

## Requirements for AFA approved Timekeepers

### Notes:

1. **It is preferred that candidates hold a Stewards Ticket before progressing to become an AFA approved Timekeeper, however, it is not mandatory.**
2. **Senior Timekeeper is a new position that describes timekeepers of sufficient standing to be approved to sign off the practical component of timekeeper training. Senior Timekeepers are appointed by the AFA Committee upon recommendation by the Supervisory Judge.**

The Timekeeper Ticket consists of practical and written components:

- The practical requirement is timekeeping at three (3) AFA sanctioned competitions of not less than 30 races each. The AFA requires a signed record by an AFA Judge or a Senior Timekeeper of each timekeeping assignment.
- The written test requires a pass mark over 80%
- Some questions require selection of more than one correct answer

### Timekeeper's written test

1. Which tasks does a timekeeper need to perform. (Circle all that are correct).
  - a. Record dogs participating in each heat
  - b. Signal when a dog runs around a jump or drops a ball
  - c. Record violations that you see occur.
  - d. Record violations when directed by a judge
  - e. Check for any breakouts and notify the judge
  - f. Declare the winner of a race according to the electronic timing system
  - g. Mark on the timesheet when manual timing has occurred
  - h. Discuss queries from disgruntled competitors regarding the winner of a race
2. The Line Steward in front of the Timekeepers position is a member of Team "B" which is running against Team "A". Although Team "A" is running in the far lane, the Steward complains to you that one of Team "A"'s dogs crossed the centre line behind the Judge and that the heat should therefore be made null and void. What action should you take? (Circle one response)
  - a. Take the complaint up with the Judge
  - b. Advise the Steward to speak to the Judge
  - c. Tell the Steward that it's none of your concern
  - d. Change the Time Sheet to reflect a double DNF – Dead Heat
3. Fill out the Timing Table timesheet for the Top Dog Team for Race 21 given the Team timesheet provided and as the race progresses as follows:

Heat 1:

Top Dog Team wins with four dogs run, indicated time 20.890.  
Another Dog Team loses with five dogs run (bad cross, dog re-run),  
indicated time 28.778

*Now fill out Heat 1*

Heat 2:

Top Dog team breaks out with four dogs, indicated time 19.983.  
Another Dog Team wins with four dogs, indicated time 21.620  
*Now fill out Heat 2*

Heat 3:

Before the heat begins, the Team Captain for Top Dogs Team comes to the Timing Table and swaps Mbwa out and Chien in.  
Top Dog team runs four dogs but Chien drops the ball on the line and is not re-run, indicated time 21.556  
Another Dog Team wins with four dogs, indicated time 22.663,  
*Now fill out Heat 3*

Heat 4:

Top Dog Team wins with five dogs (Chien has a bad cross but is re-run), indicated time 30.932  
Another Dog team does not finish (bad cross and dropped ball), indicated time 24.749  
*Now fill out Heat 4*

Heat 5:

Before the heat begins, the Team Captain for Top Dogs Team comes to the Timing Table and swaps Chien out and Mbwa back in.  
Part way through the heat Canis crosses the centre line, the Judge stops the race and gives Canis a Yellow Card for a Crossing.  
Another Dog Team had run 2 dogs when the heat was stopped.  
*Now fill out Heat 5*

4. What does a timekeeper do if they are approached by a disgruntled competitor or steward?
  - a. Tell them to go away, it's not your problem
  - b. Don't engage them in conversation, refer them to the Judge
  - c. Ignore them
  - d. Try to sort out their problem
  
5. What does a timekeeper do if they are approached by a team captain to change or advise running dogs between heats?
  - a. Make the changes asked for
  - b. Ignore them
  - c. Refer them to the Judge
  - d. Refer them to the Competition Organiser
  
6. What does a timekeeper do if they are approached by a team captain after the heat has been declared by the judge?
  - a. Refer them to the Judge
  - b. Refer them to the AFA Rep
  - c. Try to sort out their problem
  - d. Ignore them

7. Explain the circumstances and actions when a timekeeper is asked to change details on a time sheet for (a) dogs, (b) heat times and (c) heat results.  
*Write in point form*
- (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
8. How do teams advise the timekeepers which dogs are in their next race?
- a. The Team Captain calls out from the ring
  - b. They fill out the Team Timesheet and hand it to the Timekeepers at the start of the Comp
  - c. They fill out the Team Timesheet and hand it in to the Timekeepers before each race
  - d. The Team Captain takes the Timekeepers Timesheet away at the end of each race, fills it in and returns it before the next race
9. What is the AFA's requirement for keeping the Timekeeper's copy of the timesheets at the timing table?
- a. The Team Captains may take them away
  - b. Only a Judge, an AFA Rep or a designated runner at a multi-ring comp may remove the timesheets from the timing table
  - c. Anyone may take them away
  - d. No-one may take them away
10. What times must you look out for when filling out a timesheet?
- a. Time of day
  - b. Breakout times
  - c. Manual times
  - d. Individual dog running times
11. What is considered a tied heat? *Circle all that apply:*
- a. The team times are not more than 0.03 seconds apart
  - b. The team times are exactly the same
  - c. The team times are pretty close
  - d. The team times are not more than 0.003 seconds apart
12. What do you do when a tied heat occurs?
- a. Congratulate the teams
  - b. Ignore it, it's a statistical error
  - c. Circle "W" on the timesheet
  - d. Circle "T" on the Timesheet
13. What is a Break Out and what do you do when a team breaks out?
- a. A dog escapes from the ring and you point it out to the Judge
  - b. A dog escapes from the ring and you try to catch it yourself

- c. A team runs faster than its Breakout Time; you point it out to the Judge, circle “B/O” and “L” on the timesheet, and write down the time.
- d. A team runs faster than its Breakout Time; you point it out to the Judge, circle “B/O” and “L” on the timesheet, and enter “-“ for the time

14. Who declares the winner of a heat?

- a. Rear Steward
- b. Line Steward
- c. Timekeeper
- d. Judge

15. How does manual timing affect marking the timesheet? *Circle all that apply.*

- a. Mark time to 2 decimal places
- b. No change
- c. Circle “M”
- d. Circle “4”.

16. What do you do when the line steward advises you which team won a heat using manual timing?

- a. Write down what the Line Steward said
- b. Ignore the Line Steward and write down which team you think won
- c. Write down the Judge’s decision
- d. Confer with the other Timekeeper

Attached: Timing sheets for Question 3: Timekeeper’s sheet (to be filled in as the answer to Question 3) and the Team’s sheet.