

### Section G-1 In general

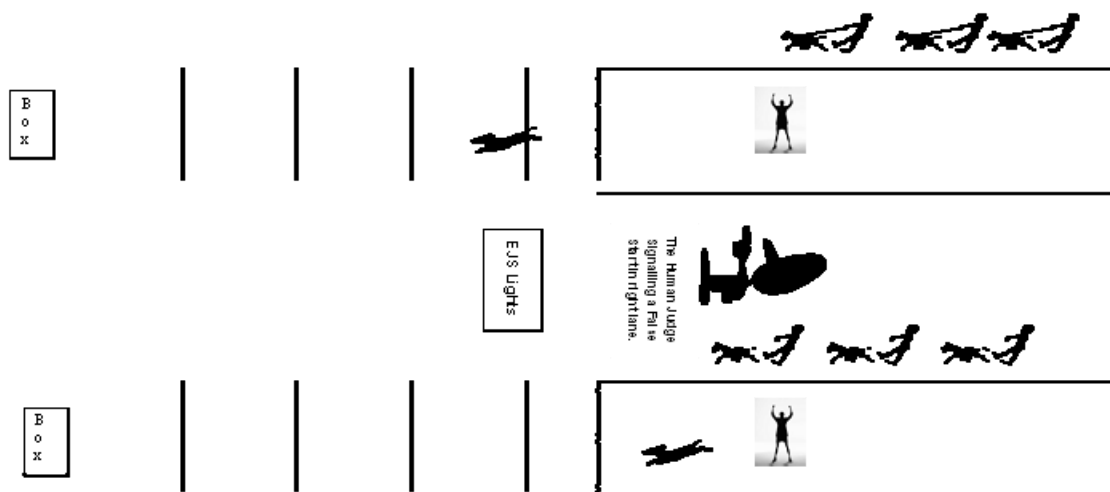
- (a) Give a warning if:
  - (i) it is not a clear violation; or
  - (ii) if the other team has completed the race and is a clear winner.
- (b) Flags should be held up sufficiently so the team has an opportunity to note the penalty.
- (c) Judges and/or Stewards are not obligated to advise teams when a dog is to run again, nor are they obligated to explain a decision.

### Section G-2 When to stop a race (indicate with a whistle)

- (a) For the first false start (in any one heat) Judge to indicate with a signal (see \* below)
- (b) For interference.
- (c) If a dog fouls in the ring.
- (d) If the box loader indicates the box has malfunctioned.
- (e) If in the Judge's opinion there is a safety hazard.
- (f) Aggression

### Signalling False Starts:

The following diagram shows the Judge signal to the team when their start dog has false started causing the timing system to show the foul light and sound its buzzer.



### **Section G-3 When to restart a race**

- (a) For a false start (first time only for any one heat).
- (b) If the box malfunctions (first time only for any one heat).
- (c) If the Judge stopped the race because there was an injury to a dog or handler
- (d) After replacement of a broken board if the Judge stopped the heat for safety reasons.

### **Section G-4 When a team would forfeit the heat**

- (a) For the second time a box malfunctioned in any one heat or if the Judge determines the box did not malfunction.
- (b) If a dog fouls in the ring.
- (c) Interference.
- (d) The second time a handler enters the ring not wearing their CRN/Member number tag.

### **Section G-5 When dogs must race again (indicate with a signal)**

- (a) For an illegal pass or for a second false start in any one heat.
- (b) If the dog:
  - (i) misses one or more jumps;
  - (ii) fails to carry the ball over the start/finish line;
  - (iii) takes the ball from the cup;
  - (iv) does not trigger the box.
- (c) If the dog is aided by other than verbal assistance (i.e. by a spectator, box loader or a handler). The dog is not to be penalised for retrieving a ball from out of bounds/play unless aided.
- (d) If the handler crosses the start/finish line (other than to retrieve a loose ball or set up a knocked down jump).

## **Section G-6 Judge's responsibilities**

Judges are to report all incidents to the AFA within 48 hours on the prescribed form C-11

Judges will:

- (a) Inspect boxes and the ring set-up prior to racing.
- (b) Measure dogs under (18 inches).
- (c) Check with each Steward and team prior to the start of each race.
- (d) Start and stop the races. The race is not over until the Judge declares a winner.
- (e) Observe handlers for possible violation (bouncing tennis balls or otherwise distracting the other teams).
- (f) Get into position to observe the finish without distracting either team.
- (g) Confer with the all Stewards and timekeepers prior to the start and following each heat.
- (h) Declare a winner and indicate to the teams and spectators who is the winner.
- (i) Notify the announcer of the outcome of the heat.
- (j) Check the time sheets following each race.
- (k) Sign the time sheets following the competition.

## **Section G-7 Timekeepers responsibilities**

Timesheets will be held by timekeepers at all competitions. Team captains will inform the timekeepers of the dogs racing order during the warm-up period prior to the start of each race or heat. Timesheets must not be altered or removed from the timekeepers table by any member of a team or any person other than the Judges, AFA representative or competition organiser officiating at the competition. Timesheets and results must be countersigned by Team Captains and returned to the AFA Secretary by the competition organiser within 14 days of the competition.

Timekeepers will:

- (a) Record which dogs participate in every heat using the AFA Time Sheet (AFA Form C-2 - Time Sheet);
- (b) Operate the EJS for the duration of each heat.
- (c) Press the manual foul for their assigned lane when a dog fouls
  - (i) A dog misses a jump,
  - (ii) A dog does not carry the current ball across the start/finish

- line in its mouth,
- (iii) A dog does not trigger the box,
- (iv) A dog fouls in the ring,
- (v) If a handler crosses the start/finish line during a heat (other than to set up a knocked down jump or to retrieve a loose ball) or other role violations for which a dog must run again.
- (vi) Record any violations on the team's timesheet as per the Judge's instructions.
- (vii) Record on the timesheet the recalculated time on the time sheet given by the EJS after the EJS has declared the winner and record the winner.
- (viii) Mark when a manual time has been used due to EJS failure.

### **Section G-8 Line Steward's responsibilities**

- (a) Record times on a stop watch for each heat run in case of EJS failure.
- (b) Signal with a flag when their assigned lane has fouled
  - (i) A dog misses a jump,
  - (ii) A dog does not carry the current ball across the start/finish line in its mouth,
  - (iii) A dog does not trigger the box,
  - (iv) A dog fouls in the ring, if a handler crosses the start/finish line during a heat (other than to set up a knocked down jump or to retrieve a loose ball) or other role violations for which a dog must run again.
- (c) Confer with the Judge following each heat to determine the winning team.
- (d) Manual timing only:
  - (i) Observe for false starts and illegal passes in assigned lane.
  - (ii) Stop the race for a false start (first time).
  - (iii) Indicate with a flag a second false start (same heat), illegal pass, or if the handler crosses the start/finish line.

### **Section G-9 Box Steward's Responsibilities**

- (a) Observe that the box loader or spectators do not assist the dog racing.
- (b) Signal to the Judge for box a malfunction (box loader to indicate to the box steward if the box malfunctioned).

- (c) Signal by raising their flag when a dog
  - (i) fouls in the ring,
  - (ii) misses a jump,
  - (iii) does not trigger the box, or the box loader or spectator assists the dog in any manner that is not provided for in the Rules and Policies (see section 9.3 (h) conduct of a Box Loader).

### **Section G-10 Inbound Steward's Responsibilities**

Watch for:

- (a) Throwing of motivators or ball
- (b) Other distraction incidents
- (c) Aggressive incidents involving dogs and/or handlers
- (d) Incidents of Interference
- (e) Fouling in the ring
- (f) Handler indiscretions