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# **AAC Regional Championships**

## **Rules and Guidelines**

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# Rules & Guidelines

## 1. Regional Championships

The Agility Association of Canada's Regional Championships are prestigious events unto themselves as well as a stepping stone to the AAC National Championships.

Dogs must qualify at their Regional Championship, the one-day pre-qualifier or an alternative Regional (by special application only) to be eligible to enter the AAC National competition.

Qualifying through a Regional Champion requires earning an aggregate score of 350 points in two Jumpers runs, two Standard runs, and two Gambler runs.

### 1.1. Eligibility

All dogs that have an AAC dog ID # and meet AAC competition requirements are eligible to compete at the Regional level.

A U.S. resident wishing to attend a Regional Championship will be assigned a specific Regional Championship to attend based on the location of their home state. U.S. residents are eligible to attend only the specific Regional Championship to which they are assigned. The Regionals Table is located at: [US STATES - REGIONALS](#).

Any competitor that, for whatever reason, cannot attend the Regional Championship that they would normally be assigned to are permitted to submit an application to the AAC's National Steering Committee for approval for eligibility to attend an alternative Regional Championship for qualifying purposes. Anyone competing in an alternative regional is competing for individual placements and Nationals qualification only. The only exception to this is any dog that is prohibited from competing due to breed specific legislation in one region, has the right to compete for all placements in an alternate Region. Alternative Regional Application located at: [ALTERNATE REGIONAL APPLICATION FORM](#).

Regional Agility Championships are open to all dogs capable of demonstrating the elements of agility and control, and the mental and physical ability to carry out the required tests. Any dog is eligible to compete without regard for pedigree.

Dogs less than 18 months of age, bitches in season or in an advanced state of pregnancy, or dogs suffering from any injury or illness that affects the dog's physical or mental performance;

or any dog that demonstrates signs of aggression towards people or other dogs will not be permitted to compete in a Regional Agility Championship.

All dogs eligible to enter an AAC Sanctioned Agility Trial are invited to participate in the Regional Championship events held annually between the dates of March 1 – June 30.

All dogs must run at a jump height at which they would be eligible to compete in an AAC-sanctioned trial for the class in which they are competing, to a maximum of 24" in regular classes and a maximum of 20" in specials and veterans classes.

Regional Championships are subject to all AAC rules and regulations except where indicated within these guidelines.

### **1.2. Pre-Qualifier Event for AAC National Championships**

Competitors must qualify prior to June 30 of the current year to be eligible to compete in the AAC National Championship event. A limited number of competitors who did not participate in their designated Regional Championship may qualify to compete at the National Championship by qualifying at a pre-qualifier event. Application to compete in this event must be made to the Nationals Steering Committee prior to the closing date for registration for the National Championship, which will be approximately one week after the last of the Regional Championship competitions.

For information on eligibility requirements for the Pre-Qualifier event prior to an AAC National Championships refer to the 2017 National Rules and Guidelines V2.1 Section 1.1 Pre-Qualifier.

Pre-Qualifier Application form is located at: [PRE-QUALIFIER EVENT APPLICATION FORM](#)

### **1.3. Injured Handler or Dogs in Regional Events**

At an AAC Regional, a team consists of a dog and his or her handler. In the event of injury to a dog no substitute is permitted.

In the case of injury to a handler the injured handler may choose to completely withdraw from the AAC Regionals as a handler for ALL dogs and may designate a substitute handler per dog. In this case the first handler to complete 50% or more of the runs which make up an aggregate score will be recorded as the handler of record for the purpose of any awards.

Under no circumstances may special ring assignments be granted to handlers and their injury substitute. If a handler is injured in the middle of a run, a substitute handler will be permitted to

rerun the dog in that class. Any faults that were incurred during the first run before the handler suffered injury or indicated that they could not continue handling will be included in the score of the second run. Faults incurred after the handler has suffered injury or indicated that they cannot continue will be waived. The judge in the ring shall be the sole authority on which faults carry over to the re-run score. The substitute handler must run the entire course. The substitute handler must continue to run the dog for the remainder of the competition.

## **2. Application to Host a Regional Agility Championship**

Regional Championship events are to be held in the window of March 1 & June 30 annually.

Applications to host Regional Championships will be accepted between 48 and 39 months prior to the Regional Championship event window. Bids received in this time frame will be reviewed, compared and processed between 39-36 months prior to the event window with the best application being awarded the bid.

If no applications are received within 36 months of the proposed event window, the application window will remain open until an application is received. In this case, the first application received may be awarded the event if they meet the National Steering Committee and Board approval.

The Nationals Steering Committee and the AAC shall have the authority to grant or withhold approval of an application for a Regional Championship.

Split Regional Championship events may be allowed in Regions where population distribution may warrant two events and applications show that the split is viable. A split will only be approved if there are two viable host applications for the Region, and that between the two events they are able to accommodate all the potential competitors.

### **2.1. Application Process**

Should potential applicants require information and assistance in assembling an application they should contact the National Steering Committee for assistance.

Early applications are encouraged to give the lead time needed to plan an event of this magnitude.

Applications (bids) are submitted to the National Standing Committee who will approve or decline bids.

Only clubs that are members of the AAC are eligible to host a Regional Championship. As a Regional Championship can be a large event, multiple clubs may form a group to host the Regional Championship, however one club, who is a member of the AAC, will be designated as the lead host club in the application to host the Regional Championship and be deemed responsible for all obligations and responsibilities set out in these Regional Championship Rules and Guidelines. The host club must not have any outstanding trial results or fee in arrears or be under suspension due to an AAC Disciplinary Committee decision.



A group of individuals may form a club for the purpose of hosting the Regional Championship event. The group must become an AAC member club with the necessary insurance.

The club or group wishing to host a Regional Championship must make written application to the Nationals Steering Committee for a license to hold the Regional Championship.

The license shall permit the group to designate the event as a "Regional Championship" sanctioned by AAC, an indication that the host organization will comply with all the requirements set forth in these rules and regulations and such guidelines as may be established by the Nationals Steering Committee.

The Host Group will make arrangements with the Regional Director of their allocated Region to inspect the equipment and proposed site if this is a new club hosting the event and their site and equipment has not yet been approved or if it has been five years or more since the equipment and/or site has been approved.

If the bid has been approved and the member club fails to fulfill any portion of the requirements stipulated for sanctioned trials, it does so at the risk of loss of sanctioning of the Regional Championship. It is the sole responsibility of the member club to adhere to the requirements stipulated by these rules and regulations and other guidelines as may be established by AAC.

Furthermore, the AAC reserves the right to refuse any application for license for any reason without recourse from a requesting Host Group.

The Application Guide is available in Section 6.1 and has been provided to assist applicants in assembling a Regional application.

The Application form is located at: [AAC REGIONAL APPLICATION FORM](#)

## **2.2. Responsibilities of Regional Championship Hosting Clubs**

### **2.2.1. Identify a Regional Organizing Committee**

The Host Group shall name a Regional Championship Organizing Committee (from here on referred to as the Organizing Committee).

The Organizing Committee shall be the governing body of the Regional Championship. The Committee is responsible for conduct of the Regional Championship and all matters other than those responsibilities specifically empowered to the Judge pursuant to these Regional Championship Rules and Guidelines.

### **2.2.2. Organizing Committee Responsibilities**

The Organizing Committee's responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- A. Announce the Regional Championship by the publication and distribution of an "Agility Regional Championship Premium" (entry form). The Agility Regional Championship Premium shall include:
  - The proposed date, time, locations and, if it is an outdoor event, that it will proceed rain or shine and identify the trial surface. (For example: grass, dirt, artificial turf, pea shingle, sand etc.)
  - Amount of entry fees at the host group's discretion
  - A statement that there will be no refunds, cancellations or changes after the closing date without a veterinarian or doctor's note. A refund for any other reason is at the Organizing Committee's discretion. It is also their discretion to implement an administration fee to be applied in these situations
  - The closing date after which entries will no longer be accepted and a statement that entries must be "received by" or "postmarked by" the closing date
  - A statement that the Regional Championships will be held under AAC Regional Rules and Guidelines and reference to where those can be found.
  - A statement that all obstacles conform to AAC specifications.
  - An official entry form that requires complete owner/handler and dog information including the dog's AAC ID number. No dog may compete without an AAC ID number.
  - The AAC general agreement/disclaimer that must be signed by the competitor before it is accepted. Children under 18 years of age must have the agreement/disclaimer signed by a parent or guardian.
- B. Accepting entries and registrations.
- C. Ribbons and Rosettes ordering is through the AAC. The AAC will provide free of charge aggregate placement ribbons 1-6, and National Qualifying Rosettes. Orders should be ordered by the close of entry. Ribbon Order Form is located at: [AAC RIBBON ORDER FORM](#)
- D. The offering of individual placement ribbons for categories is the host club's choice and is at the host club's discretion. These offerings may be ordered through the AAC and will be invoiced to the host club. Orders should be ordered by the close of entry.

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- E. The offering of additional prizes and awards for categories of the host club's choice is the host group's discretion and cannot be ordered through AAC.
- F. When and if cash prizes are going to be awarded at any AAC event, it is required that the actual amounts of the cash award and/or percentage of entry money to be put toward the cash awards must be outlined in the premium, along with how the cash awards will be distributed among the various heights and/or divisions.
- G. Providing knowledgeable stewarding, timing, course building, support for course building, ring support, gate stewarding and scorekeeping.
- H. Providing agility obstacles that conform to AAC specifications, have met inspection requirements and are available in the quantities outlined in section 3.1.2.
- I. Providing tools and accessories necessary to conduct a quality Regional Championship including a dog measuring device or height wickets and a minimum of three course-measuring wheels.
- J. Hiring AAC-approved Masters judges and providing them with a letter of confirmation and informing the NSC of judges hired to complete the application form on file.
- K. The club only needs to submit to the officiating judge(s) a list of obstacles (including dimensions), map of the trial site (ring setup), classes offered (courses required), running order of the classes and any other pertinent instructions if there are other classes/games offered besides the six official Regional Championship events.
- L. Providing travel arrangements, meals, and accommodation for the Judge(s).
- M. Provide the judge(s) with a per run judging fee for judging Regional aggregate events of a minimum 1.5 times the current AAC rate stipulated by AAC for regular trials.
- N. Providing the officiating Judges with a minimum of one AAC Regional Championship shirt, one AAC judge's shirt or one Competitor shirt per day (Check with judges for sizing requirements).
- O. Verifying Dog I.D. cards before the dog competes. (Note: all dogs must have an AAC I.D. number to compete.) If the card is not presented at time of registration, the dog must be measured to confirm jump height.
- P. A copy of the official rules of AAC, the Regional Championship Rules and Guidelines, the schedule, a first aid kit, sawdust or sand to repair footing on the course and odor-free liquid disinfectant (preferred) be on-site.

- Q. Ensuring that a veterinarian will be on call throughout the Regional Championships.
- R. Honor the terms of any long term agreements between AAC and sponsors, donors and vendors that may be in place at the time the Regionals Championship occurs.
- S. Provide night-time on-site security
- T. Washroom facilities and appropriate exercise/relief area for dogs
- U. A warm-up area is to be provided with two jumps and room for heeling around the jumps for each competition ring at the event. A familiarization period shall be optional at the discretion of the hosting club.
- V. Supply a secured competitor area.
- W. Provide a quality PA system for the purpose of updating the public and participants as well as the media of the current activities in and around the ring(s) if it is needed.
- X. Produce a Regional Championship Catalogue, to be offered to all competitors at a price to be set at Host Group's Discretion and shall be available at 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
  - Dogs' names and their AAC Identification Numbers
  - List of Exhibitors and the names of their dogs in compliance with AAC privacy policy
  - Space for course faults, course time, time faults and placements.
  - Identify and outline awards
- Y. In order to ensure that the two Main Gamble challenges for any Regional event are not identical (for example: 12 weave with lateral distance challenge), the course selection process will include:
  - During the preparation of course packages to be submitted to Regional hosts, the Regional Course Coordinator will indicate the Gamble type with identifying symbols or letters unique to a particular type of challenge. These unique identifiers will be placed on the outside of the course envelopes.

- When the first draw is made for a Gamble course, all other Gamble courses with the same designation, if any, will be removed from the pool in order that the two Gamble courses will have different challenges.

### **2.3. Appointment of an On-site Disciplinary Committee**

An on-site Disciplinary Committee is to be appointed if different from the Organizing Committee.

The AAC Standard Operating Process is available on the website at: [STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AT AAC TRIALS](#)

### **Setting Up of Equipment or Sequences by Competitors**

Any competitor setting up equipment on the trial site, or setting up sequences (including moving designated warm-up jumps), or to mirror the judge's courses, or for warm-up or practice will be dismissed from the competition. The individual(s) and their dog(s) will be asked to leave the trial site. The individual(s) and their dog(s) will not be eligible to apply for Nationals pre-qualifier.

### **2.4. Setting Entry Fees**

Regional Championship hosts must submit a budget based on the event being profitable and proposed entry fees should reflect this objective. All AAC regular trial fees (plus GST) per run for entries in a Regional Championship event must be paid directly to AAC.

A discounted entry fee must be offered for current AAC members that is less than the entry fee for non-members.

A dog may be pulled prior to the closing date with no reason required, however it is the host group's discretion to charge and retain a reasonable admin fee if clearly stated in the premium.

In keeping with AAC rules and regulations, a full refund of entry fees will be provided to any competitor whose bitch comes into season or whose dog is injured, provided the trial secretary is informed prior to the trial date and a letter or certificate from a veterinarian or physician is provided, if required.

In the case of a dispute between the competitor and host over the validity of an injury or heat, the Nationals Steering Committee will be the final authority. Either party may forward details, including the required veterinarian or Doctor's notes to the Nationals Steering Committee for

resolution, provided the request for resolution is made to the Nationals Steering Committee or the AAC President within two weeks of the end of the Regional Championship in question.

Regional Championships may not be limited entry trials. Clubs may not refuse entry to a competitor without the permission of the Nationals Steering Committee. In the case of a complaint regarding refusing entry to a group or individual, a written statement should be sent to the Nationals Steering Committee to be reviewed by an independent party. A written response from this party will be forwarded to the host club and the plaintiff. This decision will be final. If breed specific legislation requirements cannot be met please contact the National Steering Committee for assistance.

If clubs are hosting AAC-sanctioned rounds on the same trial site, this (the unlimited status) does not apply to those AAC sanctioned events as they are a separate trial and must be applied for and approved under regular AAC rules and guidelines.

Once Regional event check-in has started, no refunds will be provided.

## **2.5. Regional Championship Results**

The Regional Championship Results package is to be sent to the Regional Championships Results Coordinator (admin@aac.ca) within three (3) days of completion of the event and **must be received no later than ten (10) days after the Regional Championship's conclusion date.**

The Regional Championships Results package shall include:

- A. Contact information for the trial chairperson, secretary and score person, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses (if available). If, during the verification process, missing information or discrepancies in results are detected, the Regional Championships Results Coordinator will contact the trial secretary using the information provided.
- B. A completed copy of the Regional schedule signed by the officiating judge(s). This is to include the complete individual results for all events as well as the aggregate results
- C. A hard copy as well as an electronic copy of the catalogue and qualifying dogs report.

- D. A completed copy of the Regional Championship Scoring Sheets signed by the Trial Secretary. This includes the complete individual results for all events as well as the aggregate results. (This includes but is not limited to any data files associated with scoring programs used for your regional). If there is any question regarding whether the information would be useful please contact the Regional Results Coordinator).
- E. A copy of each course used in the Regional Championship signed by the judge and on which the judge has recorded the actual measured yardage and the Standard Course Time.
- F. A complete exhibitor listing including; AAC ID#, Dog Name, Breed, Owner Name, Owner Address, Owner Town, and Owner Postal Code/Zip Code.
- G. Results package may be printed or submitted electronically in a format that the data can be edited in.
- H. A cheque/money order in the amount prescribed by the AAC National Steering Committee for Regional runs only is to be submitted to the Financial Services Officer.

It is imperative that the result package be received within the stated time frame or a \$100 fine shall result. If after 30 days the results package has still not been received a \$500 fine shall result and AAC membership shall be suspended immediately. If due to extenuating circumstances this deadline cannot be met, contact the AAC Administrator immediately. Furthermore, the host club must maintain a copy of the above information for a period of one year. Failure to provide all necessary results will result in a \$100 late fee levied and/or the rejection of future licenses to hold an AAC Regional Championship.

The Trial Secretary or Chairperson should send the AAC Administrator an e-mail stating the day the results were mailed.

The Trial Secretary and/or Chairperson should have an e-mail address contact for the purpose of confirming that the results were received. If clubs do not receive an e-mail confirmation from the AAC Administrator within 10 days of mailing the results, they should contact the AAC Administrator to confirm receipt of the results.

## **2.6. Competitor Grouping and Ring Assignments**

AAC Regional Championships ring assignments are under the control and direction of the AAC Regional Championship Trial Secretary and should be made in a random fashion. Any requests for grouping may be considered at the sole discretion of the Trial Secretary. The one exception

to this rule will be junior handlers (16 or under): a junior handler may request in advance one other handler with whom they will be grouped.

## **2.7. Judges and Stewards**

The roles and responsibilities of the Regional Championship Judges and Stewards are pursuant to *the Official Rules and Regulations of the Agility Association of Canada*, chapter 2 section 2.4 *Judges and Stewards*. Only an AAC certified Masters Judges (i.e., those who have completed all aspects of certification) will be permitted to judge a Regional Championship. The host club will be responsible for hiring a certified judge for their Regional Championship.

If the Regional Championship is run on the same weekend as the Regional Championship in the Judge's region of residence, the affected judge will be allowed to run in any other Regional Championship to qualify for that year's National Championship. Further, the Judge will be allowed to compete for podium placements.

## **2.8. Non-Regional Classes**

These will be non-qualifying classes and will be designed by the Regional Judge(s). These classes are not to be included in the scoring for the Regional Championship but may have ribbons awarded separately by an AAC registered Club. (e.g. steeplechase-for-money finals limited by performance in other rounds)

Member clubs may also hold regular AAC-sanctioned classes in conjunction with the Regional Championship competition; however, this will be a separate event entirely and must be applied for through the usual trial application channels. A separate premium is required.

In recognition of the fact that many dogs who attend Regional events have travelled quite a distance to attend, and may not have had their normal opportunity to exercise prior to the start of the Regional Championship rounds, the following modification to the general AAC rule on non-sanctioned agility classes has been approved for supervised "warm-up" runs with time limitations, and other events held at these prestigious competitions:

Provided that the warm up runs are completed PRIOR to the start of the Regional Championship rounds, they may be run at the same time as other events, sanctioned or not.

The warm-up rings must be set up in such a way as to eliminate the potential for handlers to set up or to practice sequences found in any sanctioned events.

The host may allow toys and food in the warm up rings. If allowed, both must be allowed.



- Food and toys will be allowed during warm up runs under the following conditions:
  - That allowing food does not contravene the site and/or facility rules.
  - Toys should be in a good state of repair.
  - Toys may not contain audible squeakers or other noise makers.
  - Handlers are permitted to throw toys to the dog or tug with their dogs.
  - Training aids (e.g. clickers, stride regulators, target plates) are not allowed.
  - Food may not be thrown on the ground, or to the dog, it may only be fed from the hand or container.

### **3. Regional Championship Event**

The Regional Championship will consist of six qualifying runs, which shall include two Standard, two Gamblers and two Jumpers courses. Dogs must be entered in and run all six classes to be eligible for aggregate placement in the Regional Championships. The host group may organize and offer other classes for participants to enter as well.

Scoring will be under modified Master's rules. Neither titles nor legs will be awarded for participation in any of the six qualifying events at the Regional Championships.

An overall Regional Champion for each height (4", 8", 12", 16", "20", 24") and division (Regular, Specials, Veterans and Double Drop Veterans) will be awarded, (i.e., a 20" Regular Champion, a 20" Specials Champion and a 20" Veterans Champion, and so on).

Dogs must be entered according to the official measurement on their ID card or, if their ID card is not fully signed, entered in a jump height for which they are eligible according to AAC rules and regulations. Dogs not having a fully signed ID card shall be measured in on the first day of the event by an officiating judge and this measurement shall not be used on their ID card. If a dog is close to a height cut-off, the judge may elect, or the handler may request, that height wickets be used to determine the dogs jump height.

A person may enter more than one dog, but under no circumstances may more than one person enter the same dog.

There will be no dismissing of dogs except for aggression, eliminating in the ring, leaving the ring, un-sportsmanlike behavior or dogs out of control.

#### **3.1. Course Layout and Design**

##### **3.1.1. Ring Size and Surface**

A ring in the Regional Championships will be NOT less than 9,000 square feet, with no side being less than 70 feet.

Event sites must be inspected and meet AAC requirements for the event to be eligible for use for Regional events, and to hold AAC sanctioned rounds at the same venue.

The course area shall be enclosed by rope or fencing to prevent spectators from interfering with the course before or during the Regionals.

Should two rings have a fence in common there must be a continuous visual barrier that begins at ground level and is no less than 3 feet high, and runs the whole length of the common fence.

Any trial area **must** have a firm, non-slip surface. The terrain must permit leveling of the obstacles and provide safe footing for handlers and dogs. If a trial is to be held on a hard surface such as cement, the ring and course area must be fully covered with a suitable shock absorbent material. Because of the nature of the sport, bare hard surfaces or slippery surfaces are not approved. The dog's safety must be paramount in selecting the trial area.

Entry and exit should be at opposite sides of the ring's base line to facilitate the start and finish procedures.

### **3.1.2. Equipment List for Regional Championship Events**

The following agility equipment must be available for **EACH Standard & Gamblers ring**:

*(Contacts and weaves are required for standard and gamble rings only)*

- 1 Dogwalk
- 1 A-Frame
- 1 Teeter Totter
- 2 Sets Weave Poles, (6 poles each, 24" spacing)
- 3 Flexible tunnels [ 2 x 20ft and 1 x 15ft]
  - Each tunnel requires a minimum of 4 sets of tunnel bags/holders
- 1 Double jump\* *(allow for wings when designing courses)*
- 1 Ascending spread jump\* *(allow for wings when designing courses)*
- 1 Tire jump *(self-healing/break-away. It is recommended that all rings have the same type of tire)*
- 12 Winged single jumps
- 4 Wingless single jumps

*\*Both the spread & the double jump are to be replaced by a single jump for specials & veterans classes. These replacement jumps are NOT included in the 16 single jumps required for course design.*

The following agility equipment must be available for **EACH Jumpers ring**:

- 3 Flexible tunnels [ 2 x 20ft and 1 x 15ft]
  - Each tunnel requires a minimum of 4 sets of tunnel bags/holders
- 1 Double jump\* (*allow for wings when designing courses*)
- 1 Ascending spread jump\* (*allow for wings when designing courses*)
- 1 Tire jump (*self-healing/break-away. It is recommended that all rings have the same type of tire*)
- 15 Winged single jumps
- 4 Wing single jumps

*\*Both the spread & the double jump are to be replaced by a single jump for specials & veterans classes. These replacement jumps are NOT included in the 19 single jumps required for course design.*

*\*\*The maximum number of obstacles allowed on a Regionals Jumpers course is 23.*

### **3.1.3. Course Design Criteria**

The goal of these events is to test both the dog's and handler's ability to maneuver through complex courses at a fast pace. The dog should easily switch from side to side at further distances and with greater control. Because Regionals are open to dogs of all levels of experience, courses should follow the AAC course design guidelines for Masters level, with the following exceptions: the maximum number of major challenges shall not exceed three (3), minimum two (2), major challenges. Forced work-away sections<sup>1</sup> are not permitted. The courses should be smooth and enable the team to show its working ability.

<sup>1</sup> *Forced Work Away Sections (definition): a work away section that does not allow the handler an option to run a different and/or closer path with the dog.*

### **3.1.4. Required Obstacles**

Regional course design rules follow the current rules for AAC Masters courses, except as noted otherwise in Section 4.2.

Courses submitted for approval must meet the AAC Course Design Guidelines and must follow the Regionals Equipment Check List in Section 3.1.2 for that class.

Courses that have been run at an AAC-approved trial in the past are not acceptable.

The course may have no fewer than eighteen (18) numbered obstacles and no more than twenty-three (23) numbered obstacles. The table shall not be permitted in any Regionals courses. The number of obstacles varies depending on the class. In general, the minimum distance between obstacles shall be 15 feet, with 18 feet minimum before and after all spread jumps. The Jumpers and Standard course layouts may require some obstacles to be taken more than once. The dog walk, teeter, A-Frame and tire can NOT be used more than once, **except** in the **opening** of the gamblers courses.

### **Breakaway Tire**

Because breakaway tires may be used in some venues, the tire may be taken only once in the standard and jumpers courses and in the *closing* gamble. In Gamblers, at no time will dislodged bars or the breakaway tire be replaced by ring crew. If the dog displaces the tire in Gamblers, it will receive points for the first performance, but not for subsequent performances.

### **Regionals Gamblers Courses**

In order to ensure that the two Main Gamble challenges for any particular Regional event are not identical (e.g. 12 weave with lateral distance challenge) designing judges will be instructed to design TWO gambles per ring size, and ensure that the Gamble courses they submit have different types of challenges for the Main Gamble, and will label their gamble course according to the nature of the Main Gamble: Weave poles, contact, contact and weaves, or jumps/tunnels only (no contact or weaves).

Designing judges are also encouraged to vary the type and selection of mini-gambles, in order that the widest range of skills is tested. Courses **must** include two (2) mini gambles. The available points for the two mini-gambles (that can be completed twice each) must be a minimum of 36 points and a maximum of 44 points. E.g.: an (8 + 10) x 2 point mini gamble; (2x10) x 2 point mini gambles; a (6 + 14) x 2 point mini-gamble etc.

Regional Gamblers Courses **must** include a 4 point obstacle.

Mini 8R, 4S, 4V

The time allowed for the dog to complete the final gamble will depend on the design of the final gamble, taking into account such factors as the number of obstacles, the type of obstacles, and the yardage of the final sequence. Dogs in the mini division must receive 20% (rounded as per 2018 Rulebook v7.1b section 2.9.3) more time to complete the final gamble than dogs in the open division. Dogs in the medium division must receive 10% more time to complete the final gamble than dogs in the open division). This is the minimum extra time (after rounding as

defined in the 2018 Rulebook v7.1b section 2.9.3) that is allowed. It is at the judge's discretion if they wish to allow additional time on top of the minimum.

When calculating Standard Course Times and Closing Gamble times, all numbers should be rounded to the nearest whole second. The rounding also applies to the 20% added for Veterans in all classes, the 10% added for mixed teams with one Veteran dog in Team Relay, and the 20% additional closing gamble time for mini dogs and 10% additional closing time for medium dogs.

The calculated time is rounded up if 0.5 sec, or >0.5 sec or down if <0.5 sec.

e.g. 85.2 seconds rounds to 85, 85.5 seconds rounds to 86, 85.6 seconds rounds to 86

### **3.1.5. Course Selection**

Course selection will be made at the Regional Championship at a public draw using random selection from among sealed envelopes containing appropriate courses designed by the judges and submitted to the Regionals Course Coordinator and approved prior to the event. Each envelope will contain ten (10) copies of the course to be run, one for posting, one (1) for the AAC, one (1) for the host club and one (1) for the officiating judge and six (6) for the purpose of course building.

To ensure that the main Gamble challenges vary, the Regional Course Coordinator during preparation will place replace the Gamble type with identifying symbols or letters unique to a particular event challenge. These unique identifiers will be placed on the outside of the course envelopes. When the first draw is made for a Gamble course, all other Gamble courses with the same unique identifying designation, if any, will be removed from the pool in order that the two Gamble courses will have different challenges.

The copies of courses to be provided to competitors, should not be someone competing and should be kept strictly confidential until the day on which the courses are to be run.

For a Regional Championship running more than one day, courses for subsequent days will not be opened and or posted until the day on which they are to be run.

Should course copies need to be provided to course builders, someone who is not competing can have copies made, and both issue and collect all the copies post building.

The officiating Judge(s) will be responsible for accurately setting up the courses as close as possible to the design, and for measuring the course where appropriate and determining the SCT (Standard Course Time) for each height level (open, medium, mini) and for each category, for Regular and Specials and Veterans classes, taking into consideration the proposed yards per

second given by the designing judge as well as the circumstances (weather and footing) on the day of the events and, if elected, a general MCT. See Section 4.3 on calculating MCT).

If at all possible, when two (or more) rings are utilized for the same course, officiating Judges should tweak together to ensure the course layout is as identical as possible. It is suggested that one Judge wheels both courses to ensure similar yardage results.

**Note:** *In the case of the host club offering other classes in prior or following the Regional event, either approved AAC standard runs or AAC-approved games, (for which approval must be obtained through regular AAC channels) or non-official games or rounds, the host club will be responsible for forwarding to the judge all pertinent information on field size, equipment, running order, etc. In the case of AAC-approved standard rounds or games, the designing judge must submit those courses through the regular approvals procedures, not through the Regional Course Coordinator.*

## **4. Judging the Regional Championship**

### **4.1. Judges' Responsibilities**

The Judge's responsibilities will be as described in the AAC Rules and Regulations and in the AAC Judge's Handbook. In addition, the judge has the following responsibilities:

Dress code: since this will be a prestigious and possibly televised event, judges are required to wear the official Regionals Championship shirts provided by the host club. (The host club's responsibility is limited to providing one shirt per judge per day). The judge may order additional shirts through the host club at his or her own expense.

Black pants (no jeans) or black/white dress shorts in the case of hot weather are recommended.

#### **4.1.1. Course Design Requirements**

In order to provide a pool of courses, Regional Judges are required to submit to the AAC Regional Course Coordinator a total of nine courses, three for each Championship discipline (standard, jumpers and gamble). Each course should be an original design (not used previously in an AAC or other agility event) with six courses (two each of jumpers, gamble and standard) designed to fit within ring sizes specified by the Regional Course Coordinator.

In order to ensure that the two Main Gamble challenges for any Regional event are not identical (ex. 12 weave with lateral distance challenge), the designing judges will be instructed to design TWO gambles per ring size, and ensure that the Gamble courses they submit have different types of challenges to the Main Gamble; weave poles, contact, contact AND weaves, or jumps/tunnels only (no contacts or weaves). Designing judges are also encouraged to vary the type and selection of mini-gambles, in order that the widest range of skills is tested.

The penalty for late submissions of Regional courses will be a 1 year suspension from judging Regionals and Nationals for the first offense, a 3 year suspension from judging Regionals or Nationals for the second offense and a permanent suspension from judging Regional or Nationals for the third offense.

Regional Judges are required to submit courses no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the Regional Championships. Should courses not be submitted within the time period specified they will be considered a non submission. Non submission will include a penalty of a 3 year suspension from judging Regionals and National events. Offending judges will be notified by the President of the AAC Board of Directors.



## 4.2. Judging Rules for Regional Championships

ALL CURRENT RULES MUST BE APPLIED UNLESS AN EXEMPTION IS INCLUDED IN THE REGIONALS GUIDELINES.

### 4.2.1. **Obstacle Repetition:**

Obstacle Repetition, whether intentional or not, will be judged as an off course. The run will still be counted as part of the aggregate scoring.

### 4.2.2. **Gamble Issues:**

When a handler can cross a mini gamble line:

The dog shall earn full points for performing a mini-gamble in the opening once the dog, on the final obstacle, has either touched the yellow down contact, or has completely exited the tunnel, weaves, jump or tire and has four feet on the ground. At this point the dog is considered as 'beyond faulting'. They will then be awarded the mini-gamble points, and the handler can cross the mini-gamble line. If a dog does not fully exit a contact obstacle (does not have four feet on the ground) they will not be awarded mini-gamble points the second time even if all mini-gamble obstacles are performed since they did not start the second performance of the contact obstacle correctly. They will still, however, be awarded the points for the individual obstacles.

Purposely touching the dog in the **opening**

As per the current rules, if a handler purposely touches the dog as a form of encouragement or reward in the **opening sequence**, the run instantly becomes an FEO run. The judge will continue to judge appropriately for the game but for the purposes of scoring at Regionals, the dog will get **zero points**. The run will still count towards the aggregate score.

Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

As per the current rules, at any time during gamblers, if a handler maneuvers through, goes over or under equipment the action will be deemed unsportsmanlike and the handler will be dismissed from the course. For scoring purposes, **zero points** will awarded to that run. The run will still count towards the aggregate score.

This, by no means, limits the interpretation of unsportsmanlike behaviour.

## Final Gamble

Once the gamble whistle blows, the gamble line becomes live and the handler is required to stay behind the line, even if the dog has not yet begun the closing sequence. If the handler is inside the gamble area when the whistle blows, the handler must leave the gamble area immediately.

In the event that the handler does not hear the signal (whistle, horn bell, etc.) to start the closing gamble, the judge may inform the handler that the first signal has sounded. No additional points following the end of the opening period will be awarded unless the team completes the final gamble successfully.

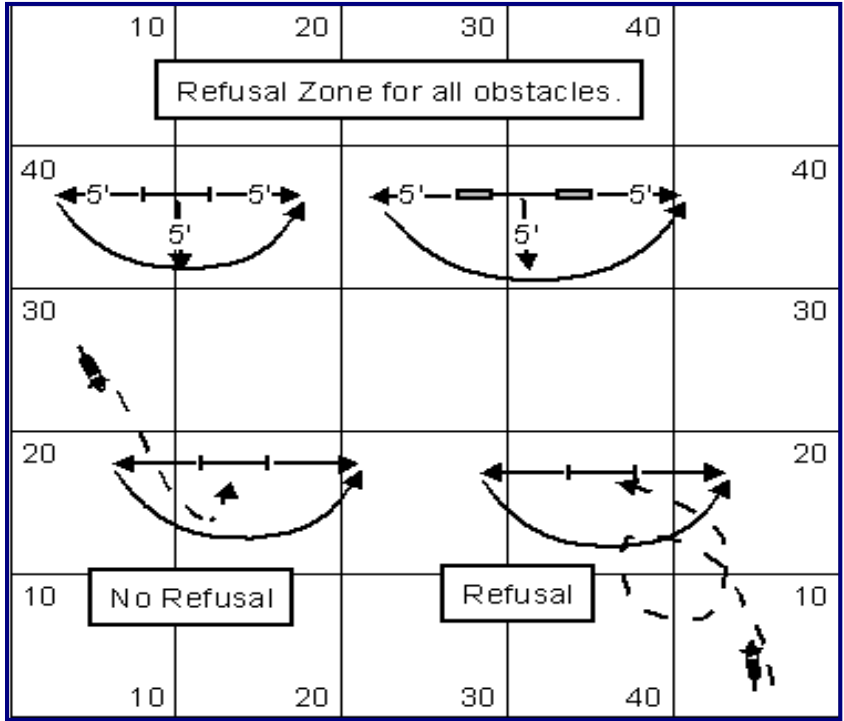
Since the crossing of the finish line stops the actual course time, a handler that attempts the gamble after the final signal (indicating allotted gamble time is up) will not complete the final gamble successfully, as they are over time, but all points earned during the 40 second opening period will be retained.

### **4.2.3. Knocked Bars**

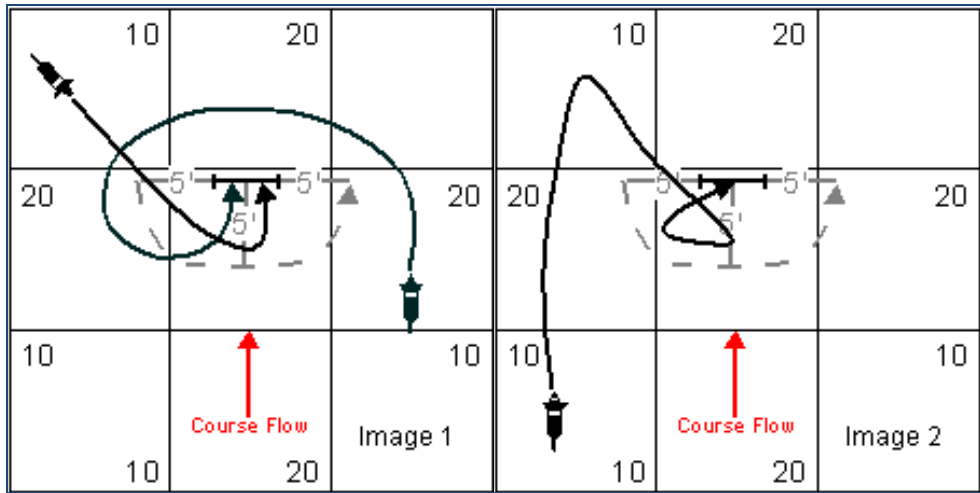
In the event that a dog knocks a jump bar for a jump that they will encounter again in the course, the bar is not to be reset until the dog completes the course.

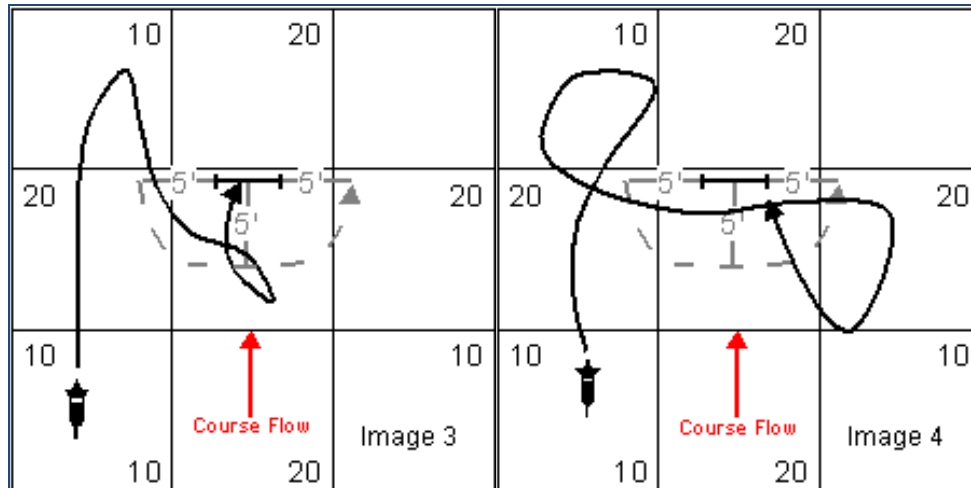
### **4.2.4. Refusals**

All judges shall judge refusals within the recommended five foot bubble defining the refusal zone on the approach side of the obstacle. This is an approximate distance, not exact, used as an aide in defining the refusal area. The dog may not be called for a refusal if the dog is approaching the jump from behind and must turn around to get into the approach area on any obstacle, **unless** it has passed through the refusal zone first, as below. The dog must be on approach on the correct side of the obstacle to be considered for a refusal. Any spin where the dog is in the refusal bubble will incur a refusal.



None of the situations in the following four images are refusals:





#### 4.2.5. Electronic Timing and Start Lines

The dog must be lined up on the approach side of the first obstacle to start their run. The reason for this is that, should there be a timer malfunction, all dogs will have the same start line (whether they were timed with the e-timer or with the stopwatch).

##### 4.2.5.1. E-Timer Malfunction

#### Standard and Jumpers Courses

1. In the event that a dog runs clean but cannot be assigned a time due to timer malfunction, the handler will have a choice of running again for time only OR accepting a score equivalent to a clean run at standard course time.
  - IF the handler elects to rerun for time only, then they must run the entire course as it is designed without any non-completions. This is to ensure that the handler still maintains a degree of accuracy while rerunning.
  - In the event that the team incurs a non-completion they will be whistled off and the score will be reverted to a score equivalent to a clean run at standard course time.

Should the rerun be over the SCT then the time faults will be applied.

2. In the event that a dog that DOES NOT run clean but cannot be assigned a time due to timer malfunction, the handler will have a choice of running again with a clean slate (all new faults & time would count) or to keep their current score with the Standard Course Time.

## **Gamblers Course**

*40 second horn, NO final gamble time*

1. In the event that the dog completes the final gamble fault free, but cannot be assigned a final gamble time due to timer malfunction, the handler will have a choice of:
  - Keeping their opening points and accepting a successful gamble with the given gamble time for their height and division (i.e.: the 35 points for a successful gamble will be awarded but there will be no bonus time points).
  - Running the opening and closing again with a clean slate – all points and time from the second run will be used for scoring purposes.
2. In the event that a dog faults the final gamble, but cannot be assigned a final gamble time due to timer malfunction, the handler will keep their opening gamble points and receive a final course time of 40 seconds plus the gamble time for their height and division.

### **4.2.6. Wrong/Off Course Calls**

A dog will be faulted twenty (20) faults for a wrong course (AKA off course) if a dog takes or interacts with an obstacle out of sequence or in the wrong direction such as, placing one (1) or more paws in a tunnel or on a contact obstacle, jumping or displacing a bar on a jump, or back weaving three or more consecutive weave poles. The dog shall also incur a wrong course penalty if it jumps over any obstacle not normally required by the flow of the course, including taking an obstacle from the wrong direction. A wrong course is one fault per occurrence, regardless of how many off course obstacles are taken before the dog resumes the course as numbered.

No additional faults are called if a dog incurs a wrong course fault by running through a tunnel placed under a contact. That is, the dog would only be faulted for the wrong course, and not 5 additional faults for running under a contact.

Once a wrong course has occurred, all scoring ceases until the dog is back on course. “On course” is defined as the dog engaging the correct obstacle in sequence from the correct direction. Engaging the correct obstacle will include touching (with one or more paws) and/or jumping over or through the obstacle from the correct direction. The only exception to this is, if once the dog has gone off course, the handler deliberately directs the dog to repeat an obstacle(s) already performed in the correct sequence. In that scenario, the Obstacle Repetition rule comes into effect and the dog will be faulted for a wrong course.

Subsequent off courses will be called on the same obstacle if the dog puts itself back on course by engaging the next correct obstacle in in sequence, from the correct direction. “Engaging the next correct obstacle” will include touching (with one or more paws and/or jumping over or through the obstacle from the correct direction.

#### **4.2.7. Double Jump**

To create equity in the appearance of the double jump, all double jumps will be set with an X formation of the bottom two bars.

#### **4.2.8. Teeter**

To ensure consistency in judging calls across all regions, dogs bailing off the teeter before the midpoint (or fulcrum) will be assessed a refusal. The teeter will be considered performed if the dog is assessed faults for a fly-off (regardless if the plank passed through the horizontal). In the standard rounds, to re-attempt the teeter after a fly-off will incur a repeated obstacle penalty. To ensure the handler knows a fly-off was assessed, judges may call out that fault and hold the hand signal long enough for the handler to see it.

It is also recommended that the base and the "entrance" of the teeter be marked (see Tunnels) to ensure all dogs have the same approach, especially if fast performances have bounced the obstacle out of its original position or alignment.

#### **4.2.9. Tunnels**

Judges are encouraged to mark all tunnel shapes and exits on the ground at the Regional Championships and use a minimum of two bags (if available) on the entrance (or wherever needed) to hold tunnels for big dogs. Grass paint or golf tees with marking tape may be used. If paint is used, be sure that permission of the site management is given.

#### **4.2.10. Course Building (and Tweaking)**

If at all possible Judges should tweak similar courses together to ensure similarity of course design when two rings are needed. It is suggested that one judge wheels both courses to ensure similar yardage results.

#### **4.2.11. Disciplinary Procedure**

If **you witness** an act of dog aggression in your ring area, the dog must be dismissed - either from the class, the day or the trial site altogether - and a judge's report needs to be submitted with the results. You should also inform the victim of their right to lodge a complaint to the DC and it is highly recommended, for expediency, that the complaint & all witness reports be gathered that day (or by the end of the trial at the latest) and included with the results to be sent to the administrator.

If a competitor comes forward with a complaint about an act of aggression by another dog that **you did not witness**, the trial committee needs to be informed and they must investigate the complaint. The trial committee may consult with one or all of the officiating judges, with the accused and the complainant, and a decision agreed upon before the next class. A trial report must be written up and submitted with the results to the administrator. The complainant should be notified of their right to make a formal, written complaint to the DC and, to expedite the disciplinary procedure; the forms and witness reports should be gathered before the end of the weekend and sent in with the results to the administrator.

#### **4.3. The Standard Course Time**

The Standard Course Time (SCT) for all Regional Championship rounds will be that of the Masters level class, i.e.,

- Standard Class - Open and Medium Divisions: 2.8 - 3.3 yards/sec
- Standard Class - Mini Divisions to have 5 seconds added on top of the Medium SCT. Mini vet will have an additional 20% in addition to 8R/4S time.
- Jumpers Class - Open and Medium Divisions: 3.5 – 4.3yards/sec
- Jumpers Class - Mini Divisions to have 5 seconds added on top of the Medium SCT. Mini vet will have an additional 20% in addition to 8R/4S time.

One fault or part thereof will be assessed to a dog for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. For example, a dog taking 58.50 seconds to run a course with a SCT of 55 seconds would be assessed 3.50 time faults. The time shall be measured in units of 1/100th of a second.

A judge may at his/her discretion, set a Maximum Course Time (MCT), after which a dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring. MCT, if used, will be set at standard course time plus no less than the number of points available for the class (i.e., SCT plus 100 seconds for standard, SCT plus 75 seconds for jumpers).

#### **4.4. Regional Championship Scoring**

The objectives of the Regional Championship Scoring System are as follows:

To allow the comparison of performance across all disciplines (standard, jumpers, gamblers).

To provide the highest reward for a no fault performance in the shortest time.

To recognize standard as the core of agility within the AAC and therefore to provide an increased weight to standard rounds.

##### **4.4.1. General**

Within the AAC the basic premise for standard and jumpers rounds is that a zero score is considered a clean round and the competitor that achieves this in the shortest time is the victor. In contrast, in a gamblers round, the competitor who acquires the highest number of points and successfully completes the final gamble in the shortest time is considered the victor. To create a sort of alignment between the scoring for these two different types of events, a base value will be used to adjust the score in a standard or jumpers round (i.e., a base value of one hundred points would be assigned to a standard round that is completed with zero faults at exactly the Standard Course Time).

In general, for any event, the competitor that earns the most Regional Championship points is the winner of that event. The competitor that achieves the highest aggregate total for all events is the Regional Champion; this can be further broken down by division and jump height.

##### **4.4.2. Scoring Rules for Regional Standard and Jumpers Rounds**

Three refusals will not result in elimination - All refusals will be faulted and five (5) fault points will be assessed with no maximum.

Wrong course will not result in elimination – All instances of off / wrong course will be faulted and twenty (20) faults will be assessed with no maximum.

Non-completion will not result in elimination – All instances of non-completion will be faulted and twenty (20) faults will be assessed with no maximum.

Elimination/dismissal will result in the dog scoring no Regional points for that event.

Competitors that do not run in an event will score no Regional points for that event.



#### 4.4.3. Scoring Rules for Regional Gamblers rounds

All masters gamblers rules apply during Regional gamblers classes. All wrong / off courses after the gamble has begun (after the first gamble obstacle has been attempted) will be recorded as a failure to complete the final gamble. **There will be no refusals called in either mini gambles or the final gamble.** During the Opening Period, the dog may perform obstacles that are part of the final gamble as long as these are performed in non-sequential order. If a dog takes obstacles that are part of the final gamble in sequential order during opening sequences the judge will blow the whistle to stop the run. The competitor shall retain all opening points up to that time. See Section 3.6.7 General Gamble Rules in the AAC Rulebook for additional information.

#### 4.4.4. Calculating the Score for a Standard Round

For a standard round the following procedure is used:

- SCT – Standard Course Time (measured in seconds)
- CF – Course Faults (the faults recorded against the competitor)
- CT – Course Time (the time the competitor took to complete the course, measured in seconds to the nearest 1/100th)
- TF – Time Faults (a time fault or fraction thereof is incurred for every second or fraction thereof that the competitors course time (CT) exceeds the standard course time (SCT))
- REP - Regional Event Points (the total regional points accumulated during this event).

If the dog has zero course faults (CF) and zero time faults (TF):

- $REP = 100 + (SCT - CT)$

If the dog has either course faults (CF) or time faults (TF):

- $REP = 100 - CF - TF$

In Regional Championship events, only those veteran dogs under 12" tall will be eligible for mini veteran times. Only dogs 18" and under eligible for medium vet time. Dogs over 18" are only eligible for open vet time regardless of whether they are entered at jump height 16" or 12".

The minimum Regional Championship points any dog can earn in an event are zero. That is to say any dog that incurs enough faults to reduce their Regional Championship points for an event below zero will be scored as having earned zero Regional Championship points.

#### 4.4.5. Calculating the Score for a Jumpers Round

For jumpers rounds the following procedure is used:

- SCT – Standard Course Time (measured in seconds)
- CF – Course Faults (the faults recorded against the competitor)
- CT – Course Time (the time the competitor took to complete the course, measured in seconds to the nearest 1/100th)
- TF – Time Faults (a time fault or fraction thereof is incurred for every second or fraction thereof that the competitors course time (CT) is greater than the standard course time (SCT))
- REP - Regional Event Points (the total regional points accumulated during this event).

If the dog has zero course faults (CF) and zero time faults (TF):

- $REP = 75 + (SCT - CT)$

If the dog has either course faults (CF) or time faults (TF):

- $REP = 75 - CF - TF$

In Regional Championship events, only those veteran dogs under 12" tall will be eligible for mini veteran times. Only dogs 18" and under eligible for medium vet time. Dogs over 18" are only eligible for open vet time regardless of whether they are entered at jump height 16" or 12".

The minimum Regional Championship points any competitor can earn in an event are zero. That is to say any dog that incurs enough faults to reduce their Regional Championship for an event below zero will be scored as zero Regional Championship points.

#### 4.4.6. Calculating the Score for a Gamblers Round

For gamblers rounds the following procedure is used:

- GT – Gamble Time (the time allotted for the completion of the final gamble, measured in seconds)
- OT – Opening Time (40 seconds, the time allotted for the team to acquire opening points)
- SCT – Standard Course Time (OT + GT, measured in seconds)
- CP – Course Points (the total points acquired during the opening sequence)
- CT – Course Time (the time the competitor took to complete the course, measured in seconds to the nearest 1/100th)
- GP – Gamble Points = 35 (the points awarded for successful completion of the final gamble within the time allotted).

- REP - Regional Event Points (the total regional points accumulated during this event).

If the dog successfully completes the final gamble within gamble time (GT):

- $REP = CP + GP + (SCT-CT)$

If the dog does not successfully complete the final gamble within gamble time (GT):

- $REP = CP$

If a VETERAN dog successfully completes the final gamble within gamble time (GT):

- $REP = (1.20 \times CP) + GP + (SCT-CT)$

If a VETERAN dog does not successfully complete the final gamble within gamble time (GT):

- $REP = 1.20 \times CP$

In Regional Championship events, only those veteran dogs under 12" tall will be eligible for mini veteran times. Only dogs 18" and under eligible for medium vet time. Dogs over 18" are only eligible for open vet time regardless of whether they are entered at jump height 16" or 12".

All masters' gamblers rules apply during Regional Championship gamblers with the following exception: No refusals will be called during any mini gambles on course, or the main gamble. Wrong, or off courses after the gamble has begun (after the first gamble obstacle has been performed) will be recorded as a failure to complete the final gamble.

#### **4.5. Individual Regional Champion(s)**

Using the scoring technique defined in the previous sections, a Regional Champion for each jump height and class will be determined by their cumulative Regional Championship points from all six events. The competitor with the most Regional Championship points in each jump height will be named the Regional Champion for that jump height and class.

In the unlikely event of a tie, the competitor with the lowest cumulative course time is the winner. In the event of a further tie, the lowest cumulative course time in the two Standard rounds will decide the winner.

## 5. Regional Competition Scoring System

For competitors in a Regional Championship event objectives have not changed. For standard and jumpers rounds the emphasis is first running cleanly and second running quickly. In gamblers the emphasis is on obtaining the highest number of points in the opening and then successfully completing the gamble. (One difference is there is no minimum number of points required in the opening to be eligible for the points awarded for a successful gamble).

### 5.1. An Example:

In order to demonstrate the use of the Regional Championship Scoring System the following sections will work through scoring a regional trial event by event illustrating the different options that may occur. This fictitious Regional Championship will use the following dog/handlers:

Dog Height	Arm Band	Call Name
8 inch	0801	Jet
16 inch	1602	Fly
16 inch	1603	Seth
20 inch	2201	Kyrie
20 inch	2202	Cobb
20 inch	2203	Able
20 inch	2204	Cain

The dogs and courses used here as examples are not intended as real world examples and any similarity to dogs real or fictitious is purely coincidental.

#### 5.1.1. Standard

In the first standard event to be judged by John Wayne, the course has a yardage of 168 yards, which results in an open standard course time (SCT) of 54 seconds, medium SCT of 60 seconds and a mini SCT of 65 seconds.

This allows AAC to fill out the upper section of a Standard Score Sheet with the following information:

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Event Name	Regional Standard Event #1
Event Base Points	100
SCT Open	54
SCT Medium	60
SCT Mini	65
Total Yards	168
Judge	John Wayne

The dog information above will be filled in beforehand and so with the information above the standard event score sheet will appear as show below (some columns have been eliminated for brevity):

Arm Band	Call Name	Base Points	SCT	Course Time	Time Faults	Time Bonus	Course Faults	Total Faults	Regional Event Points
8 inch dogs									
0801	Jet	100	65						
16 inch dogs									
1601	Fly	100	60						
1602	Seth	100	60						
20 inch dogs									
2001	Kyrie	100	54						
2002	Cobb	100	50						
2003	Able	100	50						
2004	Cain	100	54						

In a standard event the following scores will describe the possible scoring options:

Dog runs with no course faults and under the SCT

Jet, a mini 8" dog, runs with zero faults and in 54 seconds. Jet's SCT minus course time would be (65-54). As it is a positive number there are 0 time faults, and a time bonus of 11 seconds are awarded. Jet did not receive any course faults, so the course faults and total faults are zero. Jet's Regional Championship points are therefore the base points plus the time bonus.

$$(100 + 11 = 111).$$

Dog runs with course faults and under the SCT.

Fly, a medium 16" dog, takes a wrong course penalty (20), a non-completion penalty (20) and a refusal (5), but runs in 51 seconds. Fly received 45 course faults so her total faults are her time faults (zero) plus her course faults (45), which equals 45. Fly's regional points are therefore the base points (100) minus her total faults (45). Although Fly has a time bonus she does not receive it, as she did not run clean so her Regional Championship points are 55.

$$(100 - 45 = 55)$$

Dog runs with no course faults but over the SCT.

Cobb, a medium 16" dog, runs with zero course faults but in 67 seconds. Cobb's time faults are course time minus SCT or (67-60) equals 7. A positive number is recorded as time faults. Cobb ran clean so his total faults are just the time faults and his Regional Championship points are the base points minus his total faults and equals 93.

$$(100 - 7 = 93)$$

Dog runs with course faults and over the SCT.

Able runs with 2 bars down (5 faults each) in 63 seconds. Able has time faults (63-54) equals 9 and also has 10 course faults, so her total Regional Championship points are equals 80.

$$(100 - 19 = 81)$$

The above scores appear like this in the Regional Championship standard event table.

Arm Band	Call Name	Base Points	SCT	Course Time	Time Faults	Time Bonus	Course Faults	Total Faults	Regional Event Points
8 inch dogs									
0801	Jet	100	65	54.00	0	9.00	0	0	111.00
16 inch dogs									
1602	Fly	100	60	51.00	0	9.00	45	45.00	55.00
1603	Seth	100	60	62.00	2.00	0	0	2.00	98.00
20 inch dogs									
2001	Kyrie	100	54	52.00	0	2.00	10	10.00	90.00
2002	Cobb	100	54	67.00	13.00	0	0	13.00	87.00
2003	Able	100	54	63.00	9.00	0	10	19.00	81.00
2004	Cain	100	54	37.00	0	17.00	0	0	117.00

### 5.1.2. Jumpers

A jumpers round is scored in a manner similar to a standard round. The only difference is that the base point value for a jumpers round is 75 points. As the standard round and jumpers round are similar, no example will be provided.

### 5.1.3. Gamblers

Our fictitious gamblers round will also be judged by John Wayne, the gamblers course will have a 40 second opening For Closing times: Open: 15 seconds, Medium: Open +10% (16.5 seconds), Mini: Open +20% (18 seconds). This fills in the top of the event score sheet as follows:

Event Name	Regional Gamblers Event #1
Successful Gamble Points	35
SCT Open	55 (40 sec. Opening plus 15 sec. closing)
SCT Medium	56.5 (40 sec. opening plus 15 sec x 10% closing)
SCT Mini	58 (40 sec. opening plus 15 sec x 20% closing)
Total Yards	N/A
Judge	John Wayne

The dog information would appear like this:

Arm Band	Call Name	SCT	Course Time	Time Bonus	Course Points (x 1.2 for Vets)	Gamble Points	Regional Event Points
8 inch dogs							
0801	Jet	58					
16 inch dogs							
1601	Fly	56.5					
1602	Seth	56.5					
20 inch dogs							
2001	Kyrie	55					
2002	Cobb	55					
2003	Able	55					
2004	Cain	55					

The following scores will describe the possible scoring options:

Dog runs and completes the gamble under time (successful gamble).

Seth amasses 37 points in the opening and completes the gamble successfully in a total of 54 seconds (this includes the opening time). Seth would then receive regional points of 37 points for the opening plus 35 points for a successful gamble plus 2.5 points for the 2.5 seconds less than the SCT it took for him to complete the course for a total of 74.5 Regional Championship points.

$$(37 + 35 + 2.5 = 74.5)$$

Dog runs and completes the gamble over time (failed gamble).

Kyrie amasses 49 points in the opening and completes the gamble but not before the whistle blows at a total time of 59 seconds. Kyrie's Regional Championship points are therefore 49 points for the opening plus zero for the failed gamble plus a zero time bonus.

$$(49 + 0 = 49)$$



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### Dog runs and does not successfully complete the gamble.

Able amasses 34 points in the opening but fails the gamble quickly so that her time is 42 seconds. Able's Regional points would therefore be 34 points for the opening plus zero for the failed gamble plus zero time bonus because she did not successfully complete the gamble, for 34 Regional Championship points total.

$$(34 + 0 = 34)$$

This would result in this completed Gambler Event sheet:

Arm Band	Call Name	SCT	Course Time	Time Bonus	Course Points (x 1.20 for Vets)	Gamble Points	Regional Event Points
8 inch dogs							
0801	Jet	58	48.00	10.00	29	35	74.00
16 inch dogs							
1602	Fly	56.5	55.5	1.00	23	35	59.00
1603	Seth	56.5	54.00	2.5	37	35	74.50
20 inch dogs							
2001	Kyrie	55	59.00	0	49	0	49.00
2002	Cobb	55	57.00	1.0	4	35	40.00
2003	Able	55	42.00	0	34	0	34.00
2004	Cain	55	46.00	9.00	54	35	98.00

NOTE: Veteran dogs will have their CP (points earned in the opening) multiplied by 1.20. Their opening time will be 40 seconds, but they will receive 20% more gamble time in accordance with the directions of the judge/course designer. Points earned for successful completion of the gamble will be 35. (Closing Gamble points will not be multiplied by 1.20.)

**5.1.4. Aggregate Results**

Points earned in each event will be transferred to the Regional Aggregate Sheet and after all events are run the total regional points will be summed for each dog.

Arm Band	Call Name	Standard Event #1	Standard Event #2	Jumpers Event #1	Jumpers Event #2	Gamblers Event #1	Gamblers Event #2	Regional Event Points
8 inch dogs								
0801	Jet	111.00	45.00	55.00	78.00	74.00	32.00	395.00
16 inch dogs								
1601	Fly	55.00	60.00	70.00	35.00	59.00	69.00	348.00
1602	Seth	98.00	30.00	65.00	12.00	74.50	32.00	311.50
20 inch dogs								
2001	Kyrie	90.00	35.00	70.00	35.00	49.00	29.00	308.00
2002	Cobb	87.00	25.00	55.00	55.00	40.00	24.00	286.00
2003	Able	81.00	72.00	40.00	15.00	34.00	23.00	265.00
2004	Cain	117.00	90.00	4.00	10.00	98.00	84.00	403.00

This would mean that in the 8 inch division the placing would be:

1<sup>st</sup> Jet

This would mean that in the 16 inch division the placing would be:

1<sup>st</sup> Fly

2<sup>nd</sup> Seth

And in the 20 inch division the placing would be:

1<sup>st</sup> Cain

2<sup>nd</sup> Kyrie

3<sup>rd</sup> Cobb

4<sup>th</sup> Able

## **6. Appendices**

### **6.1. Regional Championships Guide for Application**

Details are located below to assist you in completing the Application which is located at: [AAC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTING APPLICATION](#)

#### **6.1.1. Section 1 – Regional Details**

In this section, please describe the proposed event location including facility name, street address, and province if possible.

Include the proposed event date including the month, each day Regional events will be run on, and the year.

Please provide the full name of the Host Club or Group and their AAC Member ID. If the proposed host for the event is a group of clubs, please list all the participating clubs and their respective AAC Member IDs. Note that the Lead host club must be an AAC Member.

Please include the Host Club or Group's mailing address and website information if available.

#### **6.1.2. Section 2: Organizing Committee**

In this section, please provide the full names, mailing addresses, phone, number, cell number, AAC Membership number and email address for Trial Chair, Vice-Chair, Trial Secretary, Score person(s) and Ribbon Coordinator.

Please provide contact information for each other member of the Organizing Committee if available at the time of bid submission.

#### **6.1.3. Section 3: Site Requirements**

All sites must be AAC approved prior to an application to host a Regional event being approved.

If the site is an approved site, please provide when it was approved and by whom. If you need assistance acquiring this information please contact the Trial Approval Coordinator for assistance. [AAC ADMINISTRATOR](#)

If a site is not AAC approved, please contact your Regional Director who will assist you in arranging a site inspection for inclusion with your Regional application and for submission to the AAC Trial Coordinator. [BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTACT LIST](#)

#### **6.1.4. Section 4: Ring Requirements**

Requirements for the number of rings that must be available for Regional events varies by Region. Please contact the National Steering Committee Chair for your Region's minimum requirements.

Ring sizes must be not less than 9,000 square feet, with no side being less than 70 feet.

Surfaces must be firm, non-slip surface providing safe footing for handles and dogs.

#### **6.1.5. Section 5: Judges List**

In this section, please provide the full names, province of residence and an email address for each Judge.

#### **6.1.6. Section 6: Visual Representation and Site Details**

The Application is to include a visual representation of the site and details of the proposed site which indicates the location of each of the items listed below. Please also include a description or details where needed.

- A. A description of the site including approximate parking capacity and access to the site
- B. A description of the ring surface
- C. The number of rings to be used and the dimensions of each ring
- D. A description of the benching area
- E. A description of the relief area

- F. A description of the potable water source for human and dog consumption
- G. A description of the facilities available for dog cooling purposes (pools etc.)
- H. A description of the number and type of washrooms
- I. A description of spectator areas
- J. A description of the vendor area (if any)
- K. A description of the registration and hospitality areas
- L. Indication if there is onsite camping and the number of spots available
- M. Ensure that if there is a fence common to two rings that there is a continuous solid visual barrier that begins at ground level and is no less than 3 feet high, and runs the whole length of the common fence.

#### **6.1.7. Section 7 - Other Required Details**

If required, please attach the requested documents, or provide details for the following:

- A. Details of site security arrangements both during the event and overnight.
- B. Details of special events (evenings) planned surrounding the Regional Championship. I.e. Banquet or BBQ. If yes, please include if on-site, date, if ticket sales expected to cover cost.
- C. Include event details if an AAC Sanctioned events or non-sanctioned events will be held before or after the Regional Championship (6 classes – 2 Standard, 2 Jumpers, 2 Gamble). I.e. Steeplechase classes, Snooker Class, Steeplechase final etc.
- D. Details of any TV Coverage or other potential or planned media coverage. Please note that media waivers on Premium must be signed by all competitors.
- E. Details of the insurance coverage for the Host Club(s) or Group, Regional Championship and proposed site.
- F. E-Timing equipment
- G. Include distance to access pet friendly hotels.

**6.1.8. Section 8 – Regional Championship Budget**

In this section, please provide the financial details of the Regional Championship event. Regional Championship hosts must submit budgets based on the event being, at minimum, break-even and proposed entry fees should reflect this objective. In this section please discuss the basis for the anticipated number of competitors that will attend the Regional Championship as well as any other pertinent details that are necessary to explain the budget.

The Budget should be prepared in spreadsheet format with working links and formulas. Include the Budget as an Attachment to the application. The proposed budget should show:

**Revenues:**

- A. The anticipated number of competitors, the entry fees and the anticipated entry fee revenues including the proposed entry fee per dog
- B. Sponsorship or other like revenues (in cash or otherwise) such as vendor space rental fees (if any).
- C. Clothing or other product sales.
- D. Banquet fees.
- E. Revenues associated with warm up games (if any).
- F. Miscellaneous Revenues
- G. Clothing

**Expenses:**

- A. Site fee including facility rental and security costs
- B. Judges fees
- C. Judge travel, meal expenses, and accommodation costs
- D. Volunteer expenses (food, per day rate)
- E. Banquet costs
- F. AAC Fees (for Club events – Steeplechase, Snooker etc.)
- G. Clothing

- H. Trial expenses
- I. Equipment
- J. Porta Pottie Rentals
- K. Catalog, Results, and other printing
- L. Insurance
- M. Office Supplies
- N. Regional event Ribbons and prizes
- O. Ring fencing
- P. Security
- Q. Security wristbands
- R. AAC sanctioned classes Prizes/Ribbons
- S. Unsanctioned classes prizes/ribbons (Final Steeplechase etc.)
- T. Tent rentals
- U. PayPal transaction fees/domain registration
- V. Scoring program
- W. General trial expenses and miscellaneous expenses

#### **6.1.9. Section 9 – Regional Championship Host Declaration**

The Chairperson must sign the Application form agreeing to and acknowledging the following:

The undersigned agree and acknowledge that by submitting and signing this Application to host an Agility Association of Canada (AAC) Regional Championship trial that they are knowledgeable of the Rules and Regulations of the AAC. They furthermore agree to the stipulations set forth in the Regional Championship Application Form, stipulated in the Official Rules and Regulations of

the AAC, stipulations set forth in the Regional Championship Rules and other stipulations as may be set by the AAC Board of Directors or the Nationals Steering Committee.

Sanctioning of your application to host a Regional Agility Championships is based in part on the submitted budget, which indicates that you have taken into consideration the costs involved in hosting an event of this size and scope and that the undersigned agree they will endeavor to host an event that will not incur financial losses. Although the budget is not binding, **all claims against the Host for monies owed in relation to the event will be the responsibility of the Host organization alone, with AAC bearing no responsibility.** The profit or loss of the event is yours to keep, or bear, respectively. AAC will not be responsible to any participant for the failure of the host club to meet their obligations. If, at any point during the planning stages, deviation from the approved budget is required, the Host Club will inform the NSC immediately and work with them to address the issues and find possible solutions to get the finances back on track.

The undersigned agree and acknowledge that the Nationals Steering Committee and the AAC shall have the authority to grant or withhold approval of an application for a Regional Championship and in the event that an approval is withheld, the proposed host club shall have no claim against the National Steering Committee or the AAC.

Each person signing this Application should review it thoroughly as their signature indicates that they have done so and that the information is correct. The Undersigning person(s) shall be an authorized person(s) of the host club or in the case of a group of clubs, the designated lead host club.

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Signed by Chairperson

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Date