AFA Notification to Members No. 59 – April 2016.

This Notification deals with the following four matters:

1.Minor wording error in Notification no.58 – Para 5 in Guidelines for Regional Reps when approving running orders.
Original wording reads **-** Does any team have a gap of 3 heats or less. If yes then is a break in running order required?. The word Heat should have read "race".

2. Rule Clarification – Section 1.4 dealing with seed times and breakout penalties.
Existing Section 1.4 (a), (b) and (c) to be deleted and replaced with the following wording, which is designed to clarify the seed time process, especially the use of declared times. The new wording does not involve any change in Rules process but rather clarifies the seed times provisions previously stated in Guidelines documents by including them in the Rules document.

"**Section 1.4 - Seed Times and Breakout Penalties
Seed Times:**
(a)   Teams shall be seeded based on the information listed on the AFA website under Seed Times on the nominated close of entry date of each competition. These times are based on the fastest time recorded by a team during the latest three competitions that have been processed by the AFA. Times set at any competition that has occurred after the processing date indicated on the web are not to be taken into account. Any times recorded more than 4 months before the recalculation date are declared null and void. Teams which use the seed time listed on the AFA website under Seed Times will be subject to the division breakout time. In summary seed times listed on the Web on the day of close of entries shall be the official Web times for the competition.

(b) Teams can also elect to use a declared seed time which must be accompanied by a written justification on the entry form as to why they are using a Declared time.
If a team uses a declared seed time which is slower than the time listed on the AFA website under Seed Times it must be at least one (1) second slower than the listed Seed Time (eg. website time is 25.452 therefore the team must enter a seedtime of 26.452 or

slower). You can declare a faster time than the time listed but there is no minimum to this amount (eg. Website time is 23.213, you can declare a time less than a second faster i.e 23.000).
(c) New teams or teams which have not raced for four months must provide a declared seed time, the seed time declared by the team becomes subject to its own (one) 1 second breakout not the division breakout (except in Division 1 where no breakout applies).

3. Rule Clarification – Section 9.2 (q) – Determining the winner of a Round Robin Race competition.
The following preamble has been added to existing wording of Section 9.2 (q) in order to clarify how a race win is determined when DNFs occur.

9.2(q) Determining the winner of a Round Robin Competition :
 "The Team that wins the majority of heats of a race will be determined to be the winner of that race. In the event that both teams record DNF/s for the same heat, the winner of the race will be the team that wins the majority of the heats for that race. In the event that both teams win an equal number of heats the race will be declared to be a tie (for example both teams have a DNF and then win an equal number of heats each)."

Existing words then follow – i.e.
"The following competition points are awarded for each Round Robin race: ----------

4. Clarification of use of Team names in Open format.
The Committee determined that Clubs be reminded that only registered OPEN team names can be used in Open Class racing. It was agreed that Club names could be used in front of a team name but the full name must be shown on the AFAs register of Open Team names. It was agreed to add the following statement as Sub Clause 11 to Appendix E – the Open Class Format On Trial Rule
Add to Appendix E
11. Only team names registered on the AFA database and showing on the AFA website on the 'Teams' page under the club heading 'Open' should be used when entering a team in Open division racing. Open team names can be used more than once and do not need to be reregistered for every use. Only registered Open team names may be used.