

AFA Rules and Policies

C.13A Australian Record Form Instructions

1) What to do when an Australian Record is claimed:

- a) The Judge shall suspend racing immediately and instruct the Timekeepers to NOT reset the console.
- b) The Judge shall notify the AFA Representative of the possible Australian record. At that time if they have any questions on how to proceed, or during the time of recording the information and verification, they should be directed to the AFA Representative.
- c) Information at the top of the C-13 Australian Record form shall be filled out prior to proceeding to “2) Checklist portion” below.

2) Checklist portion:

Course, height dog, box verification and ball:

- a) Measuring the course:
 - i) The AFA Representative shall attend, witness and approve all measurements
 - ii) All measurements shall be made using an approved AFA measuring tape and meet AFA measurement tolerances.
 - iii) The centre of the Start/Finish line marking shall be the reference for all ring measurements.
 - iv) The Start Pole and the Single (Black- tipped) Pole shall be agreed by the Judge and the AFA Representative to be as close as practicable to vertical and in line with the centre of the Start/Finish line,
 - v) Jump placement must be within 1 inch either side of the location laid down in the Rules Section 4.3 (a), as measured from the centre of the Start/Finish lines.
 - vi) All jumps shall be within 1/4" of the correct height for the team as measured from the lowest point on the sideboard to the top of the topmost slat.
 - vii) Knocked-over jumps, slats knocked out or skewed jumps outside the 1" allowance are not acceptable for an Australian Record.
- b) Verify the height dog measurement:
 - i) Refer to the Time Sheet for the height dog measurement.
 - (1) If the dog was measured prior to racing or has a Height Card, no action is necessary.
 - (2) If the dog was not measured prior to racing and does not have a Height Card, it shall be measured at this time. If an official measuring wicket is not available at this competition, this instruction shall be completed to the end of Section 2 Checklist Portion and then suspended until a satisfactory measure is taken at the first available opportunity.
- c) Check the Flyball Box:
 - i) The Box shall be measured unless it was previously measured at this Competition. Dimensions must meet AFA standards in Rules Section 3.1.
 - ii) Throw of all holes using all sizes of balls used shall be in accordance with Rules Section 3.1(d).
 - iii) No part of the Box shall be less than 51 feet 0 inches from the centre of the Start/Finish line.
- d) Check the balls
 - i) All balls used for the run shall be checked for conformance.

If all of the above requirements are met, the Judge shall complete, sign and date the C-13 Australian Record form. It shall be signed by the AFA Representative and given to the team captain so that they can submit it along with a copy of the video to the AFA Committee.

3) Video Verification:

- a) To be considered for an Australian record an unedited videotape is mandatory.
- b) The video camera must be in line with the Start/Finish line, with a clear view of the Start/Finish line and the light tree for the duration of the heat.
- c) The Start and all passes / exchanges must be clean.
- d) After the heat, the video must be moved in an uninterrupted take to show the console of the electronic judging system, which must show the heat time and no errors or faults.
- e) All dogs must carry their ball over the finish line.
- f) The heat shall be timed with a stopwatch when the video is reviewed. The hand timing is to confirm that the video is of the actual run in question.

*Special notes

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- If two neutral members of the AFA Committee are present at the Competition, the video may be reviewed during the Competition.
- It will be necessary to view the video at a later time if poor video or lighting quality and/or the size of the viewing screen prevent either member from being certain.
- The run in question must meet all of the above criteria or it cannot be considered for Australian Record status.
- If all of the above requirements are met, both members of the AFA Committee shall sign and date the C-13 Australian Record Form.

A copy of the Australian record form must be submitted to the AFA President within fourteen days in order to evaluate and pass the new record.

4) Confirmation

- a) The original of the video must be forwarded to the AFA President to coordinate the review process.
- b) The AFA President must receive the original or an unedited copy of the video within fourteen days of the run in question.
- c) A completed copy of the C-13 Australian Record form, signed by the Judge, AFA Representative and Team Captain, must accompany the video.
- d) All of the criteria in item 3 Video Verification must still be met.
- e) The Australian Record will be confirmed or rejected by the AFA within 14 days of receipt of all necessary documents.