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Glossary

Permanent Measurement*: To obtain a Permanent Measurement, a dog must receive two (2) matching height measurements (rounded down to the nearest whole number) from different Approved or Supervising Judges (that are certified) at two separate 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: After receiving a Permanent Measurement, the owner can request a one-time only re-measure process in order to adjust their Permanent Measurement.

*NAFA will announce when measurements can start to count towards Temporary/Permanent Measurements.

Answers

1. What does Mandatory Measuring really mean?

Dogs under 24 months of age must measure at every tournament when listed as a height dog, until they have their [Temporary Measurement](#).

Dogs of at least 24 months of age must measure at every* tournament when listed as a height dog, until they have their [Permanent Measurement](#).

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

*There are exceptions to this – see question 4.

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](#) before Mandatory Measuring came into effect.
- Your dog is under 24 months of age, and met the requirements for its one (1) [Temporary Measurement](#) before Mandatory Measuring came into effect.
- Your dog already has had a measurement done by the tournament's official measuring judge(s) that counts towards its Permanent Measurement.
- 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?

In order to avoid this, NAFA is making it possible to get Permanent/Temporary Measurements done before Mandatory Measuring comes into effect. NAFA will announce when measurements can start to count towards Permanent/Temporary Measurements.

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 period before Mandatory Measuring comes into effect?

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?

NAFA will announce when measuring for Permanent/Temporary Measurements can go ahead. 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. NAFA is currently planning to have one date for all of NAFA to go ahead with measurements towards Permanent/Temporary Measurements.

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 for when Mandatory Measuring comes into effect.

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, NAFA Board Chair or Executive Director. NAFA will follow-up and take action as appropriate.