

Agility Association of Canada

National Championship Rules & Guidelines

Summer Supplement 2018 v. 2.2



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This update is a compilation of recently adopted rule changes that will have an impact. For a more complete list of rule changes, or to read the full text of the related motions, please refer to On Course. National Rulebook updates may also include commentary and clarifications of existing rules from the AAC Rulebook 2017, v7.0B.

Please address any questions or concerns to the NSC Chair (contact information on the AAC website).

A. Rule Changes Affecting Practical Judging and/or Course Design:

- **Equipment List Additions & Amendments:** Effective October 19, 2017, (Motion 171005).
Section 3.2.3 Equipment List to be amended as outlined:
 - Broad Jump moves from optional obstacle status to mandatory obstacle status for Standard rings.
 - Wall jump is added to the National Equipment List as an optional obstacle that may be included in Jumpers rings.
 - Replace “1 Double jump (wing = 24 inches) with “1 Double jump with 5 foot bars and approved wing on both sides”
 - Replace “1 Ascending jump (wing = 24 inches) with “1 Ascending jump with 5 foot bars and approved wing on both sides”
 - **Practical Judging?** Ensure that Standard rings include a Broad Jump, and that Ascending and Double specifications are met for equipment provided for use in all rings.

- **5 Foot Bars for Ascending & Double Jumps:** Effective October 19, 2017, (Motion 171006).
Section 3.2.4 Course Design Criteria to be amended as outlined:
 - Courses are to be designed for a 5 foot bar width for ascending and double jumps with an approved wing on each side.
 - **Practical Judging?** Ensure that course design accommodates the room needed for 5 foot bar widths on Ascending and Double specifications in all courses designed for National rings.

- **Broad Jump - Bi-directional or Unidirectional Options:** Effective February 19, 2017, (Motion 170120).
Subsection 3.2.4 Course Design Criteria and Subsection 4.2.11 Course Building (and Tweaking) to include:

 - In order to clarify the Broad Jump configuration rule, the Ascending configuration of Broad Jump is unidirectional, while the Oxer (Hogback) may be used as either a unidirectional or bi-directional obstacle.
 - ***Practical Judging?*** Ensure that the correct configuration is used in rings depending on whether the Ascending or Oxer Broad Jump configuration of equipment is provided for ring use.

- **Items in the Ring Amendment:** Effective March 15, 2018, (Motion 180310).
Create Subsection 4.2.13 General Faults and add the following:

 - **4.2.13 General Faults**

Items in the Ring - Food, drink, toys or cigarettes shall not be permitted in the ring at any time, including walk-throughs and course building. Any handler utilizing such items, or any performance enhancing item (which could be any item that, in the judge's opinion, the dog is clearly focused on, and/or is aiding in the dogs performance, whether before or during the run), or having such items on their person will be given zero (0) points for the current run. The team may complete the course. Points earned in previous courses will be retained and the team may compete in any remaining runs.

Phones or similar devices are not permitted in the ring during a run, hearing aids excepted.

- **Dog Leaving the Ring Amendment:** Effective July 1, 2018, (Motion 180604).
Create Subsection 4.2.14 Leaving the Ring and add the following content:

 - Handlers whose dogs who leave the ring or catch area NOT under control, and are NOT picked up and/or leashed to leave the ring or catch area after their run, will be given an E.

For scoring purposes, zero points will awarded to that run. The run will still count towards the aggregate score.

 - ***Practical Judging?*** This has been revised from a Judge's discretionary application to a required application.

B. Rule Changes Affecting National Championship Organizing Groups (Hosts):

- **Registration Clarification:** Effective February 19, 2017, (Motion 170120).
Section 3.0 National Classes. Add Subsection 3.1.1 FEO:
 - FEO registrations are not available in National events (2 Jumpers, 2 Standard and 2 Gamble).

- **Equipment Amendments:** Effective October 19, 2017, (Motion 171005).
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- **National Junior Agility Stakes – Remove References to Chute:** Effective June 21, 2018, (Motion 180605 and 140908).
Create Subsection 2.8.5 Equipment and add the following content:
 - **Regulation Equipment Will Include:**
Agility Round: single non-wing jumps; single wing jumps; flexible tunnel; dogwalk; teeter; Aframe (set at 5 feet); weaves (set of 6 or 12); tire. (All equipment must be AAC approved).

Jumpers round (if applicable): single non-wing jumps; single wing jumps; flexible tunnel; tire (optional). (All equipment must be AAC approved).

- **National Junior Agility Stakes – Award Amendment:** Effective June 21, 2018, (Motion 180605 and 140908).
Section 2.8 National Junior Agility Stakes addition:
 - Winners in each Age Division and Height or Category will receive a Rosette. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the host club. For the purposes of prizes, the dogs may be divided into different height categories OR into Mini, Midi and Maxi categories. If divided into Mini, Midi and Maxi categories, dogs jumping lower heights will still be categorized in their Regular height for prizes. (e.g. a dog with 20" circled on its ID card as its Regular jump height, is still a Maxi dog even if it is jumping 16" or 12" with the Junior Handler).

- **Catalogue Requirements:** Effective March 15, 2018, (Motion 180313).
Section 2.2.4 Recommended Host Club Responsibilities. Replace: *Segment B.*
 - B. Produce a National Championship Catalogue, to be offered to all competitors.
 - A downloadable version or printed copy will be made available at a price to be set at Host Group's discretion and shall be available prior to the start of the event;
 - It is to include:
 - Name of Host Club
 - Date of Trial
 - Location of Trial
 - All rounds of Regionals with height categories for each class
 - Detailed schedule for Regional event
 - Running Orders
 - List:
 - Judges biography
 - Equipment familiarization available
 - Scoring page for competitors
 - Group identification (Competitor name, dog name, division, dog jump height)
 - Banquet details and who to contact for tickets (if available)
 - Site layout plan (crating, shade tenting, food vendors, off-leash exercise area etc.)
 - List of site rules
 - Identify and outline special awards
 - Sponsors
 - If warm-up runs are offered – warm-up rules
 - Optional items to be included in Catalogue
 - Listing of volunteers
- **National 3-Dog Team Event Eligibility:** Effective July 19, 2018, (Motion 180703).
Section 2.10.1 Eligibility amendment:
 - Remove "B. BOTH Dogs and Handlers much be current AAC members as of April 1st of that year." and replace with "B. BOTH Dogs and Handlers much be current AAC members as of July 15th of that year."

C. National Championship Rules & Guidelines V2.1 – Corrections:

- **National Junior Agility Stakes – Error Correction:** Effective March 17, 2016, (Motion 160303).
Section 2.8 National Junior Agility Stakes amendment:
 - Amend from, “Awards will include top 10 Junior Handler overall aggregate winners being awarded equivalent awards to the other Nat” to “Awards will include top 10 Junior Handler overall aggregate winners being awarded equivalent awards to the other National Championship Overall Aggregate winners”.
- National Competition Scoring System: Updates. (2018 Jump Height, Divisions and SCT Calculations, 170113, 170907, 171011, 171012).

Section 5.0 National Competition Scoring System, 5.1, 5.1.1 – 5.1.4 updated as follows starting on the next page.