

AFA Black Card Penalty Protocol

		Dog's History				
		First Black Card, Dog less than 12 months experience (Note 1)	First Black Card Dog more than 12 months experience (Note 1)	Previous Black Card, most recent more than 18 months before this one	Previous Black Card, most recent less than 18 months before this one (unless currently on Probation, see next)	Currently on Probation
Severity of Consequences	No evidence of contact	No finding	No finding	Warning 1	Warning 2	Suspension 2
	Saliva	Warning 1	Warning 2	Probation	Suspension 1	Suspension 2
	Puncture wounds	Probation	Probation	Suspension 1	Suspension 2	Suspension 3
	Severe injury	Suspension 3	Suspension 3	Suspension 3	Exclusion	Exclusion
	Death	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion

Note 1: The 12 months commences from the competition when the dog gained its first points, as recorded in AFA Records.

Definitions of penalties:

No finding	Sufficient evidence for Judge to issue a card (eg snarling, intimidation) but no evidence of contact. Penalty mitigated due to Low Grade severity and First Offence. However, will be on record as a Black Card for subsequent reports.
Warning 1	Warning letter with a recommendation that the dog be retrained. The dog may race at the owner's discretion.
Warning 2	Warning letter with a mandatory requirement for three months of retraining. Training records to be submitted to the AFA as soon as practical after training completed. The dog may race at the owner's discretion.
Probation	Probation for a period, to be determined by the AFA Incidents Subcommittee, between minimum 3 months and maximum 12 months. Mandatory requirement for retraining during period of probation. Training records to be submitted to the AFA monthly during the Probation period. Club and owner shall decide if the dog may race during this period. However, any Black Card received during a Probationary period will incur a greater penalty.
Suspension 1	Suspension from all AFA sanctioned activities for a period, to be determined by the AFA Incidents Subcommittee, between minimum 3 months and maximum 12 months. Mandatory requirement for retraining during period of suspension. Training records to be submitted to the AFA monthly during the Suspension period. Application for re-instatement to racing to be made in accordance with the AFA Dog Behaviour Policy.
Suspension 2	Suspension from all AFA sanctioned activities for a period, to be determined by the AFA Incidents Subcommittee, between minimum 6 months and maximum 12 months. Mandatory requirement for retraining during period of suspension. Training records to be submitted to the AFA monthly during the Suspension period. Application for re-instatement to racing to be made in accordance with the AFA Dog Behaviour Policy.
Suspension 3	Suspension from all AFA sanctioned activities for a period, to be determined by the AFA Incidents Subcommittee, between minimum 6 months and maximum 12 months. Mandatory requirement for retraining during period of suspension. Training records to be submitted to the AFA monthly during the Suspension period. Application for re-instatement to racing to be made in accordance with the AFA Dog Behaviour Policy. Re-instatement not confirmed until the dog's behaviour has been observed and approved by a person appointed by the AFA during the first competition after return.
Exclusion	The dog may not take part in any future AFA sanctioned event.