**Rule Notification FY2324-8 – Update to On Trial Rules for Pairs Class**

At its meeting on 4 March 2024 the AFA committee resolved to amend the on trial rules for pairs class racing to allow for up a pairs class team to include up to three dogs. The change to the on trial rule to give effect to this decision will be effective for race meetings from 1 April 2024. The rules published on the AFA website will be updated shortly.

**Background**

On trial rules for pairs class racing were introduced effective from 1 January 2024.

Feedback to the AFA committee following running of pairs class racing indicated that restricting a pairs class team to two dogs will lead to problems where one of the dogs is injured or otherwise excluded from racing.

The committee agreed to amend the on trial rules for pairs class to allow for inclusion of a third dog in a pairs class team noting that this will be consistent with allowing up to six dogs in a regular class or open class team.

The committee will continue to consider all feedback on pairs class racing while the rules remain on trial and will make further adjustments where considered appropriate.

**Change to on trial rules**

Amend first bullet point in item 1 in Appendix 17 to read:

* a minimum of two and a maximum of three dogs as listed on the ***official timesheet*** for the ***team***;