



Agility Association of Canada

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Please save or print this update and include it with your AAC Rulebook, v9.1a, effective April 2023. Any rule changes related to Regional and/or National competition, or to the National Team, can be found elsewhere (see www.aac.ca for links).

A-Rule Changes Effective July 1, 2023:

C.2.4.3.1 - Tire Jump: "The sidewall height of the tire shall be no less than three inches (3 in.) and no more than six inches (6in.)". (230306)

To allow the use of either the slatless or the slatted dog walk, as equipment allowable in competition Clubs using slatted dog walks must state this in their premium.

C.2.2.2 Dog Walk: "Anti-slip slats where used, shall be on both ramps, fastened horizontally at intervals between eleven inches and fifteen inches (11 in. and 15 in.) extending to within one quarter inch (1/4 inch) of the sides and have a maximum depth of one-quarter inch (1/4 inch). Slat must not be within four inches (4 in.) of the contact zone. No slat shall be fastened to the cross plank." (230307, 230308, 230405, 230309)

Section 2.9.1 - The minimum allowed width for an outdoor **or** indoor ring is sixty feet (60 ft.). The minimum area for an outdoor **or** indoor ring is seven thousand two hundred (7,200) square feet of usable area, with variance +/- 5% allowed on either width or square footage. (230325)

B-Rule Changes Effective January 1, 2024:

Bitches in Season allowed to compete in regular trials (including Open Special events) at the discretion of the host club. (230116, 211211). See Appendix F

3.10 Team Relay – Calculating Standard Course Time

Changes to the course measuring process with regards to exchange boxes in Team Relay (230314)

The Judge shall measure the distance of each side of the Team course separately, adding them together to determine the total course distance used to calculate SCT. The judge shall begin measuring the first side of the course, starting with the first obstacle of side A and finishing with the last obstacle of side A. No distance is to be measured to/from or between the exchange boxes. The second side of the course is measured, starting with the first obstacle of side B and finishing with the last obstacle of side B. Five (5) seconds is to be added to the calculated SCT to allow for team members to safely enter/exit their respective boxes.

5.5.1- Breakaway & Self-Healing Tire:

Breaking open of the tire to be faulted as a knocked bar (230608)

A breakaway tire is defined as a tire with a section that displaces and cannot be reset without human intervention. A self-healing tire is defined as a tire with a section that displaces and resets by itself without human intervention.

- A tire may be taken only once in any sequentially numbered course.
- In Gamblers and Snooker, at no time will the breakaway tire be reset by ring crew.
- Breaking the tire so that the two halves do not touch each other temporarily or in such a way that the tire resets or needs to be reset will be assessed 5 faults.

C 2.3 Flexible Tunnels - to specify the minimum number of tunnel bags on 10-, 15-, and 20-foot tunnels as follows:

“Clubs must provide at least six pairs of tunnel bags (or alternate means of securing the tunnel) for each 15 ft. Tunnel in use on the course, OR at least 45% tunnel coverage and at least seven pairs of tunnel bags OR at least 45% tunnel coverage for each 20 ft. tunnel. Tunnel bags must have non-elastic straps. Tunnel supports must not protrude into the tunnel or extend past the mouth of the tunnel. Tunnel supports must not significantly constrict the tunnel diameter, as this presents a safety hazard. Tunnel bags or other supports should be evenly spaced along the length of each tunnel. All 15-20 ft tunnels on course require a minimum of six and seven support locations, respectively.

One 10 foot (10ft.) long flexible tunnel is an optional piece of equipment requiring at least four pairs of tunnel bags, in addition to one or more 15-20' tunnels (i.e., a 10 foot tunnel may not be the only tunnel provided). Ten foot tunnels require a minimum of four pairs of tunnel bags or other supports OR at least 45% tunnel coverage, evenly placed along the length of the tunnel.” (230607)

Changes to Design and judging of Snooker (230631)

- 1) To adjust the yards per second (yps) requirement for Snooker design to an average of those used for Jumpers and Standard. (e.g. achievable path should fall under 3.0 yps for Starters, under 3.3 for Advanced, under 3.8 for Masters)
- 2) To change the design requirements for coloured obstacles in Snooker (Tables 3.8.5 and 3.8.6). Starters/Advanced design requirements to be the same as Masters with the exception of contacts or weaves in a combo. This is reserved for Masters only. At least two different elements out of the following list are required on course: contacts-weaves (6 or 12) – 2 obstacle combos – 3 obstacle combos. No restrictions on what #2/3/4/5/6/7 obstacles must be.
- 3) To specify the requirements of the cone approach in the opening of Snooker for combinations using a contact (allowed in Masters only). In Masters, if a contact is used in a combo, the approach from the previous obstacle **in that combo** must be in the approach cone. (Example: 6a is A-frame, 6b is jump. If designated bidirectional in the opening, approach from 6b to 6a must be in the approach cone. This is the only restriction on the use of contacts in the opening of snooker. Section 3.8.2.3)