



AMERICAN
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Performance Events Department

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

Subject: **Regulation Changes Affecting Participation by Timers, Lure Operators and Paid Secretaries**

This communication is to inform your club of upcoming changes to the *Regulations for Fast CAT®* which pertain to eligibility restrictions on dogs owned or co-owned by individuals performing key activities at Fast CAT events. The key activities are operating timing devices, recording times, operating the lure and being a paid secretary. These changes are being implemented to preserve the integrity of the sport and minimize conflict of interest situations. Changes go into effect **September 1, 2021**.

Individuals may not be involved in operating timing devices, recording times, or operating the lure for any dog they or any member of their immediate family or household owns or co-owns. Additionally, this extends to the same breed they or any member of their immediate family or household owns or co-owns, if their dog is entered in the event. Event Secretaries that receive compensation for their secretarial role in the event, are not eligible to enter their own dog in the event or dogs owned or co-owned by any member of their immediate family or household.

The exact wording will appear as follows in the next reprinting of the regulation booklet. Each of the changes are noted in bold and underlined.

Chapter 16, Section 10. Course/Equipment.

D. Timing Devices: (*New second paragraph.*) An individual shall not operate a timing device or record the time for any run in which they or a member of their immediate family or household own or co-own the running dog. **In addition, an individual may not be involved in timing or recording the time for the same breed they, or any member of their immediate family or household, owns or co-owns, if their dog is entered in the event. For the purposes of this restriction, All-American dogs are considered one breed.**

E. Lure Equipment: (*New second paragraph.*) An individual shall not operate the lure for a dog they, or any member of their immediate family or household, owns or co-owns. **In addition, an individual cannot operate the lure for the same breed they, or any member of their immediate family or household, owns or co-owns, if their dog is entered in the event. For the purpose of this restriction, All-American dogs are considered one breed.**

Chapter 16, Section 3. Eligibility to Enter. (*New Second paragraph.*)

Dogs owned or co-owned by a paid event secretary, or any member of their immediate family or household, are not eligible to enter an event where the individual is the event secretary. Paid means the person is compensated in any manner, whether directly from the host club or as part of a service provider team.

This regulation update has been posted to the [Fast CAT Regulation Resources](#) webpage and is being communicated to all clubs licensed to host Fast CAT. Please send any comments or questions to:

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