

## Rule Notification FY2425-3 – Height cards

At its meeting on 6 January 2025 the AFA committee, acting on the recommendation of the rules sub-committee, resolved to amend the rules relating to applications for height cards. Changes to the rules are set out below. They will be effective from 1 July 2025 and will be included in the next published version of the rules.

### Background

The rules sub-committee reviewed the current process for obtaining height cards and noted that the rules:

- allow for completion of two separate height card application forms,
- do not require a dog to be of a minimum age to be measured for a height card,
- do not restrict a measuring judge from witnessing a second measure.

The sub-committee considered that:

- it would be appropriate to introduce a minimum age for one of the measures to ensure that a dog had fully grown,
- the current rules could be open to manipulation.

As a result, the sub-committee recommended to the AFA committee that the rules should be amended so that:

- both measures for a height card must be recorded on a single application form,
- a dog must be at least two years old at the time of one of the measures,
- each measure must be carried out by a different judge and witnessed by an official not involved with the other measure.

### Rule Changes

#### Amend rule 8.3

The first and third paragraphs of rule 8.3 are amended as shown by tracking below:

**Height cards** are optional. A dog's **owner** may apply for a **height card** by submitting a completed **height card application form**, together with the prescribed fee, to the **AFA committee**.

The process for obtaining a completed **height card application form** is set out in Appendix 11.

After the ***height card application form*** is verified by the ***AFA committee***, a ***height card*** will be issued.

## **Replace Part 2 of Appendix 11**

Part 2 of Appendix 11 is replaced with:

The following is the process for obtaining a completed ***height card application form*** for a dog:

- the dog must be measured twice at the same height,
- the two measures may be done at one ***race meeting*** or separate ***race meetings***,
- the dog must be over two years old at the time of at least one of the measures,
- the dog may only be measured at a ***race meeting*** in which the dog is entered,
- the dog must be measured in accordance with rule 8.1 by a ***judge*** officiating at the ***race meeting***,
- the ***height card application form*** must be presented to the measuring ***judge*** before the dog is measured,
- each measure must be done by a different ***judge***,
- each measure must be witnessed by another ***judge*** or a ***registered AFA representative***,
- the witness to a measure need not be officiating at the ***race meeting*** but must not be the measuring ***judge*** or witness for the other measure,
- the ***height card application form*** must be completed for each measure and signed by the measuring ***judge***, the witness to the measure and the dog's ***owner***.

*Note: For each measure at least one of the measuring ***judge*** or the witness must not be a member of the same ***club*** as the dog's ***owner***.*