

CURRENT RULE NOTIFICATIONS

January 2026 to June 2026

The current rule notifications for the current six-month period are listed below and will be incorporated in the next release of the rules in mid-June 2026 with an effective date of 1 July 2026.

There is an exception to the effective date if the AFA Committee deems an amendment is a clarification or a rules amendment addresses a health and safety matter then the amendment will be effective from the date of the AFA Committee’s decision.

Current Rule Notifications

Date	Rule notification description	Link
1 Jan 26	No amendments published	
2 Mar 26	Forfeits, penalties & related matters – define “forfeit”, remove the concept of “just cause” , provide consistency in the penalties for breaches of rules, clarify how a “break-out team” is treated in subsequent races/heats	Rule Notification FY2526-3 Forfeits, penalties and related matters.pdf
1 Apr 26	Rule clarifications – racing schedule, programming EJS for handicap format & approving a running order	Rule Notification FY2526-4 Rule clarifications.pdf
6 Apr 26	New Demonstration and Training Day Policy	Rule Notification FY2526- 5 Demonstrations and Training Day Policy.pdf
6 Apr 26	AFA representatives – who can be and when	Rule Notification FY2526-6 AFA representatives.pdf
6 Apr 26	Registered timekeepers may witness height card measures	Rule Notification FY2526-7 Witnessing height card measure.pdf
4 May 26	Sandbagging – after a break-out and simplification of reviewing process	Rule Notification FY2526 -8 Sandbagging.pdf
4 May 26	Consequences of red card & issue with cross listed dogs	Rule Notification FY2526-9 Consequences of red card.pdf