

AFA Rule Amendments and Policy Clarifications No.83 –May 2021

The AFA Committee at its May 2021 Meeting agreed to adopt the following changes to Rules as On Trial effective from 1st June 2021 –

On Trial Rule Amendments effective 1st June 2021:

Rules 9.2 (s)

- Yellow Card item (vi) - amended to read “Interference where no contact is made with another dog”
- Red Card Item (v) amended to read “Interference where contact is made with another dog”.

Existing Item (v) renumbered (vi).

Clarifications and other matters agreed at Meeting:

Timekeepers:

The Committee considered the matter of whether it was expected that Timekeepers should closely watch races and offer comments to Judges. It was agreed that Timekeepers should only offer comments to Judges if asked for an opinion.

Handicap Format:

The Committee reviewed Appendix A, Section 2 of Rules - dealing with handicap format – the Committee agreed that para 2 (a) had become unnecessary with the addition of Section 2 (b) and agreed to the deletion of 2 (a) as part of the overall Rules procedural rewrite to be submitted to members at 2021 AGM.

Requirement under Rule 1.2 for title points to be awarded:

The Committee considered a request to clarify Rule 1.2 dealing with requirement for 4 teams to have actually competed to qualify as a competition for title points to be awarded. Issue enquired about was what was situation if 4 teams entered competition and one team either had to withdraw or became non- competitive during competition. Committee confirmed that if a Team withdrew prior to start of competition resulting in only 3 teams taking part in competition then event could not be classified as a competition for title points purposes and would be reclassified as a demonstration. If however a team was forced to withdraw or became non -competitive after commencement of racing and taking part in at least one heat then four teams had “competed” and it remained a valid competition for title points purposes.

Checking of Lights and Equipment at hand-over using QR code system:

The Committee noted that with the development of the new QR code checking and reporting system for Light sets and other competition equipment at each hand-over there was a need for a set of Instructions outlining who was responsible for conduct of check and the procedural requirement to check all items and submit reports. This will be done in near future.

2021 AGM Date and format:

The Committee agreed Sat 16th October as the date for the 2021 AFA AGM with use of Go to Meeting system – clubs will be invited to nominate venues to their Regional representatives closer to date.