



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Host Lure Coursing Events**

Subject: **Scratching at the Line**

This communication is to inform your club about an update made to the *Regulations for Lure Coursing Test and Trials* which is effective immediately. This update is noted in underline and is meant to provide greater clarity regarding the calculating of championship points. Dogs that are scratched at the line will be treated the same as a forfeited dog and will not be counted as a starter. The exact wording will appear as follows in the next reprinting of the regulation booklet.

Chapter XII – Section 4. Determination of Championship Points.

Determining Points for Best of Breed. Calculation of championship points awarded to the BOB winner shall include the number of starters from the other stakes(s) provided the winner of the stake competes in the BOB run-off. The BOB winner shall receive no additional points through forfeiture. For example, if two hounds are eligible to compete for BOB and one chooses to forfeit, the calculation of championship points for the remaining dog shall not include the starters from the forfeiting dog's stake. A dog that "scratches on the starting line" has not competed in the run-off and shall not count as a starter when determining championship points.

Regulation updates are always found on the [Regulation Resources](#) webpage. Please send any questions or comments to: lurecoursing@akc.org