



AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME POLICIES

The purpose of the ASFA Hall of Fame is to honor in perpetuity those hounds that have achieved outstanding performances or records in the sport of lure coursing. This fosters the continued remembrance of remarkable individual coursing careers and sets a high standard to help new hounds and owners achieve their goals.

The Hall of Fame shall also honor those individuals who have donated a great part of their life to improve and promote the sport of lure coursing for sighthounds. Since its inception, the sport of lure coursing has continually evolved. That evolution has taken place through the vision and energy of people who should be honored for their efforts on behalf of the sport. We shall endeavor to remember always those individuals who have given their time and energy to make lure coursing what it is today. Their commitment serves as an inspiration to those who would, in turn, take the sport to greater heights.

The Hall of Fame was instituted in 1998. The 1998 Annual Convention of Delegates elected into the Hall of Fame the first Field Champion of each breed; the first Lure Courser of Merit of each breed; the first AKC conformation champion of each breed to become an ASFA Field Champion; the only three hounds to obtain the Grand Field Champion title; and the following people: Lyle Gillette, Tom Leone, Betz Leone and Gary Forrester. These hounds and individuals are the Charter members of the ASFA Hall of Fame.

Procedures for nominations:

Hounds:

Any ASFA club may recommend one hound on an annual basis to be nominated for induction into the ASFA Hall of Fame. Recommendations should be submitted by a club officer on the form provided on the ASFA website for this purpose. The form, including a 250-word biography of the nominated hound and two photos should be submitted to the appropriate Committee Chair by January 31 of that year. The hound should be retired and have not entered a trial in the last five years. The hound should have great coursing accomplishments, including a long coursing career with a top-winning record, however, great achievement in a short time span will be considered.

The committee will then select ten hounds to be voted on by delegates convening at the ensuing ACoD. In the event that there are not at least ten hounds nominated by clubs, the Hall of Fame Committee may nominate additional hounds to bring the total to ten nominations. The Committee will first consider hounds previously nominated and not elected, but may also nominate hounds not previously nominated. The Hall of Fame nominees for each year will be listed on the ASFA website approximately 30 days after the January 31 closing of the nominations. At the ASFA ACOD three hounds will be chosen by written ballot. A picture and biographical sketch of each hound elected into the Hall of Fame will be entered into the appropriate historian's album. The Hall of Fame Committee shall award certificates for hounds inducted into the ASFA Hall of Fame each year at the ACoD.

As new breeds are accepted by the ASFA, the first Field Champion; the first Lure Courser of Merit and the first ASFA AKC conformation champion and ASFA FCch dual champion of each breed will be automatically entered into the ASFA Hall of Fame. This will occur in the tenth year after the breed was recognized by ASFA as a fully accepted breed. The first VFCH as well as the first VLCM of each breed will be automatically inducted into the ASFA Hall of Fame the first year after earning that title.

People:

Each region may nominate one person, through its regional meeting, to be nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame. Nominations should be submitted on the form provided on the ASFA website for this purpose and signed by the appropriate Regional Director and sent to the appropriate Committee Chair no later than January 31 of that year. The nominee may be deceased or may be living but no longer active in lure coursing. The form including a 500-word biography of the nominated person along with one (1) photo should be submitted to the ASFA Hall of Fame Committee Chair.

The Hall of Fame Committee shall select no more than three nominees to be voted on by the delegates at the ensuing ACoD. The Hall of Fame nominees for each year will be listed on the ASFA website approximately 30 days after the January 31 closing of the nominations. At the ASFA ACOD, one person will be elected by written ballot. A picture and biographical sketch of the person selected will be placed in the appropriate historian's album. The Hall of Fame Committee shall award certificates for people inducted into the ASFA Hall of Fame each year at the ACoD.

Hounds and People Not Elected:

If hounds or people nominated to the Hall of Fame are not elected, they shall automatically be placed on the ballot for the following year. If the hound or person is not elected in second year on the ballot, the nomination process must be repeated to be placed on the ballot again.

Solicitation on the Website:

The Hall of Fame guidelines and nomination forms for the Hound and the Person are on the ASFA website on the Hall of Fame link.

Undeliverable Certificates:

All certificates which cannot be delivered to the appropriate person will be sent to the ASFA Historical/Archives Committee.