

Rule Notification FY2425-10 Requirements to complete a run

At its meeting on 5 May 2025 the AFA committee resolved to amend the rules to clarify the requirements for a dog to successfully complete a run.

The change to the rules is set out below. It will be effective from 1 July 2025 and will be included in the next published version of the rules.

Background

The rules sub-committee was made aware of a view that the requirements for a successful run set out in rule 6.8 were not required to be completed in the order listed. In particular it had been suggested that the rule allowed a dog to pick the ball from the box and then trigger the box. The sub-committee considered that although the correct interpretation of the rule was that the requirements need to be completed in the order listed it would be appropriate to amend the rule to remove any scope for contending otherwise.

Rule change

The third and fourth bullet points of rule 6.8 are amended to read as follows:

- trigger the **box** to release the ball;
- retrieve the ball;