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Hi everyone

Welcome to another edition of the Flying Times. This is my second and final edition as editor as I have taken over the AFA Awards and Certificates.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

Anne



### **RULE BOOKS**

Reprint of the Rule Book, including the amendments passed at the 2012 AGM, are available from the AFA for \$6.00 each



An underlying philosophy of the Norwest Thunderdogs is 'Dogs come First'. Couple this with our dedication to team work, and you can understand why it was natural for the club to pull together when one of our members are in need.

Cleo, ( 7 year old Chocolate Border Collie), belonging to Kevin and Fiona Bulman, has been a Thunderdog from a very early age and has been a stable team 1 / 2 dog for many years.

Recently achieving her Onyx title, and showing no signs of slowing, it came as a shock to us all when she was diagnosed with a fungal infection called Cryptococcosis!

### **What is Cryptococcosis?**

Cryptococcosis is caused by a fungus, *Cryptococcus neoformans*, which is widespread in tropical environments and can infect dogs, cats, and people. While this fungus is widespread, it infects a relatively small number of animals.

Pets and people contract the *Cryptococcus* infection primarily by inhaling the fungal particles. After the particles are inhaled they can take up residence in the nasal cavities or lungs. Symptoms can include abnormal neurological signs, eye or vision problems, severe weight loss / loss of appetite, skin lesions, fever, nasal discharge, and a less commonly a cough

The *Cryptococcus neoformans* fungus is well known in human medicine as the disease that infects up to 20% of AIDS patients. The organism is relatively easy to diagnose and treatment can be performed successfully if instituted early. Thankfully in Cleo's case she was diagnosed quickly and so treatment has commenced to improve her symptoms, which included breathing difficulties due to swallowing excessive amounts of blood and mucus.

Treatment is a slow process, and Cleo requires custom made medication and this is very costly. To help ease the load Norwest Thunderdogs are hosting the caring for Cleo comp on 7th October. All proceeds from the comp will go to the Bulman's to help pay for Cleo's on-going treatment. Please get behind us on this flyballers... after all.... it's all about the dogs in the end.

With Thanks  
Norwest Flyball committee



Winter in Hobart tends to be a bit on the cool side, plus we've had a few wild weekends, so the thought of getting out of bed early on Sunday mornings for flyball hasn't always been exactly inspiring.

Though numbers have been down a bit, both clubs have made progress with their training and gained few keen newbies. Now that the weather is warming up, some of the hibernators have started returning to training.

One frosty Sunday in late June, Tassie Flying Paws decamped, and had a flyball and herding fun day at Oatlands, which is about an hour's drive north of Hobart. Several dogs were introduced to sheep and herding for the first time, with some showing considerable promise. However, having had a go at herding, a few of them headed for the sheep pen rather than the box during their flyball runs!

The Tasmanian country show season is about to get into full swing, so invites for demonstrations are coming up. Plus, both clubs will combine forces to do a demonstration for Hobart City Council's annual Dogs on the Domain day in late October.

Unfortunately, Tassie Flying Paws has had to cancel their November foray to the mainland for the Dandenong Show competition. Some members simply could not get time off work during the week. However, they now hope to go to a competition in Victoria during the autumn school holidays, which will avoid the need to have to take off Thursday, Friday and Monday just to get to and from the mainland. It also means they can make a longer trip of it and have play time either side of the competition.

Happy flyballing from Tassie.

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## ACT Report

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Activity over winter has been relatively low key across the region with a small but persistent few appearing at various competitions over winter. This has started to change as the days are slowly getting warmer, with the flyballers in and around the ACT slowly emerging from their winter hibernations, most recently at the Boorowa Irish Woolfest. For those not familiar with this competition, not only are competitors able to compete in flyball, but they are also invited to participate in the annual street parade that is a key part of the Woolfest, as well as compete in the fancy dress competition at the end of the day. This year's competition, both in the ring and in the fancy dress stakes, was once again incredibly fierce, with this year's fancy dress award going to the Sydney Scallywags. We have included some photos for you to judge for yourselves who you would have picked for this year's winner.

In more flyball specific news, the ACT would also like to congratulate Lyn Clyde on her recent appointment as an Accredited Level 2 judge. WE all know how much of an effort this has been and look forward to Lyn judging many competitions in the future.

I would also like to put in a plug for the upcoming competitions in the area – the Muddy's Madness competition in Milton in November and the Sunset Santa Paws competition at Belconnen in early December. We look forward to seeing you there.





## ACT Report





## NSW Report

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### NSW Region Report

First, a big Thank You to Richard Mellon for the last few years he's put in as the NSW Representative. Richard is always at the forefront of planning for our major Flyball events and generally ends up playing a significant role whenever a competition is run in the State. Long may that continue.

Rewind to August of this year. August the 18<sup>th</sup> saw the AFA AGM take place and yours truly being elected as the New South Wales Regional Representative. I've been involved in Flyball since 2007 when our daughter suggested we find something to entertain our Border Collie pup and hopefully reduce the amount of holes in the garden; furniture damage; missing articles of clothing etc that tend to go with taking on such a dog during it's first years in the world. The dog picked up Flyball really quite easily and from our start with the Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club in the October, she was part of the division winning team the next February at the Nationals in Canberra.

Since then I've come to take on the Competition Secretary and general Flyball organiser for the club while our dog has helped our teams to two further National competition division wins. I'm now trying to introduce my second 2 year old Border Collie to Flyball with not quite so much success! A definite lack of focus from the lad!



So what's been happening in NSW since the last edition of the Flying Times? Late May saw the South Coast Dog Training Club put on a competition for the Million Paws Walk day. The weather proved favourable for the nine teams competing with the St George "Phoenix" team taking division 1 honours; the Sydney Psychos just pipping the Milton Muddy's 2 team for first place in division 2, and my own Southerly Busters team taking out division 3.

We then had to wait until the second weekend in June for our next comps with two being run back to back on the Norwest ground at Castle Hill. Both the "Jess's 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Bash", celebrating Jess Mellon's birthday, (you may be able to guess her age), hosted by Southern Cross and the Norwest hosted "Chills in the Hills" comps were run indoors on mats with a mixed reception from the dogs. Some seem to like the surface while others are distracted by not only the surface, but the noise from running in a tin barn! Ear defenders for the humans, so one can only imagine the effect it has on a dog's sensitive hearing!

Division 1 and 2 of the "Bash" were taken out by Norwest Thunderdogs 1 & 4 teams respectively with division 3 going to Southern Cross Constellations and division 4 to the Southerly Busters. (Go team!!)

The Chills comp the following day saw repeat wins for the teams in divisions 1 & 2, the Southerly Busters taking out division 3 and Thunderdogs 7, the hotly contested division 4. (Only one team in each of div 1 & 4!)

Given a weekends rest and 18 of the NSW teams were back in action at the Parramatta Club (PICSIs) hosted "Bare Bones" competition. Running 6 divisions it was a little disappointing to find frost on the field as we set up "Tent City". Still, the day grew brighter along with the racing with the Sydney Scallywags "Cannonballs" team knocking Thunderdogs 1 off their usual division 1 winning spot. Not to be outdone, the Scallywags 2 team took out division 2 as well. Thunderdogs teams 5 and 7 upheld honours for their club by taking wins in divisions 3 & 6 respectively, while Southern Cross Shooting Stars took out division 4 and Sutherland Southerly Stormers, division 5.





## NSW Report

Hosted by Awesome Pawsome “Bounding the Lakes” competition followed a week later. This was the second time this competition has been run and is held on the NSW / QLD border to give the two States a chance to race against each other. It also gave NSW teams a chance to witness some of the rain our QLD compatriots had been seeing! I understand that one of committee members also gave a donation to the local constabulary in return for some sort of ticket during the drive up country.

Running three divisions, Thunderdogs 1 & 5 took out division 1 & 2 for NSW, with the Awesome Pawsome 3 taking division 3 honours for QLD.

Christmas in July was celebrated at the Sutherland club’s “Christmuser in July” competition. 22 teams decked out their gazebos with festive array and enjoyed a full roast lunch provided by an outside caterer. With Hills, providing bags of Science Diet for the division winning teams and an on site pet nutrition expert all tastes were catered for.



Christmuser Winning Gazebo

Thunderdogs 1, 3 & 6 took out divisions 1, 2 & 4 respectively, with Scallywags 2 winning division 3, Southern Cross Pulsars division 6

and the two Sutherland teams divisions 5 & 7.

Scallywag Cannonballs were awarded the Rabbitt Trophy for being the team with the highest percentage of winning clean runs.

Southern Cross won the Best Decorated Gazebo prize for their exquisitely decorated independent dining area complete with singing Snowman, Crackers (bon-bons?) and assorted tinsel and table decorations. It was a close call though!

Sutherland held a second competition a month later (fools!!!). Although a far less exorbitant event, the Little Lite Muster attracted 20 teams. Thunderdogs 1, 5 & 7 won divisions 1, 2 & 7; St George Vipers division 2; Paws 4 Fun, division 4 and Sutherland Southerly Stormers division 5.

Sutherland dedicated the comp to their feisty little King Charles height dog, Jayda who had passed away between competitions from the effects of eating dead Puffer fish on the beach.



## NSW Report

Mid September saw us back at the PICSi hosted comp held at the Holroyd council run Petfest event. Petfest brings together traders and enthusiasts for just about every living animal that is kept in private housing, so it's not unusual to see the odd Parrot on a shoulder, so the occasional Ferret or snake being carried around. Flyball takes up a significant part of the field and as usual, the noise and hype pulls the crowd in. Thunderdogs didn't win division 1 this time! That honour went to the St George Phoenix who got their best time down to 17.839 seconds. They however were closely followed by the Scallywags Cannonblast team who shaved almost a second of their declared time running a best of 17.798. Division 2 went to Thunderdogs who had dropped their usual numbering system and run under the "Thunderclashes" name. Sydney Psychos took out division with our visitors from Tuggeranong in the ACT took the wins in division 4 & 5 through their Screaming Torpedoes and Howling Torpedoes teams.



PICSi's

As the warmer weather creeps in we look forward to at least 4 other events in the coming months before Christmas, after which we start the year all over again with the list already showing the Canberra Show in February and the Nationals in Victoria in November. See you all there!

Have a great Christmas.  
Frank Lux – NSW Regional Representative



Santa gave out the division winners prizes



## Victorian Report

Flyball has once again commenced in Victoria following a short break over winter. For me it has been a longer break whilst Mechelle and I built our new home but I am loving being back in the ring!!

The AGM was held recently and a huge congratulations to Croydon Rocket Scientists on being named “Team of the Year” and Four Paws Racing being named “Novice Club of the Year”. Eric van Zuyden was also presented with the President’s Award.

Congratulations also to Ian Kendt who has recently been announced as the AFA Supervisory Judge.

We welcome WonDOGS (Wonthaggi Dog Obedience Group) who have commenced racing recently with a number of experienced flyballers at the helm. Training has commenced at the club and we hope to see some new faces begin to appear.

The first competition of the season was held on 22 October 2012 where 23 teams raced at “On The Fly” hosted by Frankston at their home grounds. Some great racing to start the season off, a massive raffle and brilliant catering!!

Div 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer Lightnings	ST – 19.406 web	BT – 19.150
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Western Weiner Hot Dogs	ST – 19.500 dec	BT – 19.379
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Berwick Blitz	ST – 20.472 web	BT – 20.507
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	WonDOGS Quick Silvers	ST – 20.000 dec	BT – 20.902
Div 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Frankston Storm Blizzards	ST – 21.200 dec	BT – 21.579
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Western Weiner Cheese Dogs	T – 21.800 dec	BT – 21.257
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	WonDOGS Point Break	ST – 21.500 dec	BT – 21.782
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer Jets	ST – 21.800 dec	BT – 20.832
Div 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Hastings Howlers Hit & Run	ST – 21.950 web	BT – 22.370
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Hastings Howlers Hit & Rush	ST – 22.386 web	BT – 23.123
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ballarat Eureka Diggers	ST – 22.000 dec	BT – 23.276
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Croydon Rocket Blasters	ST – 22.000 dec	BT – 23.186
Div 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bellarine Beach Combers	ST – 22.749 web	BT – 22.270
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer Spitfires	ST – 23.500 dec	BT – 22.068
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	T-Keilor Gold	ST – 22.729 web	BT – 22.942
Div 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Berwick Blaze	ST – 24.500 dec	BT – 24.700
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	WonDOGS Hang 5s	ST – 24.000 dec	BT – 23.213
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Frankston Storm Chasers	ST – 24.500 dec	BT – 25.458
Div 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	T-Keilor Twilights	ST – 25.952 web	BT – 28.721
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer B52s	ST – 26.834 web	BT – 29.081
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Paws 4 No One	ST – 30.000 dec	BT – 28.460
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Hastings Howlers Hit & Hope	ST – 26.119 web	BT – 31.038
	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Bellarine Beach Patrol	ST – 26.000 dec	BT – 27.789

30 September 2012 saw the return of flyball to Melbourne Royal Show with a competition held indoors on the AFA matting which was a first for many of the dogs racing in the 16 teams entered.



## Victorian Report

This competition was jointly hosted by Eastside Flyers and Four Paws Racing. There were also a number of week day demonstrations giving great exposure to flyball for those that attended the show.

Div 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Western Weiners Hot Dogs	S	T – 19.500 dec	BT – 19.709
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ballarat Eureka Diggers		ST – 19.959 web	BT – 19.876
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer Lightnings		ST – 20.406 dec	BT – 20.715
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	WonDOGS Quick Silvers		ST – 20.000 dec	BT – 20.440
Div 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Western Wiener Cheese Dogs		ST – 21.800 dec	BT – 21.414
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Frankston Storm Tornadoes		ST – 22.000 dec	BT – 22.802
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	WonDOGS Point Break		ST – 21.500 dec	BT – 22.395
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer Jets		ST – 22.247 web	BT – 22.934
Div 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bellarine Beach Combers		ST – 22.749 web	BT – 22.431
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	WonDOGS Surfs Up		ST – 22.500 dec	BT – 23.389
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Berwick Bits & Pieces		ST – 22.500 dec	BT – 23.909
Div 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer Tiger Moths		ST – 25.000 dec	BT – 23.924 B/Out
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Frankston Storm Cyclones		ST – 24.000 dec	BT – 25.066
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ballarat Eureka Miners		ST – 25.200 web	BT – 24.970
Div 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Need 4 Speed		ST – 28.000 dec	BT – 26.576 B/Out
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Western Wiener Corn Dogs		ST – 26.500 dec	BT – 25.411 B/Out

“Pets Day Out” was held on 14 October 2012 and was hosted by Hastings. This is always a huge event and this year was no disappointment with huge crowds for most of the day. There were 24 teams entered with some very close racing.

Div 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Western Weiners Hot Dogs		ST – 19.300 dec	BT – 19.513
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ballarat Eureka Diggers		ST – 20.211 web	BT – 19.601
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer Spitfires		ST – 20.800 dec	BT – 20.055
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	WonDOGS Quick Silvers		ST – 21.000 dec	BT – 20.700
Div 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Berwick Blitz		ST – 21.500 dec	BT – 20.989
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Western Wiener Chilli Dogs		ST – 21.500 dec	BT – 21.399
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Frankston Storm Lightning Bolts		ST – 21.500 dec	BT – 20.869
Div 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Hastings Howlers Hit & Fly		ST – 22.300 dec	BT – 21.556
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	WonDOGS Point Break		ST – 22.300 dec	BT – 21.597
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Croydon Rocket Blasters		ST – 22.000 dec	BT – 22.447
Div 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bellarine Beach Combers		ST – 22.749 web	BT – 23.129
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	T-Keilor Gold		ST – 23.100 dec	BT – 23.599
	Non-comp	Eastside Flyer Bombers		ST – 23.000 dec	BT – 21.649 B/Out
Div 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns		ST – 23.500 dec	BT – 22.901
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	WonDOGS Surfs Up		ST – 24.000 dec	BT – 22.681 B/Out
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Frankston Storm Tornadoes		ST – 23.500 dec	BT – 24.317



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Div 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Berwick Blaze	ST – 25.300 dec	BT – 25.073
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Western Weiner Cheese Dogs	ST – 25.000 dec	BT – 23.808 B/Out
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Frankston Storm Cyclones	ST – 25.500 dec	BT – 25.379
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	T-Keilor Laidbacks	ST – 25.600 dec	BT – 25.517
Div 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Hastings Howlers Hit & Hope	ST – 27.000 dec	BT – 26.795
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Eastside Flyer B52s	ST – 29.000 dec	BT – 28.318
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ballarat Eureka Rebels	ST – 28.363 web	BT – 28.956
	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Paws 4 No One	ST – 28.460 dec	BT – 30.779

The next competition will be at the Euroa Agricultural Show which will be held on 27 October 2012 followed by two days of racing at Dandenong Show on 10 & 11 November 2012. Both of these competitions will be hosted by Berwick. The final competition of the year will be on 1 December 2012 at the Ballarat home grounds.

Now that the flyball season has commenced it is time to think about the fitness of our dogs and ensure that they are fit to race. I have recently heard a number of handlers commenting about some of the dogs that are racing and at a recent competition a Judge had to make the decision that a dog was not fit to race (excessively lame) and excused it for the remainder of the competition. We should all be aware of the health of our dogs and not place others in the position where they need to make this sort of decision as we should be making it ourselves.

If you are concerned about a dog that is racing and you are not comfortable speaking to the handler, please raise your concerns with the AFA Representative at the competition.

See you in the ring!!!

Josh Ellen  
Victorian Regional Representative

**AFA Rule Notification No. 37 – Issued October 2012.**

This Notification deals with :

- 1) Clarification regarding approvals for any competition involving time limitations and the use of 60 second change overs;
- 2) Rule amendment re Signage on Jump base boards;
- 3) Rule amendment – Rule 9.2 (h) regarding conduct of box loader resulting in assistance to own teams dogs or distraction to other team dog/s.
- 4) Rule amendment to eliminate duplication of wording in Rule 9.2 (b).
- 5) Rule amendment to clarify requirement to rerun dogs in order of fouls - rule 9.2 (n)
- 6) Process clarification re approval of competition division splits, formats and racing orders – Rule addition - Definition of Supervisory Judge in Section 2.7 of Rules.
- 7) Addition of Matting Levy to Appendix E - Schedule of Fees in Rule book.

All the Rule amendments shown are deemed to be of a minor nature or are simply clarifications of existing Rules and accordingly do not require approval at an AGM. They are accordingly for immediate adoption. Judges and Members are asked to update the September 2012 Rule Book reprint to show the changes contained in this Notification.

**1. Process for approval of Competitions where a time constraint applies and conditions for the use of the 60 second change-over.**

The Committee has received a number of member inputs regarding Competitions where a finish time constraint applies. In particular the Committee has taken note of views expressed that this can result in unreasonably restricted racing for competitors and safety concerns where there is a decision to move to 60 second changeovers in an attempt to complete racing within the available time.

The Committee has accepted the view that where a finish time limit is necessary for any reason this should be clearly shown on the Sanction Application as a special condition AND the Competition Organiser should nominate restricted team entry numbers to a number based on time available and a plan that gives teams a reasonable amount of heats in the day at a maximum of 7 5 heat races, 8 best of 5 heat races or 10 3 heat races an hour. This decision is aimed at ensuring that teams are aware of restrictions at time of entry and that all accepted teams receive a reasonable race entitlement.

The Committee has also agreed to notify competition organisers, AFA representatives and Judges that use of a 60 second change over at any competition, including those with time constraints , should only apply where circumstances arise on the day ( such as malfunction of lights, weather impact, other interruption) which required such action to complete a round robin or achieve a result and should not be used as a basis of meeting an unrealistic program of races. In cases where 60 second changeovers are unavoidable, Officials and Judges are to ensure that safety of competitors and dogs is not compromised

**. Rule amendment re Signage on Jump base boards.**

The Committee has noted that the existing specification regarding Logos and signage in Rule 3.3 (b) was not amended when the height of base boards was reduced to 6 inches. The following revised wording regarding logos and signage has been accepted for immediate implementation:

Amended wording for Rule 3.3 (b) line 4 onwards " Logos and/ or lettering is permitted on the 6 inch base board but it must not alter the predominantly white background of the board and the board must have a minimum of a 50.8 mm ( 2 inch) white border at both sides and a minimum 25.4 mm ( 1 inch) white border at the top of board."

**3. Rule amendment – Rule 9.2 (h) regarding conduct of box loader resulting in assistance to own team’s dogs or distraction to other team’s dog/s.**

The Committee has reviewed the Rule regarding box loader conduct as set down in rule 9.2 (h) and agreed that penalty should only be imposed where the box loader actions breach the Rules in a manner that either gives assistance to their team’s dog or offers a distraction to the opposing team’s dog. This is seen as the intent of the existing Rules. To clarify this intent the following amendment to Rule 9.2 (h) is notified for immediate effect:

“ 9.2 (h). Except during the warm up, to retrieve a loose ball or to get a fresh supply of balls to load for the current heat, the box loader must remain in the upright position behind the box until the Judge determines the outcome of the heat. The box loader may only offer verbal encouragement to the dog, as long as such encouragement does not distract the opposing team. If a box loader assists a dog, except where provided for in the rules, the dog shall run again. Box loader conduct that causes distraction to the opposing team shall be dealt with under section 9.2 (k) Distractions.

**4. Rule amendment to eliminate duplication of wording in Rule 9.2 (b).**

The Committee has noted that there currently is word duplication in Rules 9.2 9b) and 9.2 (n) dealing with fouling. To eliminate the duplication the following revised wording for Rule 9.2 (b) has been adopted for immediate effect:

“9.2 (b) The run:

Dogs may start from a stationary or running start. Each dog is to cross the start-finish line between the start gates, hurdle all four (4) jumps in succession, trigger the box, retrieve the ball from the box, return over all 4 jumps, and cross the start-finish line between the start gates with the ball in its mouth. Only when the first dog has reached the start/finish line with any part of its body (on the ground or in the air), may the second dog reach the start/finish line with any part of its body (generally this is a nose to nose pass at the start/finish line), and so on for all four (4) dogs as well as dogs that must run again. Infringements requiring a dog to re-run are described in rule 9.2 (n)”.



**. Rule amendment to clarify requirement to rerun dogs in order of fouls - rule 9.2 (n).**

Rule 9.2 (n) currently indicates in its introduction that dogs that foul must rerun after the initial 4 dogs in the order they were fouled. The following list of fouls requiring a dog to rerun however does not include the foul of the dog not running in the correct rerun order. The Committee has accordingly adopted the following rewording with immediate effect;

9.2 (n) (x) – Dog running out of required rerun order.

**6. Process clarification re approval of competition division splits, formats and racing orders – and Rule addition - Definition of Supervisory Judge in Section 2.7 of Rules.**

Following some recent confusion it was agreed that the Committee should clarify the process for obtaining approval of division splits, formats and draws for competitions. The approved process requires competition organizers to obtain approvals for division splits, formats and running orders from either Regional Representative or Supervisory Judge. The Committee confirmed that the Supervisory Judge is the AFA Supervisory Judge and not a Judge officiating at the Competition. In the circumstances where the local Regional Representative is unavailable OR is from the Club hosting the competition, the approval request should go to another Regional Representative or to the Supervisory Judge.

The Definition of Supervisory Judge to be inserted in Rules section 2.7 as shown :

“Supervisory Judge : is the AFA appointed Supervisory Judge”.

**7. Addition of Matting Levy to Appendix E - Schedule of Fees in Rule book.**

With the introduction of indoor matting availability the AFA Committee agreed to impose a Matting levy of \$10 per Team for any competition where the matting is utilised –which takes into account wear and tear and the eventual need to replace matting. The approved levy was not however shown in Appendix E when the Rule Book was reprinted. The Committee has therefore decided to insert the Matting Levy in Appendix E Schedule of Fees after the EJS Levy entry

“ insert in Schedule e – Matting Levy – per team entered \$10.”





## Calendar of Events

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This Calendar of events is for the rest of 2012.

Please see the AFA Website for more information and dates for 2013. Go to What's going on and then to Calendar of Events

2012			
Date	Competition	Host Club	State
Sat 10 Nov Sun 11 Nov	Dandy Drags "PowerPaws" Dandenong Show	Berwick Obedience Club	VIC
Sat 10 Nov	Annual Night at the Races Comp	Pine Rivers	QLD
Sat 10 Nov Sun 11 Nov	Muddy's Madness 2012	Milton Ulladulla Dog club	NSW
Sat 17 Nov	Twilight at the Dogs	South Coast Dog Training Club	NSW
Sat 1 Dec	Santa Ball	Ballaarat Dog Club	VIC
Sat 8 Dec	Sunset "Santa" Claws	Belconnen Dog club	ACT
Dec	Xmas Flyball Romp VI	PDODC	SA



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