

March 21, 2009 Amendments to:
North American Flyball Association, Inc.®
Official Rules of Racing, Corporate Policies
and By-laws – October 1, 2009

- Page 24, **Section 5.7 - Aggressive Dogs** (entire section revised)

Change:

If a dog shows undue aggression at any time during the competition, the Head Judge may excuse the dog from competing. The Head Judge must report any dog excused from competition on NAFA® Form C.12. The Head Judge is responsible for sending the completed form to the NAFA® corporate address within ten days of the incident. Ordinarily, the Regional Director and dog owner/ handler (and/or club owner) should receive a copy of the incident report at the tournament. In the event that this becomes impracticable, copies shall be distributed to those individuals within ten days of the incident.

(a) Review Process -- Once received by NAFA®, the completed C.12 form shall be distributed to a Review Panel consisting of the Executive Director, the Chair of the Board of Directors, and the Chair of the Judges Committee. Members of the Panel shall be impartial and shall have no conflict of interest with the dog owner or any other party involved (e.g. shall not have family or club ties with the dog owner or any other party involved). If the form does not comply with the rules, it shall be returned to the Head Judge, dog owner, and Regional Director with the deficiencies noted. Any deficiencies must be cured by the Head Judge within ten days of receipt. At the time that the Review Panel accepts the aggression excusal, it will send written notice to the dog owner (and/or club owner).

(b) Appeal -- Any appeal by the dog owner of an aggression excusal must be submitted in writing to the Review Panel (Executive Director, Chair of the Board of Directors, and Chair of the Judges Committee or their substitutes if a conflict exists) within 30 days of notification by the Review Panel. If any appeal is filed, a copy must be provided to the Head Judge. The Review Panel's decision to sustain an aggression excusal is final. The Review Panel's decision to overrule an aggression excusal expunges that excusal. The Review Panel shall issue a report at the next meeting of the Board of Directors regarding any aggression excusals received and any action taken for inclusion in the meeting minutes to be published on the NAFA® web page.

(c) Removal of Excusal -- A dog with one excusal for aggression may submit a request to have that incident removed from their record. The request must come no earlier than 3 years from the date of excusal and the dog must have participated in a minimum of 10 weekends of tournaments since its excusal with no further incidents. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee will

make a formal recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding a request for removal. A majority vote of the Board is required to sustain a removal. A dog may have only one aggression excusal removed.

(d) Penalty -- A dog will be barred from future competition immediately upon the second excusal for aggression. Any dog listed on a timesheet at a subsequent tournament after receiving a second aggression excusal will result in the penalties set forth in Section 7.6 - Penalties for Ineligible Dogs Running.

(e) Reinstatement Process -- An application for reinstatement may be submitted after a period of one year. The application should be submitted in writing to the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee will make a formal recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding a request for reinstatement. A majority vote of the Board is required to reinstate a dog. No more than one request for reinstatement may be filed in one year. In the event that a reinstated dog has an additional aggression excusal, the dog will immediately be barred from future competition and no further requests for reinstatement will be permitted.

Effective March 21, 2009.

- Page 28, **Section 6.2 - Classes of Competition** (modifications to subsection (h)(ii))

Change:

*(h)(ii) When all entries received for a tournament's limited entry **regular** class are accepted at the conclusion of the automated draw.*

Effective March 21, 2009.

- Page 34, **Section 7.6 – Penalties for Ineligible Dogs Running** (additional language added to current rule)

Change:

Add the following language to the existing paragraph:

When a violation is discovered during a tournament, the offending team(s) will be deemed to have declared itself For Exhibition Only from that point forward. Races completed before the violation is discovered will not be rescored, but all future races will be scored as losses.

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- Page 36, **Section 8.3 – Regional Champions** (modifications to (e)(ii), (iii), and (iv))

Change:

(e)(ii) Regular Classes limited below 20 teams that exclude a team at the conclusion of the automated draw will not count towards Regional Championship points or tie-break times;

(iii) Multi-breed Classes limited below 12 teams that exclude a team at the conclusion of the automated draw will not count towards Regional Championship points or tie-break times;

(iv) In a limited entry class of competition, if any entering Club is excluded at the conclusion of the automated draw, the class of competition will not count towards Regional Champion points or tie-break times.

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