

## **NEW Simplified Jump Height Card Process**

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When filling out the entry form, there is a new section at the top of the form for exhibitors to designate whether your dog has a valid jump height card or if your dog needs to be measured. Please check the appropriate box so that the Trial Secretary knows whether to include your dog on the *Dogs To Be Measured List*. It is no longer required that you submit a copy of your dog's jump height card with your entry form or show it during day of show check-in.

### **How do I know if I have a valid jump height card?**

**If your dog is under the age of two years as of the trial's date:** One (1) temporary measurement is required. Once measured, be sure to retain the Agility Measurement Form yellow copy and check "My dog has a **Temporary** Jump Height Form" box, otherwise your dog needs to be measured. If your dog turns two years of age or is older as of the trial's date, your temporary measurement expires on their 2nd birthday and your dog needs to be measured.

**If your dog is the age of two years or older as of the trial's date:** A minimum of two (2) permanent measurements are required. If both permanent measurements place your dog into the same jump height class, the AKC office will issue you a permanent card. If not, then a third measurement is required to determine the dog's jump height class. Until such time that you have received all required measurements for a permanent jump height card, check the "My dog needs to be measured" box. Upon arrival at the trial, you must check to see if there is a Volunteer Measuring Official and/or an Agility Field Rep. present to perform official measurements. If not, and you possess a yellow copy of the Agility Measurement Form from a previous measurement, then your armband may be picked up during Check-In in lieu of being measured by the judge of record. Once you have received your permanent card from the AKC office, check the "My dog has a **Permanent** Jump Height Card" box on all future entry forms.

**Exception to the 2 permanent measurement requirement:** If your dog measures over 22 inches at the withers, you have the option of selecting the "Over 22" Reqst Perm" box at the top left corner of the Agility Measurement Form to receive a permanent jump height card from AKC after a single measurement. If you do so, please also sign below the checkbox. By doing so, you are giving up your right to have a 2nd measurement performed on your dog in the future; however, you are not giving up your right to have the challenge measurement process performed in the future. Once you have received your permanent card from the AKC office, check the "My dog has a **Permanent** Jump Height Card" box on all future entry forms.

### **What if my dog measures into a different jump height then what he is entered?**

If your dog has been measured by an AKC Field Representative or Volunteer Measuring Official (VMO) and is now eligible to jump in a lower height class, the measurement is effective immediately including any runs (regular or preferred class) which have not yet occurred on the same day that the measurement is recorded. This immediate action does not apply to measurements taken as part of completing the challenge measurement process. Dogs who measure into a higher jump height have always been required to be moved immediately.

### **May I challenge my dog's jump height card measurement?**

Yes, each dog may go through the challenge process once after the age of two (2) years, if requested by the owner. (Any dogs under the age of two (2) years are also eligible for a challenge measurement.)

### **What is the jump height card challenge process?**

The jump height card challenge process replicates the original measurement steps. A minimum of two (2) challenge measurements are required. If both challenge measurements place your dog into the same jump height class, then you will be issued a new permanent card from the AKC office. If the two challenge measurements place the dog in different jump height classes, then a third challenge measurement is required to determine the dog's jump height class.

Until such time that you have received all required challenge measurements, you must continue to compete at the original jump height stated on the permanent jump height card that is in your possession.

**It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to have their original, official jump height card or temporary jump height form at each trial to present upon request. Additionally, if a measurement is necessary, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to have their dog measured prior to running. *Regulations for Agility Trials, Chapter 2, Section 4.***