

ARF POLICIES

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN TRIALS

License Required;

All dogs must hold a valid license in order to participate in ARF sanctioned Trials. There will be 3 types of licenses issued, “A”, “B”, and “F”. All licenses expire on December 31 in the year issued. Renewals for the following year will be available after October 15th. In order to obtain any license the dog must already have a valid Work Book. For an “A” or “B” license the owner/handler must be a member in good standing with an ARF affiliated club, and the dog must be registered with the ACA or its affiliate ICA. An “A” License is issued for Pure bred dogs, with a 3 generation pedigree, registered with the ACA, and listed on the CUN-CBG list of approved breeds. A “B” license is issued for Dogs not meeting the criteria above, but being a recognized breed to perform protection work; these dogs must be registered with the ICA. An “F” License is for members of foreign countries or associations other than ARF, and must be approved by their home association and club, (A SCC issued license, will be considered an “F” license). Dogs with any of these licenses may participate in ANY and ALL ARF sanctioned Club Trials or Pre-Selectifs, however, only dogs with an “A” license may participate in Regional Championships, Coupe of Clubs, and the ARF Championship. The Coupe of Champions shall be an Invitation only and a license for that event will automatically be issued with the invitation. Any person over the age of 18 (under 18 with Parental consent) may handle any dog, not his own, in any ARF sanctioned event that they meet the qualifications for, providing the handler has a dog with a current license.

Pre-Selectif defined;

Any ARF sanctioned trial, with an approved Judge, at least one level II decoy, with at least 3 other competitors at the same level, will be considered a pre-selectif. The selectif season shall commence the day after the final selectif, and terminate 4 weeks prior to the first selectif the following year.

Qualifications for Selectifs;

Selectifs are for Ring III Dogs with an ARF “A” license only. The top 10 dogs in each Region, with the highest average of their best 3 pre-selectifs, these may be any pre-selectif authorized by any governing body operating under the same system of Selectifs and Championships, (Currently ARF, the GTR, the GTRM, and the FER) are eligible to compete in the selectifs in their Region

only, provided the dog has competed in at least 2 pre-selectifs in ARF during the current season. Prior authorization from ARF is required to compete outside your region for the selectifs.

Regional Championships and Coupe of Clubs;

These trials are for Ring I& Ring II Dogs with an ARF “A” license only. Participation in The Regional Championship is a pre-requisite for the Coupe of Clubs, and that score may or may not be used to determine your average. The only exception will be a dog not currently at Ring I at the time of their Regional Championship. The top 10 dogs in each level for each Region, with the highest average of their best 2 trials (1 of which must be ARF trials, The 2nd may be any trial authorized by any governing body operating under the auspices of the SCC) are eligible to compete in the these trials in their Region only. Prior authorization from ARF is required to compete outside your region.

ARF Coupe and Championships;

Championships are for Ring III Dogs with an ARF “A” license only. Participation in the Selectifs in your region is a pre-requisite. The Ring III dog with the highest score combining the average of the Selectifs (Currently only 1) added to the score in the Coupe will be declared the ARF Champion. The dog with the highest score in the Coupe will be declared the Coupe Champion.

Coupe of Champions;

This is an invitational only trial, inviting the best from the other associations and countries that participate in French Ringsport. The highest scoring Ring III from the U.S. or Canada will be declared the NORTH AMERICAN Grand Champion. There are ongoing discussions regarding whether all countries practicing French Ring will be represented.

Certificate of Sociability And Utilization (CSAU)

As was the practice in France when the CSAU was first implemented, the CSAU is only required BEFORE the Brevet. Any dog earning a Brevet or any Titles (Ring 1, Ring 2 or Ring 3, or their equivalent in other internationally recognized protection sports) prior to June 1, 2009, will not be required to have a CSAU. In accordance with the decision of the CUN-CBG, in their meeting of November 21, 2008, the following tests equivalent to the CSAU will be accepted if duly noted in the work book; the German Begleithundeprüfung (BH), The Belgian Test de Comportement Social, or Swedish Mental Description Test (MD)

Proposed ARF Policies

Expenses for Selectifs, Coupes, and Championship Trials

ARF will be responsible for the costs of Travel and Lodging for the selected Jury (Judges and Decoys) as well as the trophies for these events. Hosting clubs will be responsible for transportation to and from airports and hotels as well as meals, and having all necessary Regulation material for the field (Jumps, Blinds, Basket, Cones, Revolver and sufficient ammunition, Food for the food refusal, etc.)

Process for Selecting the Jury for Selectifs and Championships

A list of 3 Judges and 6 decoys will be provided to all affiliated Club Presidents 60 days prior to these trials. Each club will rank the Jury by preference with a numerical value 1 to 3 for Judges and 1 to 6 for the decoys, the higher numerical value will be the most preferred and the lower value the least preferred. The judges and decoys receiving the most points will be first invited and so on. Again to clarify, the higher number value assigned will be the most preferred, a 6 is the most preferred and a 1 is the least preferred. The list will be drawn from the highest ranking ARF judges and Decoys, then the French Judges (from the Previous Coupe and Selectifs) and decoys (from the list of current National Level Decoys), then from the other associations as necessary.

Compensation for Decoys

Beginning January 1, 2010 decoys working any trial outside their Region will be financially compensated, for travel per mile, and a fixed amount per day or ½ day. This compensation will be from a fixed schedule to be in place prior to 2010.

Insurance for Decoys

We have identified several Companies providing suitable Accident/Hospitalization Insurance for our Decoys, and we are planning on having this coverage available effective January 1, 2010

Income Opportunities for Affiliated Clubs

When this Policy is completed, it will be forwarded directly to the affiliated clubs

Annual Reunions for Club Presidents/Officers

It is the intention of ARF to hold an annual Reunion of all Club presidents and ARF officials, once a year for 2-3 days (week end) there will be meetings, guest speakers and seminars. Our

Goal is for ARF to cover the costs of the hotels and meals, and possibly travel expenses. This event will possibly coincide with winter decoy selection held in Orlando, FL