

Rule Notification 2022/2 – Persons in Ring

At its meeting on 10 October 2022 the AFA committee considered the need to clarify the consequences for a team that breaches rule **5.1 Persons in ring**.

The AFA committee considered that a breach of rule 5.1 is similar to a breach of rule **5.2 Dogs must have CRN** and the consequences should therefore be the same, namely that the team should forfeit any placement at the relevant race meeting and all title points earned by every dog in the team at the race meeting should be cancelled.

The AFA committee decided that the rule changes as set out below would be placed on trial effective from 10 October 2022 until the date of the next AGM.

The rules published on the AFA website will be updated to reflect the changes.

Affected rules with rule changes shown by tracking

Rule 5.1 Persons in ring

New paragraph inserted:

A **team** forfeits any placement at a **race meeting** if:

- the **team** has a person in the **ring** who is not an **AFA member** in **good standing**; or
- a **volunteer associate member** is the **handler** of a dog in the **team**.

Rule 9.1 Title Points

New paragraph inserted:

A **title points** earned by every dog in a **team** at a **race meeting** will be cancelled if the team breaches rule 5.1 by having:

- a person other than an **AFA member** in **good standing** in the **ring**; or
- a **volunteer associate member** as the **handler** of a dog in the **team**.