

PROPOSED REVISION TO CWA RULES FOR EVENTS

As stated in Chapter 1, Paragraph B. 7: "The Rules Committee shall be comprised of the Board of Directors. Proposed rule changes must be submitted to the Secretary by November 1. The Secretary will prepare written ballots for the proposed rule changes and mail one ballot to each committee member by December 1 who shall vote promptly and return the marked ballot to the Secretary by 1. Amendments to the rules and regulations shall be two-thirds of ballots cast."

Please complete the following three questions (to be shared with Rules Committee – a.k.a. CWA Board of Directors):

1. Identify the specific Chapter and Paragraph of the *CWA Rules for Events* you propose amending.

Chapter V: Officials, Section 5: G. Placement Judges and H. Video Camera at Finish Line

2. State in exact words what your proposed revision, deletion or addition is and where it would fit into existing wording.

Current wording:

G. Placement Judges

The Race Secretary may appoint a Head Placement Judge, who will assure that there are qualified Placement Judges for each race. Whippet owners may act as judges, but shall not judge when their own dogs are competing (unless there is a shortage of officials). There shall be six Placement Judges for adult Grade A and High Point races, and at least four Placement Judges for all other races. Only two judges are necessary for puppy races, but four for high point puppy races. There shall always be a matching number of judges on each side of the finish line. The appropriate location of the Placement Judges should be directly on the finish line as per the diagram below.

Etc.

H. Video Camera at Finish Line

A video camera and playback equipment may be used at the finish line. The video camera must be of sufficient speed to be able to actually capture the individual dogs as they cross the finish line. The playback equipment must be able to view individual frames in a stop motion format. The use of video equipment shall be in a supplemental mode and will not replace the line judges. If used, the following procedure is to be followed: 1. The line judges will call the race as usual. If there is a disagreement, the camera may be used to review the placements. 2. All placing judges for that race will immediately proceed to the viewing area along with the video operator. The video operator can also be a line judge. 3. The placing judges of that race and the video operator shall review the finish. Ties can be decided by the first nose (muzzle) that crosses the finish line. After the placing judges have reviewed the video, owners of dogs in that race shall be permitted to see the video. These results shall become official and posted on the score board. 4. The resolution of this race shall take place prior to the running of the next race.

Proposed wording.

G. Placement Judges

The Race Secretary may appoint a Head Placement Judge, who will assure that there are qualified Placement Judges for each race. Whippet owners may act as judges, but shall not judge when their own dogs are competing (unless there is a shortage of officials). There shall be at least four written Placement Judges for all adult races unless video camera and playback equipment is used at the finish line then two written judges will be acceptable. Only two written placement judges are necessary for puppy races. There shall always be a matching number of judges on each side of the finish line. The appropriate location of the Placement Judges, or video or camera equipment if used, should be directly on the finish line as per the diagram below.

Etc.

H. Video Camera at Finish Line

One official video camera with playback equipment may be used at the finish line. Ideally, the video camera will be placed at a height of six feet, but must be no lower than 5 feet. The video camera must be at a consistent height for the entire meet. The video

camera must be of sufficient speed to be able to capture the individual dogs as they cross the finish line. The playback equipment must be able to view individual frames in a stop motion format. If used, the following procedure is to be followed: 1. The line judges will call the race as usual. If there is a disagreement, only the official camera may be used to review the placements. 2. All placing judges for that race will immediately proceed to the viewing area along with the video operator. The video operator can also be a line judge. 3. The placing judges of that race and the video operator shall review the finish. Ties can be decided by the first nose (muzzle) that crosses the finish line. After the placing judges have reviewed the video, owners of dogs in that race shall be permitted to see the video. These results shall become official and posted on the score board. 4. The resolution of this race shall take place prior to the running of the next race.

3. State the justification or rationale for this proposed change (i.e. how it will improve or enhance the existing rule).

We have been doing this for the past year and a half during COVID and it is working well. It has also improved the accuracy of our judging and placements.

SIGNATURE Barb Hearley DATE 10/29/21

Sign and email by **November 1st** to the CWA Secretary at the below address:

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