

Criteria for Badges Guidelines for Evaluators

Lure Coursing Badge

This badge demonstrates that the handler has learned warm-up stretching activities, and that the dog will chase and “stay on” the bag for a sustained period of time (two separate times).

Dog Requirements: Dog will follow bag around the course as closely as possible, maintaining interest.

Owner Requirements: Owner knows how to warm up dog for this activity and understands the 120 rule used for racing dogs. (Temperature + humidity less than 120)

Equipment Needed: A lure machine setup is needed, as well as a large, open expanse of relatively unobstructed terrain in which to run the course. If the Evaluator is checking out Scouts at a Lure Coursing event, no extra equipment will need to be provided by the evaluator. The Evaluator just needs to see the dog run the course twice (two separate times), staying with the bag without losing interest.

Allowable:

- Luremeister can work bag back and forth a little to get the dog’s interest.

- This is simply pass/fail—the dog either does it or not. Dog must demonstrate interest in two separate runs.

- Dog can have another chance, if the luremeister did something wrong to cause the dog to lose interest.

- Dog may run with muzzle on.

- Dog does not have to have competition to get this badge.

Not Allowable:

- Anything that would be harmful to the dog’s well being.

- Not listening to Luremeister’s instructions. Not depositing equipment (leash, harness, etc.) in the designated place. Holding dog’s leash in hand or dropping it on the line is extremely dangerous to both dogs and humans.

- Running with a leash on.