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KENNEL CLUB™

## Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to host FAST CAT® events**

Subject: **Regulation Clarifications to Timing and Fencing**

This communication is to inform your club about two clarifications made to the *Regulations for FAST CAT®*.

The following two changes to the *Regulations for FAST CAT®* are effective immediately. These two changes are noted in bold, underline and are meant to provide greater clarity. The exact wording will appear as follows in the next reprinting of the regulation booklet.

Chapter XVI – Fast Cat Regulations, Section 10:

D. Timing Devices: The time to complete the 100-yard dash is recorded to the nearest 1/100th of a second (e.g. 9.11). The club may use stopwatches or break-the-beam equipment to obtain the time. Clubs must specify in their premium list which timing method is to be used. If stopwatches are used, there shall be two timers positioned at the finish line. An individual at the start line shall signal with an arm drop the moment the nose of the dog crosses the start line. The timers shall start their stopwatches at the **start** ~~bottom~~ of the arm drop. The timers shall stop their watches when the nose of the dog crosses the finish line. The times from the two stopwatches shall be averaged to determine the recorded time.

G. Course/Fencing: The course must be essentially flat and must be straight from beginning to end. The course can only be measured using a tape measure and no type of measuring wheel. The course must be free of any potential hazards. Pulleys are prohibited from placement inside the course. The club should consider fencing the course area, however this is up to the decision of the club given the specifics of the setting. The premium ~~should~~ **must** state if the course at the event is enclosed with fencing.

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