (marked boundaries) after roll call. Alternatively, a fee as set by the club may be levied against the owner or duly authorized agent and such fee is payable to the trial-giving club.
- (i) May dismiss any handler exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the trial. A written report outlining the reasons for dismissal must be filed with the CKC within 14 days of the trial.

5.3.2 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person may be removed from the event grounds or premises for the duration of the event by the Field Trial Chair.

5.3.3 Where a person who has control or custody of a dog at a CKC event causes that dog to suffer serious injury or death through negligence or willful misconduct, the Field Trial Chair shall file

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a report to the CKC for possible submission to the Discipline Committee.

## **5.4 Field Clerk**

5.4.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Field Clerk shall include the following:

- (a) Keeps score on the field record sheets including the score(s) of the judge(s) per hound.

## **5.5 Huntmaster**

5.5.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Huntmaster shall include the following:

- (a) Prepares a completed copy of the running order to keep hounds organized at the start line.
- (b) Check the suitability of leg wraps, blankets, muzzle, slip collars, catch collars.
- (c) Ensures that the correct dog is running in the correct course
- (d) Calls up each new course as each previous one is completed.
- (e) Explains the release procedure at roll call and will explain it before the preliminary and/or final course if requested.
- (f) Stands behind or to one side of the handlers to announce the “Tally-Ho”.
- (g) Positions the hounds as follows: yellow on the left; pink in the middle or right in braces; blue on the right in trios.
- (h) Questions the handlers, lure operator and judges, “Are you ready?”, and after an affirmative answer from each, the course is begun for the purposes of determining a pre-slip.
- (i) Refrains from teasing the hounds with the lure.
- (j) Provides a hand signal to the Lure Operator to start the lure.
- (k) Gives the signal “Tally-Ho” to release the hounds for each course and “retrieve your hounds” when the lure stops. Hounds should not be slipped before the sound of the “T” in “Tally-Ho”.
- (l) May not touch the hounds or the lure until the hounds have been retrieved by the handler, except when a handler requests assistance.

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- (m) Stops the course upon a pre-slip and re-starts the course provided no “Tally-Ho” has been sounded.
  - (n) Inspects the lure before every course and replaces it if needed.
  - (o) Notifies the Field Trial Committee if he feels a hound is lame.
  - (p) Ensures that a handler handles only one hound per course.
  - (q) Ensures the safety of the course and may instruct the handler to retrieve a dog not running and still in the vicinity of the handler.
  - (r) Immediately informs the handlers of all hounds in a course that is called a “no course” or a course in which a dog is excused, dismissed or declared ineligible.
  - (s) Shall be allowed to stop a course in the event of an unsafe situation.
  - (t) Notifies the judge(s) of any pre-slips.
  - (u) May, subject to the agreement of one judge, dismiss for the day any hound for the following reasons:
    - (i) playful or aggressive interference;
    - (ii) handler interfering with the judge(s), official, another competitor, or another competitor’s hound on the field.

## **5.6 Judges**

5.6.1 The duties and responsibilities of the judge(s) shall include (but are not limited to) the following:

- (31-06-21)
- (a) Performing a complete review of the course as to ensure that a safe course plan has been properly set up. This will be accomplished by walking the course or by travelling the entire course by motorized vehicle by the judge or a representative of the judge.
  - (b) Scoring all assigned lure courses.
  - (c) Imposing excuse or dismissals for the day, or to declare ineligible any hound for rule infringements during the running of a course.
  - (d) Calling a “no course”
    - (i) at any time the hounds are interfered with or disrupted as they cannot fairly score the course.
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- (ii) If a segment of the lure falls off and any hound reacts to the segment, the judge(s) may declare a “no course”.

5.6.2 The decision of the judge(s) in scoring is final.

5.6.3 When not judging on the field, an officiating judge may perform any trial position other than Field Trial Chair (FTC) and/or Field Trial Secretary (FTS).

## **5.7 Lure Operator**

5.7.1 The duties and responsibilities of the Lure Operator shall include the following:

- (a) Lays out the course according to the approved course plan.
- (b) Clearly marks the beginning and end of the course.
- (c) Makes at least one pilot run of the lure with one or more test dog(s) before the first course of the day and before any change in direction. The test dog shall not be entered in a regular stake in the trial on that day and its run shall not be scored in a non-regular stake.
- (d) Starts the lure at the signal from the Huntmaster.
- (e) Attempts to keep the lure 10 to 30 yards in front of the lead hound at all times after the course begins.
- (f) Continues the lure in the originally planned direction until completion of the course.
- (g) Automatically stops the lure any time a hound appears to become or becomes entangled in the line, or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop.
- (h) Stops the lure on a signal from the judge(s) or the Huntmaster.
- (i) Stops the lure at least 18m (20 yards) from the lure machine, if possible.
- (j) May operate a lure for hounds owned by himself, or a member of his immediate family, provided that notice is given at roll call, and all exhibitors in the breeds concerned are in agreement.
- (f) Ensures that all equipment is in place and functioning

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## 5.8 Field Trial Committee

- 5.8.1 Subject to the rules of the CKC the decision of the Field Trial Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties in all matters except in the case of the judge(s) decisions occurring on the day of the trial.

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# 6 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE & STANDARD OF JUDGING

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## 6.1 Judging

- 6.1.1 Clubs may, at their discretion, use either one or two judges for any given breed or breeds. If only one judge is used, he or she must be regularly licensed for each breed so judged. In the case of a tie for any of the first 5 placements, hounds shall be re-run to break the tie under same judge(s) unless one hound withdraws or concedes.  
*(33-06-18)*
- 6.1.2 Clubs that had an average entry of two or less in a specific breed in the previous two years in which the club held trials, may use a judge who is not provisional or licensed to judge that breed provided the judge is provisional or licensed for five or more breeds.  
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- 6.1.3 An apprentice report may be completed if apprentice requirements are met.  
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- 6.1.4 An apprentice report may be completed if apprentice requirements are met
- 6.1.5 The judge(s) shall score a course if, in the opinion of the judge(s) sufficient work to evaluate the merits of the hounds has been observed, even though 1 or more of the hounds may not have completed all of the approved course plan. Loss of the lure by one or more of the hounds shall not be grounds for a re-run, except in the case of lure malfunction.
- 6.1.6 Any time a hound touches or catches the lure, or reacts to any portion of the lure that may have fallen off, the course should be stopped and the course may be declared a “no course” if, in the opinion of

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the judge(s), that action interferes with the course. Any time a hound becomes entangled in the line the lure shall be stopped and a “no course” may be called at the discretion of the judge(s).

6.1.7 If the Lure Operator does not maintain the 10 to 30 yard limit so that the lure is no longer visible to the hounds, either judge or the judge shall have the prerogative to call a “no course”.

6.1.8 Placing of winners shall be decided on the basis of the following qualities: enthusiasm, follow, agility, speed, and endurance in scoring the hounds.

6.1.9 Judges shall be governed by the following system:

Enthusiasm	15 points
Follow	15 points
Speed	25 points
Agility	25 points
Endurance	20 points
Total	100 points

Less: Pre-slip penalty from each judge,  
1 to 10 points.

Less: Course delay penalty from each judge,  
1 to 10 points.

6.1.10 When a pre-slip or a course delay occurs, it shall be at the discretion of judge(s) to levy a pre-slip or a course delay penalty. If a penalty is levied it shall be from 1 to 10 points. The pre-slip or course delay penalty shall not be carried over in the case where a “no course” is called on the course in progress.

6.1.11 Hounds may be excused from the field by either judge for the following reasons:

(a) Hounds which fail to run after the “Tally-Ho” in either the preliminary or final course.

(b) Hounds which may be considered unfit to compete.

(c) Hounds which course other hounds rather than the lure.

(d) Hounds whose handlers or owners willfully interfere with the judge(s), officials, other competitors or their own hound.

6.1.12 The judge(s) shall note on the judges’ sheet the reason that the hound has been excused. If a hound is excused in the preliminary course, that hound

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will not count as having been in competition when computing championship points.

- 6.1.13 Hounds may be dismissed from the field for the day, by a judge or the Huntmaster and a judge, for any of the following reasons:
- (a) If their handlers interfere with the judge(s) or officials or another competitor or his hound on the field.
  - (b) Hounds interfering playfully or aggressively with another hound.
- 6.1.14 Hounds shall be declared ineligible, only on the agreement of both judges or the judge, if one judge is officiating for the following reasons:
- (23-12-17) (a) Fighting or malicious interference while being judged on the field.
  - (23-12-17) (b) The aggressor in fighting while being judged on the field.
- 6.1.15 If a hound is declared ineligible or dismissed, the course may be called a “no course” by a judge. The remaining hounds may be run in a remaining course if one exists or given the opportunity to be re-run and scored.
- 6.1.16 The decisions of the judge(s) upon all matters relating to the course are final and binding, and a change may be made only with the consent of the judge or both judges.

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## **7 ENTRIES & END OF TRIAL**

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### **7.1 Eligibility of Hounds**

- 7.1.1 To be eligible to compete at approved lure coursing field trials a dog must meet the following requirements:
- (a) A hound must be tested with another dog, of the same breed or a breed with a similar running style (preferably not a kennelmate) and certified running clean by a licensed judge. Hounds must be a minimum of 11 months old prior to being certified, and must run a course of at least 600 yards (548.4 m) in order to be certified.

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- (b) A certificate signed by the judge is given to the owner at the time of the test and must be submitted to the Field Trial Secretary at the dog's first trial.
  - (c) All dogs must be one year of age on the date of the trial to enter a regular stake and must be registered or eligible for registration in the records of the CKC as hereinafter provided.

7.1.2 Any dog who is disqualified/declared ineligible in any lure coursing field trial held under other jurisdictions is ineligible to course.

7.1.3 Listed breeds designated as Sighthounds are eligible to enter provided they have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN)

## **7.2 Entries**

7.2.1 Every dog entered in a lure coursing field trial must be one of the following:

- (a) Registered with the CKC
- (b) Have an Event Registration Number
- (c) Have a Performance Event Number
- (d) Eligible for registration with the CKC, or
- (e) Have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) if it belongs to a CKC listed breed

*(01-05-18)* (f) Have a Temporary Competition Number (TCN)

7.2.2 If a dog is not registered individually in the CKC stud book it may be entered at a lure coursing field trial held under these rules with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) provided that:

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- (a) If born in Canada it is of a litter which is eligible for CKC registration
- (b) If not born in Canada it is eligible for individual registration in the records of the CKC
- (c) If it is a foreign born and owned dog it obtains an Event Registration Number or CKC registration number from the CKC within 30 days of the first trial entered.

7.2.3 The entry of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) at a lure coursing field trial held under these rules (sanction matches excluded) must be accompanied by the appropriate listing fees. All

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listing and recording fees must be remitted to the CKC by the club or association holding the trial, within 21 days following the trial.

- 7.2.4 A dog that is eligible for a Performance Event Number (PEN) cannot be entered as a listed dog.
- 7.2.5 The CKC has the right to require the owner of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) to provide proof of the dog's eligibility for registration in the CKC. If it is found that the dog is not eligible, the CKC shall have the right to cancel all wins.  
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- 7.2.6 The owner or agent entering a hound in a field trial does so at his own risk.
- 7.2.7 A judge, or member of his immediate family, shall not handle a hound in the stakes where he is officiating, nor shall a hound belonging to any judge or his immediate family be entered in any stake where that judge is officiating. Such hounds may be entered at that trial in other stakes where the judge is not officiating.
- 7.2.8 An officiating judge shall not transport a hound to a trial that he will be judging if it is unaccompanied by its owner or agent.
- 7.2.9 A hound may not be entered in more than one regular stake at a trial.
- 7.2.10 Entry fees shall be fixed by the trial-giving club and will not be refunded in such cases where hounds are excused, dismissed or declared ineligible. Exceptions will be made for a bitch that comes into season after the closing of entries, or a hound that is found to be lame at roll call provided that notification is given to the Field Trial Secretary before or during the roll call.
- 7.2.11 If a judge is substituted in a stake at the last minute before the draw, the owner of a hound entered in that stake may withdraw the hound before the draw and the entry fee will be refunded. If, subsequent to the draw, a judge must be substituted, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 7.2.12 A club may refuse to accept entries for just cause, however reasons for such refusal must be filed with the CKC.

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## 7.3 Disqualification & Reinstatement

- 7.3.1 Any dog disqualified for biting or viciousness shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated.
- 7.3.2 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person may be removed from the event grounds during the duration of the event by the Chair of the Field Trial Committee
- 7.3.3 (58-06-17) At his discretion, a judge shall have the authority to excuse or disqualify a dog which menaces, threatens, attempts to bite or bites the judge, another person, or another dog in the field. When a dog is twice excused on this account, it shall have the status of a disqualified dog.
- 7.3.4 (58-06-17) At his discretion, a judge shall have the authority to permanently disqualify a dog which bites the judge or another person in the field. Dogs disqualified under this provision will not be eligible for reinstatement. The decision to permanently disqualify a dog must be clearly indicated on the Judge's Disqualification Form.
- 7.3.5 (19-03-16) Once a dog has been disqualified for any reason at a Lure Coursing Trial, it may not be entered until the dog has been reinstated by the CKC. All awards earned by a dog in violation of this section will be cancelled by the CKC and the owner of the dog is subject to disciplinary action. A dog disqualified under section 7.3.4 is not eligible for reinstatement.
- 7.3.6 (19-03-16) Any dog that is disqualified under section 7.3.4 shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other CKC event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated, if the dog is eligible for reinstatement.
- 7.3.7 (19-03-16) Reinstatement
- (a) The owner of a dog which has been disqualified at an event held under these rules may, after 30 days from the date of said disqualification, apply in writing to the CKC for reinstatement of the dog, unless the dog is ineligible for reinstatement as per Section 7.3.4. The request for reinstatement must be accompanied by a deposit as set by the Board.

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## 7.4 End of Trial

7.4.1 The Field Trial Secretary of the club or association holding a trial under these rules must forward to the CKC the following material so as to be received not more than 14 days after the last day of the trial (if received after 14 days late fees as set by the Board will be applied):

- (a) All entry forms.
- (b) All judges' books and record sheets.
- (c) Any other information that may be required by the CKC.
- (d) The signed certification over the signature of the Field Trial Secretary as to the total number of dogs entered at the trial and the total number of listed dogs entered at the trial.
- (e) A remittance which shall include all listing fees for the entries of non-registered dogs and a recording fee for every dog entered at the trial.

7.4.2 If a club does not provide a catalogue, a typewritten list may be substituted which includes the following information: breed, name of dog, registration number (if given) or ERN, name and address of owner, name of sire, name of dam, date of birth, name of breeder, and the scores earned by the dog.

7.4.3 Non-compliance with the provisions of this section will result in an automatic administrative fee as set by the Board.

7.4.4 The CKC may require a trial-giving club to provide a report on any matter or matters connected with its trial. This report must reach the CKC within 14 days of the request.

7.4.5 The trial-giving club is responsible for the collection of all listing fees and recording fees.

7.4.6 In the event the CKC determines that the remittance fails to completely cover the fees set forth above, an administrative fee will be assessed against the club as set by the Board.

## 7.5 Health (90-05-19)

7.5.1 No dog may be entered at a trial if it has any communicable disease.



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- 7.5.2 Dogs entered in a test must have current immunization status.  
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- 7.5.3 No dog may be brought onto the grounds or premises of a trial if it:  
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- (90-05-19)* (a) is known to have, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.
  - (90-05-19)* (b) has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days.
  - (90-05-19)* (c) has been housed within 30 days prior to the show, trial or test on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.
- 7.5.4 Where it is found that these rules have been contravened, the dog in question shall be removed from the show, trial or test premises/grounds and the exhibitor will be subject to disciplinary action.  
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## **8 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

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- 8.1 It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person, during the running of, or in connection with an event, abuses or harasses a judge, trial official or any other person present in any capacity at the event.
- 8.2 Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog while on the grounds of a lure coursing trial at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the trial by the Field Trial Committee.
- 8.3 The judge(s) shall also have the authority to expel a handler from a trial if they observe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler or see the handler kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog while the event is in progress. It will be the duty of the judge to report promptly to the Field Trial Committee the expulsion of a handler.
- 8.4 The Field Trial Committee shall investigate, at once, any instance of alleged unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler, or any report that a handler has been observed kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog. If the Field
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Trial Committee, after investigation, determines that a handler is in violation of this section, and that the incident, if proven, would constitute conduct prejudicial to the sport or the CKC, it shall exercise its authority in accordance with the Complaints section of these rules.

- 8.5 The Field Trial Secretary shall submit to the CKC a complete report of any hearing action taken under this section within 21 days.

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## **9 GUIDELINES FOR LURE COURSING FIELD TRIALS**

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### **9.1 Stakes**

- 9.1.1 The trial-giving club shall offer an Open stake and may offer other regular and non-regular stakes as provided for in these rules.

- 9.1.2 Regular Stakes are described as follows:

(a) **Open Stake:**

Each stake shall consist of entries of only one breed (dogs and bitches). Field Trial Champions of record in that breed may be entered.

(b) **Mixed Stakes:**

A mixed stake shall consist of breeds where entries are three or less. The stake may be offered at the option of the club with agreement of the owners and if offered must be stated in the premium list. Total hounds entered in the mixed stake shall be counted for the awarding of points. Only the winner of the mixed stake may compete for best in field.

(c) **Veteran Stake**

Each stake shall consist of entries of only one breed (dogs and bitches) where their age is over seven (7) years. Field Trial Champions in that breed may be entered.

(d) **Veteran Mixed Stake**

A mixed veteran stake shall consist of breeds where entries are three (3) or fewer and the age of the dogs is over seven (7) years. The stake may be offered at the option of the club with

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agreement of the owners, and if offered must be stated in the premium list.

- (e) FCH stakes available at single breed specialty trials. This stake is only open to hounds that have met the qualifications to be field champions. A hound entered in this class without the proper requirement will have its points cancelled.

(24-12-17) (f) Single Stake

The singles stake shall consist of entries of any breed (dogs and bitches). This may be offered at the discretion of the trial giving club.

Singles stake entries from all breeds shall be combined into one mixed stake, with points and placements awarded across all the breeds. A hound entered in the Singles stake shall be barred from competition in the Open or Veteran stakes at the same trial.

A dog that is declared ineligible can compete in the single stake in a trial.

9.1.3 The following description applies to individual breed stakes:

- (33-06-21) (a) The trial-giving club must, when the entry in the regular stake reaches 20 or more present after roll call, divide the stake as evenly as possible. There should be a minimum of 10 in each stake.
- (b) Every entry not excused, dismissed or declared ineligible shall be run twice. The order of running for both courses shall be by random draw.
- (c) The final run shall be the reverse direction of the preliminary run and the course may be changed.
- (d) The top 5 winning hounds are determined by the total combined score of the 2 runs, first through Next Best Qualified (NBQ).
- (e) Championship points are awarded to the first through fourth placements in all regular stakes.
- (f) Ties for the top 5 placements in any stake will be run off. They shall be run off under the same judge(s), unless one hound withdraws or concedes.
- (g) In the event of a single entry of one breed, that entry shall be run and scored by itself unless the club offers a mixed stake.

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9.1.4 Non-Regular Stakes may be offered as follows:

(a) Puppy Stake:

This stake will be run for puppies whose ages at the date of the meet are 6 months but less than 18 months. Placements of the first through NBQ may be awarded but will not count for points. Puppies will be run once individually and scored.

(b) Kennel Stake:

Open to any 2 hounds entered in the regular stakes owned and kenneled by the same person. Total of scores earned in the regular stake shall determine the winner.

(c) Clubs may offer other non-regular stakes at their discretion, provided that it does not interfere with the regular trial and is advertised in the premium list.

## 9.2 Draw

9.2.1 Hounds not present at the time of roll call shall be declared absent and will forfeit their entry fees.

9.2.2 The Field Trial Committee shall inspect each entry at the time of the roll call for lameness, bitches in season and adequacy of equipment. Spayed bitches, monorchid, cryptorchid and neutered males will be allowed to compete.

9.2.3 The order and arrangement of hounds coursing shall be determined by a public random draw at the beginning of each stake, preliminary and final run. The draw shall be conducted by the Field Trial Secretary. This applies to all stakes.

9.2.4 All hounds entered in a given stake shall be divided into trios or braces by random drawing. Hounds shall be designated by colours according to the draw:

First Number      High Intensity Yellow  
(on left)

Second Number    High Intensity Pink  
(in the middle)

Third Number      High Intensity Blue  
(on right)

9.2.5 If a hound fails to appear for any reason after the draw has been completed, thereby reducing the course to one hound, the remaining hound will

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be run and scored, alone or may be added to an existing brace in a preceding or subsequent course.

- 9.2.6 Roll call may be conducted before the running of the test dog at the discretion of the club.

### **9.3 Running the Meet**

- 9.3.1 Lure operators must be the same for all stakes in any breed. In the event where an operator is unable to complete the assignment, the Field Trial Committee may select an alternate operator.

- 9.3.2 The judge(s) must be the same for all stakes in any breed. In the event where a judge is unable to complete the judging assignment, the Field Trial Committee may select a person available at the trial, who, in their opinion, has enough coursing experience to substitute judge, in the event that no other licensed, provisional or apprentice judge is available. All scores of the judge who was replaced shall stand as recorded.

- 9.3.3 In the event that there is more than one stake competing for Best Of Breed, first place hounds in each stake shall be run-off or conceded. The winner of Best Of Breed shall be awarded the maximum number of points for that breed for the day. In the event there is both a mixed stake and a veterans mixed stake competing for Best Mixed, first place hounds shall run-off or concede. The winner of Best Mixed shall be awarded the maximum number of points for that Mixed stake for the day.

- 9.3.4 At the option of the trial-giving club all Best of Breed or mixed stakes winners may run in a Best in Field competition, which shall be an optional stake and run under 2 judges only:

- (a) The order of the running is to be determined by random draw.
- (b) Multiple entries from one owner will not be split into separate courses if drawn together.
- (c) There will be only one run direction to be decided by the judges.
- (d) No championship points will be awarded.
- (e) The highest scoring hound will be declared Best in Field on that day.
- (f) An excusal, dismissal or declaration of ineligibility in the Best in Field run will not affect a hound's prior awards earned on that

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day, but the excusal, dismissal or declaration of ineligibility will be recorded.

- (g) In the event of a tie for Best in Field, the winner may be determined by the hounds' handlers conceding or by run-off.

- 9.3.5 Hounds and handler must be present during the time of the running of the stake entered.
- 9.3.6 After completion and posting of final scores, all hounds no longer required for further judging are excused.
- 9.3.7 If a hound is injured in the trial or becomes lame at the trial, the Field Trial Committee shall determine whether the hound shall continue to compete or whether it shall be withdrawn. A hound so withdrawn shall not be entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
- 9.3.8 Any owner who authorizes another person to handle his hound must not interfere with the hound or handler until completion of the course.
- 9.3.9 Handlers shall use a simplified slip. No metal leads or slips shall be permitted. Recommended slips are those of leather or webbing strap with a wide collar and double or single rings. A hound may be muzzled. There should be no muzzle with sharp, hard edges and the muzzle must allow the dog to breathe freely. Leg wraps in neutral colours may be allowed.
- 9.3.10 An owner will have the option of having his hound wear a catch collar while running. The collar will be of neutral colour and will not have any loops, tags, or ornaments that might snag or catch on anything.
- 9.3.11 In the case of conditions dangerous to the welfare of the participants, if the Field Trial Chair finds it necessary to terminate the trial, the following shall apply:
- (34-06-21) (a) If the preliminary courses for all breeds are completed, the results shall be deemed official. However, only half the points based on placements will be awarded. In the case of a tie, the points will be divided equally. Placements will not count towards titles.
- (b) If the preliminary courses are incomplete, the trial shall be declared null and void with no penalty to the club.
- 9.3.12 The Board shall have the authority to issue from time to time, where necessary, notices that amplify,

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clarify or interpret these running rules. These notices shall be printed in the Official Publication and copies shall be distributed to all clubs.

## **9.4 Declaration of Ineligibility & Reinstatement**

9.4.1 A hound's privilege to compete in lure coursing field trials will be withdrawn upon either one declaration of ineligibility or 2 interference dismissals within a 12 month period.

9.4.2 The privilege to compete after being declared (25-12-17) ineligible may be reinstated upon the completion of the following:

(a) The owner of the dog must, after 30 days from the date of the declation of ineligibility, apply in writing to the CKC.

(b) The request for reinstatement must be accompanied by a deposit as set by the Board.

(25-12-17) (c) The CKC will contact the CKC Lure Coursing Council Member closest to the residence of the owner. He will set up a committee of 2 licensed lure coursing field trial judges one of which may be provisional for the breed who must certify in writing that the hound is running cleanly with 2 other hounds, preferably the same breed, excluding kennel mates.

(25-12-17) (d) The owner or handler of the declared ineligible dog will be notified of the decision.

(25-12-17) (e) If a hound has been declared inelgible and reinstated, and is subsequently declared ineligible again, that hound will receive permanent declared ineligible status.

## **9.5 Placements & Awards**

9.5.1 Hounds which are not to be scored are not to be added to a course.

9.5.2 Championship points in regular stakes shall be awarded on the basis of the following:

### **First Place:**

Four times the number of hounds competing in the stake with a maximum of 40 points.

### **Second Place:**

Three times the number of hounds competing in the stake with a maximum of 30 points.

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**Third Place:**

Twice the number of hounds competing in the stake with a maximum of 20 points.

**Fourth Place:**

Points equal to the number of hounds competing in the stake to a maximum of 10 points.

**Next Best Qualified Dog (NBQ):**

No points awarded.

**Qualifying Score (QS)**

No points awarded.

9.5.3 A hound shall not receive a placement or be awarded points if it does not score at least 50 per cent of the total possible combined scores. Hounds which do not receive placements under this provision will, nevertheless, be considered as having been in competition for the purpose of awarding points. If a hound is excused in the preliminary run, that hound will not count as having been in competition when computing championship points. Hounds that are dismissed or declared ineligible shall count as having been in competition when computing championship points.

9.5.4 In all non-regular and optional stakes there will be only one winner and championship points will not be awarded. The only exception will be the Puppy Stakes where the awards of the first through NBQ may be awarded but championship points will not be awarded.

9.5.5 All field trial-giving clubs shall use the following colours for their prize ribbons and rosettes in all official classes:

1st .....	Royal Blue
2nd .....	Red
3rd .....	Yellow
4th .....	White
NBQ.....	Lavender
Best Of Breed.....	Red, White and Blue
Best in Field.....	Dark Green
Non-Regular Classes .....	Dark Green
QS .....	Orange
	(if awarded at the discretion of the club)



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- 9.5.6 Each ribbon shall bear the following information:
- (a) The full name of the club holding the event.
  - (b) A copy of the CKC crest.
  - (c) The award for which the ribbon is presented.

## **9.6 Field Titles**

- 9.6.1 A permanent title of Field Champion (FCh) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:
- (a) Attained 100 championship points in the open or mixed stake competition.
  - (b) Attained 1 first or 2 second placements by defeating dogs in head to head competition.
  - (c) Must be individually registered in the records of the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Miscellaneous Class Certification Number (MCN), or a Performance Event Number (PEN).
- 9.6.2 A permanent title of Field Champion Excellent (FChX) will be awarded to the hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:
- (a) Is a Field Champion of Record.
  - (b) Obtains 200 additional points in competition.
  - (c) Attains at least 5 first placements in competition. This includes first placements won while attaining an FCh.
- 9.6.3 The Field Champion Excellent title shall be a repetitive title, with a numerical designation. After completing the FCHX title, a hound shall be awarded the next level of title each time it fulfills the requirements of an additional 300 points and 5 first placements with competition. First placements in excess of 5 may be carried forward, and the process shall be indefinitely repeated (FCHX2, FCHX3 etc.).
- 9.6.4 Novice Courser Title
- (a) A designation of Novice Courser (NC) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:
    - (i) Attain 3 qualifying scores in the open stake under a minimum of 3 different judges.

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- (ii) Must be individually registered in the records of the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Miscellaneous Certificate Number (MCN) or a Performance Event Number (PEN).

9.6.5 Upon attaining the Novice Courser (NC) title, a hound will no longer be awarded qualifying score ribbons.

9.6.6 Advanced Courser *(29-06-15)*

(a) A designation of Advanced Courser (AC) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:

- (i) Attain 10 qualifying scores in the open stake under a minimum of 3 different judges.
- (ii) Scores earned for the Novice Courser title shall count as three of the ten scores required

9.6.7 Advanced Courser Excellent *(29-06-15)*

(a) A designation of Advanced Courser Excellent (ACX) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:

- (i) Attain 20 qualifying scores in the open stake under a minimum of 3 different judges.
- (ii) Scores earned for the Advanced Courser title shall count as ten of the 20 scores required

(b) The Advanced Courser Excellent title shall be a repetitive title with a numerical designation. After completing the ACX title, a hound shall be awarded the next level of title each time it fulfills the requirements of an additional 20 qualifying scores under 3 different judges. The process shall be indefinitely repeated (ACX2, ACX3 etc.).

9.6.8 A permanent title of Veteran Field Champion (VfCh) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:

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- (a) Attained 50 championship points in the Veteran Open Or Veteran Mixed Stake competition.
  - (b) Attained 1 first or 2 second placements against other hounds
  - (c) Must be individually registered in the records of the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Miscellaneous Class Certification Number (MCN), or a Performance Event Number (PEN).
- 9.6.9 A permanent title of Veteran Field Champion Excellent (VfChx) will be awarded to the hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:
- (a) Is a Veteran Field Champion of record.
  - (b) Obtains 50 additional points in competition in the veteran stake.
  - (c) Attains at least 4 first placements in competition. This includes first placements won while attaining a VfCh.
- 9.6.10 The Veteran Field Champion Excellent title shall be a repetitive title with a numerical designation. After completing the VfChx title, a hound shall be awarded the next level of title each time it fulfills the requirements of an additional 50 points and 4 first placements with competition. First placements in excess of 4 may be carried forward, and the process shall be indefinitely repeated (VfChx2, VfChx3 etc.).
- 9.6.11 *(24-12-17)* The title of Single Courser (SNC) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has:
- (a) Attained 3 qualifying scores in the Singles Stake under a minimum of 3 judges
  - (b) Must be individually registered in the records of the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN), or a Miscellaneous Certificate Number (MCN) or a Performance Event Number (PEN).
- 9.6.12 *(24-12-17)* The title of Single Advanced Courser (SAC) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has:
- (a) Attained 10 qualifying scores in the Singles Stake under a minimum of 3 judges.
  - (b) Scores earned for the SNC shall count toward the title count as three of the ten scores required.
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### 9.6.13 Single Advanced Courser Excellent (SACX)

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- (a) A designation of Single Advanced Courser Excellent (SACX) shall be awarded as a suffix to the registered name of any hound which has fulfilled the following requirements:
  - (i) Attained 20 qualifying scores in the Singles Stake.
  - (ii) Scores earned for the Single Advanced Courser title shall count as ten of the 20 scores required.
- (b) The Single Advanced Courser Excellent title shall be a repetitive title with a numerical designation. After completing the SACX title, a hound shall be awarded the next level of title each time it fulfills the requirements of an additional 20 qualifying scores under 3 different judges. The process shall be indefinitely repeated (SACX2, SACX3 etc.).

## 9.7 Course Plans

9.7.1 When using a continuous loop system, the angles should not be less than 45 degrees.

9.7.2 A course shall not be less than 600 yards (549m) in length and the first pulley should be at least 50 yards (45.7m) from the starting line. Layouts of proposed coursing plans must be in the premium list. Trial-giving clubs should endeavor to obtain fields with varied terrain and make maximum use of natural obstacles. Artificial obstacles may be incorporated into the course provided they are noted in the premium list. Clubs shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the hounds and handlers.

9.7.3 Course plans which have been altered from those published in the premium list must be posted on the field in a prominent location. A test run must be announced and made immediately before or after roll call. Any person who, after seeing the test run with the course plan alterations, decides not to run his hound has the option of withdrawing his entry and having the entry fee refunded.

9.7.4 Any object on the field used to mark the location of one or more pulleys must be a safe item & not affixed to the pulley nor be of a size or construction to be a distraction to the dogs. It should be in the

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neighbourhood of the pulley and preferably not fixed in position in anyway. (example small Orange cones).

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## **10 SANCTION MATCH**

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### **10.1 General**

- 10.1.1 A club that has not held a lure coursing field trial under CKC rules will be required to hold at least 2 sanctioned lure coursing field trial matches before consideration will be given for the club to hold an approved lure coursing field trial. All aspects of the sanctioned lure coursing field trial matches will be under the observation of the local CKC Board member, the Lure Coursing Council Representative or an observer appointed by the CKC.
- 10.1.2 As far as practicable, a sanctioned lure coursing field trial match should be held in accordance with the Lure Coursing Field Trial Rules and Regulations.
- 10.1.3 Sanctioned lure coursing field trial matches may be run on consecutive dates if a club so wishes.
- 10.1.4 The club shall appoint a Field Trial Chairman, Field Trial Secretary and a Field Trial Committee. The duties of these officials shall be the same as those at approved lure coursing field trials and shall carry the same authority.
- 10.1.5 A sanctioned lure coursing field trial match is a competition at which only purebred dogs may compete. These dogs should be eligible to compete at an approved lure coursing field trial. A dog that has not completed its Hound Certification shall not be eligible.

### **10.2 Application to Hold a Sanction Match**

- 10.2.1 Dates must be applied for not less than 60 days prior to the date of the match and on an application form procured from the CKC Board member representing that zone or from the Canadian Kennel Club website. The application shall be completed in full and returned to the CKC Board member for that zone. Electronic transmission of the form is acceptable.

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- 10.2.2 When approved, one copy will be retained by the local CKC Board member, one copy will be returned to the club and the third copy will be forwarded to the CKC Shows and Trials Division. Electronic transmission of the approval is acceptable.
- 10.2.3 When approved, the match-giving club shall distribute a Premium list or information sheet that contains a minimum of the following information:
- (a) Date(s) of match
  - (b) Contact information for Match Secretary
  - (c) Time of Roll Call, entry fees and breed running order
  - (d) Judging Assignments
  - (e) Proposed course plans

### **10.3 Judges**

- 10.3.1 The match-giving club shall have the responsibility of selecting judges with at least 5 years of experience as a breeder and/or lure field trial exhibitor with preference given to those persons who have aspirations of becoming a lure field trial judge.
- 10.3.2 All judging assignments must be made in writing by the club and confirmed in writing by the judge.
- 10.3.3 The judges sheets should follow the format of the sample provide in these rules. Only one copy is required for each course to be judged and it shall be completed and signed by the judge. It is the responsibility of the match-giving club to provide these sheets at the match.
- 10.3.4 All judging shall be done in accordance Section 6 Regulations for Performance & Standard of Judging of the CKC Lure Coursing Field Trial Rules & Regulations.

### **10.4 Running the Match**

- 10.4.1 A sanctioned lure coursing field trial match should be held in accordance with the Lure Coursing Field Trial Rules & Regulations.

### **10.5 Ribbons**

- 10.5.1 All ribbons (or cards) given at a sanctioned lure field trial match shall have the words “CKC Sanctioned

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Lure Coursing Field Trial”, the name of the club and the award on them. Colours shall be as follows:

1st .....	Gold
2nd .....	Rose
3rd .....	Beige
4th .....	Grey
NBQ.....	Spring (Lime) Green
Best of Breed.....	Green
Best in Field.....	Green

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## **11 PROTEST**

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11.1 A protest against a dog may be made by an exhibitor, handler, any member of the CKC, or a member of the club or association holding the event in the following manner:

- (21-03-16) (a) A protest should be lodged with the Field Trial Chair before the closing of the event and must be in writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof). A hearing shall be held prior to the departure of all parties. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit. This deposit shall be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forwarded to the CKC with the Event Committee’s report.
- (21-03-16) (b) If the protest cannot be filed at the event because of circumstances requiring medical and/or veterinary attention, or if the dog has been removed from the grounds, or if the owner and the dog leave the grounds immediately following the incident, the protest may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the event. All such protests shall constitute complaints under the CKC’s By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- (21-03-16) (c) If the Protest is filed directly to the CKC, reasons should be provided as to why the Protest could not be filed with the Field Trial Chair.

11.2 Where the Field Trial Committee consists of more than 5 persons, the President of the trial-giving club shall name 5 members of the Field Trial Committee to act on any protest received by the trial-giving club.

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- 11.3 Written copies of all decisions on protests must be forwarded immediately to the Discipline Committee of the CKC. The Discipline Committee may take such action as it deems fit in connection with such protest, provided no appeal is submitted to the CKC within 10 days of the date on which the decision of the Field Trial Committee was rendered. Such action may include barring the dog from future CKC approved events, imposition of an administrative fee, and/or cancellation of awards. The fact that the Field Trial Committee did not sustain a protest in no way inhibits the right of the Discipline Committee to take such action as it deems advisable.
- 11.4 An appeal to the Discipline Committee of the CKC from a decision of the Field Trial Committee where a dog has been protested must be forwarded to the CKC within 10 days of the date on which the decision was rendered, together with a deposit.
- 11.5 If a trial-giving club fails to hear a protest as prescribed above, or in the opinion of the Discipline Committee improperly handles a protest, the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit and necessary, and it may at the same time take disciplinary action against the officials of the trial-giving club concerned.
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## **12 COMPLAINTS**

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- 12.1 A complaint against a person respecting a violation of the rules and regulations related to lure coursing field trials must be in writing, on a form issued by the CKC (or facsimile thereof), and must be accompanied by a deposit. A complaint, if sustained, will result in disciplinary action. A deposit is not required on a complaint alleging that a judge officiating at a lure coursing field trial held under these rules and regulations has been subject to indignities of any kind during the progress of the trial.
- 12.2 A complaint should be lodged with the Field Trial Chair of the trial-giving club no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the judging of the trial, or should the complainant choose to do so, a complaint may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the trial. All such complaints shall
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- 12.3 Any complaint against the club holding the trial or any of its officials must be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the trial. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 12.4 A complaint shall be restricted to any of the following:
- (a) An act of omission or commission on which is based an allegation of a violation of the Lure Coursing Field Trial Rules & Regulations;
  - (b) Any act on which an allegation of misconduct is based;
  - (c) The alleged failure of an officiating judge to excuse or remove from competition a dog for which a provision for excusing or removal appears in these rules and regulations.
- 12.5 Where the Field Trial Committee consists of more than 5 persons, the President of the trial-giving club shall name 5 members to form a Field Trial Committee to act on the complaint received by the trial-giving club.
- 12.6 When a complaint is received against a judge by the trial-giving club, the club shall hold a hearing while all parties are still in attendance. The report and all statements given by all parties will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee along with the deposit from the complainant. The Field Trial Committee will not render a decision but will collect all pertinent information.
- 12.7 Upon receipt of a complaint (other than against a judge) the Field Trial Committee of the trial-giving club shall conduct an investigation as soon as possible, and within 14 days of receipt of such complaint shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the procedures set out in the Procedure for Conducting a Field Trial Committee Hearing as provided in these rules and regulations.
- 12.8 The Field Trial Committee shall then promptly forward the complaint, the deposit and a record of the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the CKC. Copies of the record of the hearing and the Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the parties concerned at the same time.
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- 12.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.
- 12.10 Disciplinary action will be taken against any official and the trial-giving club of which they are an official when it is established to the satisfaction of the CKC that an attempt was made to discourage the submission of a complaint.
- 12.11 Disciplinary action will be taken against a trial-giving club which fails to properly deal with complaints as provided in these rules and regulations.
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## **13 DISCIPLINE**

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- 13.1 The Discipline Committee may take disciplinary action against any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization of the CKC for any act of omission or commission, which violates any section or sections of the rules and regulations for CKC lure coursing field trials. Such action will be taken as provided for in the By-laws of the CKC.
- 13.2 No person shall abuse a dog on the grounds or premises of a trial or conduct himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the event.
- 13.3 Any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization availing themselves of the privilege of participating in any capacity or manner whatsoever at a lure coursing field trial shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board as conferred on the CKC by its By-laws and all other rules and regulations adopted by the CKC.
- 13.4 At its discretion and subject to the appeal process, the Discipline Committee may cancel any or all qualifying scores earned by a dog owned by a person debarred, deprived, suspended or expelled of all privileges of the CKC when such wins were earned following the date on which such act occurred that resulted in disciplinary action.
- 13.5 The administration to a dog competing at a lure coursing field trial of a drug or any substance, in any form, which alters the nervous system by stimulation, sedation or tranquilization shall be
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considered as misleading the judge(s) and will be considered misconduct. The person or persons responsible will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this section.

- 13.6 Any person, either within or outside the course, who does anything calculated to attract, distract or otherwise interfere in any way with the attention, deportment, or performance of a dog under judgement, may be disciplined by the Discipline Committee in whatever way it considers to be in the best interest of the club, or the judge(s) may take summary action.
- 13.7 It shall be the duty and obligation of the trial-giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer or any participant at an event held under these rules, is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Field Trial Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred. A copy of this regulation shall be prominently placed in every premium list and catalogue.

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## **14 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE HEARING**

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- 14.1 It is essential that the defendant be given the opportunity to be present during the whole hearing and to testify and present his own witnesses. If a defendant refuses to attend or defend himself, the hearing may proceed without him. In notifying the defendant of the hearing, it is essential that he be informed specifically of the nature of the charges against him and that a record of such notice be made.
- 14.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 14.3 Both the complainant and defendant should be informed that they may be represented by legal counsel or an agent at the hearing if they choose but this is not necessary.

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- 14.4 The chair is to call the meeting to order and then announce: “We are proceeding by reason of our appointment to the Field Trial Committee by (name of trial-giving club).”
- 14.5 The chair shall identify all persons present and the reason for their presence (i.e. complainant, defendant, witness) and then ask the witnesses to withdraw until required to give evidence. After giving evidence a witness may be excused.
- 14.6 The complaint is to be read except that if the complainant and defendant agree, it may be necessary to relate only the substance of the complaint as set out on the Official Complaint form.
- 14.7 The chair is to ask the defendant whether he wishes to admit or deny the complaint as it has been read or stated.
- 14.8 The complainant is to give evidence on the complaint. He may then be questioned by the defendant. At the chair’s invitation, any member of the Committee may question the complainant. If the complainant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the defendant or any member of the Committee. Each witness is to leave the hearing after evidence has been given.
- 14.9 Upon completion of the evidence given by the complainant and any witness appearing on his behalf, the defendant may then give evidence and may then be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee. If the defendant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee.
- 14.10 The chair may then call any other witness which the Committee considers appropriate to the proper hearing of the complaint.
- 14.11 The complainant may then have the opportunity of summing up the complaint and the evidence presented in support thereof. The defendant shall have the opportunity of summing up his defense and any evidence presented in support of his defense.
- 14.12 The Chair shall announce that the Committee will be submitting a report on the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the Discipline Committee of the CKC
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and the parties concerned. All but the Committee members shall be dismissed so that the matter may be considered.

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## **15 PARTICIPATION**

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- 15.1 The participation in any manner or in any capacity at a competitive event held under these rules shall be considered a privilege accorded to any person by the CKC and such privilege may be extended and withdrawn by the Discipline Committee.
- 15.2 Any person availing himself of the privilege of participating in any manner, shape or form and in any capacity, including that of a spectator at a competitive event held under these rules shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board.
- 15.3 No person who has been expelled, deprived of privileges, suspended or debarred by the CKC may enter a dog, compete, exhibit, judge, act as agent or handler for any competitor, take a dog into any competition or be connected in any capacity with competitive events held under these rules.
- 15.4 A club holding a lure coursing field trial under these rules shall not engage in any capacity a person who is under suspension or expulsion, debarred or deprived of privileges by the CKC.
- 15.5 Any person who has lost the right to participate in events in their country of residence shall not, while such a loss of privilege is in effect, participate in any Canadian Kennel Club approved events. Any wins by a dog that is exhibited or handled by such individual shall automatically be cancelled.
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## **16 LIABILITY** (22-03-16)

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- 16.1 (22-03-16) The CKC shall not be responsible to any member, person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss, damage or injuries arising at or by reason of any event held under any rules adopted by the CKC.
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- 16.2 Every owner or authorized agent for the owner of  
(22-03-16) any dog entered in a CKC event is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog behaves properly at the event, and in particular to prevent the dog from threatening, menacing or biting a judge, another dog, or any other person in attendance at the event. Failure to take such reasonable steps may result in disciplinary action against such owner or authorized agent under the By-laws, which may result in the imposition of any of the penalties provided for in the By-laws.
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## **17 AMENDMENTS**

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- 17.1 These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 17.2 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by a person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to the Board for their consideration. In such circumstances, the Board will forward the proposal to the Lure Coursing Council for its consideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.
- 17.3 Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 17.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 17.5 The Board, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.
- 17.6 Upon the Board making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these rules, the membership shall be advised by placing a notice in the Official Section as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.
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