

Rule Amendment Notification No 4

AMENDED RULE FOR DECIDING ROUND ROBIN RESULTS WHERE TIED COMPETITION POINTS EXIST.

The AFA has now clarified the intent of the wording regarding voting on Motions at the AGM and the legal opinion supports the view that abstaining should not be counted as a vote when determining the 75% majority. Accordingly the following member Motion voted upon at AGM was CARRIED and shall now replace the Motion adopted earlier by postal vote.

Rule Book Reference: - AFA Rules and Policies Section 9.2 and B-4.

Delete Text:

All text in Guidelines Section B-4.

Insert following Text in Para 9.2 :

Section 9.2 q) Determining the winner of a Round Robin Competition. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of competition points one of the following tie breakers are to be used 1) a head to head run off between the teams with best two out of three heat format (where more than two teams are involved each must race the other with Competition points recorded for each result) OR

2) count back based first on head to head RACE wins during competition (where more than two teams are tied the count back for each team shall be the total RACE wins scored against all of the teams that are tied (the combined number of wins); if two teams are still even the teams are compared on head to head heats; if two teams are still even - then average time using the 5 best completed head to head heats for each team (i.e. add the 5 best times of all completed heats run by each team head to head and divide by 5 to determine average completed heat time. Best average time wins.)

If average time is even - then fastest heat time head to head decides the winner. Competition organisers must state which option is to apply in Competition Schedule and announce this at start of Competition.

Notes: The existing sub para. q) is required to be re-numbered to be sub para. r).

End of text.

The AFA Committee suggests that Competition organisers consider using one of the following wording options in their Schedules when covering this matter:

“AFA APPROVED HEAD TO HEAD RUN OFF RULE: Where at the end of a Round Robin Competition two or more teams are tied on Competition points the placings will be decided by a head to head run off between the teams with best two out of three format (where more than two teams are involved each must race the other with Competition points recorded for each result.”

(This wording to be used where run offs are to apply).

OR

“ AFA APPROVED COUNT BACK RULE: Where at the end of a Round Robin Competition two or more teams are tied on Competition points the placings will be decided using the approved AFA Count Back Rule.

“Count back based first on head to head RACE wins during competition (where more than two teams are tied the count back for each team shall be the total RACE wins scored against all of the teams that are tied (the combined number of wins); if two teams are still even the teams are compared on head to head heats; if two teams are still even - then average time using the 5 best completed head to head heats for each team (i.e. add the 5 best times of all completed heats run by each team head to head and divide by 5 to determine average completed heat time. Best average time wins.)

If average time is even - then fastest heat time head to head decides the winner. “ (This wording to be used where Count Back is to apply).

It is a requirement that Competition organisers state which option is to apply in their Competition Schedule and announce this at start of Competition.

The AFA Committee has decided that the above Rule should be implemented at the earliest opportunity by Competition organisers. In recognition that Competition Schedules may already be finalised for several mid September Competitions the Committee has agreed that new Rule MUST be applied for all Competitions scheduled after the end of September 2008.