

AKC LURE COURSING TITLES

From the AKC Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials

JUNIOR COURSER (JC) TITLE

A hound at least 12 months of age running alone shall receive one qualification from a judge, and a second qualification from a different judge at a separate event, stating that the hound completed the course with enthusiasm and without interruption. The two qualifying runs can be earned on the same date.

QUALIFIED COURSER (QC) CERTIFICATE

A hound at least 12 months of age (Qualifying Hound) running with another hound of the same breed—or another breed with a similar running style—(Testing Hound) shall receive certification from a licensed judge. The qualifying hound must complete the course with enthusiasm and without interruption, sufficiently course the lure and not course the Testing Hound. The testing hound must run a sufficient length of the course to allow evaluation of the qualifying hound. If two non-qualified hounds are run together, both dogs can be certified by the judge. It must be understood that if one dog fails to complete the course, the other dog may not qualify. The judge will certify that the Qualifying Hound ran cleanly and did not appear to present a hazard to the Testing Hound at any point in the qualifying course. This certificate is required to enter a hound in an Open Stake.

The handler presenting the Qualifying Hound shall be responsible for providing the Testing Hound for the qualifying course.

Upon successful completion of the Qualified Courser test, the judge completes a certificate and awards it to the handler. This certificate must be submitted to the host club with the hound's first entry in an Open Stake. The certificate must be included when the results of the trial are sent to the AKC.

It is strongly recommended that every Qualifying Hound have been run previously alone and that to the handler's satisfaction runs cleanly and keenly. It is additionally recommended that every Qualifying Hound practices with other hounds prior to being presented for a qualifying courser test. It is to be understood by all that training prior to running a hound with other hounds in competition is essential to ensure that the hound is prepared to run safely with other hounds.

SENIOR COURSER (SC) TITLE

(1) Must be eligible to enter the Open Stake. See Chapter VIII, Section 2.

(2) Must receive qualifying scores at four (4) AKC-licensed or member trials, under three different judges.

(3) Each of the qualifying scores must be earned in a run with at least one other hound. Dogs of different breeds may be combined if all handlers involved agree.

MASTER COURSER (MC) TITLE

The Master Courser title will be awarded to hounds that have acquired the Senior Courser title and that have earned an additional twenty-five (25) qualifying scores (with competition) in either the Open, Veteran, or Specials stake at AKC licensed or member club lure coursing trials.

SECTION 2. FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP (FC)

In order to be recorded as a Field Champion, a hound must obtain fifteen (15) championship points, including two major wins. Major wins must be won under two different judges, and at least one point must be earned in competition with a hound of the same breed. A major is a first placement of three, four, or five points according to the Schedule of Points By Breed. If hounds are tied for placement in the stake after the final run, the placement may be forfeited. The higher placement is awarded to the dog that does not forfeit. If after a Best of Breed runoff or Best In Field runoff, the hounds are tied, the win may be forfeited BOB or BIF is awarded to the dog that does not forfeit. A Field Champion may be designated as "Dual Champion (DC)" if it has also been recorded as a Show Champion. Any dog which has earned the titles of Champion of Record, Obedience Trial Champion and Field Champion may be designated as a "Triple Champion" (TC).

SECTION 3. LURE COURSER EXCELLENT (LCX) TITLE

Any dog that has earned the title of Field Champion and has earned 45 additional championship points from the Special or Veterans Stake, shall be awarded the suffix title of Lure Courser Excellent (LCX). The title of Lure Courser Excellent is a cumulative title. Each time a hound accrues an additional 45 championship points, it would be eligible to receive the next title level (LCX II, LCX III, e