



AAC Board of Directors- Unofficial Meeting Highlights for December 2020

Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday December 16, 2020. The full text of all motions can be found in On Course.

The AAC Board of Directors thanks the following Judge, who has announced his retirement:

- Case Laan, BC

Case has been an AAC judge for almost 30 years and had judged frequently at the Regional and National level. We thank him for his service to the sport of Canadian agility and wish you the best in the years to come.

The following Board Members are retiring from their positions:

- Tracey Mallinson, BC/YK
- Anic Vermette, QC
- Susan Byers, AB/NWT.

Thank you for your work on the BOD during your term(s).

1. The BOD approved *nine new members*, representing seven AAC regions.
2. The BOD approved an honorarium for Brian Cooper, in recognition and appreciation of his work on the AAC website and in forms creation. Brian has retired from this position.
3. The BOD appointed new members from NS/NL, ON-W, BC-VI and BC-Main to the Judge's Standing Advisory Committee.
4. The BOD extended the provisions of the AAC COVID 19 position statement to June 30, 2021. The most recent version of this document can be found on the AAC website.
5. The BOD accepted the Judge's Standing Advisory Committee's (JSAC) recommendation to **RESCIND** the motion (200214) prohibiting approaches from a contact to a tunnel that is under the contact.
6. The BOD accepted the Standing Rules Committee's recommendation to amend the wording of Rulebook Section 3.10 - Team Relay, and Table 3.10B- Faults Unique to Team Relay, and any related references, to add the following clarification, effective immediately:

“Handler B cannot leash, touch or carry their dog on the way to the first obstacle of their side of the course once the dog has left the box with all 4 paws. If Handler B does any of these, then faults will be applied as follows:

- *5 faults for every time the handler B touches their dog or*
- *Elimination for leashing or carrying the dog out of the Box B.”*

7. The BOD approved the application from Peck Meadow Dog Sports to host an all-levels AAC Judges Clinic, May 22-24, 2021, in Dartmouth NS. The clinic shall only take place if local COVID 19 regulations allow. There shall be no penalty for cancellation.
8. The BOD approved the application from Muskoka Agility Dogs and K9 Klubhouse to co-host the 2021 Ontario East Regionals, in Huntsville, Ontario July 16-18, 2021.
9. At a special meeting held December 30, 2020, the BOD approved the recommendation of the Standing Rules Committee to offer an optional height exemption for **giant breeds** measuring into the 24” Regular jump height, effective July 1, 2021. This exemption will allow handlers of dogs who meet the stated criteria (breed, height to weight ratio) to jump one **or two** jump heights lower than their measured jump height when they compete in the Specials category. Full details to be published in the Rulebook supplement. The Standing Rules Committee is currently discussing a jump height exemption for breed/body type across AAC jump heights.