

Rule Notification FY2526-7 Registered timekeepers may witness height card measures

At its meeting on 6 April 2026 the AFA committee resolved to amend Appendix 11 of the rules to allow for registered timekeepers to witness the measuring of dogs for the purpose of a height card application. The amendment will be effective from 1 July 2026 and will be included in the next publication of the rules. The height card application form will be updated to reflect the rule amendment.

Background

It was brought to the committee's attention that the current witnessing requirements for measures for height card applications was causing issues in practice because of the need for the measuring judge and witness to be different for each measure and for one of the officials involved in each measure to not be from the dog's club. The committee could not identify any good reason why registered timekeepers should not be permitted to also witness a measure and agreed that this would improve the height card process without affecting its integrity.

The eighth bullet point in Part 2 of Appendix 11 will be amended to read:

- each measure must be witnessed by another ***judge***, a ***registered AFA representative*** or a ***registered timekeeper***.