



USDAA Rules Amendment on Switching from Championship to Performance When a Dog Measures Up

Effective: Immediately.

Appendix D of USDAA Official Rules & Regulations shall be amended to expand the options available to competitors who have a dog measured up at an event.

Appendix D states:

“The dog must be placed in the proper height class for the event based upon the measurement.”

The sentence shall be amended as follows:

“The dog must be placed in the higher height class for which they are eligible in the Program in which entered based upon the measurement, or

- If the dog is entered in the Championship Program, the competitor may modify their entry to enroll their dog in the proper height division of the same class in the Performance Program.
- If the dog is entered in the Performance Program, the competitor may modify their entry to enroll their dog in the proper height division of the same class in the Veterans Program, if offered, provided the dog is at least eight (8) years of age.

Should the same or alternative class not be available in the Performance Program (or in the Veterans Program), the handler may run the dog “For Exhibition Only” (“FEO”) in the original classes entered (if not prohibited by the Host Group) or forfeit entry.”

Background

This amendment is adopted to address what may happen with respect to invalid entries as a result of a dog measuring up. It allows the competitor the choice of competing with their dog at a proper, official height when they have unknowingly or mistakenly entered the dog in an improper height division in a Program (i.e., the opportunity to correct for an invalid entry; it does not permit a handler the opportunity to move their dog into another program should they learn that their dog qualifies for a lower height, as might be the case where a dog thought to measure 21¼” and has been entered in the 20” Performance class. The dog should not be permitted to move into the Championship 22” class, as the entry in the 20” Performance class is valid.)

Questions regarding this policy statement shall be directed to the USDAA office via email at rules@usdaa.com, or if by phone, (972) 487-2200 x102.