

New Measuring System Summary

NAFA's new system will introduce the following:

- A new **laser measuring apparatus** that is **easier** on dogs, handlers, and judges
- **Mandatory measuring** as of Oct 1, 2022
- A **bigger role for RDs** in the measuring process
- A **certification process** for measuring for judges and RDs to ensure consistency across regions

Phase 1

Apr 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2022

The new laser NAFA measuring apparatus (laser level + ruler + optional table) goes out to all regions.

Competitors, judges, RDs practice measuring.



Phase 2

Apr 1, 2022 – Sep 30, 2022

ALL NAFA approved and supervising judges are now certified on the new laser measuring apparatus (they have Measuring Official status).

Laser NAFA measuring apparatus is the official measuring device, but measuring is still optional.

You can choose to get your Height Dog's Temporary/Permanent Measurements in the 6 months before it becomes mandatory.

Phase 3

Oct 1, 2022 –

Mandatory Measuring is in effect.

Height Dogs that did not get their Temporary/Permanent Measurement already will be required to measure at every tournament until they have the following:

2 MATCHING MEASUREMENTS

from

2 DIFFERENT JUDGES

at different tournaments

= PERMANENT MEASUREMENT

For dogs under 24 mos. of age:

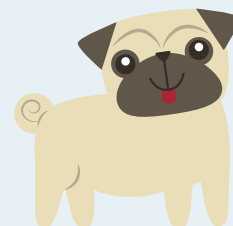
1 MEASUREMENT (until 24 mos. of age)



Some regions have fewer judges, making it harder to get the Permanent Measurement. NAFA will work with these regions to adapt the process, as needed. (For example, this may include submitting a video of measuring to the Judges Committee.)

Exceptions to Mandatory Measuring

- Dogs **over 10 years** of age by October 1, 2022 are exempt from Mandatory Measuring



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Won't mandatory measuring mean long line-ups?

- We encourage competitors to get their Height Dog's Permanent Measurement **during Phase 2**, before mandatory measuring comes into effect Oct 1, 2022.



What's going away?



- **Certified Measuring Judges (CMJs)** All judges will be certified to be Measuring Officials.
- **Height challenges** by competitors. NAFA will handle any concerns.
- **Height cards.** No card will be necessary. Permanent Measurements will be publicly available on NAFA website.

What if I don't agree with my Permanent Measurement?

- Starting in Phase 3, there will be a new **Owner Initiated Remeasuring (OIR) Process**
- This is allowed once during the lifetime of the dog.



Could the laser damage my dog's eyes?



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

How can I prepare my dog to measure?



- NAFA has created some short videos to give you a good idea of what to expect during measuring, and some tips to make it easier.
- Ask a judge in your region to practice measuring with you.

Does my dog have to measure on a table?



- You can choose to measure on the ground or a table.
- We encourage you to try having your dog measured on a table, as we've found it to be easier for the dog and judge.

More details are in the FY2022 version of the NAFA rule book:

- Glossary -- new items: NAFA Recorded Measurement, Permanent Measurement, Temporary Measurement, Initial Measurement, Measuring Official;
- Chapter 2 Judges -- new measuring training and certification for judges
- Chapter 4 Measuring -- how to get a Permanent or Temporary Measurement, details about mandatory measuring, Owner Initiated Remeasuring Process;
- Chapter 7.2 World Record Times -- requirements for Height Dogs;
- Section 1.6 Regional Directors -- increased role in the measuring process;

