

CURRENT RULE NOTIFICATIONS

January 2026 to June 2026

The current rule notifications for the current six-month period are listed below and will be incorporated in the next release of the rules in mid-June 2026 with an effective date of 1 July 2026.

There is an exception to the effective date if the AFA Committee deems an amendment is a clarification or a rules amendment addresses a health and safety matter then the amendment will be effective from the date of the AFA Committee’s decision.

Current Rule Notifications

Date	Rule notification description	Link
2 Feb 26	Compulsory risk assessments for flyball events	Rule Notification FY2526-3 Risk assessment of flyball events.pdf
2 Mar 26	Forfeits, penalties & related matters – define “forfeit”, remove the concept of “just cause” , provide consistency in the penalties for breaches of rules, clarify how a “break-out team” is treated in subsequent races/heats	Rule Notification FY2526-4 Forfeits, penalties and related matters.pdf
2 Mar 26	Handicap format at the Flyball Nationals	Rule Notification FY2526-5 Handicap format at Nationals.pdf
1 Apr 26	Rule clarifications – racing schedule, programming EJS for handicap format & approving a running order	Rule Notification FY2526-6 Rule clarifications.pdf
6 Apr 26	New Demonstration and Training Day Policy	Rule Notification FY2526-7 Demonstrations and Training Day Policy.pdf
6 Apr 26	AFA representatives – who can be and when	Rule Notification FY2526-8 AFA representatives.pdf
6 Apr 26	Registered timekeepers may witness height card measures	Rule Notification FY2526-9 Witnessing height card measure.pdf
4 May 26	Sandbagging – after a break-out and simplification of reviewing process	Rule Notification FY2526-10 Sandbagging.pdf
4 May 26	Consequences of red card & issue with cross listed dogs	Rule Notification FY2526-11 Consequences of red card.pdf
1 Jun 26	Control & custody of, and access to, official documents	Rule Notification FY2526-12 Control and custody of, and access to, official documents.pdf