**AFA Rules Notification No. 70 July 2018.**

**This Notification deals with a clarification in wording to Rule 9.2 (f) dealing with dogs fouling in the ring.**

There are two references to the Rule re actions resulting from a dog fouling in the ring – Chapters 7f (vi) and 9.2(f). The wording of these two references is somewhat different and as a result has resulted in some confusion as to the correct action to be taken where this occurs during a race. In order to remove any confusion the wording in Chapter 9.2 (f) has now been amended by deleting the existing text and inserting in its place “ Refer to Chapter 7 f (vi).” The wording in 7 f (vi) now becomes the sole reference to the treatment of heats impacted by fouling. This change is being treated as an “On Trial Rule” change with a date of effect 1st August 2018.

The Committee has also noted that Judges should be advised that they should not stop a heat in progress for a dog fouling UNLESS there is an interference or distraction situation. Teams should be allowed to finish the heat in progress if possible and it should be awarded to the non - offending team.

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