**AFA Rules Clarification Notification No. 69 April 2018.**

**1. Clarification Re Allocation of Dog Title Points from a competition suspended after completion of a full Round Robin in all Divisions.**

This Rule Clarification is issued in order to fully clarify the situation regarding dog title point allocation in a situation where a race meeting is suspended/abandoned.

Where abandonment occurs before at least one Round Robin has been completed in every Division, then the race meeting is invalid and NO title points will be awarded.

Where abandonment occurs after at least ONE Round Robin has been completed in EVERY division, then the race meeting is declared to be valid. Title points will be awarded for every race in every completed Round Robin and (if run) a completed Championship Trophy. However, NO title points will be awarded for races run as part of an incomplete Round Robin.

**2. AFA Extreme Weather Policy Statement.**

The AFA Committee has decided to purchase and supply to all States (a meter will be located with all sets of Lights) a Heat Stress Measuring meter that will allow a combined measure of temperature, humidity and wind chill factor. This will provide an aid to Officials decision making at a competition where extreme hot weather conditions are encountered. Dangers from heat stress to both members and dogs are influenced by the overall weather conditions and not a single factor, such as temperature. Situation where there is very high humidity and no wind chill can result in very high/extreme risk at a significantly lower temperature level compared to a higher temperature day with low humidity and a cool breeze. The new meters offer a combined assessment of heat stress factors which should assist in decision making.

The AFA has also included in its Competition cancellation Policy a recommendation that racing be suspended whenever the combined meter reading reaches the start of the extreme band level.

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