

Rule Notification FY2324-2 AFA Representative

At its meeting on 6 November 2023 the AFA committee resolved to formalise who can act as AFA representative at a flyball events including the creation of the position of registered AFA representative.

For all flyball events from 1 March 2024 the member acting as AFA representative must be:

- a current AFA committee member; or
- a judge who is not judging at the event; or
- a registered AFA representative.

The AFA representative for a flyball event cannot be a member of the host club or the race meeting organiser.

A member wishing to become a registered AFA representatives must be approved by the AFA committee and successfully complete the relevant questionnaire. The supervisory judge will provide the questionnaire to approved members. Clubs will earn points towards the Flyball Club of the Year award for each member of the club who is a registered AFA representative.

As for judges and timekeepers, current registered AFA representatives will be listed on the AFA website for the assistance of event organisers.

The on-trial rule changes to give effect to the committee's decision are set out below. The rules published on the AFA website will be updated shortly.

If the nominated AFA representative for any flyball event from 1 March 2024 which is already sanctioned does not qualify under the updated requirements the host club will need to nominate another qualified member to act as AFA representative for the event.

Background

During 2023 the AFA committee in consultation with the supervisory judge has been reviewing the accreditation and appointments process for race meeting officials.

For all officials other than AFA representatives there is a formal process for appointment including written or practical assessment (or both). Given the importance and responsibility of the role of the AFA representative and knowledge required of the rules to carry out the role. the committee concluded that there should be a formal process for accrediting AFA representatives, including a requirement to successfully complete a written exam focussing on the responsibilities of an AFAS representative.

The process approved by the committee is similar to that in place for prospective judges in that an applicant must first be approved by the committee before attempting the written exam.

The Committee acknowledged that to reflect the additional requirements for AFA representatives it is appropriate to award points in the Flyball Club of the Year for each registered AFA representative in a club to the same value as registered timekeepers.

Approved Rule Changes (highlighted in red)

Insert a new definition

1.4 Definitions

registered AFA Representative. See Rule 7.5

Modify first paragraph in 7.5 and add a new paragraph at the end of 7.5

7.5 AFA representative

First paragraph amendment:

In the **sanction application** for a **flyball event**, the **host club** must nominate an **AFA member** to act as the **AFA representative** at the **flyball event**. The **AFA representative**:

- **must be either:**
 - a current **AFA committee** member; or
 - a **judge** who is not judging at the flyball event; or
 - a **registered AFA representative**.
- cannot also be a member of the **host club**;
- cannot also be the **race meeting organiser** for **race meeting**.

~~Note: The **AFA committee** recommends that the **AFA representative** be a current or former member of the **AFA committee** or a **judge** who is not judging at the **flyball event**.~~

New paragraph:

An **AFA member** who wishes to become a **registered AFA representative** must:

- be approved by the AFA committee; and
- successfully complete the relevant questionnaire.

Appendix 16: Criteria For Annual Awards

Amend the following criteria

Flyball Club of the Year

Awarded to the **club** with the highest number of points for the year calculated as follows:

- for each **race meeting** hosted by the **club** during the year – 25 points for each full day of racing;
- for each **race meeting** held during the year in which the **club** has entered a **team** in **regular class** – 10 points for the first **team** entered in **regular class** and 2 points for each additional **team** entered in **regular class**;
- for each **demonstration** hosted by the **club** during the year – 25 points;
- for each member of the **club** who is a member of the **AFA committee** – 10 points;
- for each member of the **club** who is a **judge** – 10 points;
- for each member of the **club** who is a **registered AFA representative** – 5 points;
- for each member of the **club** who is a **registered timekeeper** – 5 points;
- for each member of the **club** who is a **registered steward** – 2 points.