

CHAPTER 4 - MEASURING

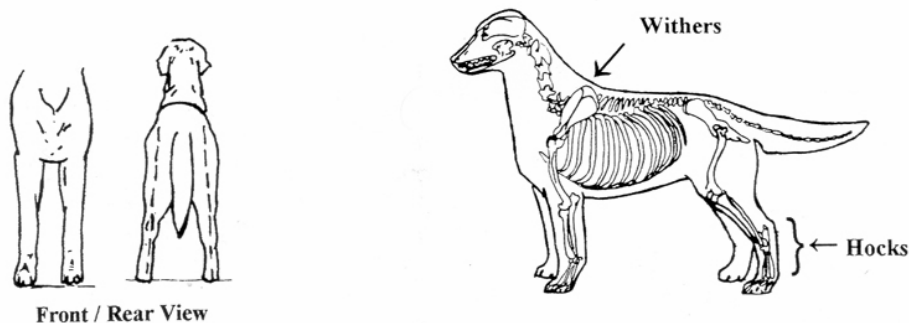
- (a) At the discretion of the team, dogs jumping less than 14 inches may be measured by the measuring Judge officiating at the tournament during times designated by the host club. A dog must be entered in the tournament in order to have its height recorded on either the tournament Jump Heights (Form C.9) or a Height Card Application (Form C.10).
- (b) The measurement area will be determined by the measuring Judge. The Judge shall select an appropriate measuring surface. Prior to measuring the first dog, and any time it is moved, the measuring device shall be calibrated to ensure accuracy. If the Judge determines that an appropriate measuring surface or that a NAFA® approved measuring device is not available, measuring shall be for the tournament only and not for an NAFA® Height Card Application (Form C-10).
- (c) Measurements are to be open to public observation.
- (d) Only one (1) handler per dog shall be allowed in the measuring area.
- (e) The dog's height shall be measured from the ground to the top of withers with the dog standing in an upright position as indicated by Illustration 4.1. The handler may steady the dog if necessary, but shall not physically support the dog during the measuring process. The front legs will be vertical with the paws directly below the shoulders. The back legs will be positioned with the hocks perpendicular to the ground and spread no wider than the width of the dog. The dog's entire head is to be in an upright position above the level of the withers as shown in Illustration 4.1.

Illustration 4.1 - Dog standing properly to be measured.

NAFA Flyball Measuring Stance



Dogs standing properly to be measured. Hocks are perpendicular to ground regardless of length of stifle.



Front / Rear View

(f) A judge may allow up to three attempts for the handler to present the dog in an acceptable stand (as described in paragraph e and in illustration 4.1 above), **within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed five minutes per attempt.** The lowest measurement obtained by the judge shall be the dog's recorded height for that tournament. If an acceptable stand is not obtained, then the dog is deemed not measurable.

(g) A dog deemed to be "NOT MEASURABLE" by the measuring Judge will jump 14" hurdles.

(h) Aggression during measurement will not be tolerated and **Rule 8.4** (Aggressive Dogs) will be observed.

(i) Height measurements are to be recorded by the Regional Director or designee and signed by the measuring Judge. A copy of the NAFA® Jump Height Form (Form C.9) must be posted for view by the tournament participants.

(j) In cases where multiple judges are measuring, once a dog's height has been measured and recorded by either judge on the Jump Height Form, it shall be the dog's official jump height for that tournament, regardless of which ring the dog may run in.

(k) Once the dog is measured, the judge is under no obligation to re-measure the same dog. If a dog is re-measured and the measuring Judge determines he has made a mistake, the team shall in no way be penalized. However, the team will be required to jump the proper height for any remaining heats.

(l) Any protest with respect to a dog's jump height must be verbalized to the Tournament Director and/or the Regional Director within 30 minutes of the heat in question by the Captain of a competing team in that division or combined division. The head judge may at any time measure a dog.

(m) After a protest or a measuring performed at the head judge's request, if the head judge determines a team is not jumping at least the minimum height in a round robin format, the team shall forfeit any heats won at the improper jump height. In the case of an elimination format, the team shall be excused.

(n) Height Cards are to be optional. Refer to NAFA® Corporate Policies & Procedures, Chapter 7, Section 7.1 for details on height cards.