

Rule Notification FY2526-8 AFA representatives

At its meeting on 6 April 2026 the AFA committee resolved to change rule 7.5 to allow a member of a host club to be the AFA representative at a demonstration or training day.

At its meeting on 4 May 2026 the AFA committee resolved to make a further change rule 7.5 to allow a member of a host club to be the AFA representative at a race meeting if the host club seeks and obtains approval from the AFA committee and to include provision in the Policy on Delegated Authority to Alter Entries and Changes to Sanctions to authorise any two members of the executive committee to give that approval.

These changes will be effective from 1 July 2026 and will be included in the next published version of the rules.

Background

Since 1 March 2024 the rules have required that the AFA representative for a flyball event cannot be a member of the host club.

In discussions on the proposed Demonstrations and Training Days Policy a query was raised as to who could act as AFA representative at these events.

The committee noted that the rationale for requiring the AFA representative at a race meeting to not be a member of the host club was to avoid conflicts of interest and to have due regard to the distinct roles and responsibilities of a race meeting organiser and an AFA representative at a race meeting.

The committee acknowledged that this rationale was not as compelling for other flyball events and agreed that the requirement should be limited to race meetings only.

However the committee acknowledged that there may be circumstances where a host club may not be able to find a qualified person to act as AFA representative at a race meeting or where a person who has agreed to act as AFA representative at a race meeting is unable to fulfil that commitment. The committee accepted that the host club should have the opportunity to seek approval to have a suitable qualified member of the host club act as AFA representative when it can demonstrate that there is no practical alternative.