



**Rule Notification Number 5 – On Trial Rule on Jump Heights -  
implementation**

The new “on trial” Rule for dog jump height determination post 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 requires the AFA to specify an approved, common style, measuring device that will be used in all States. Until such a device is available no “official measures” for height card purposes can be recorded under the new system. The AFA Committee is arranging to obtain the necessary measuring wickets and hopes to have these available in all States before the end of 2008.

The Committee, at its Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, agreed upon the procedure to be followed to implement the new Rule. The following is the agreed process:

Members who have existing height card application forms recording measures under the current system can continue to have measures taken under the existing system up until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 and may apply for height cards when they received 3 identical measures. Any cards issued on the basis of these applications will be under the EXISTING height measure system i.e. it will reflect the jump height before the one inch reduction to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> November. No applications for height cards using 3 measures under the old system will be accepted after end December 2008;

Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November where a member has a height card Judges are directed to automatically reduce indicated jump heights downward by one inch. Where the member does not have a height card all measures after 1<sup>st</sup> November are to reflect the On Trial Rule i.e. jump height to be 5 inches below dogs withers with a minimum of 7 inches and a maximum of 14 inches. No “official” measure for jump card issue purposes is to be recorded on jump height application forms however until a common measure device is available. Once a common measure device is available members who apply for height cards will be issued with a “new” system height card which will include a distinguishing mark to indicate it reflects the lower height Rule;

Replacement height cards will be issued to all Members, reflecting the lower jump height, as part of the 2009 Membership renewal. These cards will also include the distinguishing mark to indicate they were issued under the new measure rule;

Members will be entitled to use a combination of old measures (reduced by one inch) and at least one new measures in future height card application forms (i.e. they do not have to start again with 3 measures under the new system);

This Notice informs Judges and Clubs of these procedural decisions. The Notice will also be published on the AFA Web Site.