

Guidelines for setting up official AFA Wicket

Install arm into pole by sliding arm up pole from the bottom of the pole. Make sure flat side of arm is facing down. Place pole and arm into base and tighten screw. Place wicket onto a flat even surface for best accuracy when measuring.

Use torpedo level to check that the wicket is parallel to surface and that the measuring area that you plan to use is as level as possible. Secure the wicket in a place where it cannot move, if possible.

Once the wicket appears to be parallel to the surface check for accuracy of the height from the ground to the arm using the torpedo level. The torpedo level is exactly 9 inches in length.

Place the torpedo level on the ground under the arm as if a dog would be there. Stand the level up on its end (vertical). Bring the arm down onto the level and check for measurement.

You will read the measurement on the top of the sleeve on the pole. If the measurement is not 9 inches, you need to adjust the pole to make it correct. Loosen screw and adjust the screw and the bottom of the pole. Place pole back in the base & tighten screw then recheck the height with level again. This may take quite a few times to get it accurate. Once it is accurate check that it is level in a number of positions around an arc. Try to make sure you have an area that is roughly 10" to 12" so a dog can be standing anywhere in that area and you can get an accurate measurement.

Once you have the wicket all set up and ready to go it is time to bring the dogs up to be measured. Have the dog come up to the wicket and stand in place where you want it. Bring the arm down onto the withers to get your height measurement. Be sure to bring the arm from the behind the dogs head to the withers so you do not spook the dog. Once the arm is on the withers you can read your measurement. **Remember that the measurement is read from the top of the arm.**

Please ensure that the wicket is kept in a clean and dry environment. If dust gets into the plastic inside the arm, it will not move easily up and down the pole.