



AAC Board of Directors- Unofficial Meeting Highlights for June 2021

Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday June 16, 2021. The full text of all motions can be found in On Course.

1. The BOD approved *thirty-one new members*, representing seven AAC regions.
2. The BOD granted the application of Standsure Agility to host the SK/MB Regionals October 9 & 10, 2021. The Alberta Regional may still accept SK/MB entrants running for placements, due to a prior arrangement. Please note that SK/MB handlers may only enter one Regional event for placement.
3. The BOD has approved the recommendation of the JSAC to reclassify jumps as follows, effective January 1, 2022:

Single Jumps:

- all approaches allowed (backsides on winged only)
- worth 1 point in Gamblers

Specialty Jumps [new category]:

- includes: Ascending, Triple, Double, Tire, Wall, Panel, Broad/Long jump
- approaches restricted as per JHB 7.5.2
- worth 2 points in Gamblers

Minimum Jump Requirements for Standard and Jumpers shall be two specialty jumps for all performance levels (replaces all current jump requirements).

Spread jumps shall be replaced with single jumps for the Specials/Veterans/JH categories. All non-spread jumps (i.e. Tire, Wall, Panel) are used in all categories, including specials and veterans.

4. The BOD has approved the recommendation of the JSAC to remove the current Starters weave entry rule (no more than one jump preceding the weave entry) and replace it, effective January 1, 2022, with:

“The obstacle preceding a weave entry may not be a double, spread, panel, wall, long/broad or tire jump”.

5. The BOD has approved the recommendation of the JSAC to amend current AAC course design standards as follows, effective January 1, 2022:
 - Minimum 18’ straight-line distance to all contact obstacles.
 - Maximum 25’ straight-line distance to the A-frame.
 - Maximum allowed approach angles: straight for Teeter at all levels, maximum 30 degrees for the A-frame at all levels, straight for the Dog-walk at Starters, up to 12 degrees for Advanced and Masters.
 - Proper consideration to be given to the dog’s true approach path to the contacts, rather than CRCD lines.

These requirements shall apply to all sequentially-numbered courses, including the closing of a gamble. The relevant sections of the Judge’s Handbook shall be updated and disseminated to all active AAC judges.

6. The BOD has approved the Equipment Committee’s recommendation to allow solid coloured weave poles, as set out below, effective January 1, 2022:

“C 2.1- Weave Poles

The weave poles consist of round plastic poles with an outside diameter of ¾" to 1¼" and between three feet (3 ft.) and four feet (4 ft.) tall. They are positioned in a straight line and spaced at intervals of twenty-four inches (24") on centre. All weave poles must be capped for safety reasons. The only acceptable weave pole configurations are 6 poles or 12 poles.

~~*All poles shall be marked with contrasting colours in an alternating or repeating pattern along the full length of the pole (such as, but not limited to, striping or banding) to increase the visibility of the poles. All patterns on weave poles must be painted or extruded into the plastic to lessen the chance of injury as dogs push through the poles.*~~

All poles shall be marked with contrasting colours in an alternating or repeating pattern along the full length of the pole (such as, but not limited to, striping or banding) to increase the visibility of the poles. Alternatively, solid colour poles may be used if they are of a maximum of two contrasting colours used in an alternating pattern. For example, blue – yellow – blue – yellow, etc.

All colouring and patterns on weave poles must be painted or extruded into the plastic to lessen the chance of injury as dogs push through the poles.”

7. The BOD has accepted the recommendation of the Junior Handler Committee to allow Junior Handlers to earn JH titles using any combination of Q’s earned under JH rules

and Q's earned under regular rules (these would normally only be recorded under the dog ID#). Judging standards and requirements will not change. The level Q concept will be used to apply any Q's earned at a higher level than the current title being filled.

This motion would be effective on January 1, 2022, subject to the ability of appropriate changes to trial software and data entry procedures.

8. The AAC COVID 19 Position Statement shall be amended to add "Junior Handler status for those youths turning 18 years of age in 2021 will be extended to December 31, 2022."