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Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Host Fast CAT and CAT**

Subject: **Clarification on Type of Muzzle**

This communication is to inform your club of a clarification to a regulation found in the *Coursing Ability Test and Fast CAT Regulations*. This regulation change is intended to prevent owners/handlers from using an inappropriate muzzle not designed for running, much like you would see used at a veterinarian's office. The term basket type also refers to common racing type muzzles which have holes or openings that allow airflow.

This change provides further clarification on the description of an acceptable muzzle used in CAT and Fast CAT tests. This change is effective August 1, 2023.

The exact wording of this change is underlined and in bold and will appear in the next printing of the regulations as follows:

Chapter 2. Section 16. Collar/Paraphernalia

(end of section)

Muzzles must not have sharp, hard edges and must **be of a basket type that** allow the dog to **open its mouth to pant and** breath **freely.** **The huntmaster is responsible for ensuring and checking the muzzles are used appropriately.**