

## F.A.Q. – New Measuring System – Jan 16, 2021

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### Glossary

**Permanent Measurement:** To obtain a Permanent Measurement, a dog must receive two (2) matching measurements from different Approved or Supervising Judges (that are certified) \*\*\*\*\*CHECK DIFFERENT EVENTS? Once a Permanent Measurement is obtained, a dog is no longer subject to Mandatory Measuring requirements. The Permanent Measurement is good for the life of the dog.

**Temporary Measurement:** Dogs under two (2) years of age are required to have one (1) measurement from an Approved or Supervising Judge (that is certified) to be listed as a height dog. This jump height is valid until the age of two (2).

**Certified (to Measure):** All Approved or Supervising Judges are eligible to be certified to measure with the new device.

**Owner Initiated Remeasure (OIR) Process: \*\*\*\*\*ADD DETAILS**

## Answers

### 1. What does Mandatory Measuring really mean?

Dogs under two (2) years of age must measure at every tournament where listed as a height dog, until they have their [Temporary Measurement](#).

Dogs over two (2) years of age must measure at every\* tournament where listed as a height dog, until they have their [Permanent Measurement](#).

Dog ten (10) years of age and over are exempt from Mandatory Measuring requirements. Jumping an obviously unreasonable height will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.

\*exceptions \*\*\*\*ADD don't have to measure if already have measured with that judge

### 2. Will Mandatory Measuring mean ALL dogs need to measure, regardless if they are height dogs?

No, only if the dog is to set the height of the jumps for a team.

### 3. Will there still be height cards? What will happen for those that already have height cards now?

No, there will be no physical or electronic height cards. Instead, the dog's [Temporary](#) or [Permanent Measurement](#) will be recorded in the database and displayed on the dog's 'Dog Points Detail' web page. Current height cards will be considered equivalent to a Permanent Measure.

### 4. Will every height dog need to be measured at the first tournament after Mandatory Measuring comes into effect?

Not necessarily. Mandatory Measuring means you will need to measure your dog, where listed as height dog, at the first tournament and each subsequent tournament, unless:

- Your dog already met the requirements for [Permanent Measurement](#) in the First Phase (Training/Practice Period).
- Your dog is under two (2) years of age, and met the requirements for its one (1) [Temporary Measurement](#) in the First Phase (Training/Practice Period).
- Your dog already has had a measurement done by the tournament's official measuring judge (or alternates) that counts towards its Permanent Measurement \*\*\*\*\*CHECK
- Your dog is exempt because of age: ten(10) years of age or older at the time Mandatory Measuring comes into effect.

### 5. Won't Mandatory Measuring mean long line-ups at tournaments?

\*\*\*ADD HERE – second day of measuring, possible to get Temporary/Permanent measurement in phase one

**6. What about some competitors feeling concerned that the laser could damage their dogs' eyes?**

The dogs are physically facing away from the laser source, so the laser does not shine in their eyes. The laser line is also at a height 24" above the table/floor, so it is well above the eyelevel of most dogs. Also, the laser is approved to be safe, even if it does shine in eyes.

**7. Will Regional Directors be getting the laser measuring devices right when racing starts again?**

Devices will go out as soon as possible, dependent on finances.

**8. What is the tallest dog you can measure with the laser measuring device?**

Answer: The final rulers will be able to measure a 24" dog, same as the current wicket.

**9. Will practicing (non-official measurements) be allowed in the First Phase (Training/Practice Period)?**

Yes, this will be encouraged. The Judges Committee Chair will be asking judges to provide competitors with chances to practice measuring as much as they can.

**10. What are the conditions for a measurement counting towards Permanent Measure before Mandatory Measuring is in effect?**

The Judge must have been certified to measure with the new measuring device, and the Regional Director for the tournament must also have been trained. Both of these conditions will be indicated in the database. \*\*\*\*CHECK THIS

**11. What if I don't agree with the Permanent Measurement I get for my dog?**

There will be an [Owner Initiated Remeasure \(OIR\) Process](#) implemented. \*\*\*ADD DETAILS

**12. NAFA is eliminating challenges from competitors, so what if competitors think a dog has not been measured correctly?**

If any competitors have concerns with the measuring of a dog, they should discuss it with the Regional Director, another Judge present, Judges Committee Chair or Executive Director. NAFA will follow-up and take action as appropriate.