



# Agility Association of Canada

## Rulebook Update v. 6.1

July 3, 2017

Please save or print this update and include it with your AAC Rulebook, V. 6.0, effective January 2017. Any rule changes related to Regional and/or National competition, or to the National Team, can be found elsewhere (see [www.aac.ca](http://www.aac.ca) for links).

Please Note: because July 1, 2017 falls on a weekend, any rule changes normally effective July 1, 2017 are instead effective July 3, 2017 (Rule Book Section 1.6).

### A-Rule Changes, Clarifications, and Interpretations, Effective between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017:

- **Measuring is now underway for the new 2018 jump heights and jump height cut-offs:** Effective throughout 2017, dogs may be measured or re-measured to determine their 2018 jump heights. Any judge may measure any dog entered at a trial, provided that the club has the appropriate 2018 wickets, or a measuring device that gives an exact reading. The details of the process can be found on the AAC website, under "Forms".
- **Clarification of Team Relay course design guidelines:** Effective immediately, the course design guidelines regarding the use of weave poles shall be understood to mean that there shall be a maximum of 24 weave poles on course, a maximum of two weave entries per dog, and at least one dog is required to perform at least 12 poles. (170315, Rulebook Section 3.10, Judge's Handbook Section 11.5)
- **Clarification to dog running under last obstacle:** Effective immediately, if a dog runs *under* a tire or *under* a jump bar on the last obstacle, the dog shall be permitted to retry. The Judge will call a refusal if the dog is brought back to retry and correctly performs the obstacle. The judge will call a non-completion fault if the dog does not retry the obstacle, or takes it backwards (jumps over, through or runs under in the wrong direction). The time only stops when the dog either completes the obstacle correctly (i.e. goes through the tire or over the jump), takes the last obstacle backwards, or leaves the ring without retrying. If ETS is used, the Timer shall be instructed to restart the time as the dog passes under the tire/bar. If manual timing is used, the Timer shall be instructed not to stop the time until the dog has correctly performed the last obstacle, or takes the last obstacle backwards, or when the dog leaves the ring. (170418)
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### B-Rule Changes effective July 3, 2017:

- **In Challenge class, obstacle repetition will no longer result in immediate dismissal:** Effective July 3, 2017, obstacle repetition will no longer require immediate dismissal in Challenge class. Instead, the dog should be whistled off at open SCT, as for all other classes. (161110, Rulebook Section 2.10.1, Judge's Handbook Section 4.7)
- **Time and point changes for 10" Regular dogs and their Special and Veteran equivalents:** Effective FROM July 3, 2017, TO December 31, 2017, the following changes to course time calculations, and to point requirements for qualification in Snooker and Gamblers will apply to the 10" Regular, 6" Special and 6" single drop Veteran dogs:
  - **Standard Course Time Adjustments:** An additional 5 seconds shall be added to the mini SCT in the Standard, Jumpers and Steeplechase classes. This time will be added after the addition of table time (where applicable) and after the 20% veteran time adjustment. No additional time will be added to the Team Relay SCT or to the Challenge target Course Time (TCT). (161010, 161220, Rulebook Section 2.9, Judge's Handbook Section 5.3.2)  
**Note to Judges:** When carrying out reverse calculations to ensure that the SCT is within the allowable range for any given class and level, use mini SCT for the lower range - not the 10" Reg SCT.
  - **Changes to point totals required for qualification in Gamblers:** The opening points required for qualification will be reduced by two. (161222, Rulebook Section 3.6.6, Judge's Handbook Section 5.4.4, 11.1)
  - **Changes to point totals required for qualification in Snooker:** The total number of points required for qualification will be reduced by two. (161222, Rulebook Section 3.8.4, Judge's Handbook Sections 5.4.5, 11.3)

- **Changes to time allowed for the final gamble for all mini dogs:** Effective FROM July 3, 2017, TO December 31, 2017, the time allowed for the final will be calculated at Open time + 20% and will apply to ALL mini dogs (10" and 16" Regular and their Special and Veteran equivalents). These changes are listed on the AAC website, under "Forms". (161223, 170113, Rulebook Section 3.6.5, Judge's Handbook Section 5.4.4, 11.1)

### **C-Pending Rule Changes:**

The following rule changes, effective no earlier than January 1, 2018, are briefly listed here for convenience only.

- January 1, 2018- New jump heights effective (See AAC website under Forms for details).
- January 1, 2018- Competitors are required to show their Dog ID cards on check in (170512)
- January 1, 2018- Peg-and-stop and dowel-type jump cups no longer allowed (160503). *Deferred from July 1, 2017 (170307).*
- January 1, 2018- Solid tires will no longer be allowed (160210).
- January 1, 2018- One piece double jumps and ascending spreads no longer approved for use (160915).
- January 1, 2018- Any newly approved weave pole bases must have the supporting feet placed out of the dog's path (161008).
- January 1, 2018- Clarification of construction specifications, usage and point assignment for "C 2.8.4 – Other Jumps". (170404)
- June 1, 2018- Non-standard wheel assemblies on dog walk and A-frame no longer allowed (130507).
- July 1, 2018- Round chute barrels will no longer be allowed (160510).
- January 1, 2020- One piece metal jumps will be completely eliminated from the list of approved AAC equipment. (141212)
- January 1, 2020- All contacts (including the table) must be rubberised. (141222)

### **D-Inserts for Rulebook 6.0:**

The following tables are suitable for printing and may be inserted in the relevant sections of the most recent AAC rulebook.

## Changes to Gamblers Scoring and Final Gamble Time Calculations

### Rule Book Reference 3.6.6

Effective July 3, 2017 to December 31, 2017, the following changes to required opening points and to calculation of the final gamble time will be in effect.

| Performance Level                    | Opening Period | Minimum Final Gamble Time | Final Gamble Time |               |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                      |                |                           | Open Reg/Spec     | Mini Reg/Spec | Open Vet/JH | Mini Vet/JH |
| Starters- 4 obstacles<br>3 obstacles | 40 sec.        | 20 sec.                   | ≥ 20 sec          | Open + 20%    | Open + 20%  | Mini + 20%  |
|                                      |                | 18 sec.                   | ≥ 18 sec.         |               |             |             |
| Advanced                             |                | 18 sec.                   | ≥ 18 sec          |               |             |             |
| Masters                              |                | 15 sec.                   | ≥ 15 sec          |               |             |             |

**Table 3.6.5 A** - Calculation of Final Gamble Times, by Level, Category, and Division\*.

\* Refers to existing divisions. Mini = 10" and 16" Regular, and their Special and Veteran equivalents.

Open = 22" and 26" Regular, and their Special and Veteran equivalents.

**Table 3.6.6 A** - Required Opening Points for Qualification in Gamblers, by Level, Category, and Jump Height.

| Performance Level | Opening Period | Opening Points Required |               |         |               |           |               |             |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
|                   |                | Regular                 |               | Special |               | SD Vet/JH |               | DD Vet/JH   |
|                   |                | 10"                     | 16", 22", 26" | 6"      | 10", 16", 22" | 6"        | 10", 16", 22" | All heights |
| <b>Starters</b>   | 40 sec.        | 18                      | 20            | 18      | 20            | 14        | 16            | 16          |
| <b>Advanced</b>   |                | 18                      | 20            | 18      | 20            | 14        | 16            | 16          |
| <b>Masters</b>    |                | 26                      | 28            | 26      | 28            | 20        | 22            | 22          |

## Changes to Snooker Scoring

### Rulebook Reference - Section 3.8.4

Effective July 3, 2017 to December 31, 2017, the following changes to the opening points required for qualification for the 10" Regular dogs and their Special and Veteran equivalents will be in effect.

#### 3.8.4 A -Changes to Points required for a Qualifying Score in Snooker, by Level, Category, and Jump Height.

| Performance Level | Time Allowed | Points Required for Qualification |               |         |               |           |               |             |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
|                   |              | Regular                           |               | Special |               | SD Vet/JH |               | DD Vet/JH   |
|                   |              | 10"                               | 16", 22", 26" | 6"      | 10", 16", 22" | 6"        | 10", 16", 22" | All heights |
| <b>Starters</b>   | 60 sec.      | 35                                | 37            | 35      | 37            | 30        | 32            | 32          |
| <b>Advanced</b>   | 60 sec.      | 35                                | 37            | 35      | 37            | 30        | 32            | 32          |
| <b>Masters</b>    | 55 sec       | 38                                | 40            | 38      | 40            | 32        | 34            | 34          |