

REGULATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL LURE COURSING CHAMPIONSHIP

A National Lure Coursing Championship Trial for all Sighthounds may be held not more than once in any calendar year, and shall be for registered hounds which are qualified by having met the eligibility requirements specified below. The winner of this trial shall be designated “National Lure Coursing Field Champion (NFC) of 20__.”

HOST CLUB REQUIREMENTS and EVENT PREPLANNING

HOST CLUB REQUIREMENTS: A club must be eligible to hold AKC licensed lure coursing trials and has held a minimum of six (6) AKC Lure Coursing trials during the two calendar years prior to making the request to host the NLCC. More than one club may host the event (e.g., an association); however, at least one club in the association shall meet these requirements.

REQUESTING PERMISSION: A proposal must be submitted to The AKC Performance Events Department approximately one year in advance of the date. The proposal will include the following:

1. Name of host club(s) and recommended dates.
2. Location of the trial and a brief description of grounds that includes two fields, each able to provide a minimum of an 800 yard course each day.
3. Facilities at the trial grounds.
4. Accessibility (e.g., local airports, major highways, etc.).
5. Reasonably priced hotel/motel and RV accommodations.
6. Other event related activities the host club is considering – i.e. organized dinner events, speakers, etc.

RECEIVING PERMISSION: The host club(s), date, and location must be approved by the AKC Performance Events Department.

EVENT AND PREPLANNING: Upon approval, the club(s) agree to the following requirements:

1. Advertising sufficiently in advance of the event to allow participants to conveniently make travel arrangements.
2. Closing date for entries will be a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of the event.
3. Catalogs of all entries shall be prepared and available as necessary.
4. All expenses, catalogs, awards, trophies, advertising, etc. are the responsibility of the host club(s). Excess monies will accrue to the host club(s).
5. Entry fees will be appropriate to cover all costs for a Championship event.
6. Adequate equipment - including back up equipment - as necessary will be available.
7. Running rules in place will be adhered to at all times.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

All hounds must be qualified to enter AKC Lure Coursing Trials as stated under Chapter I, Section 3 of the *Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials*. Any of the following requirements shall qualify a hound to enter the NLCC:

1. All eligible hounds which have earned an AKC Field Championship prior to the closing date for entries.
2. All eligible hounds in the Top 25 hounds of each breed from the preceding calendar year, using The AKC designated system for breed points.
3. All eligible hounds which were awarded a Best in Field at an all breed AKC Lure Coursing Trial in the current year.
4. Best of Breed on each day of the most recent AKC National Lure Coursing Championship.
5. All eligible hounds which were awarded Best in Field at an AKC Lure Coursing trial held in conjunction with that breed's National Specialty.
6. All Open and Veteran hounds must have an accumulation of at least 3 points.

JUDGE SELECTION and RULES PERTAINING TO JUDGES

1. Judges shall be selected by the Event Committee and approved by The AKC Performance Events Department.
2. There shall be two judges for each stake; except the Breed Finals and the Championship Finals, at which four judges shall officiate. The judges breed assignment shall be selected by random draw on the first day of the NLCC.
3. Judges, members of their immediate family or household, or dogs owned or co-owned by a judge or a member of their immediate family or household may not be entered in the NLCC.
4. Judges shall be reimbursed for reasonable and customary expenses to fulfill their assignment.

CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES and RUNNING RULES

COURSES: The Championship Committee shall provide two preliminary courses and one Final course for the NLCC. The first and second day courses must be a minimum of 800 yards in length and a maximum of 900 yards in length and these two courses' yardage should be as close to the same in length as is possible. The courses shall be in close proximity, but should not interfere with each other while running the hounds. The two courses shall be designed to test all abilities of the coursing hound - speed, agility, follow and endurance. The course designs shall be printed in the National Championship premium list. The AKC National Championship course must be approximately 1200 yards in length. The Event Committee shall provide sufficient equipment necessary for the smooth running of the event.

RUNNING RULES:

1. Each of the two qualifying trials of the NLCC shall be a standard AKC Lure Coursing Field Trial, complete with points, placements, Best of Breed and Best in Field. All hounds - unless excused by the Inspection Committee or excused, dismissed or disqualified by the judges - shall run once on each of the preliminary courses.
2. For each of the qualifying trials, all entered and eligible hounds shall be separated by breed and shall be randomly drawn into three-hound stakes. Multiple entries from the same owner shall be divided as evenly as possible between the courses if possible. In the event the number of hounds can not be divided into three-hound courses, one or two hound stakes are permitted. The remaining hounds in competition of each breed shall be redrawn after each preliminary course.
3. Following completion of the second day's trial, the National Lure Coursing Championship Finals will begin. Each breed's Best of Breed winner from the first and second days' trials and the hound of that breed, with the highest combined points from both days' trials that did not win Best of Breed, will be run for NLCC Best of Breed. If one of these eligible dogs should be unable to compete in this qualifying run they shall be replaced with the next highest qualifying dog of that breed. These hounds shall be randomly drawn for position and shall be redrawn after each course.
4. In order to be eligible for NLCC Best of Breed, the hound must have completed both the first and second days' trials. A hound may enter only one of the NLCC trials but it will not be eligible to run in the NLCC Best of Breed runoff. If a breed is represented by one hound, that hound shall run singularly in the NLCC Best of Breed runoff.
5. The Best of Breeds and Best in Event shall be officiated by all four judges and the dogs will be scored in the normal manner.
6. All hounds running for NLCC Best of Breed - unless excused, dismissed or disqualified - shall run the Best of Breed course. In the event of a Best of Breed tie, the combined points from both days' trials shall be used to determine the winner. Should a tie still remain, a single run off of the tied hounds shall decide the Best of Breed winner.
7. All NLCC Best of Breed combined winners - except the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos - will run for the title of National Lure Coursing Field Champion (NFC) of 20___. These hounds shall be randomly drawn regardless of ownership prior to running the final course.
8. The hound with the highest combined score, from the four judges, shall be designated the National Coursing Field Champion for 20___. In the event of a tie, the tied hounds shall be run off to decide the winner.