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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Where referred to in the Rules, the words

- 1.1 Member Body shall mean the Member Body in each State or Territory of Australia.
- 1.2 Affiliate shall mean an affiliated member body of Member Body conducting Lure Coursing Trials and Tests.
- 1.3 These Rules are binding on Member Bodies of the ANKC Ltd.
- 1.4 Interpretation of these Rules should not be necessary; however, should there be a need for individuals to seek clarification, application must be made by the Member Body to the ANKC, whose decision shall be binding.

## **2. DECISIONS**

- 2.1 The Member Body at its discretion, may grant permission to an Affiliate to hold Lure Coursing Tests and Trials and they are to be conducted in accordance with the Rules set down by the Member Body and applicable ANKC authorised Rules.
- 2.2 Decisions of the Committee of the Affiliate conducting a trial shall be subject to appeal to the Member Body in the State or Territory in which the Trial is conducted.
- 2.3 The Rules of the Member Body shall apply to all Lure Coursing Tests or Trials and, to any Affiliate conducting Lure Coursing Tests or Trials and in the event of any inconsistency, the Rules of the Member Body shall prevail.
- 2.4 Anyone taking part in a Lure Coursing Test or Trial that openly impugns the actions or decisions of the Judge shall render himself liable to be debarred from further participation in the Test or Trial, and may be ordered from the grounds and further dealt with at the discretion of the Member Body.
- 2.5 Any person participating in any form of Lure Coursing competition does so at their own risk and no Member Body or Affiliate shall be responsible for any injury or damage to any person, dog or property.
- 2.6 Lure Coursing tests and trials are sports, and all participants must be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both on and off the field.

## **3. PURPOSE OF LURE COURSING**

- 3.1 The purpose of Lure Coursing events is to preserve and develop the coursing skills inherent in hounds, specifically Sighthounds, and to demonstrate their ability to perform the function for which they were originally bred. Lure Coursing is an artificial simulation of the way a hare might run in the open field, with the course pattern being irregular and varied with every meet. The lure is strips of plastic bags tied to a nylon cord which is pulled around on pulleys by a battery operated motor. A normal course is between 650 metres to 800 or 900 metres long; however course lengths can vary dependent on field conditions on the day.
- 3.2 The objective is to test a dog's ability to course without showing signs of undue stress or lack of fitness. Coursing places a considerable amount of load on many aspects on a dog's physical structure and temperament characteristics. The sport is a test as to the physical capabilities of the dog.

#### **4. LURE COURSING TESTS AND TRIALS EXPLAINED**

Sanctioned Lure Coursing Tests and Trials are informal events run by an Affiliate after obtaining the sanction of the Member Body, at which all dogs may participate, but may not automatically accrue points for titles.

- 4.1 **Junior Coursing Tests** are non-competitive events where dogs run on an individual basis and are judged on their ability to follow a lure. All dogs must qualify with a minimum of two JC Passes to be eligible to compete in the competitive Lure Coursing Trials and Coursing Ability Test (CAT). Dogs who possess two JC passes are eligible to apply for the title Junior Courser (JC). **(Amended EM#138, 07/16)**
- 4.2 **Coursing Ability Test (CAT)** serves as an introduction to the sport of Lure Coursing for all eligible dogs. Dogs run singularly and are required to complete their course with enthusiasm and without interruption and gain Passes towards titles.
- 4.3 **Lure Coursing Trials** are competitive events at which Single, Open, Field Champion and Veteran stakes are offered for eligible Sighthounds and other eligible breeds. Title points and passes toward titles are earned by dogs competing in these trials.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY FOR DOGS**

- 5.1 Junior Coursing Tests and Coursing Ability Tests shall be open to eligible dog breeds 12 months of age or older on the day of the meet. All dogs eligible to participate may apply for the title "Junior Courser (JC)" when they have achieved two JC passes. **(Amended EM#138, 07/16)**
- 5.2 Lure Coursing Trials shall be open to eligible dog breeds 18 months of age or older on the day of the meet. Dogs may compete as single competitors on a course or as pairs or trios, with dogs running in the Single Stakes receiving a different title denoted by a prefix of a lowercase 's'.
- 5.3 Sighthound breeds registered with the Member Body, and are eligible to participate in Lure Coursing Trials may earn titles [of Singles Field Champion (sFCH), Singles Lure Courser of Merit (sLCM), Singles Lure Courser Excellent (sLCX) Field Champion (FCH), Lure Courser of Merit (LCM), Lure Courser Excellent (LCX), Veteran Field Champion (vFCH), Veteran Lure Courser of Merit (vLCM), and Veteran Lure Courser Excellent (vLCX)] are the Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Borzoi, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Pharaoh Hound, Saluki, Deerhound, Sloughi, Whippet, and Italian Greyhound.
- 5.4 Though not recognised Sighthounds in Australia, Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Basenjis are considered as eligible breeds for the purposes of Lure Coursing and will be eligible for the Sighthound titles.
- 5.5 As other Sighthound breeds become recognised by the ANKC, these may be added to the list of eligible breeds.
- 5.6 All other dogs registered with the Member Body are eligible to participate in Coursing Ability Tests (CAT) and earn the titles of CA (Coursing Ability), CAA (Coursing Ability Advanced), and (CAX) Coursing Ability Excellent.
- 5.7 Any dog with ANKC Ltd registration shall be eligible to compete in Lure Coursing tests and trials.

## **6. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTERING A LURE COURSING MEET**

- 6.1 To compete at judged Lure Coursing Meets, owners of competing dogs must be current financial members in good standing of the Member Body.
- 6.2 The owner entering a dog in a Lure Coursing Test or Trial does so at their own risk. The owner agrees to abide by the rules of the Member Body.  
If a dog has more than one owner, permission must be granted in writing by all owners before entering a dog in a meet.
- 6.3 Entries must be received by the Race Secretary no later than close-off date. No substitution entries on the day of the meet will be permitted.
- 6.4 Entry fees shall be fixed by the affiliate and shall not be refunded. In such cases where dogs are scratched from the field for the following reasons:
- 6.4.1 Dogs determined to be lame at the time of roll call shall be disqualified from competition and their entry fee will not be refunded.
- 6.4.2 Females in season showing a discharge characteristic of being in season shall not be eligible to compete in Lure Coursing tests and trials.
- 6.4.3 Notification to the Field Secretary of females in season must be made before roll call or prior to the event.
- 6.4.4 Females known to be in season should not be brought onto the trial grounds.
- 6.5 If substitutions for dogs are allowed after the closing date, this must be stated in the schedule. Substitutions will only be accepted up to and no later than one week prior to the day of the event, at the discretion of the Race Secretary.
- 6.6 Amendments to these Regulations may be made from time to time by the ANKC.

## **7. DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- 7.1 The wearing of muzzles is not compulsory; however, hounds that have been disqualified for interfering with other hounds or aggression towards another hound whilst coursing shall wear a muzzle at all times on the field.
- 7.2 A dismissal means that a dog is unable to continue running for the rest of the meet, whereas an excusal allows a dog to complete its second run of the day.
- 7.3 A dog's privilege to compete at a test or trial will be withdrawn upon either a disqualification or three (3) dismissals within six (6) Lure Coursing meets. Examples of when a dog will be dismissed:
- Dogs who fail to run
  - Dogs that course other dogs rather than the lure
  - Dogs that delay the course
- (Growling and/or barking, in and of itself, do not automatically constitute grounds for dismissal)
- Upon dismissal or disqualification for interfering with another dog, a dog must requalify by way of a Qualifying Course (QC) run to be eligible to compete in the Open Stakes.
- 7.4 When a dog is disqualified or dismissed at a meet for any other reason other than the above this shall be notified to the Member Body within seven (7) days of the meet. Examples below
- Dogs who are aggressive towards another dog on or off the field.
  - Dogs whose handler/s or owner/s interfere with the judges, officials, or another competitor, or another person's dog.

- 7.5 For instances of aggression, refer to the current State Body's Aggressive Dog Policy for appropriate action.
- 7.6 If a dog has been disqualified for reasons of aggression, the Member Body will be informed, in writing, of the individual or individuals whose dog was disqualified and cite the reason given for the dog's disqualification. The Member Body will also be informed in writing of serious complaints made regarding person/s who have breached Rules set down by the Member Body.
- 7.7 Only after receiving written confirmation of reinstatement is received by the registered owner from Member Body will the dog be eligible to enter, and must requalify by way of a Qualifying Course (QC) run to be eligible to compete in the Open Stakes.

## **8. LURE COURSING TITLES AND AWARDS**

An Affiliate conducting Lure Coursing Trials and Tests shall offer all of the titling classes listed below:

### **8.1 Sighthounds and Eligible Breeds**

Dogs entered in a Lure Coursing Trial shall be eligible to receive Title Certificates upon meeting the requirements set out below. Applications are to be made to the State Member Body once requirements are met. These dogs may gain Title Certificates whether competing as a single dog on the field or coursing with another dog. Please see Appendices 1-3 for Title Progression charts.

#### **a) Junior Courser**

Dogs who have competed in two (2) meets (two runs per meet) and scored a total of 150 points or more at both meets in which they were entered become qualified to compete in the Open, Veteran, or Singles Stakes or graduate to the Coursing Ability Test. **(Amended EM#138, 07/16)**

For a sighthound or other recognised breed to graduate to Open or Veteran Stakes, a QC (Qualifying Course) run is undertaken. The QC is to ensure the Junior Courser runs cleanly (does not interfere with another dog). The QC dog is an experienced dog of the same breed, or of similar running style (each dog's owner must agree for the dogs to run together if the breeds are different). If the dog does not run cleanly, the owner may choose to run their dog in another QC run at subsequent meets (after practicing with more single JC runs), or graduate to the Singles Stakes.

#### **b) Open Stakes**

**Note: Championship points towards the Field Champion title can only be accumulated within the Open Stakes.**

Points shall be awarded at breed level for exhibits eighteen (18) months of age. The maximum points earned at any one meet is ten (10) points.

Eligible dogs will receive:

1 point for competing, plus

3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed

2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed

1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed

50 Points are required to be earned by a sighthound or eligible breed, to be eligible for the title Field Champion (FCH), as well as obtaining a minimum of one (1) First placing or two (2) Second placings. Points can only be accumulated at a meet where the dog has accrued a minimum total score of 170 per meet (two runs). Points are not transferable between Open/Field Champion/Veteran Stakes and the Singles Stakes. **(Amended 08/17, EM#148)**

**c) Field Champion Stakes**

Sighthounds and eligible breeds who have gained their FCH title may be eligible to compete for the Lure Courser of Merit (LCM) title. They must have gained an additional forty (40) breed points after gaining their FCH title and have received one first or two second placings to achieve the LCM. **(Amended 08/17, EM#148)**

Sighthounds and eligible breeds who have gained their LCM may be eligible to compete for the Lure Courser Excellent (LCX) title. They must have gained an additional twenty-five (25) breed points after gaining their LCM title. **(Amended 08/17, EM#148)**

A higher numbered title will be available for every additional twenty (20) breed points (LCX2, LCX3 etc).

**d) Veteran Stakes**

Points shall be awarded at breed level for dogs seven (7) years of age or over (excepting Irish Wolfhounds who are five (5) years or older). The maximum points earned at any one meet is ten (10) points.

Eligible dogs will receive:

1 point for competing, plus

3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed

2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed

1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in breed, plus 1 point for each dog beaten in the breed

50 Points are required to be earned by a sighthound or eligible breed, to be eligible for the title Veteran Field Champion (vFCH). Points can only be accumulated at a meet where the dog has accrued a minimum total score of 170 per meet (two runs). Points are not transferable between Open/Field Champion/Veteran Stakes and the Singles Stakes. If a dog is part-way through their coursing career and becomes a Veteran, all points accrued in Open/Field Champion Stakes can be transferred across when the dog starts to compete in Veteran Stakes. Once enrolled in Veteran Stakes, a dog cannot transfer out.

Sighthounds and eligible breeds who have gained their vFCH title may be eligible to compete for the Veteran Lure Courser of Merit (vLCM) title. They must have gained an additional thirty (30) breed points after gaining their vFCH title and have received one first or two second placings to achieve the vLCM.

Sighthounds and eligible breeds who have gained their vLCM may be eligible to compete for the Veteran Lure Courser Excellent (vLCX) title. They must have gained an additional twenty (20) breed points after gaining their vLCM title.

A higher numbered title will be available for every additional twenty (20) breed points (vLCX2, vLCX3 etc).

**e) Singles Stakes**

Singles Stakes are for dogs that run on their own after they have qualified as a Junior Courser. Dogs running by themselves are only eligible for a Singles Field Champion title (sFCH), Singles Lure Courser of Merit (sLCM) and Singles Lure Courser Excellent (sLCX) titles. Points are not transferable between Singles Stakes and the Open/Field Champion/Veteran Stakes.

Eligible dogs will receive:

1 point for competing, plus

3 points for completing the course.

40 Points are required to be earned by a sighthound or eligible breed, to be eligible for the title Singles Field Champion (sFCH). Points can only be accumulated at a meet where the dog has accrued a minimum total score of 170 per meet (two runs).

Sighthounds and eligible breeds who have gained their sFCH title may be eligible to compete for the Singles Lure Courser of Merit (sLCM) title. They must have gained an additional thirty-two (32) breed points after gaining their sFCH title.

Sighthounds and eligible breeds who have gained their sLCM may be eligible to compete for the Singles Lure Courser Excellent (sLCX) title. They must have gained an additional thirty-two (32) breed points after gaining their sLCM title.

A higher numbered title will be available for every additional twenty (20) breed points (sLCX2, sLCX3 etc).

## 8.2 Titles for All Other Breeds

8.2.1 The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) is open to all eligible dogs at least twelve (12) months of age and over, who have passed the Junior Courser runs. Dogs must complete two (2) courses at the Meet with a minimum total score of 160 points to be eligible to receive a Pass.

8.2.2 Three titles will be awarded for Dogs that pass the CAT the required number of times.

- a) **Coursing Ability (CA)** – 10 Passes are required to be earned to be eligible for the title. Passes can only be accumulated at a meet where the dog has accrued a minimum total score of 160 per meet (two runs). Passes must be given by a minimum of three different judges.
- b) **Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA)** 8 Passes are required to be earned to be eligible for the title. Passes can only be accumulated at a meet where the dog has accrued a minimum total score of 160 per meet (two runs). Passes must be given by a minimum of four different judges.
- c) **Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX)** 8 Passes are required to be earned by to be eligible for the title. Passes can only be accumulated at a meet where the dog has accrued a minimum total score of 160 per meet (two runs). Passes must be given by a minimum of four different judges..

A higher numbered title will be awarded for every additional 5 passes (eg CAX2, CAX3).

## 9. OFFICIALS

All Lure Coursing Field Tests and Trials shall have the following officials:

Race Secretary  
Gate Steward  
Huntmaster  
Lure Operator

They shall be responsible for the following duties which may be delegated as appropriate.

### 9.1 Race Secretary

The Race Secretary is very similar to a conformation Show Secretary and there are certain qualifications that are required for this position.

- Shall be responsible for making sure that the grounds for the meet are checked and secured, and also checks with the people responsible for all the equipment to ensure that all is in place and functioning.
- Receives records and collates all entries prior to the lure coursing meet.
- Shall, at their discretion, accept substitutions for dogs entered up to and no later than one week prior to the day of the event. If substitutions are allowed after the closing date, this must be stated in the Schedule.
- Checks in all dogs that are present on the day and marks off those that are scratched or do not turn up on the day or on time on the check-in sheet.

- Responsible for receiving and recording entry fees on the check in sheet and then to hand over all monies to the club Treasurer.
- Updates the gate steward/judges sheet of those dogs that are absent.
- Approves anyone who is to be allowed in the judging area other than the officials on the day (e.g. training judges).
- The Race Secretary also has the authority with the approval of the committee members present on the day to dismiss from the grounds any individual who wilfully interferes with any person, dog or official. In these instances a report is to be written up and submitted to the State Member Body.
- Preparation of score sheets
- Distribution of Judging Sheets to Judges
- Collection of completed Judging sheets
- Checking and collating score sheets
- From score sheets determining Best of Breeds, title eligibilities etc.
- Liaises with the chief (senior) judge(s) appointed for the day immediately if there are any inconsistencies with the scoring and record all official protests on the day of the meet
- Ensures a permanent record is kept of the meet for the club archives
- Ensures all placement awards are on hand
- Compiles the results of the day for the Club Secretary to submit to the Member Body, accompanied with the applicable fee payable complete with the R10 form.

## 9.2 Gate Steward

The Gate Steward is the intermediary between those competing on the field, and those waiting to enter on the field.

- To give the owners ample warning to warm their dogs up for their run.
- Ensures that safety precautions are observed (covered shoes for handlers, and no collars or check chains on dogs).
- To have the dogs warmed up and ready at the gate entrance to the field when the Huntmaster calls for next dog.
- Notifies the Huntmaster and judge the number for the dog that is entering the field to be judged.
- Notifies the Huntmaster and judge if a dog is being used as a pacer for an Open Stakes dog of a different breed, or is a QC test dog for a Qualifying Courser (QC) run.
- Marks off each dog as it enters the field and records those that are absent for both courses/runs of the day.

## 9.3 Huntmaster

The Huntmaster is in control of the proceedings on the field.

- Will be in complete charge of all dogs and handlers on the field
- Shall call for the course to be walked and checked for hidden obstacles and holes

- Shall call up each new dog as each previous dog completes their run
- Will ensure that a handler handles one dog only in each course
- Ensures that safety precautions are observed (eg covered shoes; slip lead is held correctly and maximum safety for handler and dog).
- If two dogs are running together, checks the colour vests are secured and leads are in position for release and explain the release and retrieval procedures to the handlers before each dog is run.
- Shall check in the following order, judge(s) ready, are lure operator and handlers ready and after affirmative answers, provides a hand signal to the lure operator to start the lure and the course is begun
- Gives the signal "Tally-ho" to release the dogs for each course, and "Retrieve your dogs" at the end of the course when appropriate.
- Dogs should not be slipped before the sound of the "T" in "Tally-ho". The Huntmaster shall notify the handler of the pre-slipped dog and also the judge(s) immediately after the course is complete. If the Huntmaster fails to notify the judge(s) of a pre-slip, then to all intents there has been no pre-slip, but the judge(s) shall have the prerogative to question the Huntmaster at any time if the release seems questionable. If no "Tally-ho" has been sounded, the Huntmaster can call for the lure to be stopped upon a pre-slip and restart the lure.
- The Huntmaster may order a dog that fails to run at the "Tally-ho", or returns to its handler while the course is in progress, to be immediately retrieved. The Huntmaster shall notify the judge(s) of an immediate retrieval. The judge(s) shall then check with the Huntmaster if the immediate retrieval seems questionable. In the case of a restart, it will be the judge(s) who determines whether a retrieved dog shall have a restart.
- Shall notify the judge(s) of any occurrence that happens during the course which might be grounds for excusal, dismissal or disqualification. Appropriate action shall be at the sole discretion of the judge/s.
- Shall inform the handlers immediately of all dogs in a course that is called a no-course or a course in which a dog is dismissed or disqualified.
- May signal the lure operator to stop the lure immediately when a dog becomes entangled in the lure string or when a dangerous situation may develop.

#### 9.4 Lure Operator

The Lure Operator is responsible for operation of the machine that drives the lure around the course. It is beneficial to only have one Lure Operator for the meet, as it will ensure consistency for all dogs in competition.

- Responsible for laying of the course, not course design.
- Will make one test run of the lure before the first course is run.
- Starts and stops the lure on the signal from the Huntmaster.
- Will attempt to keep the lure a reasonable distance in front of the dog at all times. If there are two dogs running then the lure is to be kept in front of the lead dog. In the event the lure becomes unsighted, the lure must continue in the planned direction until completion of the course.
- Will stop the lure on a signal from the Huntmaster or judge(s), but shall automatically stop the lure anytime a dog becomes entangled in the lure string or when a potentially dangerous situation may develop.

- Shall notify the judge(s) of any occurrence that happens during the course which might be grounds for excusal, dismissal or disqualification. Appropriate action shall be at the sole discretion of the judge(s).

## **10. RUNNING THE MEET**

- 10.1 The order and arrangement of dogs coursing shall be determined by a random drawing by breed at the beginning of the Meet. Every entry not excused, dismissed or disqualified shall be run twice. Dogs absent at roll call or when their course is called shall be scratched.
- 10.2 The draw shall be after roll call and shall be made in full public view.
- 10.3 Upon request from an owner on the entry form, multiple entries from an owner shall be divided as evenly as possible between each course.
- 10.4 If only one dog of a breed is entered, that dog may be run with another breed if all exhibitors/owners involved agree. The dogs will be scored separately.
- 10.5 A dog that is dismissed or disqualified will not be permitted to run in the second course, and will not be counted as having been in competition when calculating the points.
- 10.6 Dogs may be run as singles, braces or trios. Dogs shall be designated by colours according to their draw number.
- |                              |   |        |                                    |
|------------------------------|---|--------|------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> number drawn | - | Yellow | (placed on left)                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> number drawn | - | Pink   | (middle or on the right in braces) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> number drawn | - | Blue   | (placed on right)                  |
- 10.8 Ties for Best of Breed (BOB) will be decided on a count back of scores. Whichever dog has the highest scores in the first run in the following three categories will be BOB. The first being Follow, the second Agility, the third Endurance. If all three scores are the same for the first run, the scores for the second run will be taken into consideration.
- 10.9 Best in Field contenders are those who have competed in Open and Field Champion Stakes only.
- 10.10 Best in Field does not accrue points and is an honorary title; as such, how Best in Field is awarded remains at the discretion of the individual club.

## **11. JUDGING**

- 11.1 In addition to those rules and procedures set out previously, as they relate to judges, the following shall apply.
- 11.1.1 Judges officiating at Lure Coursing Tests or Trials must be registered with a Member Body list of eligible judges.
- 11.1.2 A Club may, at their discretion, use up to three judges for any given meet.
- 11.1.3 If a dog owned or part-owned or leased or part-leased by a judge or immediate family of such judge, irrespective of where they are domiciled or any other person normally domiciled with the judge, is entered in a meet, the stakes at which the dog is entered are to be judged by an alternative judge.
- 11.1.4 No judge shall perform any other field meet duties during his/her judging assignment on the day.
- 11.1.5 Each and every judge, before the meet commences, shall walk the course set out.
- 11.1.6 While on the field during the judging assignment, no judge shall discuss anything relative to the judging assignment with any handler or owner.

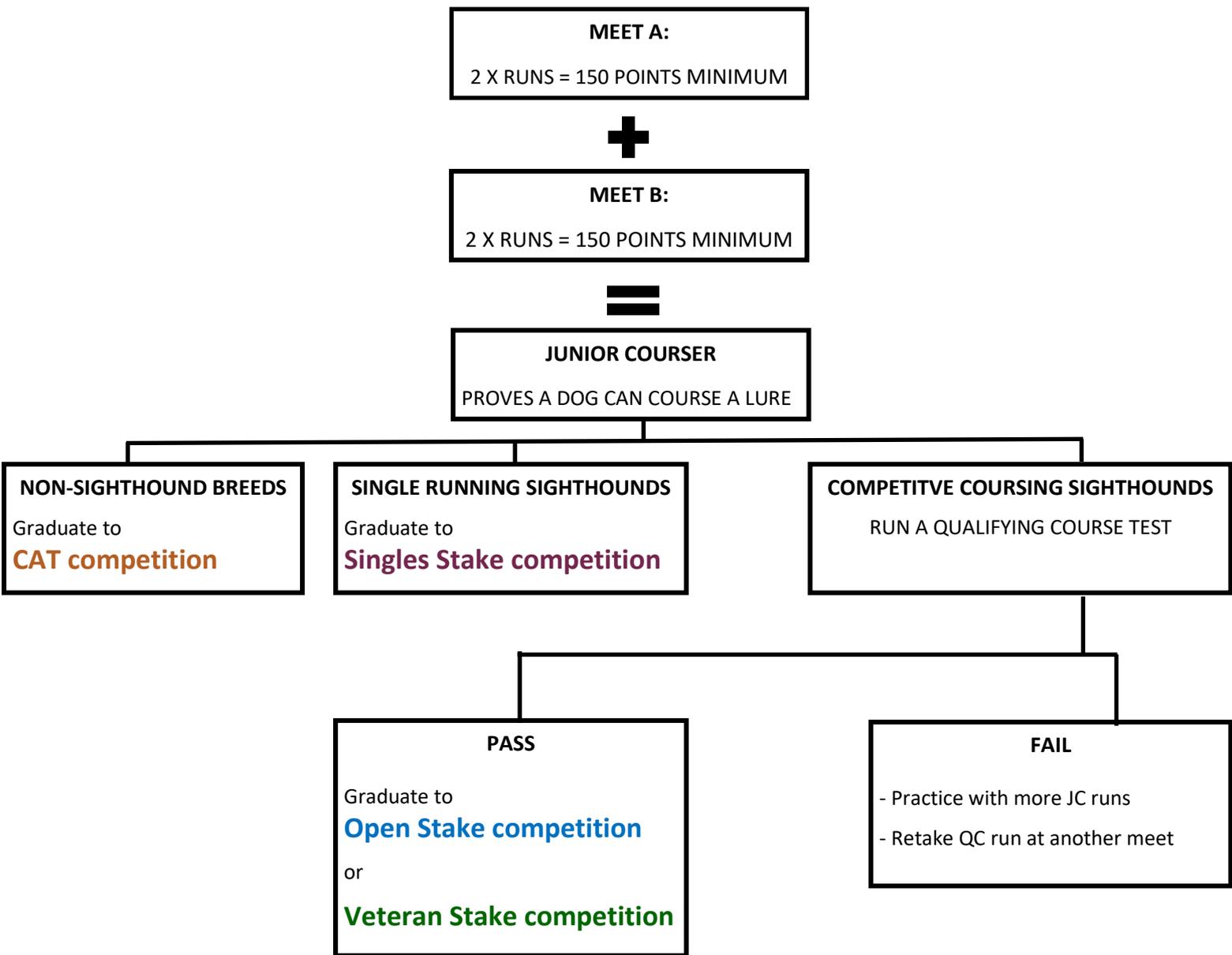


- 11.1.14 Dogs shall be disqualified by a judge, or by agreement of all judges where more than one is used, for the following reason: fighting – the aggressor is fighting in the field. In the event that more than one judge decides and not all judges disqualify a dog, this disqualification constitutes a dismissal.
- 11.1.15 If a dog is excused, dismissed or disqualified, the course may be called a no-course by a judge or judges. The remaining dog or dogs may be run in a remaining course if one exists or be given the opportunity to re-run alone and be scored.
- 11.1.16 Judges shall immediately inform the Huntmaster when a course is called a no-course or when a dog is dismissed or disqualified.
- 11.1.17 Judges must state on the judges sheet the specific reason for excusal, dismissal or disqualification.
- 11.1.18 After a course has been judged, and marked score sheets turned over to the Race Secretary, only the judge can change his/her final score and only in the case of score-adding or blanket colour error. Changes must be initialled by the judge.
- 11.1.19 A judge may not change his/her score or decision after a trial is concluded
- 11.1.20 The judge's decision upon all matters relating to the course are final and binding.

## **12. GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Blanket:	A colourful cloth (Pink, Yellow, Blue) worn by dogs competing in multiple dog competition.
Course:	Consists of 1, 2 or 3 dogs pursuing a lure of either mechanical or electrical drive over a selected course pattern.
Course Delay:	Delays caused by dogs whose handlers delay the start of the run, dogs that break away from and avoid their handlers prior to the "Tally-ho" and dogs that avoid their handlers at the end of a run.
Decision:	Any official disposition of a dog by a judge other than a score: e.g. an excusal, dismissal or disqualification.
Dismissal:	A dismissal means a dog shall be unable to participate for the rest of the day.
Disqualification:	Either a series of 3 dismissals (within 6 meets); or one serious incident which requires notice to the Member Body for their jurisdiction.
Excusal:	Dogs removed from the field for remainder of the run in which they are competing, but may compete later in the day.
Draw:	A random draw determining the order in which the dogs will run.
No Course:	Any course that a Judge determines cannot be judged
Pre-Slip:	When a dog is slipped before the signal is given by the Huntmaster.
Trial:	Event held for the purpose of qualifying dogs to participate in Coursing Meets and includes 'Fun Days'

# Appendix 1: Beginner Lure Courser Progression



## Appendix 2: Sighthound Title Progression

Please note: points toward a title can only be accrued if the dog runs in both runs at a single Meet and scores a minimum total score of 170.

### Singles Stake competition

dogs over 18 months old, minimum 2 JC runs

#### sFCH title requirements

40 points, made up of:  
- 3 points per Meet, plus 1 point for the dog (4 points in total), (this means that it will take 10 qualifying Meets to gain a sFCH title).

Once a dog achieves their **sFCH** title, they can start to accrue points for further titles of **sLCM** and **sLCX**

#### sLCM title requirements

32 points, which will be accrued under the same system as the sFCH title, (this means that it will take a minimum of 8 qualifying Meets to gain a sLCM title).

#### sLCX title requirements

32 points, which will be accrued under the same system as the sFCH title, (this means that it will take a minimum of 8 qualifying Meets to gain a sLCX title).

Once a dog achieves their **sLCX** title, they are then eligible to apply for a higher title (**sLCX2**, **sLCX3** etc) for every additional 20 points accrued.

### Veteran Stake competition

dogs over 7 years (Irish Wolfhounds over 5)

#### vFCH title requirements

50 points, which will be accrued under the same system as the FCH title (this means that it will take a minimum of 5 qualifying Meets to gain a vFCH title).

#### vLCM title requirements

30 points, which will be accrued under the same system as the FCH title (this means that it will take a minimum of 3 qualifying Meets to gain a vLCM title).

#### vLCX title requirements

20 points, which will be accrued under the same system as the FCH title (this means that it will take a minimum of 2 qualifying Meets to gain a vLCX title).

Once a dog achieves their **vLCX** title, they are then eligible to apply for a higher title (**vLCX2**, **vLCX3** etc) for every additional 20 breed points accrued.

### Open Stake competition

dogs over 18 months old, minimum 2 JC runs, QC run passed

#### FCH title requirements

50 points, which will be accrued in their breed, as:  
1 point for the dog, **PLUS**  
- 3 points for 1st place (BOB)  
- 2 points for 2nd place  
- 1 point for 3rd place, **PLUS**  
1 point for each dog beaten, to a maximum of 10 points accrued per Meet (this means that it will take a minimum of 5 qualifying Meets to gain a FCH title).

Once a dog achieves their FCH title, they move into the **FCH Stake** competition to accrue points for the further titles of **LCM** and **LCX**

### Field Champion Stake competition

dogs who have fulfilled the requirements for a FCH title

#### LCM title requirements

40 points, which will be accrued under the same system as the FCH title, with an additional requirement:  
- must have achieved at least ONE 1st, or two 2nd places

#### LCX title requirements

25 points, which will be accrued under the same system as the FCH title, with an additional requirement:  
- must have achieved at least ONE 1st, or two 2nd places

Once a dog achieves their **LCX** title, they are then eligible to apply for a higher title (**LCX2**, **LCX3** etc) for every additional 20 breed points accrued.

## Appendix 3: CAT Title Progression

Please note: Passes toward a title can only be accrued if the dog runs in both runs at a single Meet and scores a minimum total score of 160.

**CAT competition**  
dogs over 12months old, minimum 2 JC runs

### CA title requirements

A dog must obtain 10 Passes under a minimum of 3 judges, where a Pass means two runs per Meet, with the dog achieving a minimum score of 160. (this means that it will take a minimum of 10 qualifying Meets to gain a CA title).

Once a dog achieves their **CA (Coursing Ability)** title, they can then start to accrue Passes for further titles of **CAA (Coursing Ability Advanced)** and **CAX (Coursing Ability Excellent)**

### CAA title requirements

A dog must obtain 8 Passes under a minimum of 4 judges, where a Pass means two runs per Meet, with the dog achieving a minimum score of 160. (this means that it will take a minimum of 8 qualifying Meets to gain a CAA title).



### CAX title requirements

A dog must obtain 8 Passes under a minimum of 5 judges, where a Pass means two runs per Meet, with the dog achieving a minimum score of 160. (this means that it will take a minimum of 8 qualifying Meets to gain a CAX title).

Once a dog achieves their **CAX** title, they are then eligible to apply for a higher title (**CAX2, CAX3** etc) for every additional 5 Passes accrued.