

Performance and Versatility Committee Report

April 23, 2021

Committee Composition: David Berzins (Chair), Donna Cassini, Magie Wolfe

Activities:

Top Performance Irish Wolfhound accomplishments for 2021 were documented via a video (posted to the IWCA Facebook and YouTube accounts on April 12) and an upcoming article in the Harp & Hound. Thank you to the H&H and the Internet Committee for publishing it.

LGRA Update:

Results from the vote (see the January 2022 IWCA Versatility and Performance Committee report for ballot items; the IWCA voted yes/no/yes for Rule #1, Rule #2, ORCA hosting the LGRA National):

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Subject: Rule proposal results

Happy New Year to all!

The final USPS snail has finally delivered the last ballot.

41 total LGRA clubs

16 clubs voted; 17 did not; others inactive or ineligible.

Rule #1: passed 100%

Rule #2: 10 of 16 clubs voted yes. Did not pass. Need 2/3.

ORCA to host the 2022 LGRA Nationals: Passed. 11 of 16 clubs voted yes.

Many of the clubs sent in reasons why they voted no to Rule proposal #2. In the majority of cases clubs presented, there are provisions in the rule book to re-run the race so those dogs do not receive a dnf. We would suggest race secretaries review that section of the rule book. The rule proposal was a clarification to this section of the rule book.

Please see Page 22 of the rule book:

6.5 NO RACE; RERUN OF A RACE

A race is to be rerun after a suitable rest period only under the following circumstances:

- (a) If a racer catches or passes the lure or any part of the lure between the start and the finish line, it will be declared a "No-Race";
- (b) If the lure operator sees a racer catch or pass the lure or a hound check on a piece of the lure which has fallen off, he should stop the lure if possible and the handlers are to retrieve their hounds;
- (c) If the starting box fails to open properly giving any racer an unfair advantage;
- (d) If a hound not entered in a race escapes and interferes with the racers;
- (e) If there is any outside interference with the race which is likely to have altered the race results;
- (f) If a situation occurs which presents a likelihood of injury to a racer, the lure should be stopped and the handlers are to retrieve their hounds;
- (g) If two or more dogs stop because of objects or distractions on or near the track (paper, garbage, etc.).
- (h) If a hound is disqualified for intentional foul during a race, that race will be re-run without the offending hound unless the owners of the hounds in the race unanimously agree to accept the order of finish.

The results of the meet should indicate which races were rerun.

6.5.1 Options Instead of a Second Rerun

If a race has been rerun and a second rerun of that race is indicated, the Race Committee, after considering the condition of the racers and the fairness to all involved, may choose one of the following alternatives instead of a second rerun:

- (a) If the first rerun of the race was more than 3/4 complete and in the opinion of the Race Committee, the placings of any one or more of the racers was not likely to change from that at the point where the race was stopped, the placing(s) should be awarded, and any remaining points should be equally divided among the other racers.
- (b) Split all the points available in the race equally among all the participants in the race.

Thank you to all the clubs that voted!

Jen Price
For the LGRA board

LGRA National:

The 2022 LGRA Nationals will be held October 1 in Vinita OK hosted by ORCA. The premium is posted on the LGRA website: <https://www.lgra.org/>

ASFA Update:

David Berzins and Donna Cassini virtually attended the 2022 ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates on March 18 & 19. Thank you to Denise Shorey for registering us.

The highlight for IWs was the election of Stoneybrook Finn's Mischief, owned by Karen Frederick and Michael Ferris and bred by Lynn and Judy Simon, to the ASFA Hall of Fame. Finnegan ran from 2004 to 2008 and is the only male IW to earn an ASFA LCM2 title.

Other ASFA highlights were progress on the records software (a long story of tens of thousands of dollars spent on a product never delivered; now being developed by ASFA judge Eddie Kominek) and some constitution and rule book changes.

The ASFA International Invitational will be held in Muncie, Indiana on Oct 22 & 23.

The Chair of the Performance and Versatility Committee still needs to update the Versatility guidelines document and create the Multi-Titlist and Significant Achievement award application forms. These changes/awards were approved at the January 2022 IWCA Board meeting.

The Multi-Titlist and Significant Achievement medallions have been ordered. Good News...due to the quantity ordered, approximately \$900 was saved compared to the quoted amount at the January Board meeting (\$2338 down to \$1429).

2022 AKC Rally National Championship (July 8 in Wilmington, Ohio)

3 Irish Wolfhounds met eligibility criteria:

Novice Rally: Karontara Nickelodeon At Tantara owned by Barbara J Patterson/Karon L Ozols

Advanced Rally: Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose owned by David Berzins/Risha Cupit-Berzins

Excellent Rally: Howlin's Hi-Ho Lounge On St. Claude owned by David Berzins/Risha Cupit-Berzins

A News item will be drafted soon.
