

## **AFA Rule Notification to Members No. 57 – January 2016.**

This rule Notification deals with the following matters:

1. New AFA Policy - Anti Bullying
2. New AFA Policy - Social Media
3. Revised Policy – National Championship Planning
4. Request to all Competition Organisers to make an announcement at start of competition to remind team captains to check dog CRNs on Timesheets.

### **Item 1. Policy No.8 - AFA Anti Bullying Policy.**

The AFA Committee has approved the adoption of a Policy statement dealing with issues associated with bullying behavior. The Policy attempts to identify to members what types of actions are likely to be deemed as bullying and sets out the possible resulting actions that may be taken by the AFA where a member or group of members are considered to be in breach of the Policy. The new Policy is available on the AFA web site for members to read. It can be found in the AFA Rules and Policies document on the web.

### **Item 2. Policy No.9 - AFA Social Media Policy**

The AFA Committee has also approved the adoption of a Policy statement dealing with the use of social media by the AFA and its members. The Committee recognizes the value of social media in promoting the sport of flyball but also recognizes the need to provide a framework within which members are aware of what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable uses of various forms of social media when the subject matter is flyball related. The new Policy will hopefully act as a guideline document for members when making social media posts. Again the new Policy is available on the AFA web site for members to read. It can be found in the AFA Rules and policies document on the web.

### **Item 3. Revised Policy No. 5 – AFA Nationals Planning and Presentation Policy.**

The AFA has updated the Nationals Planning and Presentation Policy to reflect the recent termination of the Nestle Purina Sponsorship Agreement with the AFA. Purina Supercoat terminated their sponsorship of flyball at the end of 2015 and are no longer sponsors of our National Championships. As a result of this decision the AFA has updated the Nationals Planning document. The new document is available on the web – again under the Rules and Policies document on the web.

#### **Item 4. Check of CRNS on Competition Timesheets.**

The AFA Committee, in an attempt to further reduce the incidence of flyball points being incorrectly allocated to dogs, determined to request that a standard announcement be made at the start of all competitions requesting teams captains to check that the listed CRNs on Timesheet paperwork are correct and to sign indicating check complete.