

CHAPTER 7 – STANDING RULES OF COMPETITION

Section 7.1 – Height Cards

(a) Height cards are optional. A dog's owner can apply to NAFA® for a height card application one (1) year after the dog has earned NAFA® points. Applications for height cards, at the cost of \$5.00 U.S. funds each, must be applied for through the NAFA® mailing address. Each application will be embossed with the corporate seal and numbered. Applications must be presented to the measuring recorder before the dog is measured and the Measuring Head Judge must be notified that the height is being recorded for a height card prior to measuring the dog. All dogs will need three (3) matching measurements from three (3) different approved NAFA® judges. At least one (1) of the three (3) judges must be a NAFA® designated Supervising Head Judge. Only one height card measurement may be attained per tournament. Apprentice and Provisional Judges shall not measure for Height Card Application Forms (C.10).

(b) Height cards issued by NAFA® will be wallet-size laminated cards. Handlers who forget their height cards at any given tournament may have their jump height contested. Completed height card forms are not accepted in lieu of a jump height card.

(c) Once a height card has been issued, additional cards for the same dog may not be applied for. Lost height cards can be replaced with an identical card for \$5.00 US Funds.

(d) A height card is not subject to challenge except as provided below:

- (i) A height card may be challenged once within a three (3) year period.
- (ii) An Approved or Supervising Judge may challenge a maximum of three (3) height cards per fiscal (racing) year. To bring a challenge, the Judge must witness the dog competing while officiating.
- (iii) A Club Owner may challenge a maximum of two (2) height cards per fiscal year. A Club Owner may only bring a challenge against dogs the Club Owner witnessed competing at a NAFA sanctioned tournament at which the Club Owner's club was also competing.
- (iv) A Judge or Club Owner who wishes to bring a height card challenge must complete form C20 and submit it to the Executive Director no more than fourteen (14) days after the last day of the event at which he or she witnessed the dog competing. If the form is mailed, it must be postmarked or email dated within the fourteen-day period. A Club Owner challenge must also be accompanied by a \$100USD fee.
- (v) If upon receipt of the C20 form and the fee (if required) the Executive Director finds that the challenge does not meet submission requirements

or that there is currently a challenge in process, the challenger will be notified and the challenge fee (if any) will be returned.

(e) The Challenge Review Process

- (i) If the challenge meets the submission conditions, the Executive Director shall, within 10 calendar days, notify the dog's owner by postal mail that the dog's height card has been challenged.
- (ii) The dog's owner has ninety (90) days, from the postmark date of the notification letter to provide a video to the Executive Director showing the dog being measured by a NAFA approved Head Judge during a sanctioned tournament. The dog is not required to participate in the tournament where it is measured. The owner may provide multiple videos.
- (iii) Video Requirements:
 - a. The video must be recorded after notification of the challenge by the Executive Director.
 - b. The video shall have audio. The audio shall, at minimum, contain the measuring judge voicing:
 - a. The measuring judge's name
 - b. Date of the measure
 - c. Location of the measure
 - d. Height measured to the nearest 1/16"
 - c. The video will provide an unobstructed view portraying that the stand is in compliance with the Rules of Racing, Chapter 4 Measuring.
 - d. Failure to provide a video within the allotted time will result in height card revocation.
 - e. The following video formats are acceptable; VHS, DVD, electronic file in .avi or .mpg format, or other pre-approved format.
- (iv) Upon receipt of the video, the Executive Director shall distribute it to a Review Committee. The committee shall review the video within ten (10) days of receipt of the video.
- (v) Review Committee;
 - a. A Review committee of 3 will be formed for each height card challenge.
 - b. Members of the committee shall be impartial and shall have no conflict of interest with either the challenger or dog owner (e.g. shall not have family or club ties with either the challenger or dog owner).
 - c. Members of the committee shall be selected as follows:
 - 1. The Executive Director shall appoint an Approved Judge.
 - 2. The Board of Director's Judge's Committee shall appoint an Approved Judge.
 - 3. The two appointed members shall appoint a third Approved Judge and notify the Executive Director and Judge's Committee of their choice.

- d. The committee will work within executive session. Notes will not be published.
- e. The committee shall review the video and make one of three findings. They will report their findings to both the Executive Director and the Judges' Committee:
 - 1. The video is unacceptable for the purpose intended and what its deficiencies are, or
 - 2. The video is acceptable and is consistent with the issued height card and recommends that the height card be upheld, or
 - 3. The video is acceptable and is not consistent with the issued height card and recommends that the height card be revoked, or

A video that is visually unclear, audio is vague, camera positioned poorly, etc., or the measure does not comply with the Rules of Racing are some of the reasons a video may be deemed unacceptable by the committee.

- (vi) The Executive Director shall implement the recommendations of the Review committee within 10 calendar days of the receipt of the committee's assessment by:
 - a. Notifying the dog owner that the first video was unacceptable with an explanation of its deficiencies and an acceptable video is required within 90 days. If an acceptable video has not been submitted within the extended 90 day period, the height card will be revoked.
 - b. Notifying the dog owner and challenger in writing that the height card has been upheld or revoked.
- (f) Height Card Revocation: NAFA® will publish all revoked height cards. No other penalties shall be pursued other than revocation of the height card when a challenge is made to a height card.
- (g) The results of the review process shall be recorded on NAFA® form C21.