

Changes to Measurement Process Commencing January 1 2017

AAC has moved to a downloadable AAC Dog ID card starting January 1st, 2017.

For competitors applying for a new Dog ID number, the new card will have provision for both current measurements and 2018 measurements. It is intended to be used initially as a tri-fold card. After January 1 2018, the 2017 portion can be removed, or folded under, and the card laminated. The replacement card for 2018 measurements of dog that currently has a completed card will be a bi-fold version without the 2017 section.

This following procedure is in place for all measurements carried out in 2017. Any exceptions to the normal measuring process are in effect for 2017 only.

Competitors:

- If your dog does not have an AAC ID number this can be applied for in the normal manner. You will receive the ID number by e-mail and a pdf copy of the Dog ID card for you to print out and bring to your dog's first trial.
- If your dog is currently competing and has a **completed or partially completed** ID card, you can apply for a replacement card via the AAC website or by mail. Your new card will be e-mailed to you in pdf form, with the front part of the card pre-filled with Dog/Owner details. This new card can be used for the 2018 measurements, and the 2017 portion discarded. Replacement printed cards can be mailed, on request, but standard card replacement fees will apply. There will be no charge for e-mailing the replacement 2018 card if requested before 1 April 2018.
- If your dog already has an ID card but no heights have been recorded, you can choose whether to use that card for 2017 or apply for a replacement card to have the option of both measurements (2017 and 2018) on the same card.
- There is no change to the existing protocol for measuring dogs that do not have a completed ID card for the current (2017) heights. Two measurements are still required by two different judges on two different days.
- Dogs requiring measurements for current 2017 heights can also have a measurement for 2018 recorded IF:
 - The club has measuring devices for the new heights AND
 - The dog is over 2 years old or > 23" tall.
- Re-measurements for 2018 heights can be done any time from 1 January 2017 onwards if the club has the necessary approved and verified measuring devices.
- For re-measurements, two measurements must be carried out by two different judges. Any exceptions to this process, for the duration of 2017, are noted below.
- If the dog only has wicket measurements on their completed ID card (</>) then they **must** be re-measured for 2018 heights
 - Exceptions to the above are if the dog has a height of >23 or <=12 recorded on their card

- If the dog has TWO exact height measurements, or >23 or <=12, on their completed ID card, they do not require a re-measurement. **However:**
 - The exact heights noted on the existing card must match the final jump height category circled on the completed card.
 - If either of the exact height measurements fall within ¼” of the new cutoff height, or the two fall either side of the new cutoff height, the dog must be re-measured.
 - The height(s) noted on the existing card must be transferred to the new card and signed by the judge.
 - The judge (or designate) will also record this information on the AAC Dog Measurement Form at the trial.
- All competitors have the right to request re-measurement even if the dog has an exact height or >23 recorded on their current (2017 cutoffs) completed dog ID card.
- Height cards from other organizations, even with an exact height noted on them, will not be accepted as proof of height for the re-measurement process.
- Final measurements for both 2017 and 2018 will be recorded by the AAC results coordinator, so replacements can be requested for lost ID cards. There will be a charge to replace lost ID cards after you have obtained your dog’s final measurement.

Judges:

- Be aware that three styles of cards may be seen during 2017.
 - Cards issued pre-January 2017 for new measurements at the current heights
 - Tri-fold cards for new measurements on the 2017 portion and/or re-measurements on the 2018 portion
 - Bi-fold cards for 2018 re-measurements (same as tri-fold card above but with 2017 portion removed)
- Be aware that measuring devices/wickets for the new heights must have been inspected and approved before use. The regional director **may** require your assistance as a designate to carry out this task and record approval on the supplementary AAC equipment inspection form. The club should have arranged this beforehand, so please check before carrying out 2018 measurements.
- There is no change to the measuring protocol if a dog does not have a completed ID card for the current (2017) jump heights
 - For completed 2017 measurements, ONLY the “Height Card Complete” box should be checked.
- For 2018 **re-measurements** ONLY:
 - Judges not officiating at a trial may assist in carrying out re-measurements at that trial. The Judge’s name should be noted in full on the Dog Measurement Form
 - Two measurements from two judges are required, but may be carried out by different judges on the same day
 - If the two measurements put the dog either side of a cutoff height, then a third must be done to determine the final 2018 jump height.

- Dog ID card must be signed AND final Regular 2018 height circled
- All re-measurements must be recorded on the official AAC Dog Measurement Form in addition to the Dog ID card
- The AAC Dog Measurement Form will have an extra column to check to indicate that this is a re-measurement for 2018. If the re-measurement is complete, the “Height Card Complete” box should also be checked
- For **NEW** measurements for dogs not having a completed ID card:
 - Normal measuring protocol should be followed with the dog requiring two measurements from two different judges on two different days for their ID card to be completed
 - New measurements may only be carried out by the Judges of Record (the judges officiating at the trial)
 - For dogs needing to be measured for competition in 2017, measurements for both jump height cutoffs (current and 2018) may be carried out on the same day.
 - 2018 measurements may only be recorded if the dog is over 2 years or >23”
 - The AAC Dog Measurement Form will have an extra column to check to indicate that this is a measurement for 2018. If the dog measurement is complete, the “Height Card Complete” box should also be checked

Clubs:

- There is no change to measuring protocol for current (2017) jump heights. The following procedure is for if you wish to offer measuring for the 2018 heights.
- Re-measurements for 2018 heights can be done any time from 1 January 2017 onwards if the club has the necessary approved and verified measuring devices.
- Re-measurements must only be carried out at official AAC trials unless a special measuring day is sanctioned by the AAC
- Judges not officiating at a trial may assist in carrying out re-measurements at that trial. The name of the Judge must be written, either by the trial secretary or the Judge, at the bottom of the Dog Measurement Form, identifying them clearly as measuring assistants.
- For 2018 re-measurements **ONLY**, two measurements may be done on the same day but must be carried out by different judges
- New wickets and measuring devices must be inspected and verified before use. This is the same procedure as inspections for ANY new pieces of equipment. Contact your Regional Director to arrange approval.
- Ensure that you have the updated AAC Dog Measurement Form available for judges to record measurements for 2018.
- It is the competitor’s responsibility to request a replacement card for 2018 re-measurements and print it themselves.
- You are encouraged to inform competitors of the changes to height cards via premium list or trial confirmation

- You should advise via premium list or trial confirmation whether re-measurement for 2018 heights will be available
- **Measuring days –**
 - Designated re-measuring days may be organized with a minimum of 2 AAC judges present.
 - This will be a sanctioned AAC event and all AAC policies and procedures will be in effect.
 - For re-measuring days organized in conjunction with a fun match, the fun match does NOT need to be an AAC sanctioned event and is completely under control and conditions of the organizer, and of the property owner.
 - Re-measuring days must be arranged through the AAC administrator.
 - The “Request for Re-measuring Day” form must be submitted to request measuring outside of a sanctioned AAC trial