

SECTION 2. FIELD CHAIRMAN. (Must be a member of the host club.) 1. Is Chairman of the Field Committee. 2. Is responsible for having the grounds for the test and/or trial provided or secured. 3. Shall appoint an inspection and measuring committee which shall have the responsibility of inspecting all hounds entered (See Section 7, this chapter). 4. Shall be responsible for ensuring the course has been laid out according to the approved course plan. 5. Is responsible for ensuring that all equipment is in place and functioning. 6. Is responsible for all awards being on hand. 7. Provides for policing, e.g., cleanup of the grounds before, during and after the test or trial especially anything remotely resembling a lure and anything hazardous. 8. Must individually approve anyone who is to be allowed in the judging area other than the officials of the trial (e.g., apprentice judges). 9. The Field Chairman may levy and collect a penalty fee of \$5.00 from the owner or his duly authorized agent of any hound that is loose on the field and not in competition at the time. 10. Shall arrange for the announcement of the final placements and qualifying scores at the end of the test or trial. 11. Shall be ineligible to judge the test or trial event for which he is serving in the official capacities of this position.

SECTION 3. FIELD SECRETARY. 1. Is a member of the Field Committee. 2. Applies for a date to hold a test and/or trial. 3. Schedules judging assignments. Solicits in writing, and receives in writing, confirmation of those judging assignments prior to submitting the premium list for approval. Copies of these confirmations shall be made available to The American Kennel Club upon request. 4. Prepares and mails out premium lists and entry forms, after receiving official approval, and accepts entries. Note: Any club that wishes to accept hounds for roll call prior to the published time may do so only if acceptance prior to published time is listed in the premium and also stated in the cover letter (if one is used). Acceptance time must be listed in the premium and the cover letter (if one is used); e.g., Early acceptance may begin one-half hour prior to publish test or trial hours. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in a fine, failure to receive approval for future events or both. 5. Any Field Secretary or host club which accepts an entry fee other than that published in its premium list, or in any way discriminates between entrants, shall be disciplined. All persons found guilty of paying or receiving any monies, special inducements or allowances in violation of the foregoing shall be disciplined. Except a club, at its discretion, may allow for a reduced entry fee for dogs handled by juniors. The reduced entry fee may only apply to specific classes or may apply to all classes in the trial. The reduced entry fee shall be published in the premium list. A junior is defined as someone less than 18 years of age on the first day of the event. The junior must handle the dog in the class to qualify for the reduced entry fee. If the dog is entered under this provision but the junior does not handle the dog, the owner must pay the regular entry fee as published. 6. The Field Secretary shall decline any late, incomplete, unsigned, unpaid or conditional entries. Each entry must be completed in full and the information given on the form must be that which applies to that entered hound. The entry form must be signed by the owner or agent duly authorized to make the entry. 7. Provides the Field Chairman or designee with a list of hounds entered for the purpose of roll call. 8. Shall have available a copy of the current edition of these Regulations and AKC's publication entitled "Dealing with Misconduct." 9. Ensures that all record sheets and forms are available and forwarded with recording fees to reach The AKC within seven (7) days after the close of the event. 10. Is responsible for the draw of hounds in competition. 10 11 11. Shall be ineligible to judge the test or trial event for which he is serving in the official capacities of this position.

SECTION 4. FIELD CLERK. 1. Is a member of the Field Committee. 2. Shall promptly collect the score sheets from the judges. 3. Posts the scores on the record sheets without undue delay. The Field Clerk(s) shall notify the Judge of any mathematical errors and said errors shall be corrected and initialed by the Judge. The Field Clerk(s) shall not change any judge's scores (see Chapter IV, Sec. 15). 4. Posts preliminary scores of each breed before finals, final scores before runoffs and Best of Breed runs and Best of Breed scores before Best in Field runs.

SECTION 5. HUNTMASTER. 1. Shall be in complete charge of all hounds and handlers on the field. 2. Shall call up each new course as the previous course is completed. 3. Shall ensure that the correct hounds are in each course. 4. Shall ensure that a handler handles only one hound in each course. 5. Is responsible for checking that blankets are tied and secure. 6. Is responsible for checking that slip leads are in the slip position. 7. Must explain release and retrieval procedures before each preliminary course. 8. Shall stand in close proximity to, but not in front of, the handlers and hounds. 9. Shall ensure that the lure is positioned in front of the hounds and in the direction in which it will travel before the signal is given to start. 10. Shall confirm that the hounds are in the following order: YELLOW on the left, PINK in the middle or to the right in braces, BLUE on the right in trios. 11. Shall question the Judges, Lure Operator and handlers asking "Are you ready?" After affirmative answers from all parties, the Huntmaster will begin the course. 12. Provides a hand signal to the Lure Operator to start the lure. 13. Gives the verbal signal "Tallyho" to release the hounds from a standing start and the signal "Retrieve your Hounds" when appropriate. Hounds should not be slipped before the sound of the "T" in "Tallyho." Will notify the judges and handler of any pre-slip at the end of the course. 14. Shall cause the lure to be stopped upon a pre-slip and restarted, provided no Tallyho has been sounded (pre-slip penalty will carry over). 15. Shall cause the lure to be stopped in any potentially dangerous situation and signal the handler(s) to retrieve their hound(s) when appropriate or when necessary for the safety of the hound(s). 16. Shall instruct the handlers to retrieve the hound(s) if the hound(s) fails to compete. 17. Shall inspect the lure before each course and replace it if needed. 18. Shall notify the Trial Chairman of any hound which appears lame. 19. Shall immediately inform the handler(s) when a course is called a no-course or a hound is excused or disqualified. 20. Shall inform the judge(s) of any observed aggressive behavior during the course.

SECTION 6. LURE OPERATOR. 1. If the lure operator has concerns about the course layout, these should be communicated to the Field Chairman. It is the Field Chairman's responsibility to insure the course is laid out properly. 2. Shall make at least one pilot run of the lure before their first course of the day and again upon reversing or changing the course layout. Note: A hound used for the pilot run must be one of the eligible sighthound breeds (Chapter I, Section 3). 3. Starts the lure at the signal from the Huntmaster and stops it at least 20 yards before the lure machine or final pulley. 4. After the course begins, shall attempt to keep the lure 10 to 30 yards in front of the lead hound at all times. The lure must continue moving in the originally planned direction until completion of the course. 5. Shall stop the lure on a signal from the Huntmaster or Judge, but shall automatically stop the lure any time a hound becomes entangled in the string or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop. 6. Shall not operate the lure for any stake in which he or a member of his immediate family or household owns or co-owns an entered hound. 7. The same lure operator shall operate the lure throughout an entire stake.

SECTION 7. INSPECTION AND MEASURING COMMITTEE. 1. Are members of the Field Committee. 2. Shall consist of at least two persons, who shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to compete, bitches in season and breed disqualifications at roll call. Inspection shall take place prior to any form of wrapping being applied to hounds. 3. Any entry found prior to the preliminary course to be unfit to compete, lame, to have a breed disqualification, or bitches in season shall be barred from competition and entry fees shall be refunded. 4. Any entry found to be lame or unfit to compete after the preliminary course but prior to the final course is considered to have competed and entry fees shall not be refunded. These hounds shall be considered in the point calculation. 5. The procedure for measuring Whippets is as follows: (a) The hound being measured shall be placed on a flat level surface that is not slippery. The handler shall position the hound at the Inspection Committee's discretion. The hound shall be in a naturally alert position, with the head up but not stretched upward, and with its feet well under it and its forelegs vertical as viewed both from the front and side. (b) A

member of the Inspection Committee shall first determine the highest point over the withers with one hand, and pass the measuring wicket over the hound from the rear with the other hand, and place the wicket so the cross piece comes down directly on the highest point over the withers. The wicket should not be placed on the neck in front of the shoulder or on the spinal column behind the withers. At least two members of the Inspection Committee must agree that a hound is or is not compliant with Whippet height requirements. (c) Handlers will be allowed only two minutes to position their hounds in a proper standing position. Hounds that cannot be made to stand in the proper position for measurement within the allotted time will not be allowed to course, and their entry fees will be refunded. (d) All Whippets will be measured only once and at the time of roll call at each and every Field Trial, except that Whippets that have earned the Field Champion title shall only be measured on request at roll call. Whippet Field Champions which measure out will be barred from running, but shall retain the title.

SECTION 8. PADDOCK MASTER. Shall call the hounds for the next course to the paddock and insure the hounds are properly blanketed.

SECTION 9. FIELD COMMITTEE. 1. Field Committees may make additional regulations for the governing of their events as shall be considered necessary and proper, provided that such regulations do not conflict with, change or modify any Rules or Regulations of The American Kennel Club. Such additional regulations shall be printed and distributed with the premium list, and violations thereof shall be considered the same as violations of the Rules and Regulations of The AKC. 2. The decisions of the Field Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties, in all matters occurring on the day of the event, except for matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Judge(s). Such Committee decisions must be made in accord with the general regulations and standard procedures that apply to the test or trial being held. 3. The decision of the Judge is final in all matters 13 14 relating to the merits of a dogs performance. If the judge has concerns regarding field conditions, these should be communicated to the Field Committee. It is the Field Committee's responsibility to insure the field conditions are safe. The Field Committee has the authority to cancel an event if they believe the field conditions are not safe and the circumstances can not be corrected. 4. If it becomes necessary to replace an advertised judge after the opening of the event, the Field Committee may select any qualified person provided such person is in good standing with The AKC. The Field Committee must announce and post the name of any substitute judge before the draw for the stake at which he is to officiate. All scores of the Judge replaced shall stand as recorded. 5. If a judge is substituted, the owner or handler of a hound entered in that stake has the option of withdrawing the hound before the draw and receiving an entry fee refund. If, after the draw, a judge must be substituted, no refunds shall be made. 6. In the event that the advertised Lure Operator cannot perform his assignment, the Field Committee must select a substitute Lure Operator and must announce the name of that substitute before the draw for the stake at which he is to operate the lure. If an unadvertised Lure Operator is substituted, the owner or handler of a hound entered in that stake has the option of withdrawing his hound before the draw and receiving an entry fee refund. If a Lure Operator must be substituted after the draw, no refunds shall be made. The advertised Lure Operator shall make every effort to complete his assignment. 7. The Field Committee shall handle all official protests on the day of the event as specified in Chapter XIII. 8. A Field Committee may decline any entry or remove any hound from the event grounds for cause. In each instance, the club or association shall file good and sufficient reasons for so doing with The American Kennel Club